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invite you to join this exclusive departure

Egypt in Depth

As a Travel Managers client this great-value tour offers a host of exclusive inclusions unique to you. Immerse yourself in the wonders of Egypt, marvel at the size and breathtaking beauty of the temples and stand in awe of the Great Pyramid. Come and discover the difference of touring with an Australian family-owned and operated touring company.



Departs 19 Mar 2012
17 day tour from \$5,293pp

ITINERARY

See inclusions overlap

Day 1 Depart Australia

Day 2 Arrive in Cairo

Welcome to Cairo – your Egyptian adventure starts today! Enjoy the afternoon at leisure before tonight's group welcome dinner. [D]

Day 3 Cairo

This morning you will be standing directly in front of the Great Pyramids of Giza! We take the time to soak up the mystical power of these awe-inspiring structures before visiting the nearby Sphinx. We then visit the ancient Step Pyramid of Sakkara and continue to Memphis, the site of the ancient capital of Egypt where we find the giant statue of Ramses II, a statue over 3,000 years old standing 11 metres high! [B]

Day 4 Cairo - Luxor

Today we leave the hustle and bustle of Cairo to fly to Luxor, on the banks of the Nile. We later explore the fascinating Karnak and Luxor Temples. [B]

Day 5 Luxor

Today set off to explore the Nile's West Bank, the world's largest open-air museum. We'll explore the Valley of the Kings, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut and the Colossi of Memnon. [B]

Day 6 Luxor - Nile Cruise

This afternoon we board our Nile cruise ship which we will call home for the next four nights. Sit back, relax and watch the day to day happenings of rural Egyptian life on the riverbanks of the Nile as we sail past. [B,L,D]

Day 7 Nile Cruise

Our cruise ship navigates towards Esna before continuing to Edfu. Most of Egypt's produce is farmed within 10 kilometres of the Nile. [B,L,D]

Day 8 Nile Cruise

Today we visit the Temple of Horus in Edfu, the best-preserved of Egypt's temples. We then sail on to the riverside temple of Kom Ombo before continuing to Aswan. [B,L,D]

Day 9 Nile Cruise

Today we explore Aswan. Highlights include the High Dam, an engineering masterpiece built in the 1960s; the picturesque Temple of Isis on Philae Island; and the Unfinished Obelisk. This afternoon take a ride on a traditional felucca sailing boat along the banks of Aswan. [B,L,D]



Day 10 Aswan

We rise very early to cross the desert – our destination is the incredible temples of Abu Simbel. A must-see while in Egypt! We then return to Aswan where the rest of the day is at leisure. [B]

Day 11 Aswan - Cairo

The morning in Aswan is free. Perhaps pick up some handcrafted Nubian jewellery or souvenirs from the markets before we board our short flight to Cairo. [B]

Day 12 Cairo - Alexandria

This morning we travel to Wadi el Natroun, home to some of the earliest Christian monasteries in the world. Originally there were 50 monasteries but only four have survived to modern times. We later continue to the beautiful city of Alexandria, known as 'The Pearl of the Mediterranean'. [B,L]

Day 13 Alexandria

An action-packed day as we explore Alexandria. Highlights include the National Museum, Pompey's Pillar, the Catacombs, the New Bibliotheca, the Montazah Palace and the Citadel of Qaitbey. [B,L]

Day 14 Alexandria - Cairo

Our journey takes us westward through the dunes along the Mediterranean coast, following the route of Field Marshal Montgomery to El Alamein. Here we will visit the fields of battle where Rommel's WWII advance on Cairo was halted, and the Allied War Memorials. [B]

Day 15 Cairo

Today we venture into the bustling heart of Cairo to visit the world-famous Egyptian Museum, home to Tutankhamen's priceless treasures and many other historic artefacts. This afternoon we visit the Citadel of Cairo and the Mohammed Ali Mosque, before trying out our bargaining skills at the lively Khan El Khalili bazaar. Enjoy a group farewell dinner this evening. [B,D]

