

ESSENTIAL EGYPT

November 19-
December 1, 2024

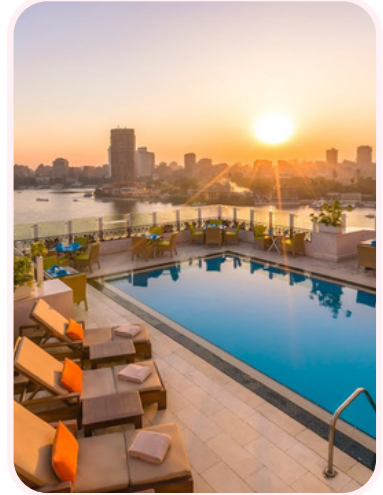


November 19: Arrival

You will be met at Cairo International Airport by a meet-and-assist agent, who will help you through customs and arrivals, and then escort you to the Kempinski Nile Hotel. Relax and get settled in for the evening, or explore on your own.

Hotel: [Kempinski Nile Hotel](#)

Meals included: None



November 20: Welcome to Cairo

After sleeping in, head out to explore Coptic Cairo and Moez Street, two medieval Christian and Islamic Districts, one of which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Check out the hustle and bustle of Khan el Khalili Bazaar and enjoy dinner at a rooftop restaurant along this street with 1,000 years of Islamic history.

Hotel: [Kempinski Nile Hotel](#)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

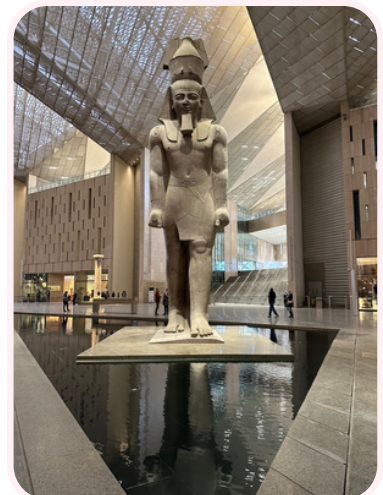


November 21: Giza and GEM

Visit the Pyramids and the Sphinx, enter the Great Pyramid (extra ticket, approximately \$30), and ride a camel to the panoramic viewing area (around \$20). Then visit the Grand Egyptian Museum, the largest archaeological museum in the world (not currently fully open, but hopefully it will be by our trip).

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November 22: Saqqara & Dahshur

Visit the Old Kingdom sites of Saqqara and Dahshur, taking in the original pyramids that inspired the world-famous Giza ones you saw the previous day. That night, head out in the evening to try street food in Cairo.

Hotel: [Kempinski Nile Hotel](#)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch



November 23: Aswan

Take an early morning flight to Aswan and visit Philae Temple and the Aswan High Dam. That afternoon, embark on Kemet Dahabeya, our private yacht for our Nile Cruise, and enjoy views of the Nile River from your window or balcony.

Hotel: [Kemet Luxury Dahabeya Yacht](#)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



November 24: Abu Simbel

With a very early morning wakeup, visit Abu Simbel Temple by private vehicle, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and ancient temple that was picked up and moved, piece by piece, to save it from the flooding due to the Aswan High Dam's construction. After taking in Ramses the Great's masterpiece, return to Aswan, and begin cruising north on the Nile River.

Hotel: [Kemet Luxury Dahabeya Yacht](#)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

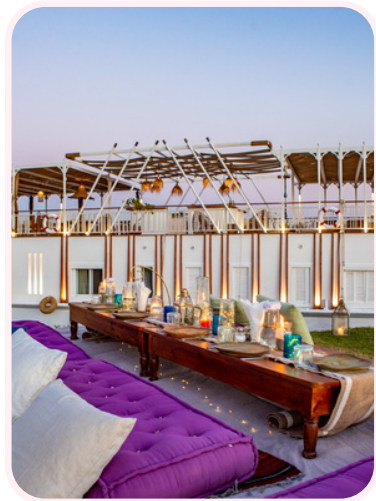


November 25: Cruising the Nile

Spend a relaxing day cruising the Nile, going past lush agricultural fields, and stopping at the temple of Kom Ombo to take in the mummified crocodiles resting there.

