



Egypt & Nile Cruise!

Including Abu Simbel & Red Sea Resort Stay
November 3-14, 2010

This wonderful trip is a repeat of our fun group trips for the last 3 years in November... a great time of year to vacation in Egypt and a sell-out trip every year! You'll see so much of this fascinating country and we have 2 and 3 night stays (total of 4 in Cairo) which makes for a much more pleasant way of traveling. Also, the weather should be great in Egypt!

So much is included—from 2 nights on arrival in exotic Cairo and 2 nights at the end, to the famous Abu Simbel (some companies make this optional—we include it!) and its' famous temples, to cruising the Nile for 3 nights visiting more sights you have only read about up till now. Then also spend 3 nights of relaxing, shopping, or snorkeling to see the beautiful colored fish in the Red Sea; go exploring, take a jeep adventure or partake in the many activities at one of the top beach areas on the Red Sea.

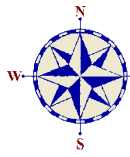
Your professional guide/Egyptologist will make your learning experience the best as you get to know this country and it's great heritage from the ancient world, its' culture, its' Pyramids and wonderful temples and learn about its' customs and traditions. Come join us on a trip that you won't soon forget, it's a country like no other.....you'll love it!

Early sign-ups are a must as it sells out each year-lots of singles are waiting for this trip!

Price includes ALL of the following.....

- Transfers by motorcoach as listed in itinerary
- **All domestic air (3 flights) within Egypt!**
 - Cairo to Abu Simbel
 - Abu Simbel to Aswan
 - Hurghada to Cairo
- Services of local English speaking guides/Egyptologist (except in Hurghada)
- Accommodations for 10 nights moderate class hotels/cruise ship
 - 4 nights – Safir El Dokki Hotel, Cairo (2 nights at end of tour)
 - 3 nights - Nile Cruise Aswan to Luxor – Presidential Cruise
 - 3 nights -Marriott Hurghada Beach Resort, sea view rooms
- 19 Meals Total (All meals on board our cruise ship)
 - 10 Breakfasts
 - 5 Lunches
 - 4 Dinners (including our farewell dinner)
- Baggage handling and portorage
- Land transfer Luxor to Hurghada-Red Sea Resort
- Singles Travel Company Representative
- Roommate matching available
- Other singles to travel and have fun with
- Nile cruise from Aswan to Luxor includes also
 - Kom Ombo
 - Edfu
 - Esna
- Sightseeing and activities as listed in itinerary:
 - Abu Simbel-site of the magnificent Temples of Ramses II and Queen Nefertari
 - Philae Temple, the Aswan's High Dam and the granite quarries
 - In Kom Ombo visit the Temple of Sobek
 - In Edfu visit the Temple of Horus
 - Karnak Temples
 - Luxor's West Bank Thebes-see the Valley of the Kings and Valley of the Queens, Deir el Bahari
 - The Pyramids, Spinx, Egyptian Museum and Old Cairo, Khan El Khalili Bazaar
 - Visit Ben Ezra Synagogue, Al Moallaka Church, Abu Sergah Church, Citadel of Salah El Din
 - Special (and fun!) Egyptian costume party on cruise
 - Farewell dinner at Le Pacha Floating Restaurant





Egypt and Nile Cruise Itinerary

Egypt is probably the world's oldest civilization having emerged from the Nile Valley around 3,100 years ago, historically. But Egypt is much more than Pyramids and monuments. It is also Red Sea scuba diving, hot night spots, luxury hotels and five star restaurants. It is romantic cruises down the Nile on festive river boats and a rich cultural experience. Egypt is a land bustling with life, sound, visual beauty and excitement. It links two continents, stretching across the northeastern corner of Africa and the southwestern edge of Asia. The country is approximately 626,000 square miles in size. Its longest distance north-south is 640 miles and widest distance east-west is about 775 miles. Egypt's 62 million people live primarily in the Nile Valley, leaving the rest of the land sparsely populated. Cairo, the largest city in Egypt, is estimated to have a population of over 15 million people. And... a journey to Egypt is never complete without a cruise on the legendary Nile.

