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Why settle for the ordinary when you can embark on an extraordinary odyssey through the timeless wonders of Egypt!

Step back in time and immerse yourself in the mesmerizing tapestry of ancient wonders, vibrant culture, and timeless mystique that is Egypt. As you traverse this captivating land, you will uncover the secrets of the pharaohs, witness the enduring grandeur of the pyramids, and sail the timeless Nile River—experiences that will leave an indelible mark on your soul. Picture this: The sun-kissed sands of the Sahara stretching out before you, the mighty Nile River winding its way through the timeless desert, and the iconic pyramids standing proudly against the backdrop of the endless sky. This is Egypt – a land where the past seamlessly intertwines with the present, where each step you take is a testament to the enduring legacy of one of the world's most captivating civilizations. From the bustling streets of Cairo to the fertile banks of the Nile, Egypt offers a wealth of experiences that are as diverse as they are enchanting. Step inside the hallowed tombs of the Valley of the Kings, where the secrets of pharaohs and queens lie waiting to be discovered. Feel the whisper of history as you gaze upon the enigmatic Sphinx guarding the legendary pyramids of Giza. Dive into the vibrant bustle of the bazaars, where the aromas of spices and the colors of textiles create a sensory symphony unlike any other.

But Egypt is not only a journey through time – it is a feast for the senses, a celebration of life, and a testament to the enduring spirit of a proud and resilient people. Indulge in the exquisite flavors of authentic Egyptian cuisine, savoring the delicate blend of herbs and spices that have been perfected over centuries. Immerse yourself in the warmth of the local hospitality, where every smile is an invitation to share in the joy of a culture steeped in tradition and grace. And now, imagine experiencing all of this with the expert guidance and unparalleled luxury of France Off the Beaten Path Tours. With a legacy of crafting unforgettable journeys that go beyond the ordinary, we invite you to embark on a sojourn through Egypt that redefines the meaning of travel. From exclusive access to hidden gems to seamless, personalized luxury service that anticipates your every need, we promise an experience that transcends the ordinary and elevates your adventure to new heights. Are you ready to embrace the allure of Egypt, walk in the footsteps of pharaohs, and savor the time-less beauty of the Nile? Join us on a journey that transcends the ordinary, and let the mysteries of Egypt unfold before you in unparalleled luxury and style.

### EXPERIENCE: INSPIRING ITINERARIES - EXCEPTIONAL QUALITY - EXCELLENT VALUE!



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- In 2025, we celebrate 31 YEARS EXPERIENCE leading tours exclusively in France.
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- Our tours sell out year after year thanks to our exclusive benefits, exceptional quality, and excellent value.
- We are proud to be named travelers #1 choice for group travel for decades!

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## 2025 EGYPT Tour Dates & Prices ...

2025 – \*Ultimate in Luxury\* Tour Dates & Prices:

October 30-November 9 and December 2-12.

Priced - US\$22,999 per person double/twin occupancy (11 days/10 nights)

All-Inclusive Tour featuring a combination of suites at luxury hotels and ultimate luxury glamping on our friend's private island in the cataracts of the Nile in Aswan (A truly once-in-a-lifetime experience) and 4 nights on privately chartered, luxury dahabeya (privately chartered luxury boat exclusively for our group with 6-8 cabins) for Nile cruise portion of the trip.

- Group size on schedule tour departures above: Limited to 10 guests per scheduled tour date.
- Also available to book on a private basis for groups of 2-20 persons.
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- "ULTIMATE in LUXURY" Experience tour dates: 10 nights, All-Inclusive Tour featuring a combination of suites at luxury hotels and ultimate luxury "glamping" on our friend's private island in the cataracts of the Nile in Aswan (A truly once-in-a-lifetime experience) and 4 nights on privately chartered, luxury dahabeya (privately chartered luxury boat exclusively for our group with 6-8 cabins) for Nile cruise portion of the trip..
- Led by Hela and Christy along with our dedicated Egyptologist and dear friend Mahmoud and our personally selected Certified Egyptian Guides throughout the entire tour.
- Our personalized "unannounced" visits and unique "only available to our guests" experiences during the tour that make it truly an unparalleled and exclusive Egyptian experience.
- Overnights at our favorite historical luxury hotels and 5 days/4 nights sailing on the Nile on a luxury dahabeya
- Dining at our favorite, local Egyptian restaurants (No hotel restaurants)
- Visit a Limited Access archeological site with a world famous archaeologist and enjoy dinner at home with him.
- · Privately hosted lunches and dinners exclusively for our guests
- Time with our local Egyptian friends and favorite artisans at home and in their workshops
- The Giza Plateau: Great Pyramids and Sphinx
- Sakkara Pyramids
- · Experience Egyptian hospitality throughout welcomed as friends
- Experience Old Cairo and Zamalek quarter with Hela who grew up here
- The National Museum of Egyptian Civilization in Cairo: See the Royal Mummies
- The Grand Egyptian Museum (still at it's same location, new location not yet open, and no opening date as of present)
- Karnak and Luxor Temples
- The Valley of the Kings and King Tut's tomb
- Medinet Habu
- Hatshepsut's Temple
- Special visit to Kom Ombo Temple
- Unfinished Obelisk & Nile cataracts in Aswan...plus luxury stay on our private island
- Spice Souk with Hela
- Philae Temple
- Felucca to Elephantine Island
- · Heissa Island and the ladies of Nubia
- Abu Simbel (A Must See on any trip to Egypt)





