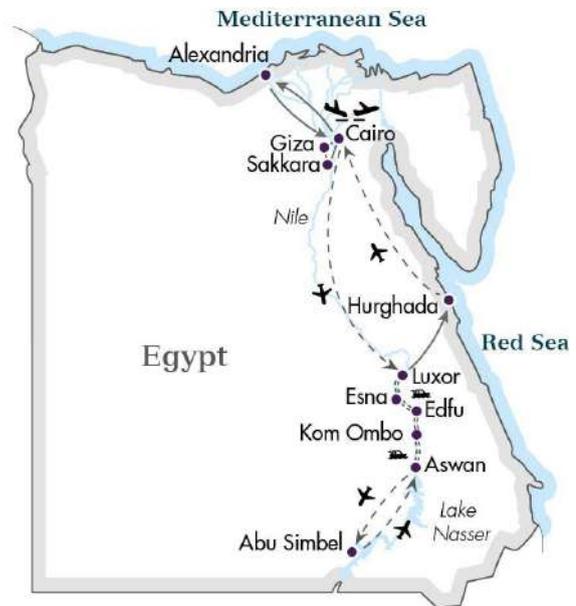


# Ancient EGYPT & the Nile

**2024** February 20 — March 8  
**2024** April 16 — May 3  
**2024** October 22 — November 8  
**2024** November 19 — December 6



## **DAYS 1 & 2 • GOODBYE CANADA, SALAM EGYPT!**

Enjoy a private car ride to the airport. Travellers departing from the Toronto airport are assisted with their check-in. Meet your dedicated Group Guru and fellow travellers in Toronto before flying to Cairo. Upon your arrival, our luxury coach takes you to your hotel to settle in, before enjoying a non-alcoholic welcome cocktail and dinner. Overnight in Cairo. (L,D)

## **DAY 3 • TOUR THE GREAT PYRAMIDS**

Today is all about the pyramids! After breakfast at the hotel, depart for Sakkara where you'll visit the Djoser Pyramid, the earliest colossal stone building in Egypt. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant while soaking in the historical courtyard surrounded by ceremonial structures and pyramids. After lunch, travel to Giza, home to some of the most impressive ancient monuments in the world. Enter the pyramid site to see the Great Sphinx and the Great Pyramid of Giza, tomb of the pharaoh Khufu. Venture inside one of the pyramids and explore its mysterious chambers before returning to Cairo for dinner. Overnight in Cairo. (B,L,D)

## **DAY 4 • DISCOVER CAIRO**

Spend the day exploring the sprawling capital of Egypt, a political and cultural hub with intricate Islamic architecture around every corner. Start with a visit to the Egyptian Museum of Cairo and the largest collection of Egyptian antiquities, most notably the golden mask of king Tutankhamun. Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant before navigating the winding alleys and market stalls of the world-famous Khan el Khalili Souk in the historic center of Cairo. Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Cairo. (B,L,D)

