

# King Ramses

13 days | Starts/Ends: Cairo



Visit the towering Pyramids of Giza, relax on a felucca as you cruise down the Nile and discover the ancient wonders of Valley of the Kings, Karnak Temple and Philae Temple, before a few days by the beautiful Red Sea in Hurghada. This is Egypt at its best in 13 wonderful days.

## HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

### Trip Highlights

- Hurghada - Relax at the Red Sea, swim and opt to snorkel or scuba dive in the clear coastal waters
- Cairo - Marvel at the legendary Pyramids of Giza, explore the Necropolis of Saqqara and see King Tut's treasures at the Grand Egyptian Museum
- Luxor West Bank - Discover exquisite tombs at the Valley of the Kings, see the towering Colossi of Memnon and explore the beautiful Temple of Queen Hatshepsut
- Luxor - Roam around the colossal Temple of Karnak and take an optional tour of the beautifully illuminated Luxor Temple at night
- Aswan - Take a leisurely boat trip to Agilika Island to explore romantic Philae

Temple and wander around the colourful souqs

- Nile felucca sailing - Sail the River Nile on board a traditional felucca and spend two nights sleeping under a blanket of stars (or upgrade to a 5 star Nile Cruise)
- Kom Ombo - Visit the Nile side Temple of Kom Ombo

### What's Included

- Breakfast daily, 2 lunches and 2 dinners
- 9 nights 4-5 star hotels, 2 nights aboard felucca (open deck). If booking our Nile Cruise Upgrade, 8 nights 4-5 star hotels and 3 nights Nile Cruiser (en suite cabin)
- Hurghada by the Red Sea stay - Swim, snorkel and relax
- 1 overnight train from Cairo to Aswan (Private 2 berth sleeper cabin)
- Airport arrival and departure transfer on day 1 and day 13
- Touring - Cairo, Giza, Saqqara, Aswan, Luxor and Hurghada
- Escorted by an Egyptian tour guide degree qualified in Egyptology
- All relevant transfer and transportation in private modern air-conditioned vehicles

### What's Not Included

- Tipping Kitty: USD\$60-80pp, paid in local currency
- Entrance Fees: USD\$100-120pp, paid in local currency

- International flights and visa
- Tip for your tour guide. We recommend you allow USD\$5-7 per day, per traveller. Tipping your guide is an entirely personal gesture

## COVID SAFE GUIDE

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 : Cairo

Welcome to Egypt! Upon arrival in Cairo you will be transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free to relax or those arriving early can opt to join our optional Backstreets of Cairo tour which departs the hotel at 10am.

If you'd like to extend your stay in Egypt we also offer a pre or post tour [[Day Trip to Alexandria. [122837]] **Overnight - Cairo**

### Day 2 : Pyramids of Giza



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Bright and early this morning set off on a guided tour to see Ancient Egypt's most famous site: the iconic Pyramids of Giza and Sphinx. Sole survivors from the ancient Greek-listed Seven Wonders of the World, the pyramids are the planet's oldest tourist attraction! Known as Cheops, Chephren and Mycerinus, the pyramids were already more than 2,000 years old. Next we explore the sand-strewn tombs and temples of the ancient necropolis of Saqqara, home to the Zhoser's step pyramid. A visit to a government supervised Papyrus Museum will also be made at some point during today. **Overnight - Cairo (B)**

## Day 3 : The Grand Egyptian Museum

Cairo - Aswan. We take a guided tour of the vast new Grand Egyptian Museum in Giza this morning. In this incredible 490,000 sq.m complex we'll discover a mind-boggling array of relics and antiquities from almost every period of ancient Egyptian history. Arguably the most famous exhibit is the spectacular funerary mask of King Tutankhamun. Made of solid gold and weighing 11kg, the mask was found covering the head of mummy, where it lay inside a series of 3 sarcophagi.

