

12 Days | Pharaohs and Pyramids | With VIKING

Cairo - Luxor - Esna - Aswan - Kom Ombo - Edfu - and more...

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Discover Egypt, ancient & modern in Luxury with VIKING

Uncover the ancient secrets of Egypt amid the welcoming culture of today

See the pyramids from astride a majestic camel and explore the Temple of Karnak's 136 soaring pillars

Visit Queen Nefertari's tomb in the Valley of the Kings and Skim the waters of the Nile by traditional felucca

Description



SAVE \$2000 Per Couple if booked before 28th March 2024!

Embark on a once-in-a-lifetime adventure through the ancient wonders of Egypt with Viking Cruises' immersive 12-day journey, "Pharaohs & Pyramids."

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Designed to captivate the imagination and indulge the senses, this luxury river cruise promises an unparalleled exploration of Egypt's rich history and iconic landmarks, all from the comfort of Viking's elegant ships.

From the moment you step aboard, you'll be greeted by Viking's renowned hospitality and attention to detail. Settle into your luxurious stateroom, where modern amenities seamlessly blend with classic elegance, providing the perfect retreat after a day of discovery.

As you sail along the majestic Nile River, you'll have the opportunity to delve deep into Egypt's storied past, guided by expert Egyptologists who will unlock the mysteries of this ancient civilization. From the breathtaking temples of Luxor and Karnak to the enigmatic Valley of the Kings, each day brings new wonders to explore and marvel at.

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But it's not just about the iconic sights – Viking Cruises goes above and beyond to offer immersive cultural experiences that will leave you with a deeper understanding of Egypt's heritage. Enjoy private tours of exclusive sites, such as the Temple of Hathor in Dendera or the majestic Philae Temple in Aswan, where you can marvel at the intricate carvings and learn about the rituals of ancient Egyptian religion.

And let's not forget about the culinary delights that await you on board. Indulge in exquisite regional cuisine inspired by the flavors of Egypt, accompanied by fine wines and attentive service. Whether you're dining al fresco under the stars or savoring a gourmet meal in the elegant restaurant, each dish is a celebration of the vibrant culinary traditions of the region.

Of course, no journey to Egypt would be complete without experiencing the timeless allure of Cairo and the Great Pyramids of Giza. Viking Cruises ensures that every moment ashore is curated to perfection, with guided tours that offer unparalleled access to these iconic landmarks, as well as opportunities to explore the bustling markets and vibrant culture of modern-day Egypt.

With Viking Cruises' "Pharaohs & Pyramids" itinerary, you'll embark on a transformative journey through the heart of Egypt, where history comes to life in every ancient temple, bustling bazaar, and breathtaking vista. So why wait? Join us on this extraordinary adventure and discover the magic of Egypt with Viking Cruises.



Itinerary

Day 1

Cairo, Egypt

Arrive and check in to your hotel. It has been said of Egypt's exhilarating capital, "He who has not seen Cairo has not seen the world." Certainly, the heart of the nation beats with an unbridled passion in this city made prosperous over millennia as a stopover for Sahara caravans on trade routes to Byzantium. Amid the stimulating strum, the insistent beauty of everyday life reigns here, with the serene Nile sliding through like an entrancing serpent. Cairo's very age mesmerizes; its monuments have stood here for more than 5,000 years.

Accommodation: You will be advised of your Hotel on your booking confirmation

Day 2

Cairo

For centuries, Cairo has played a central role in religious and cultural developments in Egypt. Today, the city is home to the only Wonder of the Ancient World still intact—the Great Pyramids of Giza. And the city's historic district, Old Cairo, boasts the world's highest concentration of Islamic architecture. In addition to these monuments, Cairo has been making efforts as a member of the UNESCO Creative City of Crafts and Folk Art to preserve its traditional craftwork heritage including glassblowing, coppersmithing, pottery, ceramics and jewelry.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: You will be advised of your Hotel on your booking confirmation

Day 3

Cairo

A captivating world that has withstood the tests of time unfolds beyond the medieval walls enclosing Old Cairo. Muizz Street, named for the Fatimid caliph who established Cairo as Egypt's capital in 969, was the city's main thoroughfare, running between the 11th-century city gates Bab al-Futuh and Bab Zuweila. Its splendid Islamic architecture—from elegant mosques and mausoleums to ornate palaces and former residences of Egyptian dignitaries and prominent merchants—provides a glimpse into the glory of the Fatimid dynasty and the periods that followed.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: You will be advised of your Hotel on your booking confirmation

Day 4

Cairo ✈ Luxor 🏛 The Nile

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and fly to your embarkation city. Luxor is set on the east bank of the Nile River and once served as the capital of Egypt's New Kingdom. Today, it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site lined with beautiful colonial hotels and some of the world's most ancient and significant ruins. Many consider this city, watched over by graceful single-sailed feluccas plying the Nile, one of the world's great open air museums. The sprawling Temples of Luxor and Karnak on the east bank are linked by the ancient Avenue of the Sphinxes. On the west bank, in the Valley of the Kings, lie the tombs of Egypt's great pharaohs.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: You will be advised of your Viking Cruise Ship on your booking confirmation

Day 5

🏛 Qena

Known in ancient Egypt as Caene, Qena's situation on the banks of the Nile River has bolstered its prosperity over millennia. Merchants and travelers have long journeyed here from the Red Sea, through the valley, bringing goods from Persia and beyond. The Sheikh el-Qenawi Mosque on the main square serves as a monument to the city's rich and all-embracing Islamic and Sufi past. Qena is mostly known as the gateway to the magnificent ruins of the Dendera Temple. Its stone gate and towering columns adorned with hieroglyphics are some of Egypt's best-preserved structures.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: You will be advised of your Viking Cruise Ship on your booking confirmation

