#### **TRIP START DATES**

22,29

**DEC** | 06, 13, 20, 27

2023 2024 MAY 03, 10, 17, 24, 31 JAN 03, 10, 17, 24, 31 JUN | 07, 14, 21, 28 FEB | 07, 14, 21, 28 JUL | 05, 12, 19, 26 MAR | 06, 13, 20, 27 AUG | 02, 09, 16, **APR** | 03, 10, 17, 24 23,30 MAY | 01, 08, 15, SEP | 06, 13, 20, 27 22, 29 **OCT** | 04, 11, 18, 25 JUN | 05, 12, 19, 26 NOV | 01.08.15. JUL | 03, 10, 17, 24, 31

**AUG** | 07, 14, 21, 28

SEP | 04, 11, 18, 25

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: **LEISURELY** 

9 DAYS
1 COUNTRY
17 MEALS
20 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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# **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

**Cairo:** Cruise to Qursaya Island by boat and meet the members of VeryNile, the first large scale initiative to clean the Nile. The project raises awareness and supports local fishermen to make an income.

#### **INSIGHT EXPERIENCE**

**Luxor:** Enjoy listening to stories of village life from local residents, when you visit a family home for a tasting of authentic Egyptian sun bread.

# **INSIGHT CHOICE**

**Cairo:** Meet the members of the VeryNile or Guided by your Local Expert, explore the Cairo Citadel and see the Great Alabaster Mosque.

#### **AUTHENTIC DINING**

Egyptian dinner and galabeya party on the Nile cruise.

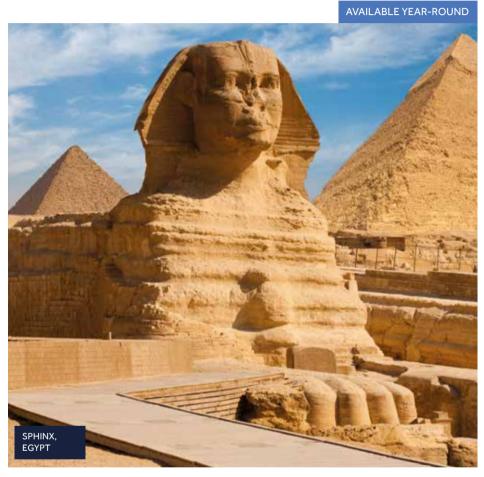
Follow in the footsteps of Winston Churchill and Agatha Christie as you enjoy high tea at Aswan's famous Old Cataract Hotel, as the sun begins to set.

# **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS**

Cruise the Nile for four-nights from Luxor to Aswan • Travel with return flights from Cairo • Ride a Nile felucca.

# WONDERS OF EGYPT

"Araby is our Local Expert, who we call the bird watcher. As you sail across the Nile in Aswan with him, he points out the birdlife passing by the nature reserve islands." – **Hazem, Travel Director** 









(O) @JUSTICETRIPS, CAIRO

#### **DAY 1** ARRIVE IN CAIRO

Welcome to the timeless land of the pharaohs. On arrival at Cairo International Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

#### Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino.

## DAY 2 FLY TO LUXOR, CRUISE THE NILE

In the morning, fly to Luxor and visit the huge temple complex of Karnak. Walk through the avenue of ram-headed sphinxes to stand among the columns of the Hypostyle Hall.

Later, transfer to your cruise ship, your home for the next four nights. After lunch on board, take a walk through the Luxor Museum, witness ancient artefacts

Get to know your Travel Director, a professionally trained Egyptologist, as well as fellow guests over a welcome drink followed by dinner.

The rest of your evening is at leisure. (B) (L) (DW)

#### MS Medea or MS Miriam (or similar).

# DAY 3 VALLEY OF THE KINGS TO EDFU

This morning, travel by coach to the west bank of the Nile.