## DAY 1: WELCOME TO EGYPT, THE GIFT OF THE NILE, MEET & GREET AT CAIRO AIRPORT – FLY TO LUXOR, HOTEL CHECK-IN, DINNER TOGETHER – D

#### WHAT TO EXPECT - TRAVEL THROUGH EGYPT WITH US WARMLY WELCOMED AS FRIENDS!

During our 11-day/10-night tour we take you in hand from the moment you disembark the airplane at Cairo airport until the tour concludes when we return you to Cairo airport. We manage every detail during your magical, all-inclusive adventure in Egypt while you enjoy privileged and once-in-a-lifetime experiences throughout the tour. You'll discover the magical history of Egypt with our personally selected specialist guides, egyptologists, and archeologists, as well as be privy to fun historical anecdotes that bring Egyptian history to life. We'll share time with our favorite artisans visiting their workshops, dining as friends, and VIP guests aboard our dahabeya and at our favorite local restaurants. We take you off the beaten path throughout to experience the beauty of Egyptian hospitality, as we know it, and combine it all with luxurious accommodations!

For guests who need to arrive a day or half-day early in Cairo for the tour due to current international flight schedules and arrival times into Cairo, we will have an additional night hotel stay arranged for you in Cairo. The itinerary will be adapted to ensure no guest misses out on any part of the tour.

We depart as a group to Luxor and transfer to Al Moudira hotel from the Luxor Airport upon arrival.

At Al Moudira – Built in the tradition of Arabian palaces, it is the West bank's only one. Multilingual owner and artist friend Zeina personally oversaw the three-year construction of her oriental baroque dream hotel.

Once you have settled in, we start the day off with a tour of the Coliseum of Memnon and Medinat Habu Temple, one of Luxor's most underrated monuments, with a substantial amount of the original paint still visible today.

Dinner at our favorite gourmet Egyptian restaurant on the east bank of Luxor.



## HATSHEPSUT Temple

Breakfast. After breakfast at the hotel, we visit one of Egypt's most spectacular monuments: the mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut, followed by a tour of Deir El Medina, and the Valley of the Kings.

Deir El Medina, also known as the place of truth is where artisans created a community to decorate the pharaohs' and nobles' tombs in preparation for the afterlife. First recorded worker strike recorded in history under Ramses III!

### Exclusive "Insider" Experiences

Lunch of Egyptian specialties and exquisite views of the river valley on the west bank before returning to freshen up at our hotel.

Visit a Limited Access archeological site with a world famous archaeologist and we'll also enjoy dinner at Hela's home with him.

Sunset tour of Luxor Temple – The Temple stands as the soul of Luxor and the city of the living. Where the scarab awakens to the voice to Ra on the Nile's eastern bank. It's the only temple that welcomes us during the evening in search of the afterlife.

Dinner together at Hela's home in Luxor.





### DAY 3: TEMPLES OF KARNAK, BOARD LUXURY DAHABIYA - 4-NIGHTSSAILING THE NILE, SAIL TO ESNA - B, L, D

BREAKFAST. MORNING - We start off the day with a tour of the temples of Karnak, dedicated to Amun-Ra and his wife, the goddess of creation Mut.

Lunch at Hela's home with our archeologist.

Privately Chartered Luxury Egyptian dahabeya river boat sailing on the Nile for next 4 nights.

