



## **Egypt 2026**

**Exclusive Private Small Group Tour**

**Fully Escorted from East Maitland**

**21 Days departs 9 February 2026**



### **Day 1 Australia – Cairo. 09 February 2026**

Transfer from Greenhills Travel Centre to Newcastle (Williamstown Airport) or Sydney Airport and board to Cairo. Dinner & Breakfast inflight

### **Day 2 Cairo**

Arrive Cairo 10.25 am. On arrival I will get the visas. We will then go through immigration, collect our luggage and then clear customs. Then the fun starts, we drive through Cairo to our hotel near the pyramids. You will never be a backseat driver again! We should arrive at the hotel

around 1.00 pm and hopefully we can get into our rooms early. Relax by the delightful swimming pool. Golf can also be arranged. Two-night stay: Try not to go to bed too early. Steigenberger Pyramids Hotel Giza. Dinner, own arrangements.

### **Day 3 Cairo**

Today we meet our tour Guide. We begin with a visit to the Great Pyramids of Giza for our guided tour then on to the Sphinx, the mystic creature with the head of a king and the body of a lion. Later we visit Saqqara and here you will see the famous step pyramid of King Zoser, which dates from 2686BC and is the world's oldest major stone structure. Continue on to Memphis, the ancient capital of the Old Kingdom to see the gigantic statue of Ramses II and the great Alabaster Sphinx. Breakfast and Lunch. Steigenberger Pyramids Hotel Giza



### **Day 4 Cairo – Alexandria**

Today we visit El Alamein, located in the Western Desert. It is the site of one of the largest battles of WWII. We visit the Commonwealth War Cemeteries, which contain over 7000 Tombstones overlooking the desert battlefield. We then visit El-Alamein Museum. This museum includes four main halls representing the countries that participated in the El-Alamein Battle: Germany, England, Italy, and Egypt. An outside exhibit weapons and tanks which were used in the battle. Continue on to Alexandria and visit the National History Museum. Two Night Stay: Windsor Palace Luxury Heritage Hotel or Cecil Steigenberger. These are two iconic 4\* hotels in Alexandria. Breakfast, Dinner

### **Day 5 Alexandria**

Situated on the Mediterranean coast, Alexandria exudes a European air and sophistication with Greek and Italian influences. We visit the Catacomb of Kom El Shoqafa-burial places of early Alexandrian Christians which merge old and new Egyptian culture and art. Roman Amphitheatre, and Montazah Gardens which surround the Montazah Palace, once the home of Egyptian royalty.



The new library of Alexandria, an architectural masterpiece, has a massive repository of international manuscripts. Breakfast

### **Day 6 Alexandria – Luxor**

We depart Alexandria at 8.00 am and drive to Cairo via Wadi el Natrun to visit the Monastery of St. Macarius. Originally there were 50 monasteries but only four have survived to modern times. This afternoon we fly to Luxor from Cairo. Overnight Sonesta St, George Luxor. Fantastic Hotel 4.5\* overlooking the Nile. Watch the balloons land while having Breakfast

**Day 7 Luxor** After breakfast visit Karnak Temple built over 2000 years ago and a place of worship for 4000 years. Hear tales of ancient Thebes and the lives of the pharaohs who built the necropolis, seeking to make their mark on the country's most important temple. With its endless courts, halls and huge sacred lake, the scale and complexity of this sprawling temple is overwhelming. After lunch we will visit Luxor Temple. This temple is dedicated to the great God

Amun-Re, his wife Mut and their son Khons, the moon God, all of whom together represent the Theban triad. Breakfast Sonesta St, George Luxor

#### **Day 8 Luxor - Luxor (BLD) Monday 17 February**

Morning free to explore the hotel gardens before we check out of our hotel by 11.00 am and join our Cruise Ship M/S Tamr Henna for lunch. Afternoon free to explore the ship.  
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

#### **Day 9 Luxor - Nile Cruise - Luxor to Edfu (BLD)**

Free morning. You have the option to: Take a Hot Air Ballon Flight or visit the local markets in Luxor, I will be visiting ACE (Animal Care in Egypt) <http://www.ace-egypt.org.uk>.  
Return for lunch and the cruise sets sail for the incredible Esna lock and Edfu.

#### **Day 10 Nile Cruise - Edfu to Kom Ombo (BLD)**

This morning you disembark for a visit to the magnificently preserved Temple of Horus, the falcon God, which dates from the Ptolemaic period. Unique amongst the temples of Upper Egypt, Edfu is located on the west bank of the Nile, normally dedicated to the afterlife. Continue on to Kom Ombo where your boat moors this evening. *Please note: Due to local laws and regulations, the preferred mode of transport available to visit the Temple of Horus in Edfu is by*



*horse and carriage. Unfortunately, some neglectful owners cruelly mistreat their animals. Our guides always endeavour to arrange healthy, well-treated horses with responsible owners for our transport in Edfu, ultimately it is your decision if you wish to partake in the included transportation or we can arrange a taxi at an extra cost. Entertainment show in the evening (Egyptian Galabia Party).*

#### **Day 11 Nile Cruise - Kom Ombo to Aswan (BLD)**

After a relaxing cruise upstream to picturesque Aswan, you will disembark from your cruise boat and take a motorboat to the Temple of Isis at Philae. Built in the third century BC and known as 'Jewel of the Nile', this lovely temple complex is located on an island in the Nile and was dedicated to the goddess Isis. It features well preserved temple buildings, courtyards, reliefs and murals. Continue on to the High Dam, the ancient granite quarries and the unfinished obelisk. We will also visit a Papyrus shop to see the art of papyrus making. The process is simple and remains virtually unchanged since ancient times. There are many original paintings for sale which are a great souvenir.





