Treasures of Egypt 2019/20 - 12 Days

From $5,995* per person, twin share

Flights & taxes included ex Australia

Cairo to Cairo fully guided highlights journey ex Australia

12 DAYS

PRIVATE TOUR
MIN 2 PAX

VISITING 4 UNESCO SITES

Tour highlights
- Great Pyramids of Giza & Sphinx
- Temples of Abu Simbel
- 4 night Luxury Nile River Cruise
- Valley of the Kings & Queens
- Tutankhamun's treasures in the Egyptian Museum

Special Inclusions
- Entry into the Great Pyramid of Giza
- Sound & Light Show at Luxor Temple
- Entry into Tutankhamun's Tomb (when available)
- Visit the Royal Mummy Room in the Egyptian Museum
- Fly-in tour to UNESCO World Heritage Site, Abu Simbel

Transportation
- Private vehicle
- Flights
- Nile River Cruise with Felucca day tour

Departures, Inclusions, Prices

Departs
- Daily, minimum 2 pax.

Includes
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- All private transfers & private day touring
- 4 night Nile River Cruise
- Meals, entry fees & touring as per itinerary
- Internal flights & International flights & taxes on – EY, EK, TG, QF, SQ (subject to availability)

Price (valid 01 Jun, 2019 – 30 Oct, 2020)
- From $5,995pp twin share (single supp on request)
- Refer to our website for most up-to-date pricing: www.africasafarico.com.au

*Note: All prices are based on permutations, subject to change due to availability, surcharges & flight classes. Please see all pricing as a guideline only.

Itinerary

Day 1: Australia – Cairo.
Depart Australia for Cairo.

Day 2: Arrive Cairo – Giza.
On arrival into Cairo you will be met by our staff and transferred through the sprawling city of Cairo to your luxury hotel. Check into Le Meridien Pyramids Hotel and Spa for 2 nights in a Premium Pyramids View Deluxe Room including breakfast daily. Le Meridien Pyramids Hotel and Spa boasts unparalleled views of the majestic and ancient Pyramids of Giza. A mere glance out of your guest room window reveals one of the Seven Wonders of the World. The hotel boasts a choice of restaurants and cuisines, free WiFi, a magnificent swimming pool and spa amenities — this 5-star hotel offers guests everything they could possibly need.

Day 3: Giza.
Depart this morning on your private guided tour under the guidance of a local Egyptologist. The day will start with a visit to Memphis and Sakkara - a vast, ancient burial ground in Egypt, serving as the necropolis for the Ancient Egyptian capital, Memphis. Sakkara features numerous pyramids, including the world-famous Step pyramid. You will explore the Great Pyramids of Giza, including entrance into Cheops — the largest pyramid still standing — built almost 4,500 years ago. Visit the nearby Great Sphinx, with the body of a lion and the head of a king. [Meals: B]

Day 4: Cairo – Luxor.
Met at your hotel and transferred to the airport for your flight to Luxor. On arrival you will be privately met and transferred to the luxurious Sonesta St Georges Hotel — a five-star hotel located on the banks of the Nile in a city of ancient pharaonic treasures. Time at leisure this afternoon to enjoy the hotel or take an optional Felucca trip on the Nile.

This evening you will be collected from your hotel and transferred to the magnificent Luxor Temple to enjoy the sound and light show — this extravaganza recounts the history of Thebes and the lives of the many pharaohs who built here in honour of Amun. It’s a wonderful opportunity to walk through the beautifully lit temple at night. Return to your hotel. [Meals: B]

After breakfast you will be transferred to the dock to board The MY Alyssa Nile Cruise boat for your 4 night cruise to Aswan. Experience the unforgettable sights of Upper Egypt in comfort and style. All excursions are guided by knowledgeable Egyptologists whose vast experience and knowledge help bring Egypt alive. After lunch, depart on a guided tour to the Luxor Temple located on the east bank of the Nile River. Luxor Temple was once connected to Karnak Temple by a 3km avenue of Sphinxes. Two 25m pink granite obelisks built by Ramesses once stood before the gateway but today only one remains while the other stands in the Place De La Concorde in Paris. We will then visit Karnak Temple, dedicated to the Pharaoh Amun. This massive temple complex was the principal religious centre of the god Amun-Re in Thebes during the New Kingdom. We return to our boat for dinner and overnight. [Meals: BLD]

Nile Cruise boat, MY Alyssa, offers cabins with Large Panoramic Windows, upmarket en suite bathrooms with hairdryer, tv with in house movies and music, minibars, individual controlled air conditioning, safety box, luggage rack. Dining on board MY Alyssa is a unique experience. Our deluxe restaurant seats 135 people and serves local and international cuisines, offering both a la carte and open buffet. Smart casual dress code required. No jeans, shorts or slippers. On the second deck you will smell the enticing aromas of our Moroccan Cafe. On the third deck the Italian Terrace serves the finest Italian dishes and drinks. Sir Livingstone lounge and bar created in unique African style that contains hand painted artifacts of Sir Livingstone’s journey on the Nile. A live pianist comprises the entertainment in the lounge, and plays anything from easy listening to Jazz and Blues.
Today we visit the West Bank with your Egyptologist. Luxor has often been called the world’s greatest open-air museum, and the number of preserved monuments are unparalleled anywhere else in the world. Stroll around the ruins at the Valley of the Kings, used primarily for the burials of pharaohs. The most famed collection of such elaborate tombs lies here on the Nile’s west bank. During Egypt’s New Kingdom (1539–1075 BC), the valley became a royal burial ground for pharaohs such as Tutankhamun, Seti I and Ramesses II, as well as queens, high priests, and other elites of the 18th, 19th, and 20th dynasties. Admire the massive stone statues of the Colossi of Memnon, and the mortuary temples of the Temple of Hatshepsut. It will be a full day of wonder and amazement. Return to the boat for dinner and overnight. [Meals: BLD]

Special Inclusion:
Entry into Tutankhamun Tomb (when available)

Today you will tour Edfu, site of the Ptolemaic Temple of Horus. Visit the temple and ancient settlement, known in Roman times as Apollinopolis. Then, set sail for Kom Ombo as you enjoy lunch on board. Disembark to explore Kom Ombo Temple, located on a bend in the Nile where, in ancient times, sacred crocodiles are said to have basked in the sun. The temple is dedicated to the crocodile-god Sobek, and the falcon-god Haroeris. Return to your boat for an on board dinner and galabeya party. [Meals: BLD]

Day 8: Aswan.
Sail to Aswan to see the High Dam and the Temple of Philae. Dedicated to the love goddess Isis, the temple is only accessible by boat and was turned into a church of St. Stephen under Emperor Justinian. Lunch will be served back on your cruise boat as you overnight on board. [Meals: BLD]

Day 9: Abu Simbel.
Following breakfast, disembark for the transfer to Aswan Airport. A short flight takes us to the magnificent Abu Simbel Temples. The Abu Simbel temples are two massive rock temples situated on the western bank of Lake Nasser. The complex is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the “Nubian Monuments”. 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 and his queen Nefertari, and commemorate his victory at the Battle of Kadesh. The complex was relocated in its entirety in 1968 under the supervision of a Polish archaeologist, 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. Return to the airport for your flight to Cairo and private transfer to the Semiramis Intercontinental Hotel for 2 nights in a Nile View Room including breakfast. [Meals: B]

Semiramis Intercontinental, is located on the bank of the Nile River and just 5 minutes walk from the Egyptian Museum. The 5-star hotel features a heated outdoor pool and an on-site casino and gym. It offers a 24-hour front desk and complimentary WiFi in all areas.

