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## *CLASSIC EGYPT*

### *Safari Snapshot*

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Destination</b>     | <b>#/Nights</b> | <b>Accommodations</b>   |
|-------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Day 1       | TRAVEL DAY – TO AFRICA |                 |                         |
| Days 2      | Cairo                  | 1               | Fairmont Towers Hotel   |
| Days 3 – 6  | Nile                   | 4               | Nile Adventurer Cruise  |
| Days 7 – 9  | Cairo                  | 3               | Sofitel El Gezira Hotel |
| Day 10      | TRAVEL DAY – TO USA    |                 |                         |

## KEY

**B – Breakfast | L – Lunch | D – Dinner**

### *Detailed Itinerary*

#### **DAY 1 DEPART USA**

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Your safari begins today as you board your international flight to Africa.

#### **DAY 2 CAIRO**

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You arrive today in Cairo off your international flight. Upon your arrival you will be met, assisted through customs and immigration procedures and transferred to The Fairmont Towers Hotel for one night.

Built around a stunning landscaped atrium, Fairmont Towers Heliopolis, Cairo offers visitors to Cairo the ultimate in luxury and service. The hotel is located five minutes away from Cairo International Airport. Ideally suited to the business traveler, this quiet leafy suburb provides respite from and easy access to the bustling center of Cairo and its plethora of tourist attractions. Landscaped gardens, indoor plants, fountains, rivers, water passages, wooden pontoons, stone pillars, sand walls, and sun louvers for guaranteed ventilation and natural lighting are just a few examples of the elements of the universe and the states of change.

*Overnight: Fairmont Towers Hotel (B)*

#### **DAY 3 NILE**

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Enjoy an early breakfast and then you will be met at your hotel and transferred to the Cairo Domestic airport for your flight to Luxor. Upon arrival in Luxor you will be met and transferred to your luxury cruise boat, the “Nile Adventurer,” which will be moored in a private dock in Luxor. On board you will be welcomed by the reception staff who will offer you chilled fruit juice while assisting with your check-in.

**Entertainment:** Exact entertainment schedules during your cruise are adjusted according to the needs of each group and the exact sailing schedule of the boat. Therefore, the schedule is subject to change. However, every cruise on the Nile Adventurer will include:

- A colorful “galabeyya party” which gives each guest the opportunity to dress up in traditional Egyptian dress and dance to Arabic music.
- A belly dancer, accompanied by a whirling dervish show in Luxor.

- A trio of authentic Egyptian musicians in Aswan during afternoon tea.
- A lecture accompanied by a slide show, by your Egyptologist guide.

**Food & Beverage:** Menus are changed on a seasonal basis to enable the chef to use the freshest ingredients at all times. However, the following is applicable to every cruise:

- Most meals are served in the restaurant. However, at least one barbecue lunch (while sailing) will be served on deck (weather permitting).
- Afternoon tea includes a range of teas and herbal infusions, fresh coffee and a selection of freshly baked, homemade cake, cookies and finger food
- Mineral water, tea and coffee are included with every meal.

**Karnak Temple:** Start your Tour to the East Bank by visiting the Temple of Karnak, built over more than a thousand years by generations of Pharaohs. The great “Hypostyle Hall” is an incredible forest of giant pillars, covering an area larger than the whole of Notre Dame Cathedral.

**Luxor Temple:** After Karnak your Egyptologist will guide you on a tour of the strikingly graceful Temple of Luxor dedicated to the god Amun.

Tonight you will be greeted by your Boat Manager, who will introduce you to the boat staff and review on-board facilities and your cruise program for the next few days. Complimentary Egyptian wine and local beer will be served, together with freshly prepared canapés. Dinner will be on board followed by a belly dancer, accompanied by a whirling dervish show.

*Overnight: Nile Adventurer (B, L, D)*

## **DAY 4** **NILE**

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**Valley of the Kings & Queens:** Afternoon visit to the West Bank of Luxor to explore the Valley of the Kings, a vast City of the Dead where magnificent tombs were carved into the desert rocks, decorated richly, and filled with treasures for the afterlife by generations of Pharaohs. You will also have the chance to visit at least one tomb in the Valley of the Queens.

**Hatshepsut Temple:** Rising out of the desert plain in a series of terraces, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut (Ancient Egypt’s only female Pharaoh) merges with the sheer limestone cliffs that surround it, as if nature herself had built this extraordinary monument.

**Photo stop at Colossi of Memnon:** On the way back to the Nile, your road passes by the famed Colossi of Memnon, known in Ancient Greek times for their haunting voices at dawn.

*Overnight: Nile Adventurer (B, L, D)*

## DAY 5

### NILE

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**Esna Temple:** This morning, your Egyptologist will guide you around the Greco-Roman Temple of Khnum at Esna. The beautifully preserved Great Hypostyle Hall was built during the reign of the Roman Emperor Claudius; it was excavated from the silt that had accumulated through centuries of annual Nile floods and is about nine meters below present-day street level.

