

Discover the Secrets of The Ancient  
World's Treasures



## Egypt Itinerary

Cairo / Aswan / Luxor

*Including Sonesta St. George Nile Cruise*

March 10 - 19, 2024

*10 days*

The best time to visit Egypt is between October and April -- temperatures are cooler but you are still guaranteed sun. During spring and autumn daytime temperatures will reach hit 77-86°F (25-30°C) but the evenings are cooler. Egypt is blessed with a whole lot of sunshine and very little rain. In the Summer it heats up to mid-90s during the day so it is not recommended to go in the summertime (June-August)

We are going at the perfect time! 😊

### DAY 1, Sunday March 10, 2024 - Departure

Depart for Cairo, Egypt

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## DAY 2, Monday Mar. 11, 2024 - Arrive in Cairo

Welcome to Egypt, one of the world's greatest ancient civilizations. At Cairo airport, Our Tour Rep will help you with entry Visa then transfer to your hotel with the remainder of the day at leisure. Tonight, attend an orientation meeting and welcome drink with your Tour Manager and fellow travelers at your hotel  
Overnight: Cairo







## DAY 3, Tuesday Mar. 12, 2024 – The Pyramids of Giza & Sphinx – Sakkara, the Step Pyramid

After breakfast, visit the Pyramids of Giza, built during the 3rd and 4th dynasties of the Old Kingdom. Enjoy an up-close view of the Great Pyramid, built for the Pharaoh Khufu, as well as the Pyramids of Khafre and Menkaure. Not far from the Pyramids, see the Mythical Sphinx of Giza, the legendary statue with the head of a human and the body of a lion, amazingly carved out of one huge piece of limestone. then enjoy BBQ lunch and continue to Sakkara and the Step Pyramid, the first Pyramid and the oldest construction of stone in the whole world also observe wall carvings with daily life activities depicted on the Nobel Tombs and you may want to explore the Pharaoh's Burial chamber. Then return and rest in the hotel.

*(There will be an opportunity for those who want to explore the Pharaoh's burial chamber at the great Pyramid, you can get the ticket on the spot, the same for the Camel ride)*

Optional Sound & Light Show held in Giza with views of the mighty Pyramids. A spectacular and unforgettable evening, then return to the hotel and treat yourself to a superb dinner at one of the fine international restaurants.

