



# The Splendors of Egypt and the Nile w/Colleen Alsberg

Tuesday, October 21 – Sunday, November 2, 2025

## Insight Vacations

Join Colleen as you tour and cruise fascinating Egypt! The Great Pyramids of Giza and ancient temples, tombs and treasures that line the vast River Nile have been attracting visitors to Egypt for over 4,000 years. Although the pyramids have come to symbolize this exotic destination, they are just a small portion of what this timeless land has to offer. Egypt's vast wealth of antiquities take center stage. Marvel at Karnak, the Pyramids and Sphinx, Tutankhamun's treasure, and the ubiquitous hieroglyphics. A trip of a lifetime!

### Package Inclusions:

- Round-trip air from Chicago O'Hare to Cairo, including current air taxes and fees
- Round-trip airport/hotel transfers in Cairo when using group air
- Hotel accommodations for four nights in Cairo including hotel service charges, taxes and luggage handling
- Seven-night Nile cruise on MS Medea, MS Miriam (or similar)
- Inter-Egypt air travel Cairo/Luxor and Luxor/Cairo
- Luxury air-conditioned motorcoach for transportation and sightseeing (*extended legroom coaches not available in Egypt*)
- Dining Includes: Daily Breakfasts; 7 Lunches; 1 Afternoon Tea; 7 Dinners; and bottled water, tea or coffee while cruising
- Signature Tour Experiences Include
  - Giza: Meet the enigmatic Sphinx and venture deep inside one of the pyramids, to the chambers where the pharaohs went to meet their Gods in the afterlife
  - Cairo: Gaze upon the most recognizable symbols of ancient Egypt: the full-faced funeral mask, gold coffin, gilded throne, and precious jewelry – Tutankhamun's treasure.
  - Philae Island: Board a motorboat to the temple complex and see the Temple of Isis
  - Aswan: On a traditional Nile felucca, meet a sailor and learn the art of sailing this ancient Nile craft. Enjoy the sunset and high tea in colonial English-style at Aswan's famous Old Cataract Hotel
  - Meet the ladies behind the local women's co-op. See scrap materials come to life as they are turned into fine handicrafts
  - West Bank: Embark with an Egyptologist to visit the Temple Hatshepsut and royal tombs in the Valley of the Kings
  - Karnak: Stand amid a vast forest of columns in the largest temple complex known to man
  - Cruising: Join the fun at an Egyptian dinner and galabeya party
  - Luxor: Visit a working bakery and witness the local artisans creating authentic Egyptian bread
- Headset for guided sightseeing visits and walking tours
- Escorted by a professional, local Tour Director
- Professional tour manager from Fox World Travel \*
- Customized, informative travel documents containing trip details and helpful packing and planning information

<b>Prices:</b>	<b>Air &amp; Tour Package:</b>	\$7345.00 per person Double Occupancy
	<b>Tour Only Pricing:</b>	\$5795.00 person Double Occupancy
	<b>Single Supplement:</b>	\$1612.00 (single occupancies are limited)
	<b>Initial Deposit:</b>	\$500.00 per person
	<b>Final Payment:</b>	No later than July 9, 2025
	<b>Requirements:</b>	Valid US passport, minimum validity of 6 months from return date

## Daily Itinerary



### Day 1: Tuesday, October 21– Your Journey Begins

An exciting journey is ahead as we board our overnight flight to Cairo!

### Day 2: Wednesday, October 22 – Welcome to Cairo

Welcome to the timeless land of the Pharaohs. On arrival in Cairo, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Relax this evening and get ready for the incredible experience ahead.

**Hotel:** Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino (or similar)

### Day 3: Thursday, October 23 – Fly to Luxor, Cruise the Nile

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 before transferring to your cruise ship. After lunch on-board, visit Luxor Temple, which was unearthed by Mariette in the 1860s.

**Cruising:** MS Medea (or similar)

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner with wine

### Day 4: Friday, October 24 – Exploring Dendera & Edfu

A day of history awaits you today as you begin with a morning visit to the Temple of Hathor in Dendera. One of the best-preserved temples in Egypt, it contains a rare depiction of Cleopatra and her son Caesarian, whose father was Julius Caesar. At lunchtime return to your ship. Enjoy a peaceful journey via the Esna Lock to Edfu. From the sun deck watch the locals, see villages on both banks and how ships pass through the lock.

**Cruising:** MS Medea (or similar)

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 5: Saturday, October 25 – From the Temple of Horus to Aswan

You will start the day with breakfast as you cruise along the Nile to Kom Ombo and continue to the city of Aswan. Famous for its archaeological sites such as the Philae Temple Complex and the Temple of Isis, Aswan is a vibrant destination that portray an agreeable mix of ancient and contemporary Egypt. In the evening enjoy a fun-filled Egyptian dinner and galabeya party.

**Cruising:** MS Medea (or similar)

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 6: Sunday, October 26– Explore Aswan’s High Dam & the Temple of Isis

Today’s sightseeing includes a visit to Aswan’s 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. Meet the ladies behind the local women’s co-op. Scrap materials come to life as they are being turned into fine handicrafts. The organization provides an important source of income to the vulnerable women of the co-op. The rest of the day is free to relax and enjoy the facilities, including a pool, on your cruise ship. Ask your Travel Director for recommendations on things to do onboard or perhaps ask for more insights into Egypt’s fascinating history.