Day 1, Wed. Nov 3

Depart USA

You'll depart on an overnight flight for your exciting vacation to the land of the Pharaohs and Pyramids!

Day 2, Thur. Nov 4

Arrive Cairo

Upon arrival in Cairo, Egypt, you'll be met by a local representative (if you have purchased transfers) and transferred to our hotel. Time to get settled and then depending on your flight arrival time, start exploring before our get together tonight!

Egypt's capital is a huge, vibrant city; one of the largest and liveliest cities in Africa and the Middle East and a window to the world! Modern Cairo is filled with contradictions- in the shadow of skyscrapers donkeys pull carts through the streets and police sirens compete with the call of the *muezzins*. Although the modern bazaars are only a pale reflection of earlier worldwide trade, and the scent of spices mingles with diesel fumes, the city remains a crossroads of Africa, Europe, and Asia.

Later, our welcome get-together will be at the hotel and then dinner is at leisure to get to know your fellow travelers.



Our Hotel: Safir El Dokki Hotel (4 nights total-2 at the start & 2 at the end of the tour)

Our hotel is considered a city centre location within walking distance of some of Cairo's famous landmarks, including 1 km from the Egyptian Museum and close to the West Bank of the Nile. It offers a restaurant, a bar/lounge, a coffee shop and room service. Also it has a pool, a health club, a spa tub, a sauna, steam room and offers a fitness facility, high-speed Internet access, and a safe deposit box at the front desk. There are 280 rooms and each room has individually controlled air conditioning, direct dial international telephone, satellite TV, and minibar.

Day 3, Fri. Nov 5

Cairo-Egyptian Museum, Pyramids & Sphinx Tour

Today we experience the fabulous Egyptian Museum, one of the most prominent in the world, offering remarkable insights into Egypt's ancient history from 5,000 years. The priceless antiquities include King Tut-Ankh-Amon's Treasures and it also includes the mummies of Egyptian pharaohs, sculptures and furniture.

After lunch, we proceed to Cheops' Pyramid and the Sphinx. Built over 35 centuries ago, the towering pyramid stands majestically on a desert plateau with two smaller pyramids erected to preserve their bodies and treasures for the afterlife. In front of the pyramids lies the Sphinx and it is carved out of a single block of stone. This big cat-like sculpture has been seen by millions of visitors and is one of the most majestic. It was named by the Greeks because of its physical similarity to a mythical creature with a lion's body and woman's head who devoured passers-by unable to answer her riddle. Carved out of a limestone in front of the Giza Pyramids, the Sphinx is 50 meters long and 22 meters high.

Your tour also includes the bazaars – bargains galore! **(B,L)**

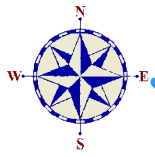
Day 4, Sat. Nov 6

Cairo//Abu Simbel//Aswan/Kom Ombo (Nile Cruise)

Today we have an early (!) morning departure transfer to the airport for our flight to Abu Simbel which we have included in our tour package as it is one of the most recognized monuments of ancient Egypt- the site of the magnificent Temples of Ramses II and Queen Nefertari. An engineering marvel in the 60's, the great temple was moved up the hillside to save it from flooding by the waters of Lake Nasser when Aswan's High Dam was built.

Later, we return back to the airport for our flight to Aswan, Egypt's sunniest southern city and an ancient frontier town located about 81 miles south of Luxor and it has a distinctively African atmosphere. Graced with the most perfect setting on the Nile, the pace of life is slow and relaxing as the Nile is at its most beautiful, flowing through amber desert and granite rocks, round emerald islands covered in palm groves and tropical plants.

On arrival in Aswan, we transfer to Presidential Cruise Ship, our floating hotel for the next 3 nights.



