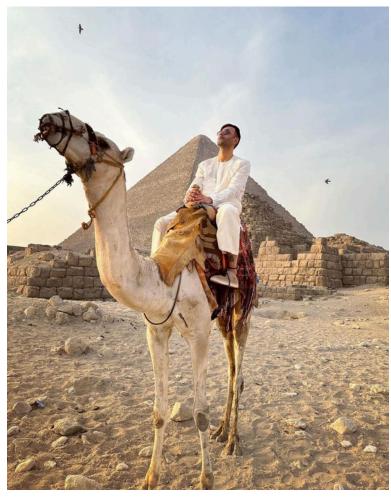
# EGYPT: CRUISING THE NILE

21-37 YEAR OLDS

TRAVEL ACROSS THE SANDS OF TIME THROUGH MIDDLE EAST. MYTH, RELIGION AND WONDER COME TOGETHER ON THIS EXPEDITION ACROSS THE TIMELESS TERRAIN OF EGYPT. 12 APRIL - 20 APRIL 2025 (9 DAYS)









## HIGHLIGHTS

Experience Cairo Nightlife Visit the Khan El Khalili Bazaar Giza Day Trip from Cairo Eat Local Egyptian Food Witness the Pyramids Cruise the NILE Visit Abu Simble Temple Learn the Egyptian History Snorkelling Trip in Hurghada Scuba Dive in Red Sea Visit Nubian Village Visit the Karnak Temple Hot Air Balloon Over Luxor Visit the Egyptian Museum

#### **PHYSICAL ACTIVITY - MODERATE**

The trip is a good mix of activity and relaxation and includes moderate physical activities. participants should be active 3-4 hrs most days. An active lifestyle is helpful though not required to enjoy the trip





### **DETAILED ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: WELCOME TO CAIRO~ KHAN EL KHALILI & LOCAL NIGHTLIFE

Welcome to Cairo! After checking into your accommodation, take some time to relax and settle in. In the evening, head to the iconic Khan El Khalili market, a bustling labyrinth of narrow alleys filled with vibrant stalls offering everything from traditional crafts and jewelry to spices and perfumes. This centuries-old market is a sensory overload, with the sights, sounds, and smells of Cairo all around you. Spend time wandering through the maze, bargaining with vendors, and soaking in the atmosphere.

After your market exploration, dive into Cairo's local nightlife by visiting a nearby local bar. Whether you're enjoying a refreshing drink or trying a traditional Egyptian cocktail, it's a great way to start your Cairo adventure. Embrace the energy and charm of the city as you kick off your journey.



### DAY 2: DAY TRIP TO GIZA & EGYPTIAN MUSEUM

After breakfast, set out to see some of Egypt's most renowned sights. Visit Giza's pyramids and Sphinx – instantly familiar yet retaining a mystique and power. Explore these structures that have stood tall for 4500 years. Behold the wonders of Giza Pyramids, timeless icons of ancient Egypt. Bask in their majesty and explore the enigmatic Sphinx nearby.

Afterwards, make your way to the Egyptian Museum, home to one of the world's greatest collections of antiquities. Wander the treasure-filled halls of the museum, and check out the optional Mummies Hall for a close encounter with some of the country's most important queens and pharaohs.

Later in the evening, we will board a semi sleeper train to Aswan.



### DAY 3: CHECK IN TO CRUISE & VISIT TO NUBIAN VILLAGE

This morning, we'll wake up in Aswan, and today is all about jawdropping moments from start to finish. Upon arrival, we'll embark on a cruise along the Nile. Once you check in, enjoy breathtaking views of the landscape from the deck before immersing yourself in the rich Nubian culture. We'll journey along the Nile's winding waters to a Nubian village, where vibrant colors, warm hospitality, and ancient traditions await.

Stroll through the village's narrow alleyways, adorned with intricate and colourful patterns. Take time to engage with the Nubian community, learn about their fascinating heritage, and admire their beautifully handcrafted souvenirs.

The timeless charm of the village, combined with the warmth of its people, offers an unforgettable glimpse into Nubian life, leaving us with lasting memories of this unique and cherished experience.