Overnight: Cairo

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

***Optional Tour: Sound & Light Show at Pyramids***

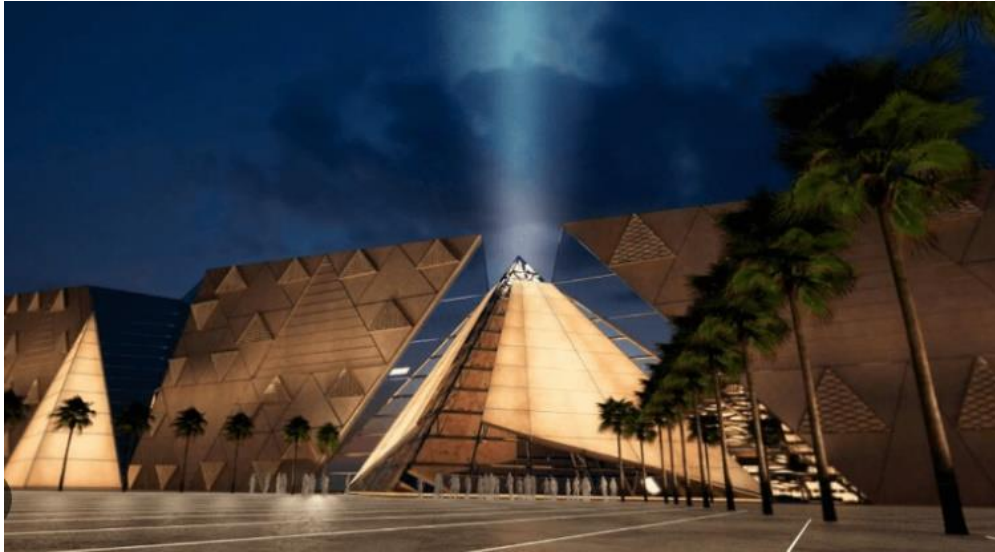


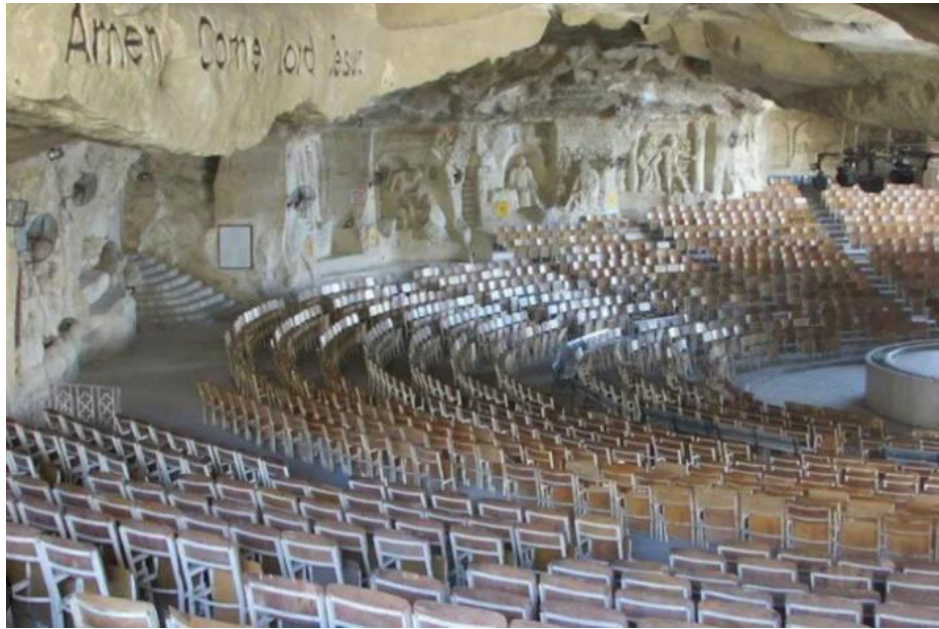
## DAY 4, Wednesday Mar. 13, 2024 - Grand Egyptian Museum – the cave Churches of St. Simon

Begin the tour at the Grand Egyptian Museum, The largest cultural project in Modern Times. The museum houses the world's largest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts with entry to the Hall of King Tut-Ankh-Amon which displays 5000 pieces for first time with free time at the Museum Then, we proceed to have lunch and continue to the Cave church of St. Simon at the Garbage collectors district and learn about recycle system in Egypt and return to the hotel and overnight.

Overnight: Cairo

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.





## DAY 5, Thursday Mar. 14, 2024 – Flight to Aswan – Abu Simbel by Air - & Felucca ride

After breakfast, we fly to Aswan. Upon arrival, we have the morning at leisure in this ancient frontier town. After a short transit on the plane, we have an option to fly to the mighty Temple of Abu Simbel, reclaimed from the floodwaters of the Aswan High Dam, and totally reconstructed in the present location. The site is dominated by the looming twin temples of Ramses II and his wife Queen Nefertari. It is one of the most recognizable ancient sites of Egypt. We fly back to Aswan and transfer to the Movenpick Elephantine Island Resort. For those not flying to Abu Simbel, we will transfer to the hotel directly. We may enjoy the grounds and swimming pools, although rooms may not be available until 3:00 pm. Afternoon, we enjoy a sailboat ride, Felucca around the Botanical Garden of Aswan founded by Lord Kitchener, the Head of the British Authority in Egypt with many tropical trees and flowers.