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We also visit Aswan's High Dam, Philae Temple and the granite quarries today. Aswan's High Dam was one of the most important achievements of the last century in Egypt as it provides Egypt with water and electricity and secures the country from the risk of the destructive inundation of the River Nile. As a result of its construction, Lake Nasser was made, and it extends between Egypt and Sudan – making it the worlds' largest man-made lake. Because the rising waters caused damage and loss of so many of the Nubian monuments, great efforts were made by the Egyptian Government, aided by UNESCO and other countries, to save the most important monuments.

Tonight we sail to Kom Ombo and enjoy our first dinner on board our cruise ship! **(B,L,D)**

Our Cruise Line: Presidential Cruises (3 nights)



Presidential Nile Cruises offer the utmost in comfort, giving you the best possibility to enjoy and discover over 5,000 years of great civilization, the picturesque Egyptian country life, the calm and the grand beauty of the Nile. A modern style and a refined Old-World decoration of leather and wood invites a total relaxation during a voyage that remains the richest in unforgettable memories.

The twin-bed cabins offer quiet, pleasant, and spacious accommodations and each cabin is linked through the reception to international lines, has a 24 hr. "room service" and is equipped with two radio programs. For "night owls", a piano bar provides evening programs, and there is a TV lounge with video tapes and games are at your disposal.

Day 5, Sun. Nov 7

Kom Ombo/Edfu/Esna (Nile Cruise)

After breakfast on board, we have a morning visit to the Temple of Sobek with its beautiful murals and exceptional view of the River Nile. The temple is unique because it is a double temple, dedicated to Sobek the crocodile god, and Horus the falcon-headed god. The two temples are combined in one with each side having its own gateways and chapels. Sobek is associated with the wicked god Seth, the enemy of Horus. In the Horus myth the allies of Seth made their escape by changing themselves into crocodiles.

On to Edfu, on the west bank of the River Nile between Esna and Aswan, to visit the Temple of Horus (237 B.C.), one of the most completely preserved in Egypt.

We sail to Esna for overnight. Tonight, enjoy a very special costume party "native Egyptian and Pharaonic style." Prizes are awarded for the winners, depending on their creativity and our group had a fun time with this last year! **(B,L,D)**



Day 6, Mon. Nov 8

Esna/Luxor (Nile Cruise)

Sailing to Luxor, this afternoon we visit the fascinating Luxor and world famous Karnak Temples, a holy city of pylons, hypostyle halls, colossal statues, shrines and obelisks built over centuries.

Luxor is a city in Upper (southern) Egypt and the capital of the Al Uqsar governorate with a population of about 200,000. It is the site of the ancient Egyptian city of Thebes and it is known as the "world's greatest open air museum" because the ruins of the temple complexes at Karnak and Luxor are within the modern city. The number and preservation of the monuments in the Luxor area are unlike anywhere else in the world. Immediately opposite, across the Nile River, lie the monuments, temples and tombs on the West Bank Necropolis, which include the Valley of the Kings and Valley of the Queens.

Overnight is on board our cruise ship in Luxor. **(B,L,D)**

Day 7, Tues. Nov 9

Luxor/Hurghada

We disembark our cruise ship this morning to begin the next portion of our Egyptian journey!

We cross the Nile to Luxor's West Bank -- "Thebes." Sightseeing includes the Valley of the Kings where some 64 of Egypt's Pharaohs had their palatial resting places hewed into the sheer rock; the Valley of the Queens, the still mind-boggling Deir el Bahari, an architectural tour de force built against the sheer Theban cliff range; and the colossi of Memnon.

We then depart by road to Hurghada, a popular Red Sea tourist resort city, for 3 nights of relaxation, fun and activities! This evening enjoy dinner with friends from the group and start exploring this active town. **(B)**

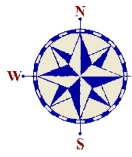


Our Hotel: Marriott Hurghada Beach Resort (3 nights)

Our hotel is located on the shore of the Red Sea with its own private beach and has many amenities that ensure a comfortable and relaxing stay. Safety measurements include electronic door lock, life safety systems, smoke detector and sprinklers.