Continuing our tour, we travel on to the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization where the mummies of ancient Egyptian pharaohs are now on display in the Royal Mummies' Hall. Some of the mummies you will see are so well preserved, they still have thick locks of hair, visible finger nails! Then there's time to relax back at the hotel before we board the night train to Aswan this evening.

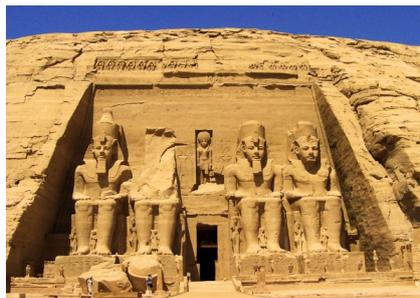
Please Note: the Grand Egyptian Museum is scheduled to open in summer 2022, though an official opening date has yet to be released. If travelling prior to the opening of the new facility we'll visit the Egyptian Museum instead. **Overnight - Sleeper Train (B)**

## Day 4 : Philae Temple



Aswan. After arrival into Aswan and hotel check-in we enjoy a boat trip to Agilika Island where we visit the Temples of Philae, dedicated to the goddess Isis and then we visit a perfume oil emporium back in Aswan. Spend the remainder of the evening at your own leisure; shop in the colourful souqs or simply kick back and relax. **Overnight - Aswan (B)**

## Day 5 : Optional Abu Simbel



Aswan - Nile felucca cruise. Early birds can go on an optional excursion to the majestic Temple of Abu Simbel. The gargantuan rock-cut temple at Abu Simbel was created to revere the mighty pharaonic ruler King Ramses II. Guarding the entrance to the temple, the four colossal statues of Ramses II sit majestically, staring out across the desert. In the afternoon we board a felucca for a 2-night journey downstream the River Nile, stopping at villages and islands along the way.

If sailing by felucca is not your style, consider upgrading to a 5 star luxury Nile Cruise, please see the tab above for prices. For more information about Nile Cruising please click [\[here130530\]](#). **Overnight - Felucca Cruise (B, L, D)**

## Day 6 : Felucca sailing & Kom Ombo



Spend a relaxing day sailing the Nile. Admire the views, go for a swim and chill out in the sun on deck. Let your troubles melt away, as the felucca plies its route. In the afternoon we dock near Kom Ombo and take a motorboat to visit the temple, which is dedicated to the crocodile headed god - Sobek, before returning to the felucca for the night. **Overnight - Felucca Cruise (B, L, D)**

## Day 7 : Kom Ombo & Luxor



Kom Ombo - Luxor. This morning we disembark and continue to Luxor. Home of the legendary Valley of the Kings and Temple of Karnak, 4000 year-old Luxor is ancient Egypt at its best. Enjoy some rest and relaxation. Tonight, an optional visit to the Temple of Luxor is available alternatively, enjoy the facilities of our hotel. **Overnight - Luxor (B)**

## Day 8 : Valley of the Kings



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Luxor. This morning we explore the West Bank of the Nile and the legendary Valley of the Kings. Marvel at Colossi of Memnon, the massive stone remains of the temple of Amenophis III, and explore the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut and surrounding tombs.

After lunch we visit the Temple of Karnak, a spectacular religious complex dedicated to the gods, and built on a gigantic scale. Here you can get lost wandering around the stone papyrus columns. The rest of the evening is at leisure. **Overnight - Luxor (B)**

## Day 9 : Red Sea Riviera



Luxor - Hurghada. Departing Luxor we drive east to Hurghada, which is part of the beautiful Red Sea Riviera for 3 days on the beach! **Overnight - Hurghada (B)**

## Days 10-11 : Sun, Sea & Sand

The next 2 days are free to explore Hurghada or simply relax. Today there's an optional day trip to Giftun Island for swimming and snorkelling, which can be booked locally.

