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# The Offer

Explore the incredible wonders of Egypt and Morocco on this exciting 18-day tour package. From the stunning landscapes of Morocco to the rich history of the ancient Egyptians, this highlights package offers the perfect blend of culture, history and adventure.

Start your journey in Cairo where you will marvel at the enigmatic Sphinx and the Pyramids of Giza among many other awe-inspiring ancient relics, such as the Great Pyramid of Khufu, then continue on to uncover the historical archaeological sites of Alexandria. Embark on a 4-night 4-star Nile River cruise where you will discover Luxor City, the Valley of The Kings, the temples of Horus, Kom Ombo, Philae and more.

Then, on to exotic Morocco! Discover the Royal Palace of Rabat, the beautiful souks of the Imperial Moroccan city of Meknes and the cultural capital of Fez. You will also visit the museums of Marrakech and the UNESCO World Heritage listed medina of Essaouira and so much more.

With 4-star accommodation and a range of included meals, you can sit back, relax and fully immerse yourself in the local culture. Don't miss this opportunity to discover the ancient

wonders of Egypt and Morocco on this once in a lifetime tour. Book now to secure your spot on this unforgettable journey.

Want more? Upgrade to a 5-star Dahabiya Sailboat for an exceptional and intimate cruising experience on the Nile River.

Add extra days to your itinerary with Arrive Early in Cairo, Egypt, or Stay Behind in Casablanca, Morocco, in the checkout section.

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# The Itinerary

# Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - Cairo, Egypt

Today depart from Australia or New Zealand for Cairo, Egypt.

Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some customers may be required to depart on day 2, to arrive on day 2. Flight times will be indicated on your final documentation, which you will receive 4-6 weeks prior to departure.

Meals included: In-Flight

### Day 2 Welcome to Cairo

Upon arrival in Cairo, you will be met by a representative at the airport and transferred to the hotel.

Overnight: Hotel Baron or similar, Cairo Meals included: None

# Day 3 Pyramids, Sphinx, Sakkara & Memphis

After breakfast, join your Egyptologist guide for a visit to the enigmatic Sphinx and Pyramids of Giza. At 500 feet high and 750 feet wide at its base, the Great Pyramid of Khufu (Cheops) is the only survivor of the Seven Great Wonders of the ancient world; it is a breathtaking structure built from enormous stone blocks with a white limestone covering. Along with the smaller pyramids, the sight of these huge structures is unforgettable. Next, visit the pyramid of Chephren. The best preserved of the three main Giza Pyramids, the top part still retains the original facing of smoothlyfinished stone, giving an idea of how the pyramids would originally have appeared. Beside the Pyramid of Chephren, you will see the Great Sphinx, carved out of a natural rocky outcrop. The lion's body stretches 45 metres.

Afterwards continue to the pyramid of Mycerinus, the smallest of the three pyramids and partly dressed with pink granite slabs. Following the tour of the pyramids, you will visit Memphis, one of the most important cities in Egypt. From the 3rd millennium BC, this 'City of the Dead' was the capital of ancient Egypt when King Menes unified upper and lower Egypt. Then continue visiting the Pyramids of King Zoser in Saqqara (or Sakkara). It was the first real pyramid to be constructed in ancient Egypt; it is the most ancient surviving monument and the oldest stone building in history.

In the afternoon enjoy a guided tour of the famous Egyptian Museum in Cairo. It's the richest museum of Egyptian antiquities in the whole world, it contains pharaonic treasures from over 5,000 years ago. The building is rectangular with a large rotunda on the ground floor containing massive exhibits including colossal statues of Ramses II and the gold and alabaster trappings from the tomb of Tutankhamun.

Overnight: Hotel Baron or similar, Cairo Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 4 Cairo - Alexandria - Catacombs - Cairo

Today your tour guide will meet you at the hotel to escort you for a tour from Cairo to Alexandria (approximately 220 kilometres).

Explore the Catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa, an historical archaeological site located in Alexandria, and is considered one of the Seven Wonders of the Middle Ages, also known as the hill of treasure, regarded as a huge necropolis and royal cemetery that dates back to the second century AD.

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Discover the Pompey Pillar, one of the remains of Roman antiquities that still exist today in the city of Alexandria in Egypt, and is one of the oldest and highest memorial columns in the world. Stop at the Library of Alexandria, it is considered one of the most important modern archaeological sites in Egypt. It contains several important museums that convey the entire history and heritage of Alexandria (entry not included).