Special Inclusion:
Fly-in tour of UNESCO World Heritage Site, Abu Simbel

Day 10: Cairo.
With our Egyptologist we head to the Egyptian Museum for a guided tour. This museum holds the greatest collection of Egyptian Monuments including Tutankhamun’s sarcophagus and we have included a visit to the Mummies Room. Explore the Citadel of Salah El Din with its medieval architecture, the Mohamed Ali Mosque and roam the streets to explore the Khan El Khalili Bazaar. Return to the hotel for overnight. [Meals: B]

Special Inclusion:
Private guided tour of the Egyptian Museum, including the Royal Mummy Room

Day 11: Departure flight.
Leisurely breakfast then transfer to the airport for your flight back to Australia. [Meals: B]

Day 12: Arrive Australia.

Optional extensions

2-day/1-night Alexandria excursion

Cost per person – 2 days*: Twin Share
01 Jun, 2019 – 30 Oct, 2020 from $495

Included: Return private vehicle transfer ex Cairo, private guide, 1 night at The Hilton Cornish in a Sea View Room with breakfast & Alexandria touring as per itinerary. Single Supplement on request.

Departs: Daily with a minimum of 2 passengers.

Day 1: Cairo – Alexandria. Depart Cairo by private vehicle. A mere 3-hour drive from the capital will bring you to Egypt’s second largest city—Alexandria—founded by Alexander the Great. Enjoy the personal attention of a private guide who will introduce you to the Catacombs of Kom el Shoqata, Pompey’s Pillar, the Serapeum, and the Citadel of Qaitbay. Later this afternoon check into the Hilton Cornish in a Sea View Room on a bed and breakfast basis.

Day 2: Alexandria – Cairo. Today we visit the commemorative site of El Alamein on Egypt’s Mediterranean coast. It’s known for a decisive 1942 WWII battle, commemorated in the El Alamein War Museum. There is also a Commonwealth war cemetery, with graves of 6,425 identified Commonwealth service personnel, 815 unidentified ones, 102 of other nationalities and includes four Victoria Cross recipients. There are monuments commemorating Greek, New Zealand, Australian, South African, Indian and Canadian forces. Arrive back in Cairo late afternoon.

The Red Sea – Diving excursions

We can offer a variety of diving and beach stays to the Red Sea, with a choice of hotels in Sharm El Sheikh and Hurghada. Blessed with warm, clear water and abundant marine life, it’s not surprising that Egypt’s Red Sea has long been considered one of the world’s top scuba diving destinations. Call us for details.
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[Meals: BLD]

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After breakfast you will board the MY Alyssa Nile Cruise boat for a 4 night cruise to Aswan with all excursions guided by knowledgeable Egyptologists. After lunch, depart on a tour to the Luxor Temple, visit Karnak Temple and return to our boat for dinner and overnight. [Meals: BLD]

Special Inclusion: Sonesta St Georges Hotel – see description on page 2]

Today we visit the West Bank. Stroll around the ruins at the Valley of the Kings, used primarily for the burials of pharaohs such as Tutankhamun, Seti I and Ramsesses II, as well as other elites of the 18th, 19th and 20th dynasties. Admire the massive stone statues of the Colossi of Memnon, and the mortuary temples of the Temple of Hatshepsut. Return to the boat for dinner and overnight. [Meals: BLD]

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After breakfast, transfer to Aswan Airport for a short flight to the magnificent Abu Simbel Temples — 2 massive rock temples part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the “Nubian Monuments”. Originally carved out of the mountainside in the 13th century BC, they serve as a lasting monument to the king and his queen, Nefertari. Return to the airport for your flight to Cairo and private transfer to the Semiramis Intercontinental Hotel for 2 nights, including breakfast. [Meals: B]

[Semiramis Intercontinental – see description on page 3]

Special Inclusion: Fly-in tour of UNESCO World Heritage Site, Abu Simbel

Day 10: Cairo.
A guided tour of the greatest collection of Egyptian Monuments at the Egyptian Museum, including Tutankhamun’s Sarcophagus and a visit to the Mummies Room. Explore the Citadel of Salah El Din with its medieval architecture, the Mohamed Ali Mosque and roam the streets to explore the Khan El Khalil Bazaar. Return to the hotel for overnight. [Meals: B]

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Day 11: Cairo – Amman.
Transferred to the airport for your flight to Amman, Jordan. On arrival you will be privately met at Queen Alia International Airport and assisted with your visa and immigration, and transferred to the Al Qasr Metropole Hotel for three nights in your Superior Room. [Meals: B]

Al Qasr Metropole Hotel boasts only 66 artistically furnished rooms that are within walking distance to some of the major points of interest in Amman. AlQars has some of the most popular dining outlets in Amman.

Depart on your private full day tour with experienced guide to the highlights of Amman. Start with a visit to Umm Qais — the ruins of the Decapolis city of Gadara. Enjoy a walk around these spectacular ruins with magnificent views over three countries (Jordan, Syria, and Israel) encompassing the Golan Heights, Mt Hermon and the Sea of Galilee. Onto the town of Ajlun with its fortress; one of the best preserved examples of medieval Arab military architecture in the entire Middle East. Then we visit the Greco-Roman City of Jerash, also known as the City of the thousand columns. Jerash showcases the grandeur of Imperial Rome (sometimes referred to as the Pompeii of the East) as it is considered one of the largest, and most well preserved sites of Roman architecture in the World outside Italy. Overnight at your hotel. [Meals: B]

Special Inclusion:
Private on-site Guided tour of Jerash

After breakfast depart on a full day privately guided tour. Visit the Citadel and the Umayyad Palace. A quick visit to the ruins of the Amman Roman theatre before we head towards the Desert Castles which were built by the Umayyads to serve as caravan stations for travellers. Visit Al Kharaneh, Qasr Amra (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) and Al Azraq castles which served as the residence of Lawrence of Arabia during the Arab Revolt. Transfer back to Amman for overnight at your hotel. [Meals: B]

Special Inclusion:
UNESCO site – Qasr Amra

Day 14: Dead Sea.
Breakfast and transfer in your private vehicle with driver to Bethany – the Baptismal site of Jesus Christ. Situated on the eastern bank of the River Jordan. Continue onto Dead Sea and check into the Holiday Inn Dead Sea for two nights. Afternoon at leisure to relax at the hotel. [Meals: B]

Holiday Inn Dead Sea offers free wifi and is located on a secluded private beach on the Dead Sea shore. All rooms feature minibars stocked with complimentary snacks and soft drinks plus all have balconies. Relax and enjoy free bottles of mineral water on the private beach.

