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CAIRO & ANCIENT EGYPT RIVER CRUISE

10 day itinerary | Cairo to Cairo |



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Middle Deck

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Upper Deck

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- **2 drinks per guest** with lunch and dinner on board.
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- The services of an **Emerald Waterways tour director.**
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Day 1 Cairo

Welcome to the Egyptian capital, Cairo, whether from home or from our pre-cruise tour of Israel. Generously steeped in history and standing as one of the largest cityscapes in Africa, there is much to be discovered here. You'll be met at the airport by an Emerald Waterways representative and transferred to your centrally-located hotel for a one-night stay in Cairo.

Day 2 Cairo – Luxor


Today, you will be flown from Cairo to Luxor to visit the vast open-air temple complex of Karnak. Witness the ancient hieroglyphs that adorn the pillars still standing among the decaying temples and religious structures, including the hypostyle hall in the Precinct of Amun-Ra.

 Visit the Karnak Temple Complex

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

Day 3 Luxor – MS Hamees Embarkation


Soak in lush panoramas on the west bank of the River Nile this morning as you visit the Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut in Luxor, a woman whose reign is a storied part of Egyptian history. Then, visit the world-famous Valley of the Kings, part of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed site of ancient Thebes. Be left astounded by the colorful depictions of daily life and the afterlife that adorn the tombs.

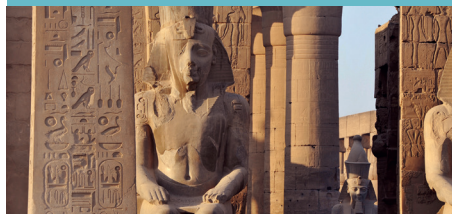
 Visit the Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut and the Valley of the Kings

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 4 Luxor – Dendera – Luxor

History lovers are certain to find themselves entranced by Dendera, where one of the best-preserved temple complexes in Egypt can be found. The ornate and the structured beauty of Hathor Temple is certain to leave lasting impressions. Return to Luxor and visit the hieroglyphs of Luxor Temple, the backdrop of the modern cityscape.

 Cruise to Dendera and witness the majesty of Hathor Temple

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On the east bank of the Nile River, Luxor Temple was built around 1400 BCE. Enjoy a walking tour of this stunning structure, including the Great Hypostyle Hall located within Egypt's political and religious center.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 5 Luxor – Esna – Kom Ombo

Follow in the footsteps of ancient pharaohs today as you weave down the meandering Nile. Flowing north through 11 countries, the Nile is considered by most as the longest river in the world. An important life source to the communities along its banks, this breath-taking waterway has provided water, food and means of transportation for centuries, while ensuring the farmland remained fertile for the production of crops. Not only that, a multitude of wildlife call it home, including turtles, hippos and crocodiles.

Here, charming villages and storied temples pepper the riverbanks, nestled amid vast desert landscapes. Visit Esna Temple and look up to see a plethora of enlightening astronomical scenes. Later in the afternoon, Kom Ombo will highlight the way temples were dedicated to specific gods. A fun-filled evening awaits on board with a lively Galabeya party themed with Egyptian delicacies, music and dancing.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 6 Aswan – Abu Simbel – Aswan

This morning, fly to Abu Simbel to visit one of the most celebrated monuments in Egypt. The UNESCO World Heritage-listed Abu Simbel temples were built by Ramesses II, and they stand as some of the best-preserved in the country. This afternoon, enjoy a guided boat tour on the Nile.

 Visit the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Abu Simbel temples

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In the early evening, sail the longest river in the world in a local boat, as the beauty of the communities along its banks comes into view, accompanied by an insightful commentary by a local guide.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 7 Aswan – MS Hamees Disembarkation – Cairo

Today, bid farewell to your captain and crew and embark on a guided tour of the Philae temple complex. Completed in 690 AD, the complex is a series of ancient temples considered by many as one of the last ancient temples built to the classic Egyptian style. Relocated as part of a UNESCO project in order to protect it from the ever-rising waters of Lake Nasser, it is one of the most popular temples in Egypt. This afternoon, fly to Cairo and for a three-night stay in the bustling capital.


 Visit the Temple of Isis at Philae Island

Meals: Breakfast and lunch

Day 8 Cairo

Discover one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World today, as you visit the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Pyramids of Giza and the Great Sphinx.

Later, you'll visit the home of a local Egyptian family, who will host a spectacular authentic dining experience. Enjoy a tour of the house as you ask questions about daily life in the Egyptian capital, hear insightful tales and view the school work of their children. Then you'll be invited to taste delicious home-cooked food, with the option to ask for culinary tips and recipes to take back home.

 A home-hosted dinner with an Egyptian family

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The oldest of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, learn about the history of Great Pyramids of Giza from your tour director, then visit to the Giza Solar boat museum and the Sphinx.


 Explore the pyramids in Saqqara

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

Day 9 Cairo

This morning, you will have the opportunity to discover some of the priceless antiquities that can be found inside the Egyptian Museum. Opened in 1835 by the Egyptian government as way to protect priceless antiquities from being stolen from archaeological sites, this magnificent museum houses 120,000 artifacts, including an entire section dedicated to 'the boy king', Tutankhamen, and what was recovered from his tomb, an antique jewelry display, ancient sculptures and a royal mummy room. Enjoy perusing exhibits of ancient scrolls, religious artifacts and solid-gold funerary masks.

 A visit to the Egyptian Museum

 A visit to Cairo citadel

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

Day 10 Cairo

After breakfast, it is time to bid farewell to your fellow guests and transfer to Cairo International Airport for your homebound flight or your flight to Jordan for our post-cruise tour.

Meals: Breakfast