Resort amenities include two swimming pools, disco, health club, two lighted tennis courts, and two air-conditioned squash courts. There is an Italian restaurant, patio cafe, pool bar/grill, a main restaurant, and room service 24 hours a day. All rooms feature high-speed Internet access, bottled water (fee), minibars, coffeemakers, irons/ ironing boards, hairdryers, bathroom amenities, safes, and individual climate control. All rooms and suites are overlooking the crystal blue water of the Red Sea.





Hurghada, a popular Red Sea resort and tourist destination, is our home for 3 nights of relaxation, fun and activities!

Day 8, Wed. Nov 10 Hurghada at Leisure

The entire day is at leisure to relax, explore, or partake in the many activities of this area. Your host will help coordinate activities together if you wish or the choice is yours of how you spend your day. Enjoy!

Hurghada was founded in the early 20th century, and until a few years ago, remained a small fishing village. It has now gone on to become one of the foremost tourist resorts of the Red Sea coast. Many activities are available from horse and camel riding, desert safaris and nearby antiquities attractions and it includes an international center for aquatic sports. If it takes place in or on the water you can do it here: windsurfing, sailing, deep-sea fishing, swimming, but, above all, snorkeling and diving (instructors and rentals are available at the dive centers). The unique underwater gardens offshore are some of the finest in the world, justifiably famous amongst divers. The warm waters here are ideal for many varieties of rare fish and coral reefs, which may also be observed through glass bottom boats. While in Hurghada, don't miss the museum and aquarium, with their complete collections of flora and fauna of the Red Sea. **(B)**

Day 9, Thur. Nov 11 Hurghada at Leisure

After our breakfast the entire day is at leisure to do as much or as little as you want to with the group! Go snorkeling or perhaps take a day trip to Giftun Island for snorkeling and a fish barbecue, or view the Red Sea from a submarine! Day-trips or safaris to explore the Red Sea or mountains by camel or jeep are available-explore, shop, or relax, it's your choice! **(B)**

Day 10, Fri. Nov 12 Fly Hurghada To Cairo

This morning we transfer to Hurghada Airport for our short flight to Cairo, where you will be met on arrival and transferred to the Safir El Dokki Hotel for our 2 night stay in Cairo. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure in Cairo exploring! **(B)**

Day 11, Sat. Nov 13 Cairo-Old Cairo & Khan El Khalili Bazaar

After breakfast, we drive through Old Cairo to visit the ancient Ben Ezra Synagogue, Egypt's oldest synagogue; Al Moallaka Church, better known as the "Hanging Church", and the Abu Sergah Church dating back to the beginning of the 5th Century. Then proceed to the Citadel of Salah El Din. Built in 1183 AD, it houses many important monuments, including the great Mohammed Ali Mosque, constructed in 1830 AD. The tour also includes a visit to Khan El Khalili, one of Cairo's most famous bazaars dating back to the late 14th century.

Tonight our group farewell dinner is at the famous and entertaining Le Pacha Floating restaurant andyes, it is time to think about heading home after our wonderful Egyptian vacation. **(B,L,D)**

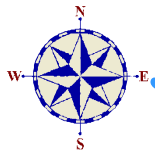
Day 12, Sun. Nov 14 Depart Cairo

Last minute good-byes to the group and new friends as you're transferred (if you have purchased transfers) to Cairo International Airport in time for your departure flights home! **(B)**

Egypt & The Nile.....you'll love this trip!