Day 6

🏛 Luxor

Luxor lies amid what is arguably one of the world's largest archaeological sites: Thebes, once a thriving imperial capital. In antiquity, the Nile River ran through Thebes, dividing it into a "City of the Living" and a "City of the Dead." The former referred to the east bank (modern-day Luxor) as this was where the majority of the city's population—and at times, Egypt's rulers—made their home. The west bank (known today as Kurna) was designated the latter as it served as a necropolis, dotted with the lavish resting places of royalty and other nobility.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: You will be advised of your Viking Cruise Ship on your booking confirmation

Day 7

Esna

Ancient Egyptians knew Esna as Latopolis, named for the largest of the perch species that swam in the Nile's sacred waters. Its ancient past lives on in the colorful street market overflowing with fabrics, carpets, brassware, mother-of-pearl keepsakes and more. Esna's glorious Temple of Khnum is celebrated for its 1st-century Roman Hypostyle Hall, 24 columns topped with intricately carved floral capitals. Its walls are adorned with images of Roman emperors making offerings to Egyptian gods.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: You will be advised of your Viking Cruise Ship on your booking confirmation

Day 8

Aswan

Aswan stands at what was once the northern border of ancient Nubia, a remarkable region that encompassed the land eastward from the Libyan Desert to the Red Sea and northward from central Sudan to southern Egypt. As a UNESCO Creative City of Crafts and Folk Art, present-day Aswan strives to preserve its rich heritage. Its efforts include the Aswan Folk Dance Troupe that performs internationally, the Nubian Museum showcasing Nubian daily life and craftwork, and the Aswan International Symposium of Sculpture encouraging the practice of ancient Egyptian granite stone carving.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: You will be advised of your Viking Cruise Ship on your booking confirmation

Day 9

Aswan

Located at the first cataract of the Nile, a set of rapids coursing through a rocky riverbed, Aswan has long been a terminus town on the Nile. Today, the trading tradition continues in the city's lively market near the Nile's banks. The city also thrived due to the massive quantities of granite quarried here to build the country's countless ancient temples, obelisks and pyramids. In the 1960s, completion of the Aswan High Dam created Lake Nasser. As the lake rose, the city became a magnet for archaeologists intent on saving ancient temples from submersion.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: You will be advised of your Viking Cruise Ship on your booking confirmation

Day 10

Edfu Luxor

Edfu is steeped in Egyptian legend. In this sacred place, ancient myth says that the falcon god Horus battled his uncle Seth after Seth brutally killed Horus's father Osiris. To honor Horus, the people of Edfu built a grand temple from 237 to 57 BC, a young structure by Egyptian standards. Egyptologists have paid particular interest to its design, as it closely resembles that of much older temples. Nearby, an ancient settlement provides hints of life along the Nile, with its interesting artifacts dating as far back as 3100 BC.

Moving on later in the day to Luxor. Home to a wealth of archaeological treasures, Luxor boasts a rich history and cultural heritage. One of the best ways to experience this is with a visit to the Luxor Museum. Located downtown, its doors have been opened to the public since 1975, when it was founded under the initiative of the Ministry of Culture of Egypt. Its thoughtfully curated collection showcases artifacts spanning from the Old Kingdom to the Mamluk sultanate. Among its most notable exhibits are those displaying the mummies of Ahmose I and Ramses I, and objects excavated from King Tutankhamen's tomb.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: You will be advised of your Viking Cruise Ship on your booking confirmation

Day 11

Luxor ✈️ Cairo

After breakfast, disembark your ship and fly to your destination. Arrive and check in to your hotel. Souks (marketplaces) are central to Egypt's social, cultural and economic traditions. A microcosm of the city, they provide a glimpse into local life, history, art, crafts and food. And in Cairo, they are in abundance, with one of its most notable lying in the historic heart of the city. Originally established as a caravansary in 1382, Khan el-Khalili is not only the largest souk in Cairo, but also the oldest in the Middle East. Its vast labyrinth of passageways is lined with bustling stalls and shops offering a wide range of goods.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: You will be advised of your Hotel on your booking confirmation

Day 12

Cairo

Cairo has been a cultural capital of the Middle East for years. Its long-awaited Grand Egyptian Museum is the largest archaeological museum in the world and home to King Tut's entire treasure collection. As the hub of the Arab film world, leading stars of the silver screen and television have made Cairo their home. Residents here follow a hectic rhythm, with cars honking, vendors shouting and throngs of people wandering the streets, from morning 'til night. But its infectious spirit makes this bustling capital a delight to explore. After breakfast, check out of your hotel and journey home.

Meals: Breakfast

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions

- 4 nights in a Cairo Hotel
- Internal flights as listed in the itinerary
- 7 nights in a Standard French Balcony Stateroom
- One complimentary shore excursion in every port of call
- Free Wi-Fi (connection speed may vary)
- Visits to UNESCO Sites
- Enrichment lectures & Destination Performances
- Beer, wine & soft drinks with onboard lunch & dinner
- 24-hour specialty coffees, teas & bottled water
- Port taxes & fees
- Gratuities

Accommodation: A Luxury VIKING vessel in a Standard French Balcony Stateroom

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Exclusions

- International Flights
- Items of a personal nature
- Transfers
- Travel Insurance
- Any visas needed

Upgrades: Please enquire with us for a quote and to confirm the availability of your preferred upgrade option onboard the ship.

Availability: The current promotion is very popular and has a very small amount of cabins available. For ALL sailings, please contact us to check availability on your preferred date.

Fitness: Level of fitness: All participants should be in good general health, able to walk reasonable distances over sometimes uneven terrain, and stand during excursions. All guests must be able to make their own way up and down stairs in case of emergency.

You must have a passport with at least 6 months validity from the time of travel

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