



The Wonders of Cairo and the Red Sea

12 DAYS/ 10 NIGHTS

Day 1 – Tuesday - Departure

Depart New York today for Egypt.

Day 2 – Wednesday -Cairo

Ahlan Wa Sahlan! Welcome to Egypt, Land of the Pharaohs! Upon arrival at Cairo International Airport, your tour representative will greet you, and assist with the transfer to your hotel. After check-in and time to freshen up, meet with the Learning Through Travel representative to discuss the exciting days ahead. A welcome dinner this evening will introduce you to Egyptian cuisine.

Day 3 – Thursday - Cairo

After breakfast, visit the Giza Plateau where there are three Pyramids, the greatest being that of Cheops. It took 100,000 workers more than 20 years to construct. Entrance into one of the pyramids is included. Southeast of the Great Pyramids is the Sphinx, carved out of solid natural rock in about 2650 BC, a magnificent monument with the head of the Pharaoh and the body of a lion. After Lunch, you will be introduced to the masterpieces of ancient art in the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, including the Mummy Room. The museum is home to the vast findings of King Tutankhamen's tomb and other important pieces of Egypt's history. There will be time to shop at the Khan El Khalil Bazaar, known for its narrow alleys. Hundreds of shops are selling all types of Egyptian handicrafts, silver and gold jewelry, cottons, copperware and perfumes.

Day 4 – 10 – Friday – Thursday - Cairo/Hurghada

Today take a flight to Hurghada, where you will embark your one week live aboard dive boat following the Classic Cruise. Starting from Hurghada and sailing north offers a perfect combination of reef and wreck diving. The famous horseshoe shaped reef of Shaab El Erg with its beautiful hard coral gardens is a perfect example of the reefs offered on this cruise along with the chance to see dolphins. Abu Nuhas has four well-known wrecks: Giannis D, Carnatic, The Lentil Wreck and The Tile Wreck, all offering spectacular dives and plenty of fish life. Night dives can be superb in this area as Gubal Island offers protected anchoring for the night. A small wreck 8 – 10 meters makes for a spectacular night dive with lionfish, scorpions fish and its residential giant moray eel. Take a short ride across the straits of Gubal and you visit the most famous wreck of the Red Sea, the

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Thistleghorm! An awe-inspiring World War II British vessel with a cargo full of armaments (Bedford trucks and BSA motorbikes), all destined for the British troops in North Africa. Sunk by the German Luftwaffe it now rests in 30 meters of water. Depending on the divers' experience weather and current conditions, we will try to offer a night dive here. Close by is the Ras Mohammed National Reef Park, offering a morning dive at the "Shark Reef" a sheer wall falling into the blue. The Ras Mohammed National Park is usually the "border" from where the boat heads back to Hurghada.

Day 11 – Friday - Hurghada/Cairo

Return to Cairo today, where the remainder of the day is at leisure or may choose to re-visit some of the city's exiting sites or shop at the famous El Khalili Bazaar. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner.

Day 12 – Saturday - Departure

Farewell to Egypt as you transfer to the airport for your return flight to New York. Arrive home your hearts and minds filled with happy memories of ancient and modern day Egypt.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- International Air New York/Cairo/New York
- Domestic Air Cairo/Hurghada/Cairo
- 2 nights accommodation in Cairo at the Marriott Palace Hotel or similar
- 7 nights Live aboard "Classic Cruise" program
- 1 night accommodation in Cairo at the Heliopolis Fairmont Hotel or similar
- English speaking Egyptologist-guide in Cairo
- Full day sightseeing Pyramids (entrance into 1 pyramid) Sphinx, Egyptian Museum of Antiquities including entrance into the Mummy Room & Khan El Khalili Bazaar
- 10 breakfasts, 8 lunches and 9 dinners
- Transfers Cairo and Hurghada
- Transfer of dive equipment from Cairo to Hurghada
- Sightseeing and transfers by deluxe car or motor coach
- Hotel taxes and service charges and portorage
- Luggage Tags, Travel Bag, Passport Wallet and First Aid Kit

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NOT INCLUDED

- U.S. Departure Taxes, Airport Security, Fuel surcharges (approximately \$325.00 subject to change), charges for overweight/oversized and extra baggage.
- Domestic Air within the U.S.
- Items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, inter-net services, dive equipment, national park fees (if applicable) soft drinks, coffee, tea (except at breakfast), mineral water, alcoholic beverages, Egypt visa, passport fees, gratuities for drivers, guides, transfer personnel, travel insurance, etc.....

Please note: Itinerary sequence subject to change without prior notice due to government regulations and hotel/cruise confirmation. Other cruise itineraries are available upon request.

2009 TOUR COSTS

	TWIN	SINGLE
April 14 – 25	\$3995.00	\$4685.00
April 28 – May 9	\$3995.00	\$4685.00
May 12 – 23	\$3995.00	\$4685.00
June 2 – 13	\$4385.00	\$5065.00
June 16 – 27	\$4565.00	\$5235.00
July 21 – August 1	\$4565.00	\$5235.00
August 4 – 15	\$4565.00	\$5235.00
August 25 – Sep 5	\$4045.00	\$4735.00
September 8 – 19	\$4045.00	\$4735.00
October 13 – 24	\$4025.00	\$4725.00
November 24 – Dec 5	\$3695.00	\$4195.00

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