Some Interesting Facts Regarding Egypt:

OFFICIAL NAME: Arab Republic of Egypt **CAPITAL:** Cairo - Pop: 15,892,400 (Metro Area), 7,937,700 (city proper)
POPULATION: 76,117,421 (July 2004) **AREA:** 386,660 square miles **ELECTRICITY:** 220/240 volts AC, 50Hz
LOCATION: In northern Africa; east of Libya, north of Sudan, west of the Red Sea, and south of the Mediterranean Sea
LANGUAGE: Arabic is the official language. English and French are widely spoken
RELIGION: Islam is the predominant religion. All types of Christianity are also represented
CURRENCY: The Egyptian Pound (L.E.) = 100 piastres (pt). Bank notes are issued in denominations of: 100, 50, 20, 10, 5, 1. Piastres coins: 25, 10, 5. Local banks deal with foreign currency and travelers checks.
TIME: GMT + 2 (GMT + 3 from May to September). Egypt observes daylight saving time during the summer months.
HIGHEST MOUNTAIN: Mount Saint Catherine, 8,652 feet, **LONGEST RIVER:** Nile, world's longest river, 4,160 miles; part crossing Egypt, from Sudan to Mediterranean, 650 miles, **LARGEST LAKE:** Lake Nasser (an artificial lake), about 2,300 square miles.



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Price—Early deposits are a must as this is one of our most popular trips & times to visit Egypt.

\$2199.00 Land/cruise, per person, double occupancy. (Includes 3 air flights within the itinerary & famous Abu Simbel!)

\$ 550.00 Want a room & cabin to yourself? Add this price to above double rate. (**Very limited availability!!!**)

Pre & Post Tour Hotel Prices per night: \$80 per person based on double; \$125 for a room to yourself (Includes room, breakfast & taxes). Transfers are \$45 each way for non tour days.

Air Flights We can assist with air flights in and out of Cairo or you can check online for some great fares. Last year many flew on the same flight that we coordinated, so we'll try and coordinate flights again.

Airport Transfers Roundtrip airport transfers to/from the airport for your international flights on day of tour only-\$25 each way (\$50 roundtrip). We need your flight info for transfers!

Travel Insurance is highly recommended and information is available on request. Please consider the purchase of travel insurance carefully as it is well worth it if you need it while traveling in Egypt.

Price does not include items of a personal nature, airfare, airport transfers, passport or Egyptian visa, meals not specified in itinerary, tips to drivers, guides, and cruise ship personnel, and phone calls, etc.

Passports are required for U.S. citizens to enter Egypt and your passport must not expire within 6 months after the trip date. Non-U.S. citizens-check with your respective consulate for passport and visa requirements for your entry into Egypt.

A Visa is required for U.S. citizens to enter Egypt (and passport). You can do this with an online visa service or obtain the visa at the Cairo airport. **For U.S. citizens to obtain your visa at the Cairo airport-it is easy:** The visa is a stamp (like a postage stamp) that you buy (approx. \$20-25 U.S.) from the visa office located right before the immigration booth at the Cairo airport. Stick the stamp on any empty page on your passport and go to the line to get your passport stamped by the immigration office.

Health Requirements: Currently there are no **required** immunizations/shots needed for this trip but you **must** check with your medical provider for any recommended immunizations or precautions for travel to Egypt. You can also check the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/travel or call them at (404) 639-3534.

Activity Level: Please be aware this is an adventure and active trip; there will be a lot of walking, an early morning flight, convenience facilities not always at your level of expectation, and schedules that are regulated by the local tour operators/cruise lines and government so you need to be flexible and be able to accommodate to your wonderful surroundings easily.

Fine Print—Egypt, Nile Cruise and Red Sea Adventure, November 3-14, 2010

Your payment for a reservation on this trip constitutes consent and acknowledgement of all the provisions in this Fine Print listed below and in the Singles Travel Company General Terms and Conditions. Please make sure you read both of these important pieces of information and call us with any questions. Any increase in the price of the tour by our tour operator due to fuel surcharges or further devaluation of the dollar, will be passed on to the traveler.

Payments preferred by check or credit cards are accepted. Make checks payable to Travel Advisors of Los Gatos.