Visit Qaitbay Citadel, an ancient fortress which was built by Sultan Qaitbay to protect Alexandria from the attacks of the Ottoman fleet. The Ottomans, however, succeeded in controlling Egypt, and the castle remained a great impact visited by tourists to discover the rooms of the fort and admire the most beautiful pictures in this huge fort. Afterwards, return back to Cairo and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Baron or similar, Cairo Meals included: Breakfast

# Day 5 Cairo - Luxor - Begin 4-night Premium Nile Cruise

This morning check out and be transferred to Cairo Airport for your domestic flight to Luxor. Upon arrival visit the Luxor Temple and the biggest temple in the world Karnak Temple, dedicated to the worship of Almighty God of the New Empire "God Amun".

Afterwards, transfer to the ship to begin the four night premium cruise along the beautiful Nile River. Enjoy lunch onboard and spend the rest of the day at leisure. This evening enjoy the Cruise swimming pool and the sunset or have a walk in Luxor City.

Optional Upgrade: 5-Star Dahabiya Sailboat Upgrade

Upgrade to a 5-star Dahabiya Sailboat for a classic and traditional cruising experience on the Nile River. Enjoy the chance to walk around riverside villages, visit local markets and explore ancient monuments along the Nile. Explore smaller sites and islands that others don't see with an Egyptologist guide. Onboard you'll also delight in chef-prepared meals with Egyptian and Mediterraneaninspired flavours. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Overnight: MS Renaissance or Nile Ruby ship or similar Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

# Day 6 Valley of The Kings

After breakfast, be transferred to the West Bank of Luxor to tour the Valley of the Kings, known as the 'Gateway to the Afterlife'. The ancient Egyptians built impressive tombs for their pharaohs, of which the most famous can be found in the Valley of the Kings. Rising out of the desert plain in a series of terraces, you will also see the Temple of Hatshepsut - often referred to as the Pharaoh Queen. On the way back to the river Nile, the road passes by the famed Colossi of Memnon, two massive stone statues of the Pharaoh Amenhotep III. Afterwards return back to the ship and sail to Edfu, sailing past the Esna Lock. Enjoy the life onboard today while cruising the Nile admiring the beautiful landscapes.

Overnight: MS Renaissance or Nile Ruby ship or similar Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

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### Day 7 Edfu - Kom Ombo

Today, join the tour guide for a visit to the extraordinary Temple of Horus at Edfu, travelling by horse carriage. The Temple of Horus was the 'home' and cultural centre of the falcon god Horus of Behdet (the ancient name for Edfu). Once back onboard, your ship sails to Kom Ombo. After lunch, visit the Temples of the Gods Sobek and Haroeris dedicated to both the crocodile god Sobek, and the falcon-headed god Horus. Back to the cruise, sail to Aswan.

Overnight: MS Renaissance or Nile Ruby ship or similar Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

### Day 8 Aswan - Temple of Philae

After breakfast relax onboard or join a must-see optional tour to Abu Simbel (2.5-3 hours each way).

Once back on board, enjoy lunch. In the afternoon enjoy a guided tour of the "Aswan High Dam", an embankment dam built across the Nile in Aswan, between 1960 and 1970.

Later, visit the beautiful Temple of Philae, dedicated to the worship of the Goddess of Love, the Goddess Isis. Take a short motorboat ride to visit the majestic Philae Temple on Philae Island. Philae Island is a rocky island in the middle of the River Nile and the Temple was an ancient pilgrimage centre for the cult of Isis. This sacred site was revered from the Pharaonic era up to the Greek, Roman, and Byzantine periods. Afterwards (weather permitting) enjoy a sailing cruise around Elephantine Island aboard a traditional wooden Felucca sailing boat.

Then get back on board to enjoy a traditional dinner.

Optional activity: Abu Simbel

Early this morning, travel by coach from Aswan to the impressive Abu Simbel temples. Carved into the mountainside, here, travellers may recognise the four colossus statues of Ramses II guarding the Great Temple. The site is renowned for its historical significance and remarkable relocation in the 1960s when it was saved from the rising waters of the Nile thanks to an international campaign launched by UNESCO. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Overnight: MS Renaissance or Nile Ruby ship or similar Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

#### Day 9 Aswan - Cairo

This morning disembark and be transferred to Aswan Airport for your domestic flight to Cairo. Upon arrival be transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure in the Egyptian capital city or choose the optional activity to visit the brand new Grand Egyptian Museum.

This mega city's constant buzz and noise is a product of its 22 or so million inhabitants. Tap into the energy of the place Egyptians call Umm Ad Dunya – the Mother of the World.