We then begin our journey on our privately chartered dahabeya, a traditional two-masted sailboat, and set our course for Elkab via the Esna lock. A unique way to drift on the Nile, sailing on a dahabeya remains a biblical experience where time seems to have stopped over 3000 years. As we sail along the Nile, witness farming methods of the saqqia and shaduf, unchanged since the ancient civilization. Stops to villages en route are only accessible to our dahabeya.

During our sailing time, learn to play Egyptian favorite games, backgammon and dominos, and participate in learning hieroglyphics.

Overnight and dinner served aboard our dahabeya.

The menu aboard our dahabeya changes daily during our sailing to ensure the freshest, seasonal selections. Our private chef prepares us a sumptuous selection of the finest gourmet Egyptian cuisine.

\* Optional Hot Air Balloon Ride at Sunrise over West Bank is available for interested guests today and tomorrow.





### DAY 4: CRUISING THE NILE & SPECIAL SURPRISES TODAY - B, L, D

#### **FULL-DAY:**

Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner served aboard our Dahabeya.

Today we'll cruise the Nile taking in the magic of the river. We have some of our signature, fun and interactive surprises planned for today.

Overnight aboard our Dahabeya.



### DAY 5: GEBEL EL-SILSILA, KOM OMBO - B, L, D

We visit the sandstone quarry of Gebel El-Silsila in the morning.

We sail to Kom Ombo in the afternoon. Kom ombo was the seat of the crocodile god Sobek of apotropaic magic warding off the evil eye and dangers coming from the Nile Its temple is divided into two perfectly symmetrical halves, with two entrances, two corridors and two sanctuaries. One side is dedicated to Haroeris (Horus the Elder), and the other to Sobek, the crocodile god. We'll have the opportunity to visit off the beaten path sites and tombs here.

Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner served aboard our dahabeya.

Overnight aboard our dahabiya at Kom Ombo.

### DAY 6: ASWAN & THE UNFINISHED OBELISK, SHOPPING WITH HELA AT THE SPICE SOUK - B, L, D

Breakfast and lunch on the dahabeya as we sail towards Aswan. Our driver will pick us up to visit the granite quarry and the unfinished Obelisk. We'll then take a stroll in the vibrant Aswan Souk for a shopping tour of Egypts' finest herbs and spices.

Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner served aboard our dahabeya. Possible lunch option depending on sailing schedule to lunch ashore during our visits.

Overnight aboard our dahabeya at Aswan.



### DAY 7: ABU SIMBEL, FELUCCA TO ELEPHANTINE ISLAND, PICNIC LUNCH ON OUR FELUCCA - B, L, D

Breakfast. Transport from Aswan to Abu Simbel by plane after breakfast.

Abu Simbel is the site of two temples built by Ramses II. The temples were originally located 200m from where they stand today: when the construction of the Aswan Dam threatened to destroy the temples, they were taken apart stone by stone and reassembled on higher ground, assuring their safety.



Return to Aswan at the end of the morning.

Picnic lunch on the romantic Felucca next to Elephantine Island.

Check in at our private island in the cataracts on the Nile in Aswan.

Gourmet Egyptian Dinner together.

## DAY 8: PHILAE TEMPLE HEISSA ISLAND, NUBIAN LUNCH AT HOME, SOUND AND LIGHT SHOW – B, L, D

Breakfast. After breakfast, we visit Egypt's most romantic temple: the Philae temple dedicated to the goddess Isis.

Lunch at Heissa Island where we enjoy a traditional Nubian meal prepared by local Egyptian women. Back to our private island for free time before the Philae sound and light show.

Dinner on Bigeh Island overlooking Philae.



Breakfast before our flight to Cairo. Visit of Old Cairo and the Coptic quarter on the Holy Family's Trail.

Lunch en route to the Egyptian museum where we'll see the funerary mask of Tutankhamun (King Tut) followed by visit to the Museum of Egyptian Civilization to see the Royal Mummies.

Overnight in the stunning Marriott hotel situated in the chic quarter of Zamalek in old Cairo... perfect to soak up the cultural feel of the old city, and centrally located to all of our excursions. We chose the beautiful Marriott in the historical quarter of Zamalek over Mena House pyramids hotel location as our base in order to be centrally located in Cairo and AVOID long hours of traffic jams and tourist crowds synonymous with Mena House hotel's pyramid location. Our Zamalek hotel location also offers guests an opportunity to stroll the beautiful streets of this gorgeous neighborhood of culture and history to visit and shop at the artist and artisan boutiques, and art galleries during free time. You'll find Egyptian made jewelry, clothes, shoes, handbags, art, home decor, Egyptian cotton linens, and much more. We'll also take you to our favorite artisan workshops and boutiques.

