EGYPT

12nights 13days

Highlights

- **Cairo -** *Giza Pyramid and Sphinx with light and sound show in evening The Saqqara Tomb, Museum of Egyptian antiquities ,Grand Ali Pasha Mosque*
- **Fayum Oasis** ***(Special Attraction)-*** *Wadi Hatan (Valley of Whales),Wadi El Ryan Waterfall, Boating in Lake Moeiris*
- **Alexandria -** *The International Libraray, Catacomb of Komel Shoqafa and Pompey's Pillar*
- **Hurgadha -** *Semi Submarine Ride in Red Sea* ***(Special Attraction)***
- **Aswan -** *Aswan High dam , Philae Temple and Aga khans mausoleum*
- **Nile Cruise –** *Abu Simple Temple & Kom Ombo Temple complex, Temple of Edfu , Luxor Temple of East Bank*
- **West Bank -***Valley of Kings, TutenKhamun Tomb* ***(Special Attraction)****, Collossi of Memnon,Temple of Queen Hatsetput, Karnak Temple Complex*

Date of departure :***1st Dec, 22nd Dec, 18th Feb*** (from Kolkata airport - eve)

Price, Itinerary, Flight details, Hotels etc. **(Mentioned Below)**

ITINERARY

DAY1 - FLIGHT – Meet and greet at Kolkata airport + Flight to Cairo



- Meet your Tour Manger at the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport 3 hours prior to the departure . Our experienced Tour Manager will meet you at the airport. Your luggage will be tagged till Cairo.

DAY2 - CAIRO – Arrival at Cairo + Egyptian Museum+ Evening light and sound show

- Welcome to Egypt – The Land of Pharaohs & Pyramids!! Arrive at Cairo International Airport.
- Freshen up , visit ***The Museum of Egyptian Antiquities, known commonly as the Egyptian Museum or Museum of Cairo***, which is home to an extensive collection of ancient Egyptian antiquities and the oldest archaeological museum in the Middle East which houses the largest collection of Pharaonic antiquities in the world including the famous 'Treasures of Tutankhamun' . It has more than 120,000 items, with a representative amount on display and the remaining items are in storerooms. The edifice is one of the largest museums in the region



- Check-in to the hotel at Cairo , have lunch and get some rest.

- In the evening, enjoy the amazing ***Light & Sound Show at the Great Pyramids in Giza***!
- The Light and Sound show, is a form of night-time entertainment that is usually presented in an outdoor venue of historic significance. Have dinner at a local restaurant.
- Have dinner and overnight stay.

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DAY3 - CAIRO -ASWAN Giza Pyramid + Sphinx + Saqqara Tomb + Transfer to Aswan (by train)

- Have breakfast and proceed to visit the ***Great Pyramids of Giza & Sphinx***.The Great Pyramid of Giza is the oldest and largest of the three pyramids in the Giza pyramid complex , Egypt. It is the oldest of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and the only one to remain largely intact.Later, you visit the famous SPHINX near Cheops.



- Post lunch, proceed for the ***Guided tour of Saqqara***. It is a vast, ancient burial ground in Egypt, serving as the necropolis for the Ancient Egyptian capital, Memphis. Saqqara features numerous pyramids, including the **world-famous Step pyramid of Djoser.**
- Then transfer to the railway station to board the overnight train to Aswan(1st classs sleeper). You will have dinner on board.



DAY4 – NILE CRUISE BOARDING – Aswan High Dam + Philae Temple + Felucca ride on Nile River

- Have your breakfast on board. Our local guide will meet after you arrive at Aswan Station morning.



- Visit ***Aswan High Dam***, is an embankment dam built across the Nile in Aswan, Egypt, between 1960 and 1970. Construction of the High Dam became a key objective of the government following the Egyptian Revolution of 1952; with its ability to control floods better. It provides increased water storage for irrigation and generates hydroelectricity . The dam was seen as pivotal to Egypt's planned industrialization and had a significant effect on the economy and the culture of Egypt.
- Next, visit the ***Philae Temple.*** , the Temple of Isis majestically standing on Agilkia Island.