# Optional Activity: Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM)

Visit the new Grand Egyptian Museum, the largest archaeological museum complex in the world that hosts more than 100,000 artefacts. For the first time ever, King Tutankhamun's entire treasure collection is on display alongside artefacts from prehistoric times through Egypt's many thousands of years. Return transfers, entry ticket and guide included. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

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Overnight: Baron Hotel or similar, Cairo Meals included: Breakfast

### Day 10 Cairo, Egypt - Casablanca, Morocco

Enjoy a last breakfast before be transferred to the airport for your flight to Morocco.

Upon arrival you will be welcomed by your tour leader at the airport and transferred to the hotel in Rabat (approximately 1-hour journey). Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Onomo Hotel Rabat Terminus or similar, Rabat Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 11 Rabat - Meknes - Fes

Shine and bright! Your first step in the discovery of Morocco will take us first to uncover the city of Rabat, discover the Royale Palace, next the youngest world heritage site, get a tour through the old town to the Hassan Tower, the magnificent mausoleum of Mohammed V and the Kasbah of the Oudaias with its dreamlike Andalusian Garden which is nothing more than a foretaste of the splendor that awaits you. Next destination is, Meknes (approximately 150 kilometres) one of the Imperial Moroccan city, its souks are considered the most beautiful, the tomb of Mou-lai Ismail, who brought Islam to Morocco, is unsurpassed in its splendor, and from the city gate of Bab Man-sour to the royal palace, all the rest is a feast for the eyes. Afterward, you will find yourself in the ancient site of Volubilis; the proof that even the ruins can become a UNESCO world heritage!

The Arch of Caracalla, the Capitol, the Basilica, the Temple of Jupiter, and the fantastic mosaics all testify to the high level of culture in Volubilis.

End your day in the oldest imperial Fes (approximately 60 kilometres).

Overnight: Hotel Les Mérinides, or similar, Fes Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

#### Day 12 Fes

Today enjoy a guided tour of Fes. A chance to wander in the intellectual and religious heart of Morocco. Every house, every door and every stone in Fes will tell you about its fascinating history. All smells of the Orient are gathered here. Mysterious spices are piled up to form decorative cones, and screamingly colourful scented flowers vie for your favour. In the souk alleys, tanning, dyeing, turning, forging and engraving is done. Learn about the Royal Palace, the Jewish Quarter, the Koranic School Bou Inania and the main mosque El Karaouine.

Enjoy the evening at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Les Mérinides, or similar, Fes Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

# Day 13 Fes - Beni Mellal - Marrakech

After a delicious breakfast drive toward the dramatic landscapes of the Middle Atlas where snow-white pointed caps greet in every season and the roses bloom in the cool valleys. Discover the extensive cedar forests full of macaque monkeys.

An unbelievable number of superlatives and world culture sensations awaits us in Marrakech (approximately 500 kilometres). When the drums sound, it is time for Aladdin's fairground: Djemaa El Fna!

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Overnight: Hotel Essaadi, or similar, Marrakech Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

#### Day 14 Marrakech

Today enjoy a guided tour of Marrakech that was founded in 1062, and its prosperity at this time made it a fitting capital for an empire which stretched from Algiers to the Atlantic and from the Mediterranean almost to Senegal. Most of the city's unmissable sights are to be found within the city walls, where mud brick homes nestle alongside classic French colonial buildings. Visit the Koutoubia Mosque, the sumptuous Bahia Palace, Saadian tombs and the Merdersa Ben Youssef, which is a jewel of Moroccan architecture.

In the afternoon uncover one of Marrakech's most splendid gardens. The painter Jacques Majorelle laid out his famous garden in 1931 with exotic plants, bougainvillea, cacti and ornate fountains. He painted the walls of his art deco villa a vibrant ultramarine to match the Marrakech skies. The property now belongs to the estate of the late Yves Saint Laurent and houses a museum of Islamic art. End up our day in the old Medina of Marrakech; take a walk through the artisan souks, watching craftsman work as they have done for hundreds of years, before finishing in the bustling Jemaa El Fna Square where you will have free time to explore.

This evening join an optional traditional Moroccan dinner and show

Optional activity: Moroccan dinner and show - See important information for pricing.

Overnight: Hotel Essaadi, or similar, Marrakech Meals included: Breakfast

### Day 15 Marrakech - Essaouira - Marrakech

Today head to Essaouira (approximately 180 kilometres), on the way visit a local women Argan Oil cooperative. Essaouira is a city declared World Heritage by UNESCO, Mogador is the old name of the city which means "small fortress".