### DAY 4: VISIT TO ABU SIMBEL & KOMOMBO TEMPLE

Today, you'll have the option to embark on a truly awe-inspiring excursion to Abu Simbel, one of Egypt's most iconic and monumental sites. Located a few hours south of Aswan, these temples were carved into the mountainside by Pharaoh Ramses II to honor himself and his queen, Nefertari. The grandeur and scale of these ancient structures, especially the massive statues of Ramses II, are nothing short of jaw-dropping. It's an optional trip, but if you choose to visit, you'll be rewarded with one of Egypt's most breathtaking sights.

In the afternoon, we'll head to Kom Ombo Temple, located on the banks of the Nile. This unique temple is dedicated to two gods: Horus the Elder, the god of the sky, and Sobek, the crocodile god. The temple's double layout, with mirrored sanctuaries and fascinating hieroglyphics, makes it a one-of-a-kind structure. You'll also have the chance to explore the nearby crocodile museum, which showcases the ancient reverence for these reptiles.



#### DAY 5: SAIL TO LUXOR AND VISIT KARNAK & LUXOR TEMPLE

We'll set sail from Aswan to Luxor, enjoying the scenic beauty of the Nile as we glide through Egypt's heart. After arriving in Luxor, we'll explore two of Egypt's most magnificent ancient sites.

First, we'll visit Karnak Temple, a vast complex of temples, pylons, and obelisks dedicated primarily to the god Amun. As one of the largest religious complexes in the world, it offers a captivating glimpse into the grandeur of ancient Egyptian architecture. Wander through the Hypostyle Hall with its towering columns, the Sacred Lake, and admire the impressive obelisks and statues that have withstood centuries of history.

Later, we'll head to Luxor Temple, an architectural masterpiece located in the heart of the city. The temple is dedicated to the god Amun-Ra and features stunning sculptures, towering columns, and beautiful carvings. As the sun sets, the temple takes on a magical aura, with its golden stone glowing in the evening light, making it the perfect end to a day filled with history and awe.



#### DAY 6: HOT AIR BALLOON/VALLEY OF THE KINGS & TRANSFER TO HURGHADA

Get ready for an unforgettable adventure! For those who opt for the early morning hot air balloon ride, you'll soar over Luxor's West Bank, and the Nile River. As the sun rises, you'll be treated to panoramic views of the desert landscapes below—an experience that promises breathtaking beauty.

Or you could choose to visit to the Valley of the Kings, where you can explore the tombs of ancient Egyptian pharaohs, including the famous tomb of Tutankhamun. The vivid wall paintings, intricate carvings, and the feeling of stepping into history will leave you in awe of the ancient civilization.

Once you're back from the adventure of your choice , we'll begin our journey by road to Hurghada, a beautiful coastal resort town on the Red Sea. The transfer will take a few hours, and upon arrival, you'll have the rest of the evening to relax and unwind by the beach, ready for the next phase of your adventure.



#### DAY 7: SNORKELING & SCUBA DIVE IN THE RED SEA

We'll dive into the crystal-clear waters of the Red Sea for a day filled with adventure and aquatic beauty. Begin the day with snorkeling, where you'll have the chance to explore vibrant coral reefs, swim alongside colorful fish, and maybe even spot some sea turtles or gentle rays. The waters around Hurghada are known for their incredible biodiversity and stunning visibility, making it a snorkeler's paradise.

There will also be the option to scuba dive and explore the deeper wonders of the Red Sea. With professional guides leading the way, you'll descend into a world of underwater marvels, discovering hidden reefs and unique marine life.

Whether you're snorkeling or diving or both, the day will be full of stunning sights and unforgettable experiences. After a day spent in the water, enjoy a fresh seafood meal at the Marina reflecting on the beauty of the Red Sea and the amazing wildlife you've encountered.



#### DAY 8: TRANSFER TO CAIRO & LAST DINNER

We'll begin our journey back to Cairo, bidding farewell to the coastal beauty of Hurghada. The transfer will take a few hours, so sit back and relax as we head toward Egypt's vibrant capital.

Once we arrive in Cairo, it's time to wrap up the trip with one final taste of authentic Egyptian cuisine. We'll head to the most famous and authentic spot in the city to enjoy Koshary, Egypt's beloved national dish. This hearty, flavorful meal of rice, lentils, pasta, chickpeas, and a tangy tomato sauce, topped with crispy onions, is a must-try for anyone visiting Cairo. It's a local favorite and the perfect way to end our Egyptian culinary journey.