- After visit to these amazing sites, embark on the luxurious Nile Cruise. Check-in to your cabin, have lunch on board and your journey begins for 3 nights.
- In the afternoon enjoy a tour by **Felucca a traditional wooden sail boat** that is powered by the wind. Relax on this tranquil ride on the Nile as you sail around Elephantine Island, the Botanical Garden and the Agha Khan Mausoleum.
- **(Recommended Optional** - Visit to the Nubian Village which is such a cheerful sight for being painted with bright colours and inhabited by Nubians whose population doesn't exceed 100,000. They speak their own Nubian Languages and have specific traditions that are different from rest of Egypt. Their



origin goes back to Africa and Sudan when they travelled in antiquity to south Egypt for farming around the Nile **)**

- Delicious international buffet dinner will be served on board. Stay on the cruise overnight.

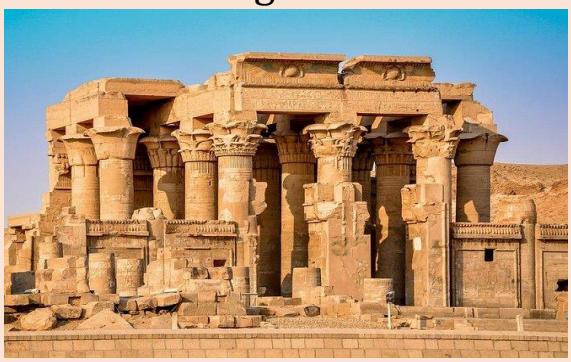
DAY5- NILE CRUISE – Abu Simbel Temple complex + Temple of Kom Ombo

- After breakfast, proceed for your excursion to Abu Simbel Temple complex, site of two temples built by the Egyptian king Ramses II (reigned 1279–13 BCE), now located in Aswān (governorate), southern Egypt. Drive through the sand dunes of the vast Nubian Desert, Eastern extension of the Great Sahara Desert. Visit the two Temples located 300 km southwest in the Nubian Desert on the banks of Lake Nasser near the Sudanese border. In ancient times the area was at the southern frontier of pharaonic Egypt, facing Nubia. The four colossal statues of Ramses in front of the main temple are spectacular examples of ancient Egyptian art. By means of a complex engineering feat in the 1960s, the temples were salvaged from the rising waters of the Nile River caused by erection of the Aswan High Dam.

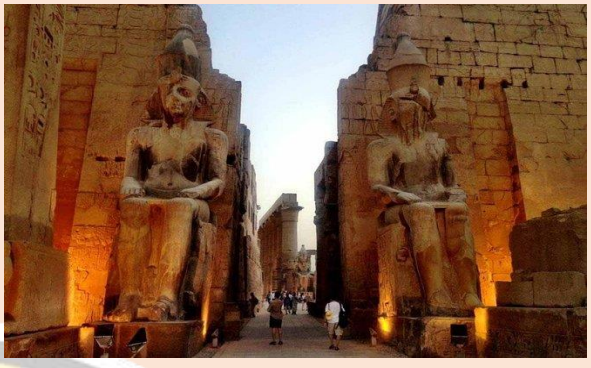




- Return to the cruise and have lunch.
- Next sail to ***Kom Ombo and visit the Temples of Sobek the Crocodile God*** -The Temple of Kom Ombo was constructed



during the Ptolemaic dynasty, 180–47 BC. Some additions to it were later made during the Roman period. The building is unique because its 'double' design meant that there were courts, halls, sanctuaries and rooms duplicated for two sets of gods. The southern half of the temple was dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek, god of fertility and creator of the world .Meanwhile, the northern part of the temple was dedicated to the falcon god Haroeris ("Horus the Elder"), The temple is typical because everything is perfectly symmetrical along the main axis.



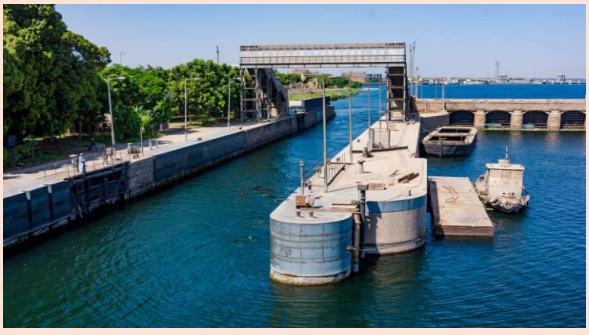
- Later, have your buffet dinner on the cruise and stay overnight.