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Day 15: Dead Sea.
Day At Leisure. The Dead Sea has the lowest elevation and is the lowest body of water on the surface of Earth. Have some fun as you take a swim and cover your body in the therapeutic mud. [Meals: B]

Day 16: Kings Hwy – Madaba/Mt Nebo/Wadi Mujib/Petra.
Early start with your private vehicle and driver along the King’s Highway — an ancient route that still has marks left from traders who crossed it centuries ago. Visit the Christian Town of Madaba (‘The City of Mosaics’), the St. George Greek Orthodox Church, and view the masterpiece of Madaba (6th century Byzantine mosaic map of the Holy Land). Travel to Mt. Nebo, considered one of the most important holy sites in Jordan, as it’s believed to be where God showed Moses the Promised Land, as well as Moses’ last resting place. View ruins from the 4th – 6th centuries before continuing onto the city of Kerak, where we will visit the Crusader’s Castle. Arrive at Petra in the late afternoon and check into the Petra Guest House. This evening, experience the magic of Petra by Night, as the rock city is lit by more than 1,000 candles — it’s a spectacular view. [Meals: B]

Petra Guest House is located right at the visitor’s entrance to the Siq, only steps away from the famous archaeological sites. Enjoy spectacular views of the mountains from its modern rooms. The hotel features a lobby lounge, a restaurant and one original Nabatean bar surrounded with a large Piazza — the perfect place to enjoy a drink!

Special Inclusion:
Petra by Night

Day 17: Petra.
Early start on our journey to explore Petra, aptly described as the “rose-red city, half as old as time”. The ancient city was founded by the Nabateans 2000 years ago. The visit to the ancient Nabatean capital starts on horseback, followed by a walk through the Siq, a long narrow fissure between two overhanging cliffs. Towards the end of the Siq, you will be spellbound by Petra most famous monument, the Treasury. Overnight at our hotel. [Meals: B]

Day 18: Wadi Rum.
After breakfast proceed to Beida, also known as little Petra and the place where the Nabateans used to entertain their guests. Continue south to the enchanting desert of Wadi Rum, Jordan’s largest desert and one of the most spectacular desert landscapes in the world and enjoy a Jeep Tour. Transfer to Sun City Camp in the desert for a typical Bedouin dinner and overnight in your unique Martian Dome Tent. [Meals: BD]

Sun City Camp, located in the heart of Wadi Rum’s majestic desert, offers serenity and spiritual soothing. Experience the simple Bedouin life of the valley with its unmatched authentic charm and beauty.

Special Inclusion:
Overnight in a Martian Dome Tent in the Wadi

Day 19: Aqaba.
Early breakfast and depart for Aqaba, a Jordanian port city on the Red Sea’s Gulf. Inhabited since 4000 BC, it’s home to the Islamic-era Aqaba Fort and the adjacent Aqaba Archaeological Museum. After a quick visit we check into our hotel located on the shores of the Red Sea where you can spend your afternoon at leisure on the private sandy beach. [Meals: B]

Al Manara Hotel Aqaba is located on the beachfront overlooking the Gulf of Aqaba. Amenities include a spa with plunge pools, an infinity pool, a salon and a gym, plus 3 restaurants, a gift shop and a private beach.

Day 20: Departure flight.
After breakfast, transfer to Aqaba airport for your departure flight via Amman to Australia. [Meals: B]

Day 21: Arrive Australia.
Essence of East Africa & Egypt 2019/20 - 24 Days

![Map of East Africa and Egypt]

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VISITING 6 UNESCO SITES

**Tour highlights**
- Boat trip on Lake Naivasha
- Opportunity to see rhinos at Lake Nakuru
- Game drives in the Masai Mara & Serengeti
- Visit to the world famous Ngorongoro Crater
- Great Pyramids of Giza & Sphinx
- Temles of Abu Simbel
- 4 night Luxury Nile River Cruise
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- Visit the Royal Mummy Room in the Egyptian Museum
- Fly-in tour to UNESCO World Heritage Site, Abu Simbel

**Transportation**
- Private vehicle
- Flights
- Nile River Cruise with Felucca day tour

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**Itinerary**

Day 1: Australia – Nairobi.
Depart Australia on your flight to Nairobi.

Day 2: Nairobi.
On arrival into Nairobi you will be met by your safari guide and transferred by road to the Nairobi Serena Hotel for overnight. Afternoon to relax and recover.

Early breakfast and depart on your scheduled Safari throughout Kenya and Tanzania. Meet with your fellow travellers (max 7 passengers). Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Nairobi, visiting the Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage, Giraffe Centre, Karen Blixen Museum including lunch. Then depart by road to Lake Naivasha were you will stay for 2 nights at Lake Naivasha Sopa Lodge including all meals. [Meals: BLD]

Day 4: Lake Nakuru National Park.
Morning excursion to Lake Nakuru National Park. This park supports a wide ecological diversity including Flamingos (Greater and Lesser) and other water birds, and the Black and White Rhinoceros. Return to your lodge in the afternoon for dinner and overnight. [Meals: BLD]

Day 5: Lake Naivasha & Masai Mara Game Reserve.
Depart this morning on a boat excursion on Lake Naivasha – a unique perspective on birdwatching and wildlife viewing. Mid morning transfer by road to the Masai Mara Game Reserve followed by afternoon game drive. Check into your lodge located within the Masai Mara Game Reserve for dinner and overnight. (Lodges utilised include Mara Ashnil Lodge/Mara Ngorongoro Lodge/Mara Sarova Camp) [Meals: BLD]

**Special Inclusion**
- Boat ride on Lake Naivasha

Day 6: Masai Mara Game Reserve.
Morning and afternoon game drives in the spectacular Masai Mara game reserve, with superb photographic opportunities. Blessed with a permanent water supply, Masai Mara has a permanent population of plains game, including The “Big Five” – Elephant, Buffalo, Lion, Leopard and Rhino. [Meals: BLD]

Day 7: Masai Mara Game Reserve – Serengeti Nat. Park.
After breakfast we depart with a picnic lunch for a full day drive from the Masai Mara to the Serengeti, crossing the Kenya/Tanzania border of Isbania then entering Serengeti National Park via Fort Iroma. The park lies in a high plateau between the Ngorongoro highlands and the Kenya and Tanzania border. Check into our Safari Lodge for two nights. (Lodges utilised include Serengeti Serena Lodge or Serena Mbusi Mwee Camp) [Meals: BLD]