As we savor the last bites, reflect on the unforgettable experiences and memories made over the past week—an adventure filled with history, culture, and unforgettable moments in one of the world's most fascinating countries.



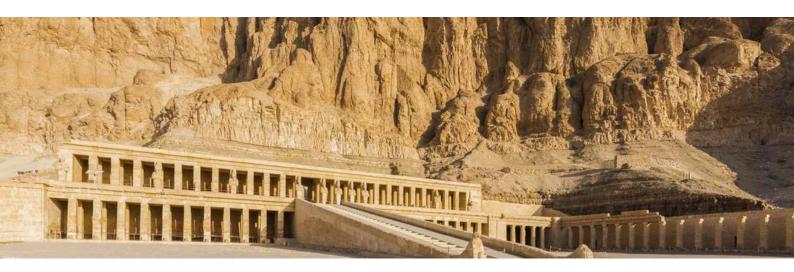
#### DAY 09: SEE YOU SOON EGYPT

Our trip will wrap up shortly after our last breakfast. It may be the end of the trip, but your memories will be forever changed! Say goodbye to your trip-mates and give yourself a huge pat on the back. Time to say fond farewells to your new BFFs and leave with a new place in your heart. There are no activities planned for the final day, and you are able to depart the accommodation at any time following checkout.



### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

- Passport: Ensure your Indian passport is valid for at least six months from your planned date of entry into Egypt
- Visa for Egypt: Apply for an Egypt tourist e-visa. Visa cost is around Rs 2500 and our team will assist you when it comes to visa application process
- No other documents apart from our passport is required for Egypt E-visa



### What's Included

#### Accommodation:

3 nights in Nile Cruise, 4 nights in Hotel (3 & 4 star category), 1 night in Overnight Train (semi sleeper)

**Transportation**: We include all internal domestic transfers including:

- Cairo to Aswan (Train /Bus)
- Luxor to Hurghada (Bus)
- Hurghada to Cairo (Bus)

Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches & 4 Dinners

**Activities**: We also include our **No Regrets** Inclusions, which are basically the sights and activities we think you just can't afford to miss.

- Khan El Khalili Bazaar
- Giza Day trip from Cairo
- Entry Ticket to Giza Pyramids Campus
- Snorkelling Trip in Hurghada
- Scuba Diving in Red Sea
- Entry to Karnak temple
- Entry to Luxor Temple
- Entry to Komombo Temple
- Visit to Nubian Village
- Local Guide at all the Included temples
- Entry to Egyptian Museum, Cairo

#### What's not Included

- International Flights
- TCS (Full refundable)
- Hot Air Balloon
- Tips
- Abu Simble Day Trip
- Airport transfer for Day 1 & 9
- Visa Cost
- Personal Expenses
- Anything not mentioned under
  Inclusions



### **CANCELLATION POLICY**

We get that sometimes plan changes unexpectedly, so our cancellation policy offers you absolute flexibility and it comes in two parts:

**The Freedom Guarantee policy** ensures that even if your travel plans change, you'll never miss out or be charged fees for changing your booking. If you want to change the dates of your trip, swap onto another trip or even change your trip for a different region entirely, that's all possible, without incurring any additional cost.

If you want to reschedule/readjust to a different date or a different destination

- 89 days to 45 days Fully adjustable except for the booking amount
- 44-01 days 50% of the total amount adjusted towards the other trip

If you want to cancel your trip with Cotravelln completely, hence

- > 60 days before trip start date: Fully refundable except for the booking amount.
- 59-30 days before trip start date: 50% refund on the total trip amount.
- 1-29 days before trip start date: No refund

### PRICING

- INR 1,05,000 + 5% GST before 15th Feb 2025 Early Bird Price
- INR 1,08,000 + 5% GST before 10th March 2025
- INR 1,11,000 + 5% GST until spots available



### **PAYMENT POLICY**

- The booking amount of INR 20,000 is to be paid to reserve your spot (*Non-refundable*)
- The balance payment amount needs to be paid no later than 45 days before the trip.
- You can make the payment by following options:
  - a.Co-Travelln Website b.GPay / Paytm c.Online Bank Transfer d.Debit / Credit Card (extra 3%)
- We will issue an invoice with 24 hours of receiving the payment.
- This trip has a limited number of spots available. If you want to book your spot or have any questions, please contact our team via phone or WhatsApp at +91-7829314141 or email us at team@cotravelin.com.

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