Dinner together and night market in Zamalek quarter.







DAY 10: STEP PYRAMID OF SAKKARA, GIZA PLATEAU (THE GREAT PYRAMIDS & SPHINX) – B, L, D

Breakfast. Visit the first Egyptian pyramid ever built, the step pyramid of Sakkara, designed by the Pharoah Djoser's architect Imhotep.

Lunch at our friend's home under the shade of palm trees.

End your trip spectacularly on the Giza plateau with a visit of the Great Pyramids and the Sphinx.

Dinner – A farewell dinner together in true Egyptian style.



We depart after breakfast from the hotel where the concierge will have prepared your luggage. We return to Cairo airport as a group where we'll part ways at the departure check-in area.

It's always sad to say goodbye so we'll say "until next time as when you drink from the Nile... you are destined to return".



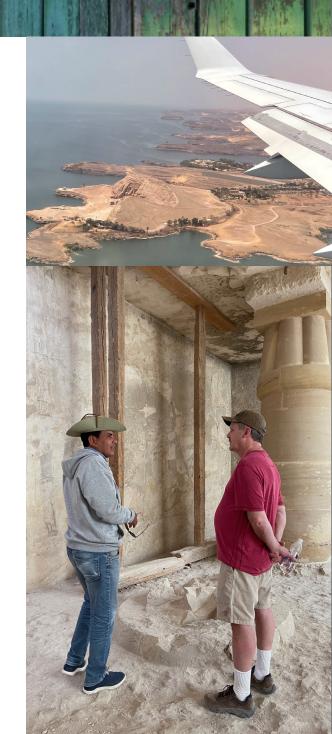




B, L, D = Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Included

# Egypt TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- From the moment you step off the airplane at Cairo Airport until check-in for your return flight home at the conclusion of the tour, we take you under our wings. From the time you arrive until the time you depart, we take care of every detail, and as our guest, your time is spent enjoying the very best Egypt has to offer and having the time of your life on this once-in-a-lifetime experience.
- Full-time services of Hela and Christy, specialty guides, Egyptologist and archeologist throughout the tour.
- Our personalized "unannounced" visits and unique "only available to our guests" experiences during the tour that make it truly an unparalleled and exclusive Egyptian experience.
- "ULTIMATE in LUXURY" Experience tour dates: 10 nights in pure luxury: 6 nights combination of suites at historical luxury hotels and ultimate luxury glamping on our friend's private island in the cataracts of the Nile in Aswan (A truly once-in-a-lifetime experience) and 4 nights on privately chartered, luxury dahabeya (privately chartered luxury boat exclusively for our group with 6-8 cabins) for Nile cruise portion of the trip.
- ALL TOUR DATES: 29 Meals ALL-INCLUSIVE All meals throughout, from dinner on day 1 ending with breakfast on day 11
- Lunches and dinners feature the finest Egyptian cuisine throughout at our favorite local restaurants, at Hela's home, homes of local friends, with a local archeologist, aboard our dahabeya, picnic on a felucca, and meals in exceptional off the beaten path Egyptian settings only available to us.
- All transportation throughout the tour from Day 1 arrival to Day 11 departure
- All transfers with air-conditioned modern touristic cars for all transportation throughout the tour
- Services of our personally selected Accredited Guides, Egyptologists and Archeologist every day of the tour
- Guided Visits: Pyramids Sphinx Sakkara, Memnon Museum, Old Cairo Habu, Valley of the kings –
   Hatshepsut Temple Deir El Medina, Luxor Temple Karnak Temple Gabal El Silsila Kom Ombo Temple,
   Unfinished Obelisk Souk Aswan Philae Temple, Abu Simbel Temple(short roundtrip flight from Aswan)
- Visit a Limited Access archeological site with a world famous archaeologist and we'll also enjoy dinner at home with him.
- All entrance fees and specialty guide fees
- Personal Meet & Greet Welcome at Cairo Airport to assist you with your visa on arrival, passage through customs and baggage collection.
- All domestic flights detailed in itinerary
- All Gratuities to guides, drivers, dahabeya crew.



