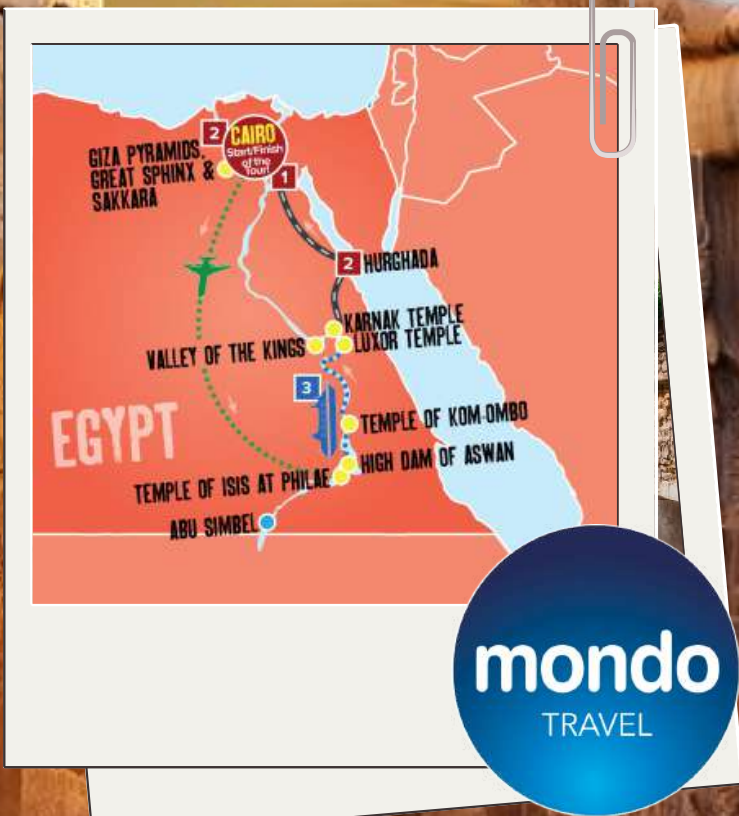


EGYPT NILE JEWEL

9 Days from \$1,380 per person



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Egypt Nile Jewel – 9 Day Tour

This is Egypt at its most epic! Experience the country's ancient wonders and modern-day splendours. Start in Cairo and visit the world-famous Pyramids and the Great Sphinx. Venture into the shifting desert sands to explore ancient temples and the Valley of the Kings. Sail down the Nile River on a 5-star cruise ship and top it all off with a two-night stay in an all-inclusive Red Sea resort. With an enticing mix of history, natural wonders and captivating culture, this Egypt holiday is as good as it gets! There's even some snorkelling and scuba diving in the mix...



Highlights

- Enjoy a 5-star cruise down the Nile on a ship with sundeck and swimming pool.
- Explore ancient temples including Philae & Luxor
- Experience the Great Pyramids at Giza, the Valley of the Kings, and the Karnak temple complex.
- Enjoy a two-night stay in an all-inclusive Red Sea resort.

Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 5 Dinners

Accommodation:

- 5 nights' accommodation in twin share hotel rooms with private en-suite facilities,
- 3 nights' accommodation in twin share cabins with private en-suite facilities on a Nile cruise ship

Single travellers have the option to pay a single supplement to ensure a private room.

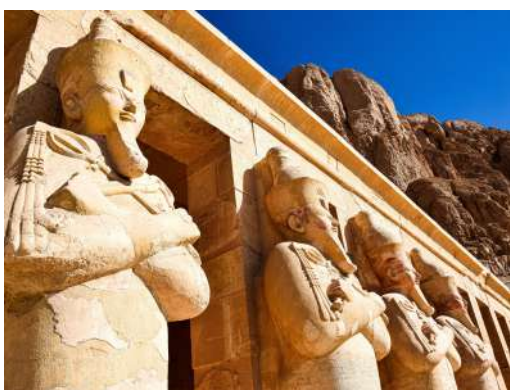
Transport:

- Modern air-conditioned private minibus/coach
- Internal flight from Cairo to Aswan
- 5* Nile cruise ship with sundeck, swimming pool & bar

Trip code: **ENJ-9D**

Destinations: **Egypt**

Duration: **9 days**



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DAY 1: Arrival in Cairo

Welcome to Egypt! Arrive at Cairo International Airport and meet the tour representative who will assist with the immigration process, passport control and baggage collection. Travel to the hotel in Cairo to freshen up before receiving a brief overview of the tour from your Egyptologist tour guide who will accompany the group for the duration of the trip. Find out more about the incredible experiences to look forward to over the following eight days! Relax at the hotel or head out to explore the city during the free time tonight.