## **DAY 5 • DAY TRIP TO ALEXANDRIA (227 KM)**

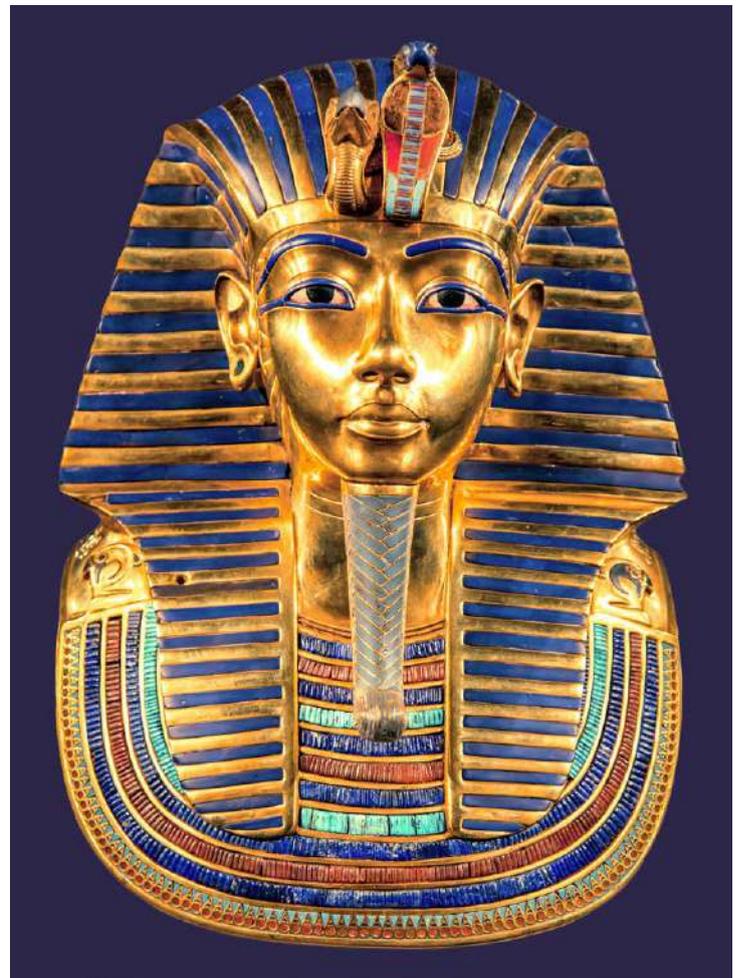
Roadtrip this morning to Alexandria, historically known as the capital of knowledge and learning. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before visiting the famous Alexandria library, a striking building covered in carvings with four museums, four art galleries, a planetarium, and a reading room with 11 cascading floors. After filling your mind with knowledge, visit the Roman Theater and explore the catacombs of Kom el-Shoqafa, one of the seven wonders of the Middle Ages. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Cairo. (B,L,D)

## **DAY 6 • CAIRO: CROSSROAD OF CIVILIZATIONS**

Our exploration of "The city of all cities" continues with a guided tour of Cairo. Begin with a visit to the Museum of Civilization before making your way to the magnificent church of Abu Serga, one of the oldest Coptic churches in Egypt, and the striking Amr Ibn al-As Mosque, the first mosque ever built in Egypt. Dinner at hotel. Overnight in Cairo. (B,L,D)

## **DAY 7 • ALL ABOARD OUR CRUISE OF THE NILE (FLIGHT)**

Fly from Cairo to Luxor, one of the oldest inhabited cities in the world. Luxor is known as the 'greatest open-air museum', and you'll understand why once you see the monuments, temples and tombs that line the ancient avenues of this city. Board the ship which will be your home for the next seven nights as you embark on your cruise of the Nile. Lunch and dinner on board. (B,L,D)





THE PYRAMIDS OF GIZA

#### **DAY 8 • LUXOR & ESNA**

Enjoy breakfast on board before departing for the Valley of the Queens and Valley of the Kings, the burial site of many pharaohs and their wives. 62 tombs are known to exist in the Valley of the Kings and you'll have the opportunity to visit three of them. Your guide will be sure to steer you clear of the long dark corridors that suddenly drop off, an old architectural trick to deter robbers. Afterwards, visit the Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut, one of the only female Pharaohs, and marvel at its masterful architecture. Lunch, dinner and overnight on board. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 9 • A DAY DEDICATED TO THE GODS**

Begin your day in Esna, a thriving merchant town filled with beautiful textiles and exotic finds. Continue your cruise towards Edfu where you'll visit the Temple of Horus, named after the falcon-headed god of war and the sky. Enjoy lunch on board as you sail to Kom Ombo. Visit the temple of Kom Ombo, a unique temple with two alters dedicated to Sobek, the god of crocodiles, and to Haroeris, another god of the sky whose eyes were believed to be the sun and the moon. Dinner and overnight on board. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 10 • KOM OMBO TO ASWAN**

Float down the Nile towards Aswan, home of the Aswan High Dam and the Philae Temple. Visit the enormous unfinished obelisk created under Hatshepsut's reign. With marks from the workers' tools still visible, this historical monument offers insight into ancient Egyptian stone working techniques. In the afternoon, embark on a traditional felucca ride around Elephantine Island to the colorful Nubian village. Lunch, dinner and overnight on board. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 11 • JOURNEY UP THE NILE & ABU SIMBEL (FLIGHT)**