Day 8: Serengeti National Park.
After breakfast, enjoy a safari in the world famous UNESCO wildlife sanctuary, Serengeti National Park — the largest National Park in Tanzania — summed up as ‘one of the most unique areas in the world’. It is famous for predators, including Lion, Cheetah, Leopard and Hyena; there is also an abundance of herbivores, including Wildebeest, Zebra, Gazelle, Topi, Buffalo, and Hartebeest and a wide variety of birdlife, believed to be in the region of 500 species. [Meals: BLD]

Early morning game drive in the Serengeti National Park with a picnic lunch. We then proceed to Ma Bufet depression, entering Ngorongoro Conservation Area — a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Check-in to our lodge, offering spectacular views of the Ngorongoro Crater floor. (Lodges utilised include Ngorongoro Serena Lodge or Ngorongoro Explorer.) [Meals: BLD]

Day 10: Ngorongoro Crater Tour.
After breakfast, prepare yourself for Africa’s Eden, a 6-hour tour of Ngorongoro Crater. The Ngorongoro Crater is famous for its variety of wildlife, is home to the rare Black Rhino and has its own Soda Lake with flamingoes. You descend 2,200 feet for a thrilling day among Africa’s Big Five. After lunch, ascend and continue onto Lake Manyara for two nights at your lodge. (Lodges utilised include Lake Manyara Serena Lodge or Kirurumu Tented Lodge.) [Meals: BLD]

Day 11: Lake Manyara National Park.
Morning and afternoon game drives in the Lake Manyara National Park, which is one of the finest parks in Tanzania. Also visit the village of Mto wa Mbu and enjoy spectacular views over the Great Rift Valley. [Meals: BLD]

Day 12: Lake Manyara – Amboseli National Park.
From Lake Manyara, we proceed to the town of Arusha — a centre point of Cape to Cairo — and across the Kenya/Tanzania border at Namanga, proceeding onto the Amboseli National Park at the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro (19,430 ft). Enjoy a late afternoon game drive in the park with a stunning Mount Kilimanjaro backdrop on a clear day. Overnight at your lodge near the park. (Lodges utilised include Amboseli Serena Lodge or Amboseli Oltukai Lodge.) [Meals: BLD]

Morning game drive in the park with lunch at the lodge then transfer to the Four Point Sheraton at Nairobi airport for overnight. [Meals: BL]
Day 14: **Arrive Cairo – Giza.**
Transfer to the airport for your flight to Cairo. On arrival into Cairo you will be met by our staff and transferred through the sprawling city of Cairo to your luxury hotel. Check into the Le Meridien Pyramids Hotel and Spa for 2 nights in a Premium Pyramids View Deluxe Room including breakfast daily.

**(Le Meridien Pyramids Hotel and Spa – see description on page 2.)**

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*(Sonesta St George Hotel – see description on page 2.)*

**Special Inclusion:** Sound and Light Show at Luxor Temple

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After lunch, depart on a guided tour to the Luxor Temple on the east bank of the Nile River. Luxor Temple was once connected to Karnak Temple by a 3km avenue of Sphinxes. We will then visit Karnak Temple, dedicated to the Pharaoh Amun. This massive temple complex was the principal religious centre of the god Amun-Re in Thebes during the New Kingdom. We return to our boat for dinner and overnight. *(Meals: BLD)*

*( Nile Cruise boat, MY Alyssa – see description on page 2.)*

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Day 18: **Luxor – West Bank.**
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**Special Inclusion:** Entry into the Mortuary Temples of Luxor

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In 1968, under the supervision of a Polish archaeologist, the complex was entirely relocated above the Aswan High Dam reservoir to avoid submersion during the creation of Lake Nasser. Return to the airport for your flight to Cairo and private transfer to the Semiramis Intercontinental Hotel for 2 nights in a Nile View Room including breakfast. *(Meals: B)*

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Day 23: **Departure flight.**
Leisurely breakfast then transfer to the airport for your flight back to Australia. *(Meals: B)*

Day 24: **Arrive Australia.**
Leisurely breakfast then transfer to the airport for your flight back to Australia.

Our Kenya & Tanzania Safari is a scheduled safari departing on set departure days with a max 7 guests. A private safari can be tailor-made to your requirement, should you prefer.

**Departures, Inclusions, Prices**

**Departs**
- Daily, minimum 2 pax. (subject to scheduled safari dates)

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- Accommodation as per itinerary
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**Price** (valid 01 Jun, 2019 – 30 Oct, 2020)
- From $13,550pp twin share (single supp on request)
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Discover Egypt, Game & the Gorillas 2019/20 - 21 Days

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Visiting Uganda, Kenya & Egypt ex Australia

Itinerary

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Special Inclusion:
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Days 7–9: Masai Mara.
Morning and afternoon or Full Day Game drives in Mara – its your choice! Its time to set out and see some magnificent wildlife in the world famous Masai Mara Game reserve under the guidance of your experienced guide. [Meals: BLD]

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Special Inclusion:
Hippo Pool breakfast in the Mara

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PRIVATE TOUR MIN 2 PAX

VISITING 5 UNESCO SITES

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Met at your hotel and transferred to the airport for your flight to Luxor. On arrival you will be privately met and transferred to the luxurious Sonesta St Georges Hotel — a five-star hotel located on the banks of the Nile in a city of ancient pharaonic treasures. Time at leisure this afternoon to enjoy the hotel or take an optional Felucca trip on the Nile. This evening you will be collected from your hotel and transferred to the magnificent Luxor Temple to enjoy the sound and light show — this extravaganza recounts the history of Thebes and the lives of the many pharaohs who built here in honour of Amun. It’s a wonderful opportunity to walk through the beautifully lit temple at night. Return to your hotel. [Meals: B]

Sonesta St Georges Hotel is located right on the banks of Nile River with unparalleled views over the Nile River and Valley of the Kings. It is on the door step of Luxor’s shopping district and offers a heated swimming pool overlooking the Nile. It is only minutes from the world-renowned historic sites of Luxor and Karnak and offer free WiFi.