Accommodation - Oasis Hotel

DAY 2: Giza Pyramids - Sphinx - Sakkara

This morning, experience the icons of ancient Egypt! Your Egyptologist guide will accompany the group to the Giza pyramid complex. Here, you can see the Great Pyramid of Giza, the Pyramid of Khafre, the Pyramid of Menkaure, and the Great Sphinx. Next, visit Sakkara to see the unique step pyramid of Zoser (also known as Djoser). This is Egypt's first-ever pyramid and is constructed of six tombs built on top of each other. Choose to complete the day on an epic note with an optional sound and light show at the Giza Pyramids or a dinner cruise along the famous Nile River for a night of Egyptian food, culture and dancing!

Experiences

Visit the Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx:

Experience Egypt's most iconic monuments and discover the ancient wonder that is the Giza pyramid complex. Marvel at the awe-inspiring Great Pyramids of Giza and the enchanting Sphinx. Learn more about ancient Egyptian history from your guide.

See the Pyramid of Zoser, Sakkara: See the first pyramid to be built in ancient Egypt! The Step Pyramid of Zoser (also known as Djoser) gets its name from its six tiers that resemble steps. This fascinating ancient site was built in the 27th century BC!

Accommodation - Oasis Hotel

Optional Excursions

- Sound and Light Show at Giza Pyramids US\$46
- Cairo Nile Dinner Cruise & Folklore Show US\$42



DAY 3: Aswan - Philae Temple - Nile Cruise

Catch an early-morning flight to Aswan. Arrive and board the 5-star Nile cruise ship. After some time to freshen up, the Nile quest begins! Start with a visit to the High Dam of Aswan, where your guide will explain how the construction of the dam and subsequent creation of Lake Nasser required the relocation of the Nubian people and several important historical monuments, including Abu Simbel (which can be visited tomorrow). Next, take a short boat ride to Agilkia Island to explore the Temple of Isis at Philae. Built during the Ptolemaic Kingdom (305 BC to 30 BC), the temple is dedicated to Isis, one of ancient Egypt's oldest goddesses! Enjoy the first night of the Nile Cruise tonight.

Experiences

Explore the Philae Temple: Travel along the Nile and encounter the picturesque island of Philae. Built during the Ptolemaic Kingdom (305 BC to 30 BC), the temple is dedicated to Isis, one of the oldest goddesses of ancient Egypt and worshipped as the paragon of motherly virtues. It is believed that the last Egyptian hieroglyph was written on the island of Philae in the late 4th century.

Sail the Nile on a 5-star cruise ship: Enjoy three nights sailing down the Nile River on a 5-star cruise ship. Enjoy the incredible views and onboard pool and sundeck!

DAY 4: Kom-Ombo - Nile Cruise

This morning, enjoy the opportunity to join the optional excursion to the temples of Abu Simbel, two massive temples in southern Egypt. Part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the "Nubian Monuments", these iconic temples were carved out of the mountainside in the 13th century BC, during the

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reign of Pharaoh Ramesses II. The tour then continues with a visit to the Temple of Kom-Ombo, a unique 'double' temple dedicated to both the crocodile god Sobek and the falcon god Haroeris (Horus). After some time to explore the temple, continue onwards to Luxor, where the tour will spend the night on board the 5-star cruise ship.

Experiences

Discover the Temple of Kom-Ombo: This fascinating "double-temple" is unique in that it is dedicated to two gods, the crocodile god Sobek and the falcon god Horus. Admire the perfectly symmetrical twin entrances which showcase a gorgeous view of the riverside.

DAY 5: Luxor - Karnak Temple - Nile Cruise

After breakfast, disembark and tour the East Bank of Luxor. Experience the incredible Karnak Temple Complex which is part of the ancient city of Thebes. Dedicated to the powerful ram-headed god Amun, it offers a vast mix of temples, chapels, statues and obelisks. Next, it's time to explore Luxor Temple, a place of worship that is dedicated to three gods: Amun, his wife Mut and his son Khons. Together these temples and gods were key players in the great Opet Festival which was held each year during the flood season.

Experiences

Explore the immense Karnak Temple Complex: Experience the incredible beauty and ancient history of the Karnak Temple Complex. Often considered the most important Pharaonic site, this grand temple complex features remnants of ancient Thebes and is one of the most visited ancient sites in Egypt.

Visit the temple of Luxor: Discover "the world's largest open-air museum" when visiting the Temple of Luxor. Wander along the enchanting Avenue of Sphinxes and learn more about the Pharaonic and Roman history of the area.

DAY 6: Valley of the Kings - Hatshepsut - Hurghada

This morning, it's time for a tour of the West Bank of Luxor. Visit the world famous Valley of the Kings and explore the incredible tombs of the New Kingdom Pharaohs, such as King

Tutankhamen. Then, experience the Temple of Hatshepsut (Deir El Bahary) which is the mortuary temple of the only Pharaoh Queen that ruled Egypt. The day will finish off with a visit to the great Colossi of Memnon - the last remains of Amenophis III's temple. Finally, hop on board the air-conditioned private bus to Hurghada on the Red Sea coast and look forward to a two-night stay at this all inclusive resort!