(There are no direct flights to Abu Simbel from Cairo), the transit in Aswan is Only 45 min, while we remain on board, and we receive our bags in Aswan after we return from ABS)

Overnight: Aswan – Movenpick Resort Meals:

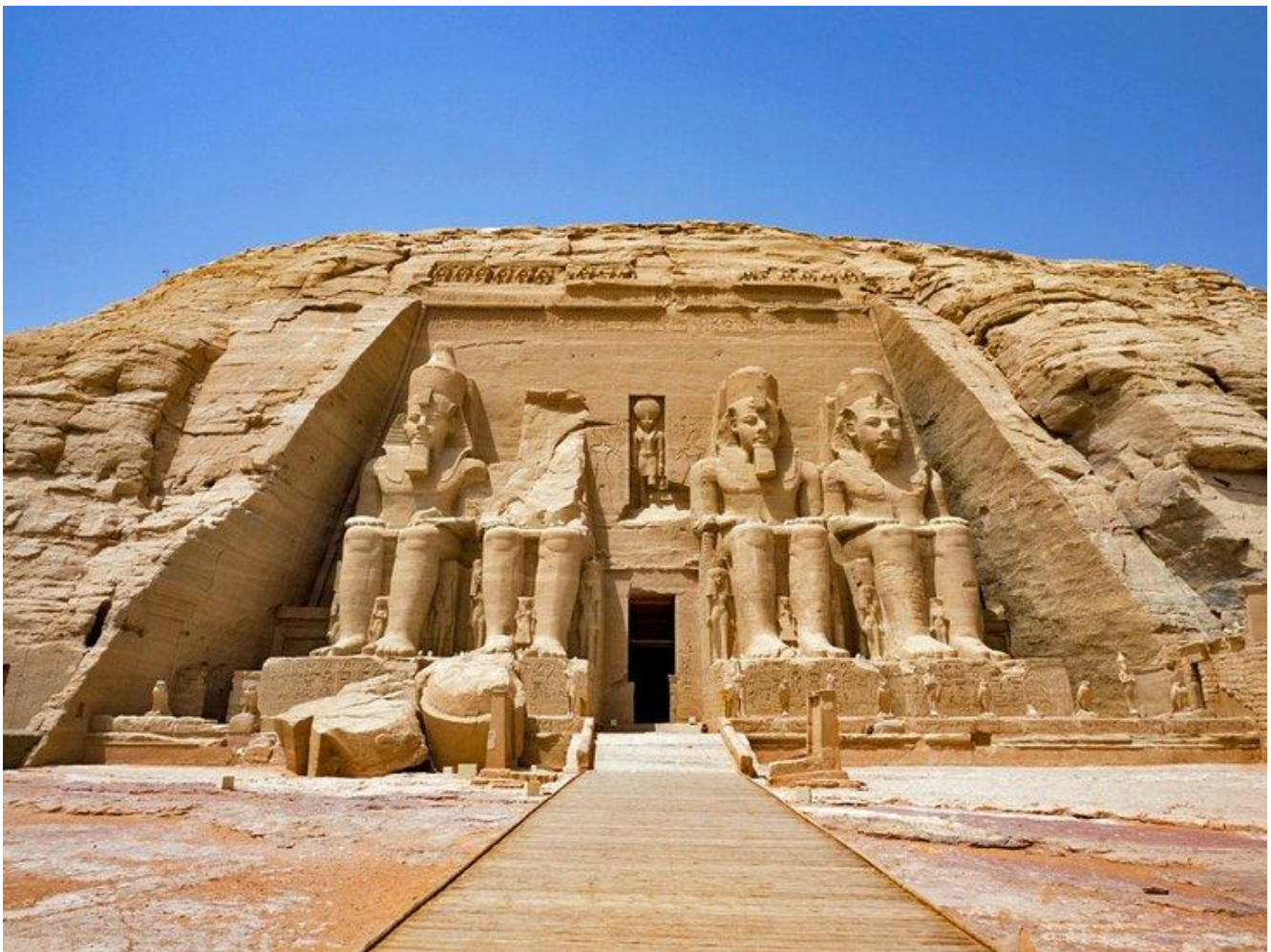
Breakfast,

*Optional: Abu Simbel Flight & Tour*

The site is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is considered one of the most impressive monuments of ancient Egypt. It is a popular tourist destination and a must-see for those interested in ancient history and architecture.