Special Inclusion: Sound and Light Show at Luxor Temple

After breakfast you will be transferred to the dock to board the MY Alyssa Nile Cruise boat for your 4 night cruise. The MY Alyssa Nile Cruise boat is located right on the banks of the Nile River, providing great views of the surrounding landscape. You will have the opportunity to experience the culture and lifestyle of the local people on board. [Meals: BLD]

Today we visit the West Bank with your Egyptologist and stroll around the ruins. Luxor has often been called the world’s greatest open-air museum, and the number of preserved monuments are unparalleled anywhere else in the world. The most famed collection of such elaborate tombs lies here on the Nile’s west bank in the Valley of the Kings. During Egypt’s New Kingdom (1539–1075 BC), the valley became a royal burial ground for pharaohs such as Tutankhamun, Seti I and Ramesses II, as well as queens, high priests, and other elites of the 18th, 19th, and 20th dynasties. Admire the massive stone statues of the Colossi of Memnon, and the mortuary temples of the Temple of Hatshepsut. It will be a full day of wonder and amazement. Return to the boat for an on board dinner and galabeya party. [Meals: BLD]

Today you will tour Edfu, site of the Ptolemaic Temple of Horus. Visit the temple and ancient settlement, known in Roman times as Apollonopolis. Then, set sail for Kom Ombo as you enjoy lunch on board. Disembark to explore Kom Ombo Temple, located on a bend in the Nile where, in ancient times, sacred crocodiles are said to have basked in the sun. The temple is dedicated to the crocodile-god Sobek, and the falcon-god Haroeris. Return to your boat for an on board dinner and galabeya party. [Meals: BLD]

Day 17: Aswan.
Sail to Aswan to see the High Dam and the Temple of Philae. Dedicated to the love goddess Isis, the temple is only accessible by boat and was turned into a church of St. Stephen under Emperor Justinian. Lunch will be served on the boat. Afternoon tea and dinner will be served back on your cruise boat as you overnight on board. [Meals: BLD]

Day 18: Abu Simbel.
Following breakfast, disembark for the transfer to Aswan Airport. A short flight takes us to the magnificent Abu Simbel Temples. The Abu Simbel temples are two massive rock temples situated on the western bank of Lake Nasser. The complex is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the “Nubian Monuments”. 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 and his queen Nefertari, and commemorate his victory at the Battle of Kadesh. In 1968, under the supervision of a Polish archaeologist, the complex was entirely relocated above the Aswan High Dam reservoir to avoid submersion during the creation of Lake Nasser. Return to the airport for your flight to Cairo and private transfer to the Semiramis Intercontinental Hotel for 2 nights in a Nile View Room including breakfast. [Meals: B]

Semiramis Intercontinental – see description on page 3. [Meals: BLD]

Special Inclusion: Fly-in tour of UNESCO World Heritage Site, Abu Simbel

Day 19: Cairo.
With our Egyptologist we head to the Egyptian Museum for a guided tour. This museum holds the greatest collection of Egyptian Monuments including Tutankhamun’s Sarcophagus and we have included a visit to the Mummies Room. Explore the Citadel of Salah El Din with its medieval architecture, the Mohamed Ali Mosque and roam the streets to explore the Khan El Khalili Bazaar. Return to the hotel for overnight. [Meals: B]

Special Inclusion: Private guided tour of the Egyptian Museum, including the Royal Mummy Room

Day 20: Departure flight.
Leisurely breakfast then transfer to the airport for your flight back to Australia. [Meals: B]

Day 21: Arrive Australia.

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VISITING 9 UNESCO SITES

Tour highlights
- Visit the Blue Nile Falls
- The UNESCO World Heritage site of Falasha - the fortress-city of Fasil Ghebbi
- Hike the incredible Simien Mountains
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Special Inclusions
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- Flights
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Itinerary

Day 1: Australia – Addis Ababa.
Depart Australia for Ethiopia (via Singapore).

On arrival into Addis Ababa met and transferred to your hotel. In the afternoon, take a sightseeing tour of Addis Ababa that includes the National Museum with its many archaeological and historical findings. Continue to Trinity Cathedral, a beautiful church with a baroque style of European architecture which is unique to both Ethiopia and Africa. Overnight at the Golden Tulip Hotel. [Meals: B]

Day 3: Addis – Bahir Dar.
Breakfast and transfer to the airport for flight to Bahir Dar. Check into the Avanti Blue Nile Hotel and in the afternoon, visit the Blue Nile Falls, considered by many as one of the most spectacular falls in Africa. [Meals: BLD]

Avanti Blue Nile hotel is located within a walking distance from the largest lake in Ethiopia (Lake Tana) at the heart of Bahir-Dar town. Offering relax style rooms featuring free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs and minibridges, as well as safes, desks and en suite bathrooms.

Day 4: Bahir Dar.
Head out on Lake Tana to the Zege Peninsula and its famous monasteries. While on the boat, keep an eye out for a variety of bird species and the traditional tanka boat crossing the lake. After a short hike through local villages and coffee farms, arrive at the monastery of Ura Kidane Meret, home to an important collections of crosses and crowns dating back to the 16th century. The second monastery we visit is Azwa Maryam. In the afternoon, take a city tour of Bahir Dar for its interesting market and nice view from Bezawit Palace. Overnight at Avanti Resort. [Meals: BLD]

Day 5: Bahir Dar – Simien Mountains.
Depart after breakfast for Sankaber—the headquarters of UNESCO World Heritage Site, Simien Mountains National Park, passing rural villages and crossing mountain passes with stunning vistas along the way. Spend the afternoon walking near your lodge to spot the endemic Gelada baboon. Overnight accommodation at Simien Lodge. [Meals: BLD]

Simien Lodge, at 3260m, is known as the highest hotel in Ethiopia and offers spectacular views across the surrounding UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Day 6: Simien Mountains.
Depart on a day hike with picnic lunch for Chenek where it’s possible to spot the endemic, Walia Ixib. The hike allows you to explore the pinnacles, valleys, gorges and wildlife of this region. Overnight at Simien lodge. [Meals: BLD]

Special Inclusion:
Hike through the stunning Simien Mountains UNESCO site, seeking out the area’s endemic animals such as the Ethiopian wolf, Walia Ixib & Gelada baboons.

Day 7: Simien Mountains – Gondar.
Drive to Gondar to visit the former village of the Falasha. Spend the afternoon exploring the Royal Enclosure and its buildings. The fortress, which is surrounded by a wall, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Other royal buildings of interest include the library of Emperor Yohannest, the House of Song, the banquet hall of Emperor Bakaffa, the palace of the king’s wife, the nearby bath of King Fasilades and the Church of DebreBirhan Selasie, with its brightly coloured ceilings. Overnight at Mayleko lodge. [Meals: B]

Mayleko lodge is one of the best properties in Gondar located a short distance from the ancient royal enclosures. It is a place where Ethiopian tradition runs true. Situated in pristine landscape, the lodge offers 21 bungalows that are situated against the backdrop of the Dilha Mountain and have spectacular views.

Special Inclusion:
The UNESCO World Heritage site of Falasha - the fortress-city of Fasil Ghebbi

Day 8: Gondar – Axum.
Fly to Axum. According to local legend, Axum was home to Queen Sheba and is the current resting place of the Ark of the Covenant. Take a city tour that includes the Archaeological museum of Axum and the Cathedral of St. Mary of Zion, thought to be built on one of the oldest Christian sites in Africa. In the afternoon, visit the famous Axum Obelisk (UNESCO World Heritage Site), the ruin palace and tomb of King Kabeb and King Gebre Mekkel and the residence of Queen of Sheba (9th century BC). Overnight at the Sabean Hotel. [Meals: B]

The Sabean Hotel is perfectly located close to all of the main tourist attraction in Ethiopia’s oldest and holiest city. A great base with a modern feel, it’s an ideal hotel from which to explore Axum and offers free wifi and an on-site restaurant.