Visit the charming artist colony that boasts lovely white-washed and blue-shuttered houses, colonnades, thuya wood workshops, art galleries, and mouthwatering seafood. Once called Mogador by European sailors and traders, Essaouria is known for its annual Gnaoua Music Festival in June. Take a stroll along the town's sunlit pedestrian main square, Place Prince Moulay el Hassan and the Skala du Port, the fishing harbor, offering breathtaking views of the Portuguese ramparts. The medina of Essaouira is a UNESCO World Heritage listed city, as an example of a late-18th century fortified town.

Stop by the fish market. Visit the jewelry market and the cooperative of Thuya wood. Thuya is a wood that is indigenous to Essaouira and is unique for its earthy, menthol, and woody smell. Visit Orson, Welles Square. Explore and shop for local musician instruments.

In the late afternoon return to Marrakech and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Essaadi, or similar, Marrakech Meals included: Breakfast

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### Day 16 Marrakech - Casablanca

After breakfast, transfer to Casablanca (approximately 240 kilometres) and start the visit of the economic capital of the kingdom. Visit the beautiful Ain Diab Corniche, the fashionable stretch of coastline, lined with restaurants and swimming pools, then visitthe famous Hassan II Mosque; the largest mosque in Morocco and the third largest mosque in the world. It stands on a promontory looking out to the Atlantic, which can be seen through a gigantic glass floor.

Overnight: Hotel Odyssee Center, or similar, Casablanca Meals included: Breakfast

# Day 17 Casablanca, Morocco - Australia (or New Zealand)

Today, you will be transferred to Casablanca airport for the return flight home.

Please note: If your flight departs early, breakfast will be arranged for pick up from the hotel reception the night before.

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 18 Arrive in Australia (or New Zealand)

Please note: Some flights may arrive +1 day later.





# **Tour Inclusions**

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

Visit Cairo, Aswan, Kom Ombo, Luxor and more

Marvel at the mighty Sphinx and Pyramids at Giza

Visit the Valley of the Kings, one of Egypt's most important archaeological sites

Explore the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities in Cairo, home to the Tutankhamun exhibit

Explore the beauty of the Nile on a river cruise

Visit the extraordinary Temple of Horus

Travel by horse and carriage to the Temple of Edfu

Sail down the Nile and around Elephantine Island aboard a traditional felucca boat

Enjoy a free day in Cairo

Experience the wonders of Marrakech, Rabat, Fes, Essaouira and more

See Hassan Tower on a guided tour of Rabat

Visit the Roman ruins at Volubilis

Discover the Ismaili capital of Meknès

Visit the medieval medina of Fez on a guided tour

Witness the dramatic landscapes of the Atlas Mountains

Stroll through the wondrous souks of Marrakech on a city tour

Discover the famous Jemaa El Fna Square in Marrakech

Discover the historical city of Essaouira, formerly named Mogador

See the Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca

#### **FLIGHTS**

Return international full-service flights (economy class), surcharges may apply

Return internal flights (economy class) from Cairo to Luxor, and Aswan to Cairo

One-way international flight (economy class) from Cairo, Egypt to Casablanca, Morocco

### **CRUISE**

4-night Nile River cruise

Set sail aboard the 4-star MS Renaissance or Nile Ruby

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

11 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation

# DINING

Enjoy 26 meals including all while cruising

# **ESSENTIALS**

English-speaking Egyptologist tour leader and guide

Headsets on guided tours in Egypt

Airline taxes and surcharges

Entrance fees as per itinerary

One water bottle during sightseeing only

### **TRANSPORT**

Transportation by private air-conditioned vehicles

# **TRANSFERS**

Return airport and cruise port transfers

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# **Booking Information**

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. You must complete the Passenger Information Form within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer, you are bound by the <u>General Terms and</u>
<u>Conditions</u> and the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

Please note: All countries and territories have different entry requirements in relation to vaccinations, quarantine/isolation periods and travel restrictions. Due to the evolving nature, we would ask all of our customers to monitor, meet and adhere to the specific requirements of their intended destination(s) in the lead-up to and immediately before travel, as well as any requirements post-travel upon their return.

# **Our Policies**

# **Cancellation & Refund Policy**

By placing a booking with us, you acknowledge the following important information:

#### we act as your booking agent:

TripADeal is a booking services provider, and curates the Travel Offers available on our website. We act as your booking agent, and we receive payment for the Booking Services as part of the booking price, however, we do not provide any of the Travel Services (flights, accommodation, tours or other products or services) included in your booking – the Travel Services are provided by a number of third party Travel Suppliers.