See the Colossi of Memnon and visit both the Temple of Hatshepsut and the Valley of the Kings, where many pharaohs were buried, including Hatshepsut, Amenhotep I and Tutankhamun. Experience the renowned local hospitality of Egyptians during a visit to the village of Geziret Bahirat. Connect with the community and share bread with the Bahirat family, whilst they regale guests with their fascinating stories of daily life. Visit the massive Luxor Temple complex, which archeologists began excavating in the 1860s and didn't complete until the 1960s. Return to your cruise ship and sail via the Esna Lock to Edfu, for your overnight stay. (B) (L) (D)

## **DAY 4** KOM OMBO TO ASWAN

**Relaxed Start.** In the early morning sail to Kom Ombo to visit the only double temple of Egypt dedicated to two gods, the crocodile-headed Sobek and the falcon-headed Horus the Elder.

In the evening, enjoy a fun-filled Egyptian dinner and galabeya party on board your ship. (B) (L) (D)

# **DAY 5** ASWAN'S HIGH DAM AND NILE FELUCCA

In the morning, visit the Aswan High Dam and granite quarries, to see the enormous unfinished obelisk.

Travel by motorboat to the Temple of Isis. Rising from the waters of the Nile on the Island of Philae, it was the last temple built in the classical Egyptian style.

Later, on a traditional Nile Felucca, meet a sailor and learn about traditional sailing practices.

As the sun starts to fade, enjoy high tea at the historic Old Cataract Hotel. The likes of Winston Churchill and Agatha Christie stayed at this pretty venue, and Christie supposedly wrote "Death on the Nile" from the hotel itself. (B) (L) (AT) (D)

# DAY 6 ASWAN AND BACK TO CAIRO

**Relaxed Start.** This morning, disembark your cruise ship and enjoy time at leisure in Aswan. Why not join an Optional Experience and travel by air to the magnificent Temples of Ramesses II at Abu Simbel? These temples overlook Lake Nasser and are made up of the Great Temple of Ramesses II and the Temple of Hathor. Located in a village in Nubia, they are found in Upper Egypt. Otherwise, spend the morning as you wish. Perhaps soak up





TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT Visit the unique double Temple of Kom Ombo. (Photo by @Insight.kathleen, Day 4, Kom Ombo)

the African atmosphere in the Nubian bazaar or visit one of the many points of interest nearby, such as the Botanical Gardens, Elephantine Island and the Aga Khan Mausoleum.

Later, transfer to the airport for your return flight to Cairo for the night. (B)

## Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino.

# DAY 7 THE EGYPTIAN MUSEUM AND CITADEL

Begin your city sightseeing with your Egyptologist at the world-famous Egyptian Museum. Starring among its attractions is the amazing treasure recovered from Tutankhamun's tomb.

Explore Cairo with Insight Choice. Choose to explore Cairo Citadel and see the Great Alabaster Mosque. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience on Qursaya Island, home to the first large scale initiative to clean the Nile.

Later, you will have free time to enjoy as you wish. In the evening, take your seats at the magical Sound and Light Show at the Great Pyramids which literally illuminates the history of Giza - an unforgettable introduction to the world of ancient Eqypt. (B)

# DAY 8 THE GREAT PYRAMIDS OF GIZA

Gain a deeper understanding of the last remaining Wonder of the Ancient World, during a visit to Giza with your Egyptologist. Meet the enigmatic Sphinx, crouching at the foot of the Chephrenis Causeway and venture inside one of the magnificent Pyramids.

Nearby lies Memphis, capital of the Old Kingdom, where you can see the colossal statue of Ramesses II and the great Alabaster Sphinx. Continue to Sakkara to view the Step Pyramid of Zoser, which dates back 2686 B.C., making it the oldest pyramid in the world. Enjoy free time in the afternoon. (B)

#### **DAY 9** DEPART CAIRO

After breakfast, transfer to Cairo airport. (B)





**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Witness the majestic Temple of Isis rising from the waters. (*Photo by @Ulla\_insight, Day 5, Philae Island*)



#### KEY

₹ Join/Leave Options

**⊀** Included Flights

1 Central Hotels + Nights

Scenic Hotels + Nights

ullet Place Visited

O Optional Place Visited

🛱 Cruise

# CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE

This trip operates both classic and small group departures. You can also book your own private group with as few as 12 travellers.



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