Special Inclusion:
Visiting the UNESCO world heritage sites of Axum

Day 9: Axum – Lalibela.
Fly to Lalibela, arguably one of the most important religious and historical sites in Africa and the Christian world. There are no less than 200 churches in Lalibela, with some hidden in enormous caves. These brilliant feats of engineering and architecture are often referred to as the “Eighth wonder of the world”. Legend has it that King Lalibela was exiled in Jerusalem and returned to Ethiopia to build a new Jerusalem.

Special Inclusion:
Church of Saint George (Bete Giyorgis) Lalibela, Ethiopia

Mural woman in the Aba Galam, Ethiopia

Church of Saint George (Bete Giyorgis) Lalibela, Ethiopia

Egyptian Obelisk in the courtyard of the Cairo Museum

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In the afternoon, visit the first group of the churches which represent the heavenly Jerusalem. In this group are Bete Gabriel & Raphael, Bete Queen of Sheba, Bete Emmanuel, and Bete Abba Libanos. Finally, visit the most interesting cross-shaped church of Bete Giorgis (St. George), which is said to be the symbolisation of Noah’s Ark. The cruciform-shaped Bete Giorgis is the most beautiful church herewith interiors dominated by depictions of Saint George killing the dragon. In the afternoon, visit a family in Lalibela to experience Ethiopian cooking and a coffee ceremony.

Maribela Hotel. Overnight at Maribela Hotel. [Meals: BLD]

Special Inclusion:
Private tour of the UNESCO Rock-Hewn Churches, Lalibela

Day 11: Lalibela – Addis Ababa.
Transfer to airport for your flight to Addis Ababa. Visit Merkato, the largest open-air market in Africa. In the evening, enjoy a farewell dinner party in one of the traditional restaurants in Addis Ababa and overnight at the Golden Tulip Hotel. [Meals: BLD]

Day 12: Addis Ababa – Cairo.
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[The Meridian Pyramids Hotel and Spa – see description on page 2.]

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[Sonesta St Georges Hotel – see description on page 2.]

Special Inclusion:
Sound and Light Show at Luxor Temple

After breakfast you will board The MY Alyssa Nile Cruise boat for your 4 night cruise to Aswan with all excursions guided by knowledgeable Egyptologists. After lunch, depart on a tour to the Luxor Temple, visit Karnak Temple and return to our boat for dinner and overnight. [Meals: BLD]

[Nile Cruise boat, MY Alyssa – see description on page 2.]

Today we visit the West Bank. Stroll around the ruins at the Valley of the Kings, used primarily for the burials of pharaohs such as Tutankhamun, Seti I and Ramesses II, as well as other elites of the 18th, 19th and 20th dynasties. Admire the massive stone statues of the Colossi of Memnon, and the mortuary temples of the Temples of Hatshepsut. Return to the boat for dinner and overnight. [Meals: BLD]

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[Semiramis Intercotnental – see description on page 3.]

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Day 21: Departure flight.
Leisurely breakfast then transfer to the airport for your flight back to Australia. [Meals: B]

Day 22: Arrive Australia.
Flights & taxes included ex Australia

Visiting Cape Town, Victoria Falls, Masai Mara & Egypt ex Australia

Itinerary

Day 1: Australia to Cape Town.
Depart Australia on your flight to Cape Town.

Day 2: Cape Town.
On arrival you will be privately met and transferred to The Portwood Hotel, located on the V&A Waterfront for four nights accommodation including breakfast daily. Afternoon at leisure to relax.

Experience a piece of Cape Town’s rich history when you stay at The Portwood Hotel. Located at the entrance to the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, the lobby and restaurant are built around a 300 year old well and the cells which held prisoners on their way to Robben Island.

Day 3: Cape Point.
Bring your camera! Our full day scheduled Cape Point tour to the south western tip of the Cape Peninsula offers some of the most spectacular views in the world. Drive along the Atlantic coast, passing through the cosmopolitan suburbs of Sea Point and Camps Bay to Hout Bay and onto the Cape Point, a breathtaking rocky promontory. Return via Simons Town and the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens. [Meals: B]

Day 4: Winelands.
Full day scheduled Winelands Tour - explore vast estates as we take you along the Cape Winelands’ principal route through Paarl, Stellenbosch and Franschhoek. Relax in the shade of giant oak trees and towering mountains overlooking lush valleys. Our Winelands tour is a day filled with fine wines, great food and spectacular scenery. [Meals: B]

Day 6: Cape Town to Victoria Falls.
Breakfast and transfer to the airport for flight to Victoria Falls. On arrival privately met and transferred to the Victoria Falls Safari Lodge for three nights accommodation. Enjoy an afternoon sunset cruise on the mighty Zambezi River. Dinner tonight at the Makuwa Kuwa Restaurant. [Meals: BD]

Voted the best Safari Lodge in Zimbabwe for 20 years running, the world-famous Victoria Falls Safari Lodge offers easy access to the iconic Victoria Falls, coupled with a wildlife experience that is truly unrivalled.

Day 7 – 8 – Victoria Falls.
During your stay at Victoria Falls, we have included a guided tour of the falls and all meals, including a dinner at the interactive Boma Restaurant, plus time at leisure to experience the many optional activities available to you at the falls. [Meals: BLD]

Day 9: Victoria Falls – Nairobi.
Early breakfast at the lodge, transfer to the airport for your flight to Nairobi. On arrival you will receive a private meet and greet transfer to The Boma Hotel for overnight. [Meals: B]

Day 10: Nairobi – Masai Mara.
Breakfast, then time to visit the Giraffe Centre and Daphne Sheldrick’s Elephant Orphanage. A light lunch is included then depart on your afternoon scheduled flight to the Masai Mara Game Reserve. On arrival transfer in your safari vehicle to Mara Serena Lodge for four nights accommodation including all meals and game activities. Dinner and overnight at the lodge. [Meals: BLD]

Special Inclusion
Vulture Culture lunches and dinner at the Boma

1. Visit to the Cape Winelands & Cape of Good Hope
2. Sunset cruise on the mighty Zambezi River
3. Dinner at the Boma restaurant
4. Game viewing in the Masai Mara
5. Great Pyramids of Giza & Sphinx
6. Temples of Abu Simbel
7. 4 night Luxury Nile River Cruise
8. Valley of the Kings & Queens
9. Tutankhamun’s treasures in the Egyptian Museum