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- Group size: Limited to maximum 10 guests per tour scheduled tour date above.
- This tour is available to book on a private basis for groups of 2-20 persons.
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### EGYPT TRIP MARCH 2022

Gregg & Jim Carroll,
Provence, Bordeaux, Egypt

What a wonderful trip! Always a joy to travel with Christy. Weather was fine, people were warm and welcoming. We were a bit worried before the trip about security in Egypt, but when we were there we never felt threatened and always felt quite safe.

The Dahabeya is a great way to travel down the Nile, the crew were charming and a day on the felucca was magical. We learned a lot about Egypt and spent a very relaxing time on board the boats. I highly recommend this trip to anyone thinking about traveling this year.

## NOT JUST A TOUR: IT'S AN AUTHENTIC OFF THE BEATEN PATH (In a superience...



Unrivaled expertise within France sets Off the Beaten Path, LLC apart. Off the Beaten Path, LLC (OTBP) is American owned and operated. In 2025, the company celebrates 31 years delivering small, engaging group, walking, gourmet foodie, wine and cultural tours in France. OTBP active, small group France, and now, Egypt tours offer travelers the very BEST, and most inspiring and exclusive itineraries filled with cultural "insider" experiences that take guests beyond traditional tourist hotspots.

Enjoy exceptional quality and excellent value on an OTBP small group tour today! Travelers and publications rate Off the Beaten Path Tours the BEST active, small group tours in France thanks to the unparalleled "insider" experiences featured in each tour itinerary. The company's renowned "insider" relationships with regional French chefs, artisans, and cultural industry professionals put Off the Beaten Path far ahead of the competition when it comes to creating one-of-a-kind itineraries to experience the very BEST of France! Whether you're a seasoned small group tour traveler, or new to the small group tour scene, Off the Beaten Path tours offer fun, enriching, interactive, local, and authentic French experiences and activities for everyone.

More than just a tour, Off the Beaten Path, transforms the entire guest experience into a personalized and exclusive "unparalleled" active, cultural affair that far exceeds guest expectations! We connect guests with lifelong, French friends who rank among France's top-rated chefs, specialty artisans, artists, wine producers, hotel & castle owners, and entertainers! Expert Professional English speaking guides who live in France, inspiring itineraries, deluxe historical hotel accommodations, sumptuous French meals, classified regional wines, and comfortable transportation in private, spacious, professionally driven vehicles are immutable standards on every Off the Beaten Path Tour. Each tour itinerary is comprised of a variety of engaging activities and enriching experiences for guests to authentically discover the heart and soul of each region. Participate in cooking classes with our friends who are celebrity Master, Meilleur Ouvrier de France, and Michelin-star chefs who look forward to your arrival, and make you feel welcome in their family homes, professional kitchens, and workshops as a group of friends.

Shop at weekly village markets where OTBP tour guides introduce you to our French friends who are olive oil and wine producers, artists, cheese-makers, herb and spice vendors, craftsmen, perfumery and linen artisans, and designers. Walk the same countryside and vineyard trails that regional French residents do with their families. Enjoy the slow road scenery that comes with walking local country trails through vineyards, flower fields of lavender, poppies, and sunflowers, olive and fruit

orchards, and small historic villages. Tour castles, pre-historic caves, and other historical monuments and sites with our knowledgeable, professional UNESCO award-winning guides. Learn the juicy, fun untold stories of French history! Dine in the same gourmet restaurants and bistros, as local French do — where the chefs are our personal friends and set aside a table uniquely to welcome you as their exclusive guests. Built-in leisure time provides guests with opportunities to pursue independent interests and activities or to break away from the group for some quiet or personal time.

Every OTBP tour offers daily options with varying levels of activeness. You always have the flexibility of deciding how each day unfolds. OTBP tour guides sit down with the group every day to discuss the activities, excursions, walks, local events, and options of the day. With so many options available during each tour, we ensure you the flexibility to be as active as you choose (more walking, less walking, shopping time, cultural discovery, people watching, photography, etc.), and to also enjoy leisure time to pursue independent interests, all while enjoying the perks of traveling in a small group. Our tour guides take care and manage the daily logistics and details while you, our guest, spend your time on the critical stuff — having fun, relaxing and enjoying your vacation your way! The idea behind each OTBP tour is to appeal to the discerning traveler of all ages and backgrounds who seeks something new and different, and who wants to reach out and discover something inspiring.



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