**Day 12 Nile Cruise - Aswan (BLD)** This morning take an early morning 45 minute flight to the incredible Temples of Ramses II and Queen Nefertari at Abu Simbel in ancient Nubia, arguably the greatest indulgence of any Pharaoh. After lunch on board, you will enjoy a traditional felucca ride to Aswan's botanical gardens located on Elephantine Island. Entertainment show in the evening (Nubian Show).

**Day 13 Nile Cruise - Aswan to Kom Ombo (BLD)**

Set sail early this morning to Kom Ombo, where you will disembark to visit Kom Ombo temple with its unique floor plan, the result of the unification of two temples, each dedicated to a distinct divinity: the crocodile-headed Sobek, God of fertility and Horus, the solar war god. This explains why Kom Ombo is known both as 'House of the Crocodile' and 'Castle of the Falcon'.

**Day 14 Nile Cruise - Luxor (BLD)** After breakfast you will cross to the west bank of the Nile for the first stop at the Colossi of Memnon. These massive quartzite statues once flanked the entrance to Amenhotep III's Mortuary Temple and now stand alone in a field on the way to the Valley of the Kings. You will then visit Deir El Bahari, the incredible Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, the longest ruling female pharaoh whose temple is perhaps the most imposing feature on the West Bank. Finally, the Valley of the Kings, where your entry includes visits to three tombs. Afterwards we will visit an Athabasca factory. Entertainment show in the evening (Belly Dancer & Tanura). (D,B)



**Day 15 Luxor - Cairo (B)**

After disembarking from your cruise ship, transfer to Luxor airport, your flight takes you back to Cairo. Visit to the incredible New Grand Egyptian Museum, home of the greatest collection of Egyptian antiquities in the world, where all that you've seen in Upper Egypt will be brought into perspective. This evening, back to the Pyramids for a spectacular Sound and Light show. Here you will share in tales of the early Pharaohs, who built the sole survivor of the ancient Seven Wonders of the World. Three night stay. Steigenberger Pyramids Hotel Giza. Breakfast

**Day 16 Cairo Sightseeing (B)**

Today we visit the hanging church, St Mary's Coptic Orthodox Church. We continue on to visit Salah el Din's Citadel. Enjoy the breathtaking views of the entire city and across to the pyramids. Visit Mohammed Ali's great Mosque built in a wholly Turkish style between 1830 and 1857. Today we continue to discover Cairo and visit the world-famous Khan el Khalili bazaar. With its labyrinth of bustling alleys, it is an opportunity to pick up some last minute bargains.



**Day 17 Cairo (B)**

**Rest Day in Cairo.** Take it easy around the pool at the hotel. Take a second visit to Grand Egyptian Museum. Revisit the Khan el Khalili bazaar. Golf can be arranged.

**Day 18 Cairo-Dubai (B)**

After breakfast, I transfer to the airport for our flight to Dubai. On arrival in Dubai clear immigration and customs and transfer to the Arabian Courtyard Hotel & Spa 4\* hotel

**Day 19 Dubai (B)**

After breakfast, the city tour, includes visit to Dubai Museum, Abra ride and the Gold Souks. Afternoon free.

**Day 20 Dubai - Sydney (B)**

After an early breakfast transfer to the airport for our flight home. (Dinner inflight)

**Day 21 Sydney (B inflight) 2 March 2026**

*Pricing: \$18,800 per person twin share. Single Traveller \$23,500*

**Inclusions:**

- Fully Escorted from Maitland
- Return private transfers to Sydney or Newcastle Airport from Maitland
- All economy class airfares, taxes & fuel surcharges
- Fully inclusive tour of Egypt, including Abu Simbel by air.
- 7-night All-inclusive Nile Cruise. Nile View Cabins
- Entrance fees to all attractions as per itinerary
- Meals: 20 Breakfast. 8 Lunches. 10 Dinners.
- 5 nights in Cairo see Pyramids of Giza, the Sphinx, El Alamein.
- 2 nights in Alexandria
- 2 nights in Luxor
- 2 nights Dubai with City Tour.
- Air-conditioned bus/coach for all land arrangements.
- Personal Egyptologist/Tour Guide Day 3 to 16 Inclusive
- Gratuities for Egyptologist, tour guides, drivers, cruise staff, porters.

**ACE (Animal Care in Egypt)**

**URGENT APPEAL – duct (aka duck) tape urgently required**

**Old towels or sheets - any size is useful**

**Vet wrap 10 cm - this is a stretchy bandage that sticks to itself**

**Dog collars – all sizes (Used is fine)**

**Flea or worm treatments – for cats and dogs**

**Natural Cotton triangular bandage**

**Crepe Bandage - any size but the larger 15 cm size is more useful**

**Elastoplast - any size but the larger 15 cm size is more useful**

**Animalintex Poultice, Sudocrem**



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