**Edfu Temple:** This afternoon, explore the largest and most completely preserved Pharaonic – albeit Greek-built – temple in Egypt, the extraordinary Temple of Horus at Edfu.

**Cooking lesson:** Egyptian cooking lesson will be presented on board.

Tonight’s dinner on board will be an “Egyptian Night” costume party for all guests, with a chance to dress up in traditional Egyptian “galabeyas.” Dinner will be a lavish buffet of Egyptian specialties, followed by oriental music and dancing for everyone.

*Overnight: Nile Adventurer (B, L, D)*

## DAY 6

### NILE

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**Kom Ombo Temple:** Visit the Temple of Kom Ombo, dedicated to the crocodile-god Sobek. The temple stands at a bend in the Nile where in ancient times sacred crocodiles basked in the sun on the riverbank.

**Philae Temple:** Take a short motorboat ride to visit the romantic and majestic Philae Temple on the Island of Agilka.

**Unfinished Obelisk:** Next you proceed to the Granite Quarries, which supplied the ancient Egyptians with most of the hard stone used in pyramids and temples, and still hold a huge unfinished obelisk.

**Felucca Ride:** In the afternoon (weather permitting) take a ride on a felucca, a typical Egyptian sail boat, around Elephantine Island, Lord Kitchener’s Botanical Gardens, and the Agha Khan Mausoleum (life jackets will be provided).

Tonight’s farewell dinner will be a formal gala dinner, with white-gloved waiters serving gourmet cuisine.

*Overnight: Nile Adventurer (B, L, D)*

**DAY 7**  
**ABU SIMBEL - CAIRO**

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After breakfast on board the cruise boat, you will be transferred to the Aswan Airport for your flight to Abu Simbel.

**Abu Simbel**

Half day tour to the Temple at Abu Simbel, located just 30 minutes by plane from Aswan. Built by the Great Ramses II, Egypt's longest ruling pharaoh, it is one of the most recognizable images in the country. Actually two temples, namely the Great Temple of Ra-Harakhte, fronted by the four colossal statues of Ramses II and the Temple of Hathor, dedicated to Ramses' favourite wife Queen Nefertari, they were moved to their current location when the creation of Lake Nasser threatened their existence.

Following the tour you will board your flight from Abu Simbel to Cairo via Aswan. Upon arrival in Cairo you will be met and transferred to the Sofitel el Gezirah Hotel for two nights.

Sofitel El Gezirah is the luxury hotel of Cairo, located on the Nile River, in the heart of the city and offering 433 rooms and suites. French contemporary and elegant hotel with an Oriental inspiration, all rooms and restaurants are overlooking the Nile and will offer you multiple options to appreciate the spirit of the historical city while being away from the traffic and the turbulence of the Egyptian mega pole. Outdoor heated swimming pool with infinity design for a magnificent Nile view.

*Overnight: Sofitel El Gezirah Hotel (B)*

**DAY 8**  
**CAIRO**

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**Full day Memphis, Sakkara, Pyramids Tour**

Morning visit to Memphis, the ancient capital of Egypt dating from 3,100 BC, and the legendary city of Menes, the King who united Upper and Lower Egypt. Proceed to its necropolis of Sakkara where you will see the world-famous Step Pyramid of King Zoser, the oldest known of Egypt's 107 pyramids and the world's first freestanding stone structure.

Lunch at the Khan El Khalili restaurant. After lunch, visit the 4,500 year old Pyramids built for Pharaohs Cheops, Chephren and Mycerinus on the Giza Plateau, the Great Pyramid being the only survivor of the "Seven Wonders of the Ancient World". Just to the east of the second pyramid lays the legendary Sphinx, whose human face is thought to represent that of Chephren, acting as the guardian of the Pharaoh's enormous funerary monument.

*Overnight: Sofitel El Gezirah Hotel (B)*

**DAY 9  
CAIRO**

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**Full day Museum, Citadel, Islamic & Bazaar Tour**

Morning visit to the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, Exhibiting over 120,000 objects in its 107 halls, it comprises the world's greatest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts. Marvel at the halls filled with golden treasures extracted from the world-famous tomb of King Tutankhamun.

Lunch at Naguib Mahfouz Restaurant. After lunch, tour Islamic Cairo to visit the Citadel, a spectacular medieval fortress dating from the 12<sup>th</sup> century and perched on a hill above the city. Also located in the Citadel area the Mosque and Tomb of the great Ottoman ruler Mohamed Ali's. Proceed to the Mosque of Sultan Hassan, notable for containing religious schools for each of the four main Sunni Moslem sects within its walls.

Also you will have the chance to stroll through the bustling Khan El- Khalili bazaar. Founded in the 14<sup>th</sup> century as a watering stop for Caravanserai, nowadays it is reputedly the largest bazaar in the Middle East.

*Overnight: Sofitel El Gezira Hotel (B)*

**DAY 10  
DEPART**

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Today you will be transferred to the airport for your international flight home.

*Classic Egypt Cost – 2010*

*From: \$2,650 per person sharing double occupancy*

**A Magical Journey Awaits!**