Today we turnaround and head back north up the Nile, passing by historic towns and temples on our way back to Kom Ombo. Enjoy some free time or fly to Abu Simbel for an optional visit to the magnificent Abu Simbel Temples, built to honour Ramses II and Nefertari. Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant. Dinner and overnight on board. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 12 • KICK BACK & CRUISE UP THE NILE**

Begin your day in Kom Ombo and gently cruise along the Nile until you reach Esna. Spend the day relaxing onboard and soaking in the picturesque surroundings along the Nile. Lunch, dinner and overnight on board. (B,L,D)



HURGHADA

### **DAY 13 • RETURN TO LUXOR**

Enjoy breakfast on board as you travel along the Nile from Esna to Luxor. Once in Luxor, hop off the ship for a visit to the Temple of Karnak, a vast collection of decayed temples, pylons and chapels stretching over 2 square kilometres. Discover the Temple of Luxor, otherwise known as “the southern sanctuary”. This temple was built to honour the “rejuvenation of kingship” and it’s believed that most of the great pharaohs were coronated here. End your day with the Karnak Sound and Light show while learning about the history of ancient Thebes. Overnight on board. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 14 • EXPLORE HURGHADA (300 KM)**

After breakfast on board, travel to the stunning beach town of Hurgada. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before embarking on a guided tour of the city. This lively fishing village has just as much to see above ground as it does underwater. Stroll down winding roads with colourful buildings and pass by warm, coastal beaches that house rare fish and stunning coral reefs. Explore the old town, El Dahar, and experience the flavours of Egypt by visiting one of the many traditional coffee shops. Enjoy free time until dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Hurgada. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 15 • BEACH DAY IN HURGHADA**

Hurgada is known for its beautiful beaches with brilliant white sand and sparkling turquoise waters. Dip your toes in, or spend the day exploring the shops, restaurants and cafes along the coast. Wander into the old town and marvel at the architecture and quaint market stalls or make your way to the remarkable Mosque El Mina. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner at hotel. Overnight in Hurgada. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 16 • RELAX BY THE RED SEA**

Spend your final full day in Egypt soaking up the sun by the Red Sea. Explore Hurgada at your own pace before joining the group for your farewell dinner. Overnight in Hurgada. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 17 & 18 • HOME SWEET HOME**

After breakfast, enjoy free time at the beach. Have lunch at the hotel before your late check-out, then make your way to the airport for your return evening flight to Canada. Your driver will meet you at the airport to help you with your luggage and drive you home. What a truly amazing experience! (B, L)



KOM OMBO

**18 DAYS**  
ALL-INCLUSIVE  
**\$10,495**

Per person in double occupancy  
Single supplement: \$2,000

**EVERY APPROACH TOUR INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING PERKS:**

- Private car service to and from your home airport
- International and domestic flights
- Meals and excursions that are typically sold separately
- Tips for all service providers
- 24/7 Group Guru (in addition to tour guide and local guides)
- Extensive travel insurance with Manulife Financial

**TOTAL VALUE OF PERKS**  
**\$3,164**

# THIS TOUR INCLUDES



### TOUR ESSENTIALS

- International flights with Air Canada
- 8 nights in first class hotels, 7 nights on-board a Nile river cruise ship
- Dedicated English-speaking tour guide and local guides
- Carefully selected visits, with entrance fees, including entrance to one of the pyramids
- Luxury coach bus transfers and luggage portorage throughout



### FOOD & DRINK

- All 46 meals, including: 15 breakfasts, 16 lunches and 15 dinners
- Farewell dinner (included in meal count)
- Welcome cocktail
- Bottled water daily (2 x 500ml)



### UNIQUE MOMENTS

- Venture inside the Pyramid of Khafre or the Pyramid of Menkaure and explore its mysterious chambers
- Soak in the picturesque scenery as you spend 7 days cruising down the Nile
- Fly to Abu Simbel and stand awe-struck in front of the four colossal statues of Ramses II at the Abu Simbel Temples
- Dip your toes in the Red Sea and lounge on brilliant white beaches in the coastal town of Hurghada