Hurghada is one of the Red Sea's most popular resorts and it is easy to see why. Hotels and expanded infrastructure provide holidaymakers with excellent aquatic facilities for sail boarding, yachting, deep-sea fishing, SCUBA diving and snorkeling. Hurghada's central location provides a gateway to prime offshore reefs, which are some of the finest in the world. Hurghada also has plenty of restaurants and late night bars for evening entertainment. Just outside Hurghada is an ancient Roman quarry called Mons Porphyritis and Port Safarga – a famously windy place which is ideal for windsurfing. **Overnight - Hurghada (B:2)**

## Day 12 : Cairo - your way



Hurghada - Cairo. This morning we drive to Cairo. The remainder of today is free for you to relax or explore Egypt's capital at leisure. You can opt to join us on a visit to Khan el Khalili bazaar, the ideal place for some last minute souvenir shopping. **Overnight - Cairo (B)**

## Day 13 : Cairo



Cairo. After breakfast, hotel check-out and onward transfer to the airport.(B)

### HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

**Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.**

### Holiday Inn Cairo Maadi

Overlooking the Nile and offering distant views of the Great Pyramids of Giza, this Holiday Inn provides the perfect location for your stay in Cairo. Each guestroom features a balcony (not Nile View as standard) and is well-equipped with modern amenities including free WiFi. Evenings can be spent enjoying international or Egyptian cuisine and unwinding with a cocktail at one of the hotel's bars. Thanks to the friendly hotel

staff, you'll soon feel at home. And with panoramic views of the city from the rooftop lounge and pool, there's no better place to base yourself for exploring Egypt's ancient wonders.



### Sleeper Train

When travelling on an overnight train in Egypt, sleeper carriages offer the highest level of comfort. Cabins are equipped with two beds (one above the other), a basin, electric points and air conditioning. Freshly laundered bedding is provided and in the early evening an attendant will come round and make up your bed for you. The carriages have toilets at each end and there is a club car which serves snacks and beverages. In the morning a very basic breakfast is provided.



### Sonesta Hotel Cairo

The Sonesta Hotel & Casino is a sophisticated and luxurious hotel offering spacious, en-suite rooms with opulent furnishings. Enjoy a cocktail at the poolside bar or indulge in a relaxing massage or Turkish steam bath at the full-service spa. With 5 restaurants located within the hotel you'll be spoilt for choice over dining options.



### Tolip Hotel

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Set in manicured gardens, the Helnan Aswan is an elegant hotel with impressive views of the Nile. Guest rooms are spacious with modern interiors and located next to the beautiful pool. Wi-fi is available in the lobby and by the pool. There are also two restaurants and bars, a bowling alley, a swimming pool and a cinema. Why not relax by the pool before exploring the rest of Aswan.



### Felucca Sailboat

Feluccas are simple, traditional Egyptian sailboats that have plied the Nile since ancient times. Feluccas carry between 10 - 12 passengers comfortably. The boat's deck is draped with soft colourful cushions that serve as your lounging area during the day and as your sleeping area at night. A support boat travels alongside your felucca and is on hand if you need to use the toilet. The support boat is also where your meals are prepared and eaten. You'll need to bring a sleeping bag/sheet (or hire for a nominal cost) and a towel with you. The crew, as well as being experienced sailors, are responsible for the preparation of the included meals.



### Sonesta St. George Hotel

An elegant and luxurious classical hotel, the Sonesta's sophistication will ensure you a comfortable stay. The hotel has a sweeping terrace with fantastic views of the Nile, a grand entrance of polished marble and handsomely appointed furnishings with exquisite detail and a beautiful health spa. All its rooms offer views of the city or the river, complemented by a wide range

of restaurants and cafes. Just minutes away you will find the temples at Luxor and Karnak, home to two of ancient Egypt's most famed sanctuaries.



### Steigenberger Nile Palace

The Steigenberger Nile Palace is a grand hotel and stylishly furnished, with many rooms overlooking the Nile River. The hotel has a health club with massage rooms, sauna, steam room and fitness room, and a tennis court on the roof, not to mention a riverside pool. Its four restaurants offer a choice between Nubian, Lebanese, Italian, and Thai cuisine.