# each booking is unique:

our Travel Offers are made up of a variety of different components and are, during the booking process, uniquely tailored to suit your requirements, for example, departure dates and ports, flight and room upgrades, tour inclusions, etc.

# changes/modifications to your booking may not be possible:

once your booking has been made, changes or modifications may not be possible, and where possible, may incur a fee. It is important to ensure that the information you provide during the booking process is accurate and up to date, and that you read the Travel Offer carefully before placing your order.

# Travel Offers are a package:

our Travel Offers have been curated into package offerings and must be used as a package – individual components cannot be used independently of the full package offering.

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# our Travel Offers are generally nonrefundable:

in order to provide great value Travel Offers, we work with a variety of Travel Suppliers to find the best deals – this often means the Travel Suppliers' offerings are non-refundable to ensure the best price. We recommend that you obtain travel insurance as soon as you make a booking with us.

To read more about our Cancellation and Refund Policy, please click here.

### **General Terms & Conditions**

By placing your booking with us, you acknowledge and agree to our <u>Terms &</u>
Conditions, Privacy Policy and Cancellation

#### Policy.

#### **Offer Essentials**

This travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until 6th November 2025. This travel offer is priced per person based on a twin share.

# **Single Traveller Supplement**

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement of \$1,640 applies. Please note: Accommodation for single customers who are travelling on a tour or cruise package, may be in a single room, depending on availability.

#### **Departure Dates & Surcharges**

See checkout for live dates and availability.

#### **Departure Cities**

Sydney, Melbourne, \*Brisbane, \*Adelaide, Perth or \*Auckland.

#### **Departure City Surcharges**

- Perth: \$50 per person.
- Brisbane or Adelaide: \$250 per person.
- Auckland: \$500 per person.

# **Flights**

### International Full-Service Flight(s)

• Cabin Class: Economy class.

Please note: TripADeal cannot
accommodate one-way flights. Travellers
must take all included flights within the
package, and any flights intentionally
forfeited will result in later flights being
subject to cancellation.

Please note: From Australia, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 28 hours, with up to 2 stops. This is provided as a guide only - actual flight duration can vary depending on availability and airline schedules. Your booking's final details will be confirmed to you via email once available.

From Auckland, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 32 hours, with up to 2 stops. This is provided as a guide only - actual flight duration can vary depending on availability and airline schedules. Your booking's final details will be confirmed to you via email once available.

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#### **Preferred Airline Surcharge**

Cabin Class: Economy class.

- Qatar Airways: \$300 per person.
- Emirates: \$300 per person.

Please note:

- Preferred airlines are subject to availability. If we are unable to fulfil your request, the above extra cost will be refunded.
- On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed, subject to aircraft configuration.
- In the event that a purchased stopover package and a purchased preferred airline upgrade are not compatible, you will have the option to receive a refund for the preferred airline upgrade or be offered an alternative stopover city option, e.g if you choose to fly with Singapore Airlines you cannot stopover in Dubai.
- Preferred airline refers to the marketing carrier and could include codeshare partners.

### **Arrive Early & Stay Behind Options**

Fly out and return home up to 60 days pre and post your tour dates.

#### Arrive Early

Cairo, Egypt - From \$300 per person, subject to availability.

#### Stay Behind

Cairo, Egypt - From \$300 per person, subject to availability.

## Please note:

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#### **Exclusions:**

This fee does not include extra nights' accommodation, meals or airport transfers.

# Internal Flights:

If you select to Arrive Early or Stay Behind in a city other than the one where the tour starts or ends, the package will include an internal flight to your destination. If you wish to forfeit this flight, please advise our friendly team at the time of purchase. Please note that the cost does not change when you choose to forfeit your connecting flight.

#### Cancellations & Changes:

Flight booking changes or cancellations after air tickets have been issued are not guaranteed and may incur additional fees and fare difference, subject to the airline cancellation and change policies. Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

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#### High-Season:

A high-season Arrive Early or Stay Behind can be purchased for an additional charge, subject to availability. For pricing, please refer to the cart.

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#### + 60 days:

You can fly out up to 60 days before your package's start date, and/or return home 60 days after your package's end date. Should you wish to fly out or return home for more than 60 days from the tour, please contact us to request availability. Additional costs may apply.