**Abu Simbel**, site of two temples built by the Egyptian king Ramses II (reigned 1279–13 BCE), now located in Aswān *muḥāfazah* (southern Egypt). In ancient times the area was at the southern frontier of pharaonic Egypt, facing Nubia. The four colossal statues of Ramses in front of the main temple are spectacular examples of ancient Egyptian art. By means of a complex engineering feat in the 1960s, the temples were salvaged from the rising waters of the Nile River caused by erection of the Aswan High Dam..

The 66-foot (20-metre) seated figures of Ramses are set against the recessed face of the cliff, two on either side of the entrance to the main temple. Carved around their feet are small figures representing Ramses' children, his queen, Nefertari, and his mother, Muttuy (Mut-tuy, or Queen Ti). (Source [www.britannica.com](http://www.britannica.com))



Movenpick Elephantine Island Resort in Aswan







## DAY 6, Friday Mar. 15, 2024 – Philae Temple - Nile Cruise Embarkation

After breakfast, take a tour to Philae Temple dedicated to the goddess Isis and marvel at the temple's beautiful island location. And learn about the legend of Isis & Osiris with lots of Love & Drama accounts. Then embark on the Luxury M/S Sonesta St. George Nile Cruise, our home for the next three nights. You'll be warmly welcomed aboard with time to settle in

After lunch, we Optional visit to the Nubian Village including visiting a family house. We sail with a motorboat through the National Parks of Aswan, watching local & migrant birds, various plants while learning about the Nubians' origin, culture, ancient & modern history. And walk around its street with many herb & spice shops and souvenirs.

In the evening we enjoy the Captain's welcome cocktail before dinner. Overnight: Nile Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Optional: Nubian Village & the National Parks of Aswan. (\$55)







## DAY 7, Saturday Mar. 16, 2024 – Cruise to Kom Ombo, Edfu Temples and overnight at Esna

In the morning, the Nile cruise will set sail for an unforgettable cruise on the legendary Nile River to Edfu, stop to tour the imposing Greco-Roman Dual Temple of Kom Ombo dedicated to two Gods with its unique carvings of the Ancient Calendar and the Medical Instruments. Admire the fascinating detailed reliefs on the walls and continue sailing to Edfu and visit the Temple of Edfu on horse carriages, which is the best-preserved temple from the ancient world and sail to Esna & overnight.

Overnight: Nile Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner





## DAY 8, Sunday Mar. 17, 2024 - Valley of Kings- Temple of Hatshepsut, Alabaster Workshop.

Early morning, we sail to Luxor, and we view the magnificence of the Luxor West Bank that includes the Valley of the Kings & Temple of Hatshepsut along with Colossi of Memnon. Begin with a visit to the UNESCO listed Valley of the Kings, the necropolis of Thebes and admire the tombs of ancient Egypt's rulers. Next, head to the Temple of Hatshepsut, a colonnaded structure surrounded by cliffs and learn about the life of Queen Hatshepsut, Egypt's first female ruler. Then visit alabaster house to learn about making handmade Alabaster and Conclude the tour at the Colossi of Memnon: two massive stone statues of the Pharaoh Amenhotep III. Return to the Nile cruise for lunch and free afternoon to enjoy the ship or explore the city of Luxor.

Overnight: Luxor Nile Cruise Meals:  
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 9, Monday Mar. 18, 2024 – Disembarkation- Visit to Karnak & Luxor Temples - Fly to Cairo

We end our cruise with a sightseeing tour of the East Bank of Luxor. Visit the magnificent Temples of Karnak, dating back over 3,000 years. Walk along the avenue of the Sphinxes and marvel at the Hypostyle Hall with its 134 massive sandstone columns. And continue to Luxor Temple with many colossal statues and Obelisk.

We will have lunch opposite Luxor temple before we Transfer to Luxor airport and fly to Cairo. And check into hotel (Intercontinental in Cairo, Egypt).

Overnight: Cairo

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

*Intercontinental Hotel (Cairo, Egypt)*



## Tuesday Mar. 19, 2024 Depart Home

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight back home. Meals:

Breakfast

# Welcome Home!