Special Inclusions
1. Wine tasting in the Cape Winelands
2. Vulture Culture lunch at Victoria Falls
3. Dinner at the Boma, Victoria Falls
4. Hippo Pool breakfast in the Mara
5. Entry into the Great Pyramid of Giza
6. Sound & Light Show at Luxor Temple
7. Entry into Tutankhamun’s Tomb (when available)
8. Visit the Royal Mummy Room in the Egyptian Museum
9. Fly-in tour to UNESCO World Heritage Site, Abu Simbel

Transportation
1. Private vehicle
2. Flights
3. Nile River Cruise with Felucca day tour

From $15,150* per person, twin share

From the Cape to Cairo 2019/20 - 25 Days
Morning and afternoon or Full Day Game drives in Mara – its your choice! Its time to set out and see some magnificent wildlife in the world famous Masai Mara Game reserve under the guidance of your experienced guide.
You will have the opportunity to see the Big Five – Lion, Leopard, Rhino, Buffalo and Elephant plus a multitude of plains game and birds. Meals will be taken at the lodge. [Meals: B] Special Inclusion: Entrance to the Great Plains of Giza
Day 14: Nairobi.
A morning game drive and breakfast before a short flight brings you back to Nairobi for an overnight at the Four Point Sheraton located near the airport. [Meals: B] Special Inclusion: Hippo Pool breakfast in the Mara
Day 15: Nairobi – Cairo.
On arrival into Cairo you will be transferred to your luxury hotel for 2 nights, including breakfast daily. (Le Meridien Pyramids Hotel and Spa – see description on page 2.) Special Inclusion: Entry into the Great Pyramids of Giza
Day 16: Giza.
Depart on your private guided tour under the guidance of a local Egyptologist. Visit Memphis and Sakkara — a vast, ancient burial ground, serving as the necropolis for the Ancient Egyptian capital, Memphis. Sakkara features numerous pyramids, including the world-famous Step pyramid. Explore the Great Pyramids of Giza, including entering Cheops — the largest Pyramid still standing — and visit the nearby Great Sphinx. [Meals: B] Special Inclusion: Sound and Light Show at Luxor Temple
Day 17: Cairo – Luxor.
Transferred to the airport for your flight to Luxor and your luxurious Hotel on the banks of the Nile. Time at leisure this afternoon or an optional Felucca trip on the Nile. This evening you will be transferred to the magnificent Luxor Temple to enjoy the sound and light show and walk through the beautifully lit temple at night. Return to your hotel. [Meals: B]
Special Inclusion: Sound and Light Show at Luxor Temple
After breakfast you will board the NY Alyssa Nile Cruise boat for your night cruise to Aswan with all excursions guided by knowledgeable Egyptologists. After lunch, depart on a tour to the Luxor Temple, visit Karnak Temple and return to our boat for dinner and overnight. [Meals: BLD] Special Inclusion: Entry into the Tutankhamun Tomb (when available)
Today we visit the West Bank. Stroll around the ruins at the Valley of the Kings, used primarily for the burials of pharaohs such as Tutankhamun, Seti I and Ramesses II, as well as other elites of the 18th, 19th and 20th dynasties. Admire the massive stone statues of the Colossus of Memnon, and the mortuary temples of the Temple of Hatshepsut. Return to the boat for dinner and overnight. [Meals: BLD] Special Inclusion: Sound and Light Show at Luxor Temple
Today you will tour Edfu, site of the Ptolemaic Temple of Horus. Set sail for Kom Ombo as you enjoy lunch on board. Explore Kom Ombo Temple— dedicated to the crocodile-god Sobek, and the falcon-god Haroeris. Return to your boat for an on board dinner and galabeya party. [Meals: BLD] Special Inclusion: Visit to Kom Ombo Temple
Day 21: Aswan.
Sail to Aswan to see the High Dam and the Temple of Philae, dedicated to the love goddess, Isis. Lunch will be served on the boat. Afternoon tea and dinner will be served back on your cruise boat as you overnight on board. [Meals: BLD] Special Inclusion: Visit to the Temple of Philae
After breakfast, transfer to Aswan Airport for a short flight to the magnificent Abu Simbel Temples — 2 massive rock temples part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the “Nubian Monuments”. Originally carved out of the mountainside in the 13th century BC, they serve as a lasting monument to the king and his queen, Nefertari. Return to the airport for your flight to Cairo and private transfer to the Semiramis Intercontinental Hotel for 2 nights. [Meals: B] Special Inclusion: Sound and Light Show at Abu Simbel
Day 23: Cairo.
A guided tour of the greatest collection of Egyptian Monuments at the Egyptian Museum, including Tutankhamun’s Sarcophagus and a visit to the Mummies Room. Explore the Citadel of Salah El Din with its medieval architecture, the Mohamed Ali Mosque and roam the streets to explore the Khan El Khalili Bazaar. Return to the hotel for overnight. [Meals: B]
Special Inclusion: Private guided tour of the Egyptian Museum, including the Royal Mummy Room
Day 24: Departure flight.
Leisurely breakfast then transfer to the airport for your flight back to Australia. [Meals: B] Special Inclusion: Private guided tour of the Egyptian Museum, including the Royal Mummy Room
Day 25: Arrive Australia.
Leisurely breakfast then transfer to the airport for your flight back to Australia. [Meals: B]

**Inclusions and Prices**

- **Departures**
  - Daily, minimum 2 pax.
- **Includes**
  - Accommodation as per itinerary
  - All private transfers & private day touring
  - 4 night Nile River Cruise
  - Meals, entry fees & touring as per itinerary
  - Internal flights & International flights & taxes on – EY, EK, TG, QF, SQ, SAA, ET (subject to availability)
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  - From $15,150 pp twin share (single supp on request)
  - Refer to our website for most up-to-date pricing: www.africasafario.com.au

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**Itinerary**

**Day 1: Arrive Cairo – Giza.**
On arrival into Cairo, you will experience a private meet and greet by our staff and be transferred through the sprawling city of Cairo to your luxury hotel. Check into the luxurious Marriott Mena House for 2 nights in a Pyramids View Deluxe Room, including breakfast daily. This 5-star deluxe hotel offers guests majestic view over the ancient Pyramids of Giza.

The 5-star Marriott Mena House has welcomed numerous heads of state and allows travellers to bask in its storied history while benefitting from modern luxury. Luxurious rooms with private balconies offer views of the gardens, hotel pool or the Pyramids.