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#### Estimated dates:

Your estimated departure, return, and arrival dates are all subject to availability and may vary. The confirmed schedule for all flights will be provided when you receive your flight tickets.

High season surcharges apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:
28 March 2025 - 27 April 2025
16 June 2025 - 20 July 2025
15 September 2025 - 12 October 2025
1 December 2025 - 31 January 2026
3 April 2026 - 20 April 2026
26 June 2026 - 17 July 2026
18 September 2026 - 9 October 2026
12 December 2026 - 26 January 2027

### Flight Class Upgrades

Business or Premium Economy Class: For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

#### Please note:

- Flight upgrades are subject to availability (if we cannot fulfil your request, the upgrade cost will be refunded).
- On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed; subject to aircraft configuration.

# Domestic & Additional International Flight Information

Baggage allowance per person: 23 kg of checked baggage

#### **Cruise**

# Ship: MS Renaissance Ship

This Deluxe cruise ship, built in 2000, was completely renovated in August 2018. The MS Renaissance is 73 metres long and 13.5 metres wide. It has 5 decks, 75 cabins and 1 Suite. The common areas are large and modern in style. We appreciate the great clarity of the reception. The maximum capacity is 145 passengers. The cuisine, international and oriental, is varied and served as a buffet. We appreciate the large choice of salads and hot dishes. The service is particularly careful. Formal attire required in the restaurant room. Tea time every day at

The upper deck occupies the entire length of the boat. It is very pleasant and well appointed. The pool is quite deep and large. There is also a children's paddling pool and a small shower. The floor covering is new. Excellent facilities and bar open very late at night. Deckchairs. The

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Renaissance also offers a massage area and a gym.

#### Cabins/Staterooms

The cabins are lit by large bay windows. The modern furniture is new. The bathrooms are new too, well appointed and equipped with a shower and a hairdryer. TV, mini-bar, individually adjustable air conditioning. Telephone for international calls and safe at reception.

#### Ship: MS Ruby

MS Nile Ruby Nile cruise boat 5-star deluxe river Nile cruise ship and it was designed by the exacting standards of the most talented Italian engineers, and was built with strict accordance to the rules & regulations of the American Bureau of Shipping. There are a myriad of luxury features on this classic ship, such as: 3 classic bars, 1 piano bar, laundry service, international telephone, sundeck, hairdresser, gift shop, swimming pool, Jacuzzi, full service restaurant and 24-hours room service, internet access and Medical Service 24 hours

#### Cabins/Staterooms

- Cabins: 74 outside Junior suites
- Large Panoramic Window with Nile View
- Private Bath in J. Suites
- Air Condition individually controlled.
- Television with internal video and satellite system
- Mini bar
- Individual digital safe deposit in each cabin

Please note: Cabins are subject to availability; some may have restricted views.

#### Optional Sailboat Upgrade (Day 5 to 8)

See cart at checkout for pricing information. The Dahabiya sailboat used will be 'The Iris' or one of a similar category, if unavailable.

#### Iris Dahabiya Nile Cruise (5-Star Sailboat)

With a maximum of 17 cabins, this Dahabiya Nile cruise offers the romance of the past with modern luxurious comfort and convenience. It's surely the best way to explore the narrower parts of the Nile to enjoy superb sightseeing, delicious traditional meals and attentive personal service. During your immersive Dahabiya cruise you'll visit small islands, local villages and archaeological sites that are often missed by the larger Nile cruises.

Life onboard a Dahabiya Nile cruise is a peaceful and idyllic experience. You can lie in a deck chair, read a book or watch children playing and women doing their washing. Meals are freshly prepared on board and served on the sundeck, in the dining room or on a beautiful spot on the banks of the Nile. There's nothing better than an evening dining under a twinkling night sky by the light of a campfire. You are far away from the fancy-dress parties of the large cruisers. You'll find no flashing disco's here, but it might be possible to attend a show by local musicians under the stars.

The Dahabiya Iris also provides a range of activities, including swimming, cooking sessions, kayaking, yoga, and even some sports in the onboard gym. For those who enjoy quieter pursuits, there are opportunities for reading and drawing.