Deposit of \$200.00 is due with your reservation. Early deposits are a must! **Final payment** is due 75 days prior to departure.

Cancellation Fees and Refunds All cancellations must be in writing. You'll receive a full refund of your deposit minus a \$50 administrative fee if you cancel 91 days or more from the departure date of the trip. No refunds at 90 days prior or within 90 days of departure date or on unused portions of the tour. Cancellation fees also apply to additional accommodations reserved pre and post trip. After airline tickets are issued, airline cancellations are per the airline's policy.

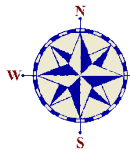
Travel/Trip Cancellation insurance is highly recommended- consider the purchase it carefully as it covers a lot of important and unforeseeable issues that may arise before or during your trip-i.e. illness with you or a family member prior to or during your trip, lost luggage, medical problems that may arise on tour, and it includes important assistance while you are overseas.

Important Information from our Tour Operator: Our local Egyptian tour operator staff will advise you of your daily activity schedule along with pick-up times. Internal air and cruise schedules are at the discretion of the airline and cruise line, and may be altered or changed. Be prepared for slight delays, changes (especially in regards to local flights), and traffic congestion. Refer to the Ship Lobby Bulletin Board for the final daily cruise itinerary schedule.

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Reservation Form

Please return this completed form with your deposit and print clearly and legibly all information requested.

Trip: _____ Trip Date: _____

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ M ___ F ___

(Exact Passport name if international trip)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (day) _____

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YES ___/ NO ___ --OKAY TO GIVE MY FELLOW TRAVELERS MY EMAIL PRIOR/AFTER MY TRIP?

Passport Number _____ Date of expiration _____ U.S Citizen? Y or N—Other _____

Non-U.S citizens must check with their consulate regarding passport/visa requirements.

Emergency Contact (name/address/phone): _____

ACCOMMODATIONS

- Air/Land (Cruise) Package--- Airline Seating (request only, no guarantee) Aisle Window No Preference
I need reservations from _____ airport.
- Land (Cruise) Only Package (airport transfers usually not included)
- Single occupancy
- Double occupancy (please assign a roommate for me)
Smoker? Yes No (No smoking in rooms if sharing.)
- Double occupancy. Please assign me with _____

Referred by a person or organization? Please name: _____

discovered on our web site

Please Read the Following Information Carefully:

To ensure an enjoyable and safe trip please read the following and sign. By signing below you agree to the following important considerations for travel on all Singles Travel Company trips:

- 1) I am aware that cancellation penalties apply on all trips and besides the tour operator/cruise line penalty- Singles Travel Company will charge my credit card for \$50 as a cancellation service charge.
- 2) I am aware that my reservation is subject to cancellation if deposits and/or final payments are not in our office by due dates.
- 3) I have been offered Travel Protection/Trip Cancellation Insurance.
- 4) I have read the Terms and Conditions and each trips Fine Print.
- 5) I am aware that there are no refunds of any unused portions of a tour.
- 6) Any changes in the tour itinerary that incur additional charges will be the sole responsibility of the passenger.
- 7) **Non-U.S citizens must check with their consulate regarding passport/visa requirements.**

-----I am also aware that on the trips Singles Travel Company organizes that the company:

- 1) cannot guarantee how many singles will travel on any particular trip.
- 2) has no control over the ratio of men to women on their trips.
- 3) A very few trips are incorporated with other larger group tours, which may or may not consist of single travelers, which guarantees departures.

I am aware that there are inherent risks whenever traveling, whether domestically or internationally, especially to third world countries. By signing I assume these risks. I am aware that I am responsible for giving the trip reservationist my correct passport name; and that I am responsible for having a current passport if needed; getting any needed visas and immunizations necessary for travel and that I have considered the purchase of travel insurance coverage in case I have to cancel my trip and/or have any medical emergencies while traveling. I agree to and have no questions concerning the above considerations for travel.

Your signature _____

Date _____

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