Hotel: [Kemet Luxury Dahabeya Yacht](#)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



November 26: Cruising the Nile

Continue cruising north, stopping at the seldom-visited Gebel el Silsileh Temple, and then visit the best preserved Egyptian temple, the Temple of Horus at Edfu. Let time pass by enjoying the scenery from the Dahabeya's sun deck.

Hotel: [Kemet Luxury Dahabeya Yacht](#)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



November 27: Arrival to Luxor

After arriving in Luxor, explore Karnak Temple, the largest religious complex in all of Egypt, and then visit Luxor Temple in the evening to see how majestic it looks lit up in the dark.

Hotel: [Kemet Luxury Dahabeya Yacht](#)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



November 28: Luxor to Cairo

After an optional sunrise hot air balloon ride (\$100 per person), check out from our Dahabeya Yacht, and then visit the Valley of the Kings (including King Tut's Tomb, and the magnificent tomb of Ramses V/VI), the Colossi of Memnon, and Hatshepsut's Temple, before flying back to Cairo and checking into the Marriott Hotel.

Hotel: [Cairo Marriott Hotel and Omar Khayyam Casino Zamalek](#)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch



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November 29: Cairo Museums

Spend a relaxed day visiting two of Egypt's best museums, the original Egyptian Museum in Tahrir Square, and the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization. A delicious lunch of Egyptian *koshary* (a must-try Egyptian dish!) will provide a great break in between the museums. That evening head out to an (optional) posh dinner on a boat in the Nile River.

Hotel: [Cairo Marriott Hotel and Omar Khayyam Casino Zamalek](#)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch



November 30: Alexandria Day Trip

After an early morning, 3-hour drive, arrive to Alexandria, on Egypt's Mediterranean coast. Visit Qaitbey Citadel, the Library of Alexandria, the Roman Catacombs and Theatre Ruins, and then enjoy a fresh-caught seafood (late) lunch at a local, family-run restaurant that Gus has been going to for years. Drive back to Cairo, and that evening, either relax at the hotel or head out with Gus to explore Cairo by night.

Hotel: [Cairo Marriott Hotel and Omar Khayyam Casino Zamalek](#)

Meals included: Breakfast, late Lunch



December 1: Departure

If this is the end of your journey, you will be escorted from the hotel to Cairo International Airport, where a meet-and-assist agent will take you through the check-in process and ensure you are ready to board your flight leaving Egypt.

Hotel: N/A

Meals included: Breakfast





Lazuli Suite

237 sq. feet, featuring two twin beds, double wardrobes, desk/sitting area, and spacious bathroom

(2 available): **\$7163 per person** for double occupancy (**solo travelers add \$4046**)



Doum Suite with foyer

291 sq. feet, featuring a queen-sized bed and attached foyer with large daybed

(1 available): **\$7421 per person** for double occupancy (**solo travelers add \$4296**)



Aur Suite with balcony

269 sq. feet, featuring a queen-sized bed and a small, private balcony overlooking the Nile

(waitlist): **\$7680 per person** for double occupancy (**solo travelers add \$4546**)



Watch the YouTube video!

Includes: Accommodation for 12 nights, all meals and drinks (except 5 dinners), private Egyptologist tour guide for all of our site visits, Gus with you every step of the way, privately chartered Dahabeya Yacht for our Nile Cruise, 2 domestic flights, **all tips and gratuities**, and all tickets to enter tourist sites.

Excludes: International airfare to/from Egypt, \$25 entry visa fee to Egypt, 5 dinners, personal expenses, optional hot air balloon ride (\$100), optional ticket to enter the Great Pyramid (around \$30), optional camel ride at the Pyramids (around \$20), alcoholic beverages, optional tips for hotel cleaning staff.

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