#### **Onboard Facilities for the Iris Dahabiya**

- Each cabin is approximately 17-20m² with a panoramic window
- All cabins include private Jacuzzi bath
- All cabins are air-conditioned
- Indoor and outdoor lounge and dining area
- Semi-classic seating area
- Sun deck and heated pool during winter
- Camera system, emergency handling and fire alarm
- 24-hour reception
- Kitchens fully operational to do daily oriental menus
- Electric current 220/380 volt
- Water purification comprehensive system
- Laundry service and housekeeping
- Satellite TV, DVD player and hairdryer
- Free Wi-FI

# Cabins/Staterooms

# **River View Cabins**

- Openable windows with a panoramic view
- All cabins come with a private bathroom with a hairdryer

- All cabins are air-conditioned
- Minibar
- Safety box
- Television
- Porter

#### **Accommodation**

#### Accommodation Used

### 4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Cairo: Hotel Baron or similar.
- Rabat: Hotel Onomo Terminus or similar.
- Fes: Hotel Les Mérinides or similar.
- Marrakech: Hotel Essaadi or similar.
- Casablanca: Hotel Odyssee Center or similar.

### 4-Star (Self-Rated)

• Nile Cruise: MS Renaissance or MS Ruby Nile or similar.

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type and are subject to availability based on seasonality. In the instance a property is not available, a similar standard of accommodation will be provided.

Properties will be confirmed and included in your travel pack, which you will receive 4-6 weeks before travel.

#### **Extra Nights**

Not available.

# **Maximum Room Capacity**

2 people

# **Child Policy**

- No child discounts. The full price applies to all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for Children 12 years old and over. *Please note:* Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors are allowed.

#### **Triple Share**

Not available.

### **Bedding Configuration**

Twin or double bedding (subject to availability).

# **General Information**

Minimum group size 8, maximum group

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size 40 per vehicle.

# **Optional Tours/activities**

- Day 5-8: 5-Star Dahabiya Sailboat Upgrade (4-nights):
- Per person, twin share: \$1,250 AUD per person
- Solo Traveller total: \$2,250 AUD per person
- Day 8: Abu Simbel Full-Day Tour \$150
   AUD per person (includes coach, guide & entrance fees).
- Day 9: Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM) (includes transfers, guide, headsets & entrance fees) - \$130 AUD per person
- Day 14: Moroccan Dinner & Show -\$175 AUD per person.

Please note:

- Prices are based per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions.
- The optional tours listed above must be purchased on checkout or over the phone before submitting your passenger information form (subject to availability).
- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.
- Shore excursions can also be booked whilst onboard (subject to availability).

# **Exclusions**

- Visa fees and requirements.
- Domestic transfers and flights not stated in the deal offer.
- Meals/beverages not stated in the deal offer
- Egypt: Gratuities/tipping (highly recommended) \$10 USD per person, per day to cover expected tipping for guide, ship crew, hotel porters and drivers you may encounter on tour.
- Morocco: Highly recommended Gratuities - \$10 USD per person, per day.
- Optional activities/tours.
- Personal expenses.
- Travel insurance
- Any costs associated with an interruption to your tour as a result of an airline schedule change or cancellation

# **Gratuities/tipping**

Gratuities (tips) are not included for the services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour, in both Egypt & Morocco. The recommended tip is \$10 USD (approximately \$15 AUD) per person per day. This covers the guide/ leader and the driver and will be collected on tour.

Please note: In Egypt tipping is a firm and customary element of the tourism industry and is therefore highly recommended. While tipping is not mandatory, it is a common practice in Egypt and a gesture of appreciation which is shared amongst the local guides, drivers and other staff members who have serviced your tour. As most tour guides in Egypt consider tipping a part of their income, please don't feel intimidated should the tour guides approach you for payment.

# **Other Important Information**

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

#### **Tour Guide**

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on the history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction where they are guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves it at the end of the tour; they do not travel with the group.

### **Tour Leader**

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides at each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village and offer information on the place visited on the bus. However, they are not required to have specific art, architecture, or historical knowledge. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or

commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and, if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

**CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES** 

#### Egypt

# February/March/May

- February is usually the second-coldest month of the year with only slightly higher temperatures than January, but it is generally warm by day, with an average daytime maximum temperature of 22°C, while on average the temperature falls to 14°C at night.
- March, as Spring gets underway the temperatures rise, but the day-to-day weather is rarely excessively hot. The daytime temperature typically reaches a high of 25°C around mid-March, though the average is a degree or two higher than that towards the end of the month.
- In May, the tourist season is in full swing in Cairo and the weather is already very warm. The average temperature reaches a high of 32°C during the day and at night only dips to a low of around 18°C.

#### June/July/August

The hot summer weather intensifies further in June and July, with an average daytime maximum temperature of 37°C, and an average minimum temperature of 22°C. Temperatures rarely fluctuate by more than a few degrees either side of the long-term average. You can expect no rain during this month and there are 13 hours of sunlight each day on average.

