



EGYPT

JEWELS OF THE NILE & BEYOND

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

PYRAMIDS | SPHINX | GRAND EGYPTIAN MUSEUM

SUN FESTIVAL IN ABU SIMBEL

TEMPLE OF ISIS | VALLEY OF THE QUEENS | TEMPLE OF HATSHEPUT

AVENUE OF THE SPHINXES

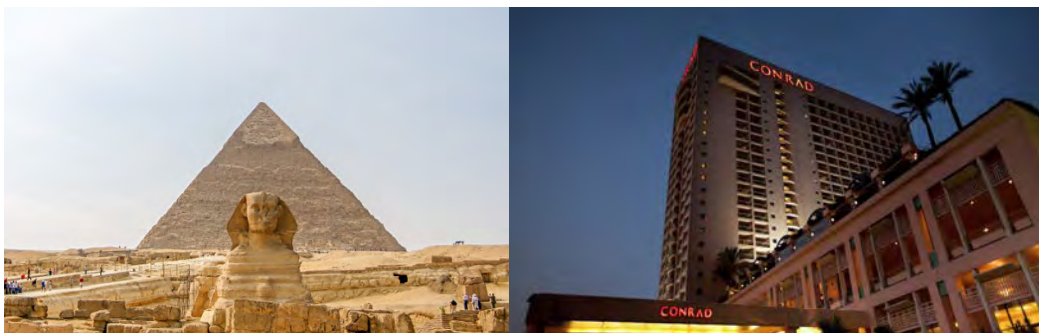
PRIVATE DAHABIYA NILE CRUISE

DENDRA TEMPLE COMPLEX

WILD CAMPING & STAR GAZING IN THE BLACK & WHITE DESERT

TRADITIONAL TANOURA SHOW

RETAIL THERAPY, GET READY TO HAGGLE!



Day 1 Thursday 20th October – Welcome to Cairo

Arrange your flights so that you arrive in Cairo today. Depending on arrival times a group / individual meet, assist and transfer to our hotel will be arranged. After the health check (if still in place) you will be guided through passport control, baggage and customs.

Transport to the Conrad Hotel for check in. We selected this hotel as it is just 22km away from the airport, enjoys a fabulous location on the River Nile, is close to all the major attractions, has great facilities and my good friend Nevine Albert works there!

Welcome Dinner at the hotel, orientation/ trip briefing followed by a good night's sleep☺

Day 2 Friday 21st October Pyramids and The Sphinx & Grand Egyptian Museum

Breakfast at the hotel

Time to Explore, get your comfy walking shoes on!

No one who visits Egypt wants to miss the **Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx**, the oldest and only remaining of the **Seven Wonders of the Ancient World**. Established around 2570 BC, the Great Pyramid of Giza (also known as the Pyramid of Khufu or the Pyramid of Cheops) is the oldest and largest of the pyramids in the Giza pyramid complex. Also on the Giza plateau, Khufu's son, Pharaoh Khafre, built the second pyramid at Giza, around 2520 BC. His necropolis also included the Sphinx, a mysterious limestone monument with the body of a lion and a pharaoh's head. The third of the Giza Pyramids is considerably smaller than the first two. Built by Pharaoh Menkaure circa 2490 BC, it featured a much more complex mortuary temple. Each massive pyramid is but one part of a larger complex, including a palace, temples, solar boat pits, and other features.

Lunch in a local restaurant



Almost 20 years in the making, the new **Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM)** is due to open in 2022 and has been described as the **new crown Jewel of Egypt**, it will be one of the largest, most modern, and most renowned museums in the entire world. Our tour will host around 100,000 ancient artifacts, thousands of which will be from the tomb of the famous King Tutankhamun.

Late afternoon/evening flight to Abu Simbel 1 hour 15 minutes flight (time to be confirmed after Egypt Air release their timetable)

Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Abu Simbel

Day 3 Saturday 22nd October Sun Festival in Abu Simbel



Rise and shine - early start to see the **SUNRISE!**

Abu Simbel is two massive rock-cut temples near the border with Sudan. They are situated on the western bank of Lake Nasser. The twin temples were originally carved out of the mountainside in the 13th century BC, during the 19th Dynasty reign of the Pharaoh Ramesses II. They serve as a lasting monument to the king Ramesses II. His wife Nefertiti and children can be seen in smaller figures by his feet, considered to be of lesser importance and were not given the same position of scale. The complex was relocated in its entirety in 1968 on an artificial hill made from a domed structure, high above the Aswan High Dam reservoir. The relocation of the temples was necessary, or they would have been submerged during the creation of Lake Nasser, the massive artificial water reservoir formed after the building of the Aswan High Dam on the River Nile. **The temple stays in shade apart from 22 February and 22 October** of each year. Known as the **Sun Festivals**, they happen when the

sun's rays illuminate the central chamber and the light is perfectly cast on the four seated statues of Ramses II, Ptah, God of Creation, Amun, God of Gods, and Ra, Sun God.

Return to the hotel for breakfast followed by a tour of Abu Simbel

Lunch in a local restaurant

Afternoon transport to Aswan (3 hours)

Dinner and overnight at hotel in Aswan

Day 4 – Sunday 23rd October Philae including Temple of Isis



Breakfast at the hotel followed by a short journey by bus and boat to Philae.

Philae temple was built in 690 BC, and it is considered the last of the ancient temples constructed in the classical Egyptian style. It serves as an amazing example of the cult that was built around the story of Osiris & Isis. Osiris was buried on the Philae Island where the temple stood so it is the most sacred temple among the whole ones by both Egyptians and Nubians. Inside the temple, you find the birth house, which was dedicated to Hathor & Isis to honor their son Horus.