DAY6 – NILE CRUISE - Temple of Edfu + Esna lock + Luxor (east bank) temples

- Have breakfast and proceed to Edfu and visit the ***Temple of Horus – Edfu Temple.*** The Temple of Edfu is an Egyptian temple located on the west bank of the Nile in Edfu, Upper Egypt. The temple was built in the Ptolemaic Kingdom between 237 and 57 BC. The inscriptions on its walls provide important information on language, myth and religion during the Hellenistic period in Egypt. In particular, there are also "important scenes and inscriptions of the Sacred Drama which related the age-old conflict between Horus and Seth.



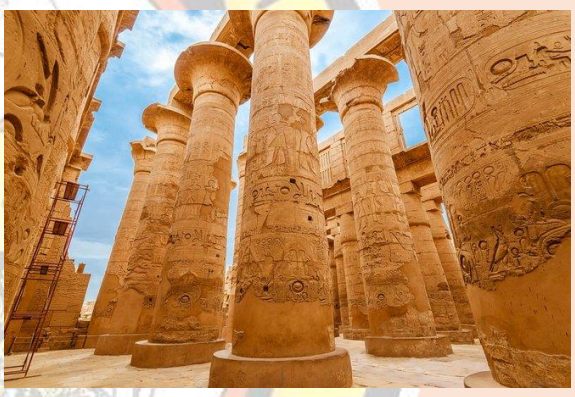
- Sail to Luxor Via ***Esna Lock.*** constructed to control the flow of



Nile water to preserve and store the water for agriculture and to improve navigation in the river Nile.



- Have lunch and proceed for the Guided tour of East Bank in Luxor.
- Visit ***Luxor Temple*** to feel the eternity of the Egyptian era.Luxor Temple is a large Ancient Egyptian temple complex located on the east bank of the Nile River in the city today known as Luxor(ancient Thebes) and was constructed approximately 1400 BCE. Instead Luxor temple is dedicated to the rejuvenation of kingship; it may have been where many of the kings of Egypt were crowned in reality or conceptually (as in the case of Alexander the Great who claimed he was crowned at Luxor but may never have travelled south of Memphis, near modern Cairo.)



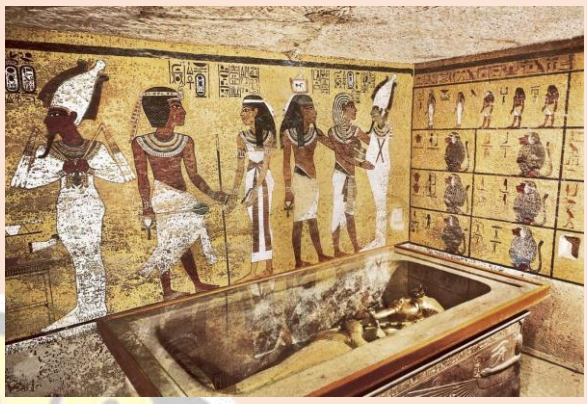
- Enjoy the deck till buffet dinner is served on the cruise.

DAY7 – DEPART FROM CRUISE – Luxor (west bank) sightseeings-Valley of Kings + Tutenkhamun Tomb + Temple Of Queen Hatsephsut + Karnak Temple Complex +Ttransfer to Hurgadha