Day 16 Depart Cairo

Today we transfer to the airport for our flight home. [B]

Day 17 Arrive in Australia

INCLUSIONS

Travel

- Return economy class flights from Australia to Egypt
- 2 domestic economy class flights in Egypt
- Airport transfers on the first and last day of tour
- All touring conducted in air-conditioned vehicles
- Pre-paid tips - \$160pp

Accommodation & Meals

- 10 nights in luxury hotels with private facilities (4-5 star)
- Early check-in to hotel in Cairo
- 4 nights aboard luxury Nile cruise ship - 5 star Egyptian standard including an outside cabin, all meals, on-board entertainment and a sundeck with pool
- 14 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 6 dinners, including group welcome and farewell dinners

Sightseeing

- Expert Egyptologist guide who will bring the fascinating history of ancient Egypt alive
 - Visit the ancient sites of Coptic Christians of Old Cairo including the Hanging Church as well as Abu Serga, a place where the Holy Family rested after fleeing Israel
 - Visit the awe-inspiring Great Pyramids of Giza. Our tour includes plenty of time to soak up the power of these magnificent structures before we visit a nearby vantage point and then continue on to the famous Sphinx
 - Visit the incredible Step Pyramid of Sakkara, the nearby giant statue of Ramses II and the old capital of Memphis
 - Visit the world-renowned Egyptian Museum whose priceless artefacts include those of the Pharaoh Tutankhamen
 - Get a fascinating insight into current Egyptian life as you visit the Mohammed Ali Mosque, the Saladin Citadel of Cairo and the centuries-old Khan El Khalili bazaar
 - Visit the beautiful Luxor and Karnak Temples, where each year elaborate festivals and ceremonies were performed to appease the gods
 - Experience the beauty of the Temple of Karnak illuminated against the night as the pharaohs of the New Kingdom take you on a narrated journey into Ancient Egypt
 - Explore the West Bank, including the Colossi of Memnon, the Valley of the Kings (where we enter some of the tombs of the pharaohs) and the massive Temple of Queen Hatshepsut
 - Travel to the magnificent Temple of Horus (the Falcon God) in Edfu, the Temple of Kom Ombo which currently displays some of the crocodile mummies discovered in the vicinity, the laidback town of Aswan where we visit the beautiful Temple of Isis on Philae Island, the Unfinished Obelisk and the High Dam
 - Relax on an afternoon cruise on the Nile in Aswan on a traditional felucca sailing boat
 - Visit the stunning temples of Ramses II and Queen Nefertari at Abu Simbel. This is a must-see while in Egypt, which most other companies offer only as an optional extra.
- We include it!**
- Visit Wadi El Natroun. The region is home to some of the earliest Christian monasteries in the world
 - Sightseeing in Alexandria includes Pompey's Pillar, the Catacombs, the modern New Bibliotheca and the Citadel of Qaitbey
 - A full day touring El Alamein, a pivotal town during WWII

Meet Medhat, your tour guide and resident expert Egyptologist on this exclusive departure.



Our Bunnik Tour to Egypt with our Egyptologist guide 'Medhat' was a truly memorable trip. We were impressed with the Ancient Egyptian sights and Medhat's knowledge was endless. The itinerary left no stone unturned and we were able to relax in extremely well-appointed accommodation.

Carolyn Burgmann
Personal Travel Manager



I cannot express how fantastic this trip was. Our guide Medhat was great and we are so lucky to have him escort this tour. He has a great sense of humour and there is nothing he doesn't know about the history of Egypt. The sightseeing was breathtaking – and my favourites would be Abu Simbel, Valley of the Kings, the Pyramids and of course the cruise we did on the Nile.

Di Burney
Personal Travel Manager



This was the trip of a lifetime and I loved every moment of it. Travelling with Bunniks was excellent as being in a small group is definitely the way to go. Our Egyptologist, Medhat, escorted us through the entire trip and provided us with knowledge and stories about the ancient sites we were visiting.

Lisa Metzl
Personal Travel Manager