**Cruising:** MS Medea (or similar)

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 7: Monday, October 27– Feluccas and High Tea

Throughout your journey you will see many feluccas sailing along the Nile. Now it is your time to sail on one for yourself. On this traditional vessel, meet a local sailor who will teach you about the art of sailing this ancient craft. As the sun starts to fade, enjoy colonial-style high tea at the historic Old Cataract Hotel, just like Winston Churchill and Agatha Christie once did before you. The hotel is rumored to be where Christie wrote her bestselling novel, “Death on the Nile.”

**Cruising:** MS Medea (or similar)

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Tea, Dinner

#### Day 8: Tuesday, October 28 – Free Time and on to Kom Ombo

With the morning free, perhaps join the optional experience of travelling to the temples of Abu Simbel by air? 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. Later, sail to Kom Ombo to visit the only double temple of Egypt, dedicated to the two gods the crocodile-headed Sobek and falcon-headed Horus the Elder.

**Cruising:** MS Medea (or similar)

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 9: Wednesday, October 29 – Cruising the Nile to Luxor

Your cruise continues along the bustling waters of the Nile. Enjoy your facilities on board and have your cameras ready for the sites as you leisurely make your way to Luxor. In the evening, on arrival in Luxor there will be free time. Ask your Travel Director for tips on where to explore.

**Cruising:** MS Medea (or similar)

**Meals:** Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 10: Thursday, October 30 – Explore Luxor and Fly to Cairo

This morning we disembark from our cruise and 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, including Hatshepsut, Amenhotep I and Tutankhamun were buried. 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. Later, transfer to the airport for your return flight to Cairo.

**Hotel:** Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino (or similar)

**Meals:** Breakfast

#### Day 11: Friday, October 31 – Full Day Tour

This morning, ascend to the Citadel, for breathtaking views over the city. While here visit the Alabaster Mosque, otherwise known as the Great Mosque of Muhammad Ali Pasha, regarded as the founder of modern Egypt. Continue to Tahrir Square, the focal point of the 2011 Egyptian Revolution, and the Egyptian Museum. Among the many exhibits found here, are the fabulous artefacts recovered from the tomb of King Tutankhamun

**Hotel:** Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino (or similar)

**Meals:** Breakfast

#### Day 12: Saturday, November 1 – Cairo and the Pyramids of Giza

After breakfast, drive to Memphis, the famous capital of the ancient world. See the colossal statue of Ramses II and the Great Alabaster Sphinx. Continue to Sakkara, to see the Step Pyramid of King Zoser, the oldest pyramid in the world, dating back to 2,700 BC. In the afternoon, continue to Giza with your Egyptologist to explore the magnificent pyramids and come face-to-face with the enigmatic Sphinx. During your visit, venture inside one of these ancient wonders to see the chambers where the pharaohs were sent to meet their Gods in the afterlife. Later, drive to the pyramids to witness the magical Sound & Light Show - an unforgettable introduction to the world of Ancient Egypt.

**Hotel:** Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino (or similar)

**Meals:** Breakfast

#### Day 13: Sunday, November 2 – Depart Cairo for Home

Your exciting adventure ends with transfers to Cairo Airport and your flight home.

*Hotels, activities, and daily itinerary are subject to change.*

#### Available Discounts

**Early Booking Discount:** Book and deposit by December 31, 2024, and receive a \$300.00 discount per person

**Insight Past Passenger Discount:** \$100.00 per person

*Must have traveled with Insight Vacations, Uniworld, Brendan Vacations, Trafalgar or Contiki within the last five years to qualify.*

*Discounts are subject to change at any time.*

**Fox Professional Fee:** Package price includes a \$50.00 non-refundable Professional Fee per reservation. Fee will be charged at the time of deposit and will show as an additional payment from Fox World Travel.

**Not Included:** Egypt Visa, airline flights on land-only packages, airline luggage fees if applicable, gratuities for airport porters, tour guides, motorcoach drivers, meals (other than those included in the package), optional excursions, travel insurance and any items of a personal nature.

**Tourist Visa:** US citizens are required to have a tourist visa to enter Egypt, which can be purchased upon arrival in Cairo for \$25.00 USD per person (subject to change)

**Terms:** Minimum of 20 travelers required for the tour to operate and send a Fox World Travel tour manager to accompany the group. In the event the minimum number is not reached, the tour may still include a professional, local guide in destination. Hotels, experiences, and daily itinerary are subject to change.

**Group Air:** A minimum of 10 passengers is needed for the group air. Flights are currently pending. The air-inclusive package includes air that has not yet been assigned, the identity of the carrier, which may include the carrier's code-share partner, will be assigned and disclosed at a later date. Price includes approximate air taxes and fees. Air package pricing is subject to change until contracted due to the volatility of airfare costs. Checked luggage fees may apply. Frequent Flier miles may not be available to group air travel. Fox World Travel has no control over flight or equipment changes, seat assignments, delays or cancellations. Airline tickets will be non-refundable once issued. Changes will be subject to a fee plus any fare difference. Additional restrictions may apply. Pricing and flight options from other cities available upon request.

**Insurance:** For peace of mind, we recommend purchasing travel protection insurance. Your travel advisor can discuss options with you, including medical expense coverage, pre-existing medical condition exclusion waivers, trip cancellation, trip delay, lost, delayed, or damaged baggage and more. To cover pre-existing conditions, most policies must be purchased within 14 days of making your initial deposit. Travel protection insurance prices are based on your age and the trip cost.