Isis, the Egyptian goddess, remains one of the most familiar images of the empowered female. She is the goddess of fertility who gives light, and who rules over the earth and the harvest. Isis is depicted as the loving wife and devoted mother. Isis was known as life-giver, protector, provider, healer, mother, kingmaker, and teacher.

The goddess Isis spent time among her people, teaching women how to grind corn, make bread, and weave cloth. Isis taught her people the skills of reading and agriculture. Isis was skilled in the use of words and power. She was worshipped as the goddess of medicine, wisdom and knowledge. Isis embodies the strengths of the feminine: creation, rebirth, nurturing, love and compassion.

The goddess Isis is known as the essence of feminine energy and the personification of the "complete female." The ancient Egyptian goddess Isis has many gifts to share with modern women today.

Lunch locally in Aswan

Transport to Luxor (approx. 3 hours)

Dinner is served in traditional tents with Bedouins.

Overnight in Luxor

Day 5 Monday 24th October Valley of the Queens and the Temple of Hatshepsut & Luxor Temple to Karnak Temple



Breakfast at the hotel

The Temple of Hatshepsut is not only a memorial temple that honors Queen Hatshepsut, but also one of the greatest Egyptian architectural achievements. The Valley of the Queens is an ancient royal necropolis where the wives of the great pharaohs were laid to rest from 1550 to 1070 BCE. It is home to around 70 tombs, many of which are exquisitely decorated. A prime example is the tomb of Queen Nefetari from the 19th dynasty. Her tomb is adorned with splendid reliefs which have remained intact through the ages.

Lunch in Luxor

Walk from Luxor Temple to Karnak Temple along the newly restored and reopened 3000-year-old **Avenue of the Sphinxes**

Board private **Dahabiya** - a traditional wind powered sailboat. This offers an incredibly peaceful and quiet way to sail the Nile. If there is no wind it will be towed by a small tug.

Dinner on board our Dahabiya

Day 6 – Tuesday 25th October Cruising the Nile in style



Breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Dahabiya

Spend the day relaxing on the Dahabiya, watching the world go by, breathe it all in 😊

Overnight on Dahabiya

Day 7 – Wednesday October 26th Dendera Temple Complex



Breakfast on Dahabiya

Visit Dendera Temple Complex, including Temple of the Birth of Isis: Although there are many things to see in Dendera, of particular interest is that it contains the Temple of the Birth of Isis, which is in the Sanctuary of the goddess Hathor.

Late lunch on Dahabiya

Afternoon on Dahabiya

Dinner on Dahabiya

Day 8 – Thursday 27th October Abydos Temple Complex including Temple of Osiris

Breakfast on Dahabiya before disembarking

There is lots to see at Abydos, of particular interest is the Temple of Osiris, God of the Underworld (amongst other things), and the husband of Isis.

Lunch at Abydos

Relaxed afternoon drive to Luxor (approx. 3 hours)

Flight to Cairo

Dinner at our hotel in Cairo

Day 9 –Friday 28th October Camping in the Black & White Deserts



Breakfast at hotel

Travel to Bahariya Oasis (Black & White Desert) – approx. 3 hours

Located in the Farafra depression, this area is known for having some of the rarest landscapes and geological formations in the whole country. Here, the landscapes vary from green oasis with palm trees and hot springs, to strange dormant volcanos surrounded by sand and mountains made of crystals.

Lunch & Dinner in the desert

Camping in the desert

Day 10 – Saturday 29th October Back to Cairo



Breakfast at the camp final exploring of the desert ☺

Lunch in the desert before travelling back to Cairo where we will have the opportunity to watch a traditional Tanoura Show.

Dinner & overnight in the hotel

Day 11 Sunday 30th October – Time to fly home!

Breakfast in the hotel before our transport arrives to take us back to the airport, with support through check-in to your/ our gate

Trip Investment

Dhs 12,800\ 3485USD per person based on two people twin sharing (Single supplement will apply)

Duration: 10 Days/9 Nights

INCLUSIONS

- 5* Hotel stays in Cairo, Abu Simbel, Luxor, and Aswan during the different parts of the trip
- 3 nights in a Private Dahabiya for the journey from Luxor to Aswan
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner, bottled water, and soft drinks on all tour days
- Cruises are full board with soft drinks included
- Entry fees for all visits including the Grand Egyptian Museum in Cairo,
- Internal Flight tickets
- All the local transfers for the activities mentioned in the itinerary.
- English-speaking tour leader with excellent local knowledge accompanying the group throughout the length of the trip.
- Julie Lewis as group leader
- Team fleece
- Surprise swag bag!

EXCLUSIONS

- Entry visas at Cairo International Airport (can be arranged)
- Visa on arrival is not available for all nationalities – check the list and apply for your visa in advance if your country origin is not on the list.
- Flights from and to departure country
- Hotel Beverages/Alcoholic drinks
- Personal travel insurance.
- Anything mentioned not explicitly in the "Inclusions".

NEXT STEP!

1. Complete the booking form and email to julie@julie-lewis.com, copied into April: support@aprilkilpatrick.com along with a scanned copy of the passport you will be traveling on.
2. Check out and book the best flights from where you live, purchase travel insurance to cover medical/ cancellations / lots of items/ delays etc.
3. Make a 25 % deposit of Dhs 3200 / 872USD
4. Balance payment due September 15th, 2022

Any questions? What's app / call Julie on +971 50 6595536 / julie@julie-lewis.com