### Swiss Inn Resort Hurgada

Set in tropical gardens, the Swiss Inn Resort makes for a comfortable and relaxing stay. The property is equipped with large swimming pools and a private beach. All rooms have a balcony or terrace with views of the garden, pools or sea. Guests can work out in the onsite fitness centre, get active at the watersports centre, enjoy a game of tennis or simply relax with a drink in one of the many bars or lounges.



### Continental Hotel

Tucked into Hurgada Bay, right on its scenic promenade, the Continental is a delightful beachfront resort boasting fantastic terraced rooms (many with

seaviews) and excellent facilities. Watersports are in abundance here with swimming pools, scuba diving and snorkelling all readily available. A leisure club offers a sauna and spa treatments to relax after the day's activities. You can also wine and dine at one of the many great restaurants and bars.



### PRICES / DATES INFO

Departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 4 persons. 'Twin Share' prices are per person when there are 2 people sharing a room. 'Single Room' prices are applicable to those who don't have anyone to share a room with or anyone wanting the privacy of a single room. If you're a solo traveller and happy to share a room this can be arranged, subject to there being another solo traveller of the same gender for you to share with. Please book a single room and contact us if your preference is to room share. Please note: For tours departing from 01 July 2022 single rooms will no longer be compulsory for solo travellers. If you're a solo traveller who is happy to share a room, you can pay the Twin Share price even if we are unable to match you up.

### PRICES / DATES 2021

Date	Twin Share	Single
21 May	USD 1,539	USD 2,004
04 Jun	USD 1,539	USD 2,004
11 Jun	USD 1,539	USD 2,004
02 Jul	USD 1,539	USD 2,004
16 Jul	USD 1,539	USD 2,004
30 Jul	USD 1,539	USD 2,004
06 Aug	USD 1,539	USD 2,004

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13 Aug	USD 1,539	USD 2,004
27 Aug	USD 1,539	USD 2,004
10 Sep	USD 1,593	USD 2,058
17 Sep	USD 1,593	USD 2,058
24 Sep	USD 1,593	USD 2,058
01 Oct	USD 1,593	USD 2,058
15 Oct	USD 1,593	USD 2,058
22 Oct	USD 1,593	USD 2,058
29 Oct	USD 1,593	USD 2,058
05 Nov	USD 1,593	USD 2,058
12 Nov	USD 1,593	USD 2,058
26 Nov	USD 1,593	USD 2,058
03 Dec	USD 1,593	USD 2,058
10 Dec	USD 1,593	USD 2,058
17 Dec	USD 1,807	USD 2,355
24 Dec	USD 1,807	USD 2,355
28 Dec	USD 1,807	USD 2,355

## PRICES / DATES 2022

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21 Oct	USD 1,593	USD 2,058
28 Oct	USD 1,593	USD 2,058
04 Nov	USD 1,593	USD 2,058
11 Nov	USD 1,593	USD 2,058
18 Nov	USD 1,593	USD 2,058
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## PRICES / DATES 2022

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14 Jan	USD 1,593	USD 2,058
21 Jan	USD 1,593	USD 2,058
04 Feb	USD 1,593	USD 2,058
18 Feb	USD 1,593	USD 2,058
25 Feb	USD 1,593	USD 2,058
04 Mar	USD 1,593	USD 2,058
11 Mar	USD 1,593	USD 2,058
25 Mar	USD 1,593	USD 2,058
01 Apr	USD 1,593	USD 2,058
08 Apr	USD 1,593	USD 2,058
15 Apr	USD 1,807	USD 2,355
22 Apr	USD 1,593	USD 2,058
06 May	USD 1,539	USD 2,004
13 May	USD 1,539	USD 2,004
20 May	USD 1,539	USD 2,004
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