Experiences

Tour the Valley of the Kings: A trip to the Valley of the Kings is a highlight of all Egypt and Jordan tours! This is one of the richest archaeological sites on Earth and is home to many tombs belonging to New Kingdom pharaohs, including the famous King Tutankhamun.

Visit the Temple of Hatshepsut: Explore the stunning temple dedicated to Egypt's first and only female Pharaoh! This mortuary temple dedicated to the Pharaoh Hatshepsut is considered a masterpiece of ancient architecture. Parts of the temple were destroyed (it is believed that the Queen's successor carried out the destruction) or restored.

See the Colossi of Memnon: Marvel at the two impressive stone statues dedicated to Pharaoh Amenhotep III.

Stay at an all-inclusive Red Sea resort: Enjoy two nights at an all-inclusive resort situated in Hurghada, on the Red Sea! With a full free day, simply relax in the resort or take part in various optional activities such as snorkelling and scuba diving.

DAY 7: Hurghada: Free Day

This is a free day for you to enjoy however you wish. The resort in Hurghada offers a large swimming pool complex, long sandy beaches and all-inclusive food and drink; total relaxation awaits! Alternatively, choose to take part in any number of water sports activities, including full-day snorkelling and scuba diving excursions. The seas around Hurghada offer some of the best coral reef dive spots in the world, offering the opportunity to see many colourful fish species, including the Red Sea Clownfish, Emperor Angelfish, Picasso Trigger Fish and Moray Eels. Overnight at the resort in Hurghada.

DAY 8: Hurghada – Cairo

This morning, travel back to Cairo by air-conditioned private minibus. Arrive at the hotel with some time to freshen up before setting out to explore more of Egypt's capital city on a tour of Cairo! Begin with a visit to the Egyptian Museum to learn more about the country's incredible ancient history, followed by a tour of the old city of Cairo including the Hanging Church and the Mosque of Mohammed Ali. Afterwards, explore Khan El Khalili, a bazaar crammed with souvenir shops, cafés and shisha bars which is a great place to pick up a few souvenirs!

Experiences

Tour the city of Cairo: Visit the Egyptian Museum in Cairo to learn more about the country's fascinating history. See treasures from King Tutankhamun's tomb and 120,000+ other artefacts on display. Mummies, sarcophagi, pottery, jewellery and more! Visit the Coptic area of Old Cairo, see the Hanging Church (named as such due to being suspended above two Roman gate towers) and the Mosque of Mohammed Ali which sits majestically on the summit of the Citadel of Saladin.

Shop for souvenirs and keepsakes at the bustling Khan El Khalili bazaar: This is a great place to pick up everything from incense and cotton garments to handcrafted metal goods, antique stones and more.

DAY 9: End of tour in Cairo

After nine days spent exploring Egypt's ancient wonders and cruising the Nile River, it's time for the tour to come to an end. The tour will finish after breakfast at the hotel in Cairo. Expat Explore hopes to welcome you on tour again soon and wishes you a safe trip home!

Why this tour?

Egypt is on countless bucket lists and it's easy to see why Egypt tours remain so popular! The country is famous for its ancient history; this

is the land of pyramids, pharaohs and magnificent temples dedicated to ancient gods and goddesses! Combine the historic monuments with the natural splendour and captivating culture and you have a recipe for an unforgettable Egypt tour!

On the Nile Jewel, you'll spend 9 days exploring on a guided Egypt tour that is complete with ancient sites, local guides and a memorable 5-star cruise! Start in Cairo where you can experience the delights of the famous capital on various Cairo tours, catch a flight south to Aswan and travel back north up the Nile River. You'll even make a stop off at a Red Sea Resort – this Cairo Egypt package really does have everything included in just over a week!

Additional Costs:

Local Payment – Your tour guide will collect a local payment of \$40 USD per person. This covers tipping for all services provided during the tour by local drivers, waiters and hotel staff etc.

Tipping Your Egyptologist tour leader is not included in the above tipping. As a general guide, we recommended tipping your tour leader \$3-4 USD per person per day at the end of the tour depending on your satisfaction and his/her general attitude.

Entrance Fees Please note that entrance fees for the following experiences on this tour are not included in the tour price. Please keep them in mind as you budget for your trip.

Entrance fees (Egyptian pounds per person):

- 240 EGP, Giza Pyramids & the Sphinx
- 200 EGP, Sakara Pyramid
- 230 EGP, Egyptian Museum
- 200 EGP, Philae Temple
- 160 EGP, Kom Ombo
- 220 EGP, Karnak Temple
- 180 EGP, Luxor Temple
- 265 EGP, Valley of the Kings
- 165 EGP, Hatchepsut Temple
- Free, Colossi of Memnon

Please note: Entrance fees are subject to change. As a guide, 240 EGP is approx. NZD\$13.00