**Day 2: Giza.**
Depart this morning on your private guided tour under the guidance of a local Egyptologist. Begin with a visit to Memphis and Sakkara - a vast, ancient burial ground, serving as the necropolis for the Ancient Egyptian capital, Memphis. Sakkara features numerous pyramids, including the world-famous Step pyramid. You will explore the Great Pyramids of Giza, including entrance into the largest Pyramid still standing, Cheops – built almost 4,500 years ago. Visit the nearby Great Sphinx, with the body of a lion and head of a king. [Meals: BL]

**Special Inclusion:**
- Entry into the Great Pyramid of Giza

**Day 3: Cairo – Luxor.**
Met at your hotel and transferred to the airport for your flight to Luxor. On arrival, you will be privately met and transferred to the luxurious five-star Sofitel Winter Palace Hotel, located on the banks of the Nile, in a city of ancient pharaonic treasures. Time at leisure this afternoon to enjoy the hotel or the Pyramids. Rooms with private balconies offer views of the gardens, hotel pool or the Pyramids.

**Special Inclusion:**
- Sound & Light Show at Luxor Temple

**Day 4: Luxor – East Bank.**
Very early departure from the hotel for a Balloon Safari over the Valley of the Kings – a once in a lifetime experience. Later you will be transferred to the dock to board our luxurious Oberoi Cruise Boat – the Philae or Zabra – in a Deluxe Cabin for your 4 night cruise between Luxor and Aswan. Experience the unforgettable sights of Upper Egypt in comfort and style. All excursions are guided by knowledgeable Egyptologists whose vast experience and knowledge help bring Egypt alive.

After lunch, depart on a guided tour to the Luxor Temple located on the east bank of the Nile River. Luxor Temple was once connected to Karnak Temple by a 3-kilometre-long Avenue of Sphinxes. Two 25m pink granite obelisks built by Ramesses once stood before the gateway but today only one remains as the other stands in the Place De La Concorde in Paris. We will then visit Karnak Temple, dedicated to the Pharaoh Amen. The massive temple complex of Karnak was the principal religious centre of the god Amun-Re in Thebes during the New Kingdom. We return to our boat for dinner and overnight. [Meals: BL/D]

**Special Inclusion:**
- Balloon Safari over the Valley of the Kings

The luxury Nile Cruise boat, Oberoi Philae, has twenty-two spacious cabins and suites, each offering River Nile views, luxurious bathrooms and complimentary Internet. It is the perfect place to relax and unwind.

For never ending River Nile views, you can simply open your window. Take in the sights from your comfortable armchair or from the comfort of your bed. Decorated in a natural palette, with clean lines and natural fabrics, these luxurious and spacious cabins also include a living space and a bathroom with a shower. The boat offers a main restaurant, a poolside restaurant and a Bar and Cigar Lounge. The Oberoi Philae Spa has private treatment rooms with River Nile views. There is also an onboard beauty salon for ladies and gentlemen.
Today you visit the Great Pyramid of Giza. This is the largest pyramid on the site and its dimensions have often been considered a wonder of the ancient world. The pyramid is surrounded by a massive wall of stone, and the entrance to the Great Pyramid is through a series of chambers and passages that lead to the king's chamber. It is a marvel of ancient engineering and a testament to the skill of the ancient Egyptians. The gardens and nearby Bazaar provide a pleasant setting for a leisurely stroll. As you explore the area, you can enjoy the local cuisine and learn about the history and culture of the region. The night will be spent at the luxurious 5-star Marriott Mena House for 2 nights in a Pyramids View Deluxe Room, offering guests majestic views over the ancient Pyramids of Giza.

Today you will tour Edfu, site of the Ptolemaic Temple of Horus. Set sail for Kom Ombo as you enjoy lunch on board. Explore Kom Ombo Temple dedicated to the crocodile-god Sobek and the falcon-god Haroeris. Return to your boat for an on board dinner and galabeya party. The night will be spent at the luxurious five-star Sofitel Winter Palace Hotel, located on the bank of the Nile. It is a magnificent property situated on the edge of the Nubian Desert, with stunning views of Elephantine Island. This stylish property blends modern facilities with traditional charm, offering guests air-conditioned rooms with a flat-screen TV, a bathroom with a free-standing bathtub, a shower, and a private changing room. Egyptian furnishings and art de recevoir. Discover sophisticated interiors by Sybille de Margerie in the historic Palace; a world of Moorish arches, ruby red chandeliers, and floor-to-ceiling windows that open onto pleasure, with floor-to-ceiling windows that open onto.

Day 7: Aswan.
Sail to Aswan to see the High Dam and the Temple of Philae. Dedicated to the love goddess Isis, the temple is only accessible by boat and was turned into a church of St. Stephen under Emperor Justinian. Lunch will be served on the boat. Afternoon tea and dinner will be served back on your cruise boat as you overnight onboard.

Day 8: Aswan.
Following a leisurely breakfast, disembark and transfer to the luxurious Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Hotel Aswan for overnight. Afternoon at leisure to relax at the magnificent hotel on the bank of the Nile. The Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Hotel rises grandly from a pink granite shelf at the edge of the Nubian Desert, with views of Elephantine Island. This stylish property blends Pharaonic treasures with French art de recevoir. Discover sophisticated interiors by Sybille de Margerie in the historic Palace; a world of Moorish arches, ruby red chandeliers, plush Persian carpets, soft armchairs and hand-carved furnishings. The renowned 1902 restaurant, resplendent with an Arabian dome, celebrates cuisine francaise and vintage wines. Celebrate with whisky and wine at The Bar, a Sir Winston Churchill favourite. Sip fruit cocktails on the Promenade or Yasmine, and high tea on The Terrace.

Day 9: Abu Simbel.
Transfer to Aswan Airport and a short flight takes us to the magnificent Abu Simbel Temples — two massive rock temples situated on the western bank of Lake Nasser. The complex is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the “Nubian Monuments”. 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 and his queen Nefertari, and commemorate his victory at the Battle of Kadesh. The complex was relocated in its entirety in 1968 under the supervision of a Polish archaeologist, 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.

Day 10: Cairo.
With our Egyptologist, we head to the Egyptian Museum for a guided tour. This museum holds the greatest collection of Egyptian Monuments including Tutankhamun’s Sarcophagus. We have included a visit to the Mummies Room. Explore the Citadel of Salah El Din with its medieval architecture, the Mohamed Ali Mosque and roam the streets to explore the Khan El Khalili Bazaar. Return to the hotel for overnight.

Day 11: Departure.
Leisurely breakfast then transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

Oberoi cruise cabin upgrades

Note: There are no Oberoi Cruise departures in June, 2020 (but an alternative cruise boat may be used).

Oberoi Suite

These suites have been carefully designed for your cruising pleasure, with floor-to-ceiling windows that open onto River Nile views. The spacious interiors include a king size bedroom, a living room, a bathroom with a stand-alone bathtub, a shower and a private changing room. Egyptian modern artworks provide the finishing touch.

Oberoi Luxury Suite with Terrace

Uninterrupted River Nile views can be enjoyed from your king size bedroom, from a sun lounger on your private terrace or from your private heated outdoor whirlpool. The stunning interiors are decorated in a relaxing natural palette, with touches of Egyptian modern art. They also include a living room, a bathroom with a free-standing bathtub, a shower and a private changing room.

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