#### September/October

Temperatures begin to cool off a little during September though the daily weather is still hot. The daytime temperature reaches an average maximum of 35°C, and the temperature falls to an average minimum between 26 and 27°C overnight. October is slightly cooler than the preceding months but remains hot. The average temperature still reaches a high of

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30°C during the day and dips no lower than 18°C at night.

#### November/December

From November onwards, Egypt offers hot and sunny days which stay very dry. The average daily temperature during this month in Cairo is 20°C. This can reach highs of 25°C or drop to lows of 14°C. The average daily temperature during December in Cairo is 15°C. This can reach highs of 20°C or drop to lows of 10°C.

#### Morocco

Morocco's climate is very diverse, varying with the season and region. The country is mostly dry with high temperatures in summer (June - August) and a cooler climate in the mountains. In spring and Autumn (September - November and March - May), the cities are warm to hot (maximum daytime temperatures around 25 - 30°C) with pleasantly cool nights. In the desert, the sun is strong and the nights can be cold. In the mountains, the air is cool and nights are cold. In winter January and February, the temperature goes from 20°C in the daytime to 9°C at night. FLIGHTS

# **Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points**

At TripADeal, we do not arrange seat selection. It is essential to highlight that some airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the airline directly with seating allocation requirements and/or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the airline once you have your flight information.

#### **Passport Validity**

Customers must provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 45 days before the departure date. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the booking. Customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred in this instance.

COACH TOUR

#### Meals

26 meals in total are included in the package. For meals not included, the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. Please note: We will do our best to meet your requests/requirements; however, we cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

#### Luggage

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on tour. You must carry your own luggage from the vehicle to the hotel room and back to the vehicle. The driver will assist with the uploading and offloading of bags from the vehicle.

#### **OTHER**

### Mobility

If you would love to travel with TripADeal and require wheelchair access please contact our friendly sales and service team to inquire on your behalf.

#### Fitness Level Required

Adventure (and spontaneity) create some of the best travel memories. Bear in mind, your home schedules and timings might not be adhered to on tour - it's all part of the fun!

A relaxed level of fitness will be required. Expect a comfortable pace of touring with a focus on leisure time and gentle activity. This may include city tours, the ability to walk up and down small flights of stairs and gentle slopes. You will be responsible for your own luggage and have the ability to board all modes of transport without assistance.

#### Please note:

- Some areas may be inaccessible to wheelchairs or mobility scooters, with personal walking sticks and other aids required should they be needed. Although some assistance may be available, every traveller should be self-reliant during all aspects of their travel.
- It is expected that every traveller must be self-reliant and able to undertake all aspects of their own travel. Please speak to your

- booking agent about your personal circumstances and any assistance requirements to ensure this tour is right for you.
- If you have any concerns, please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

#### Sightseeing

Please note: If the entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary, where possible, may be adjusted, or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

### Shopping

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all your receipts. Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader. Please refer to our Terms and Conditions regarding shopping for further information.

# Visas

A tourist visa is a strict requirement when travelling to Egypt on an Australian passport. The tourist visa is available for purchase upon arrival.

A tourist visa for Morocco is not required for stays up to 90 days if travelling on an Australian passport.

#### Important:

- Please start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.
- Visa rules may have changed since Covid-19. Some countries and airlines may require you to obtain an additional visa before arrival. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination you're entering.

Please note:



- Passengers who are not Australian citizens must also check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.
- It is also important to note that some areas of employment, such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations, may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application required.

#### **Travel Insurance**

Embarking on your next trip is exciting, and while you hope the unexpected does not happen, it is best to be prepared. We strongly recommend you take out travel insurance when making your booking. Whether it's a potential medical emergency, a flight cancellation, a delayed suitcase, or an unforeseen event, it's important to ensure you're adequately protected. For more information or advice visit <a href="https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance">https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance</a>

**Schedule Of Fees** 

# **Voluntary Changes**

Includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

• Changes - \$100.00 per booking + additional charges from the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

# Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$100.00 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

### **Supplier Fees**

In the event the Travel Offer you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the Travel Offer due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers

and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/ accommodation partners. TripADeal has committed to these costs as your Agent and will endeavour to recover all funds committed and/or paid for your Travel Offer, but this may not be possible in all circumstances. If refunds are unavailable from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. If TripADeal cannot obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee. This fee is not revenue-raising and is paid to or withheld by our suppliers when recovering payments.

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