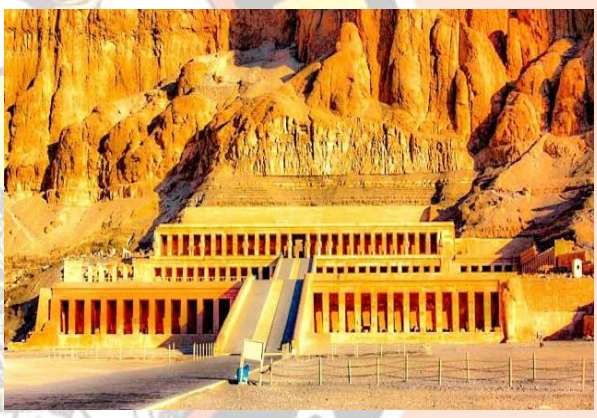


- Have breakfast at the hotel. Proceed for a sightseeings of West Luxor Luxor (West Bank) with the Vast Valley of the Kings.
- ***The Valley of the Kings*** also known as the Valley of the Gates of the Kings. famous for its royal tombs. These beautifully painted

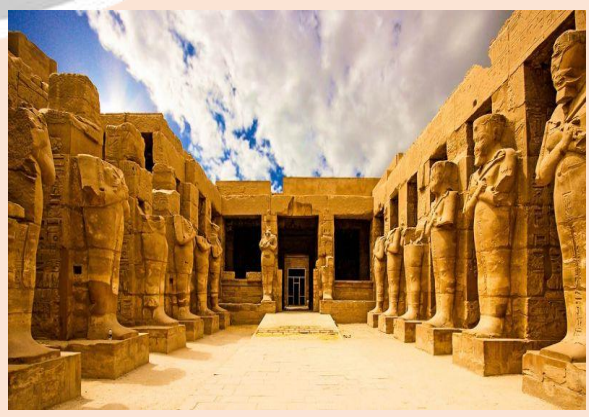
tombs have been designated a **World Heritage Site by UNESCO**. With the 2005 discovery of a new chamber and the 2008 discovery of two further tomb entrances, the valley is known to contain 63 tombs and chambers.



- Visit ***Tutenkhamun Tomb-*** Tutankhamen wasn't an especially important king, but his tomb was the only royal burial found intact in modern times. The tomb was important because it let archaeologists record what an Egyptian king's tomb looked like and learn more about ancient Egypt.
- Next, you will proceed to ***Temple of Queen Hatshepsut – El Deir El Bahari:*** Built for the Eighteenth Dynasty pharaoh Hatshepsut,it is located beneath the cliffs at Deir el-Bahari on the west bank of the Nile near the Valley of the Kings. This mortuary temple is dedicated to Amun and Hatshepsut and is situated next to the mortuary temple of Mentuhotep II, which served both as an inspiration and later, a quarry. It is considered one of the incomparable monuments of ancient Egypt.



- Also visit ***Colossi of Memnon.*** two massive stone statues of the Pharaoh Amenhotep III.
- Have lunch and then visit Karnak Temple.



- The ***Karnak Temple Complex,*** commonly known as Karnak meaning “fortified village”, comprises a vast mix of decayed temples, chapels, pylons, and other buildings near Luxor, in Egypt.The area around Karnak

was the ancient Egyptian Ipet-isut ("The Most Selected of Places") and the main place of worship of the eighteenth dynasty Theban Triad with the god Amun as its head. It is part of the monumental city of Thebes. The Karnak complex gives its name to the nearby, and partly surrounded, modern village of El-Karnak.



- Next, proceed for Hurghada- a beach resort Town on Egypt's Red Sea coast famous for gorgeous Beaches and one of world's most prominent Scuba diving and Snorkelling Centers. Reach Hurghada and check-in to your hotel. Freshen up, have dinner and stay overnight at Hurgadha.



DAY 8 - HURGADHA – Semi Submarine ride + Day at leisure by the Red Sea

- This morning, have breakfast at the hotel. . Enjoy a ***2 hours sailing on the turquoise waters of the Red Sea.*** Set sail on-board a semi-submarine with panoramic windows affording spectacular underwater views as you cruise along the Red Sea coast. Dive in to swim and snorkel among vibrant corals, along the reef and look out for exotic fish and marine life



- Return back after tour. Rest of the day enjoy the day at leisure at this most beautiful Resort of Egypt by the Red Sea. Don't forget to carry your Swimwear to swim in the private

Beach of the Resort. Relax by the Beach or by one of the Swimming Pools of the Resort. Full day get entertained by unlimited Drinks, Snacks, Music with DJ, while the kids enjoy the various games options the Resort has to offer. Or explore on your own the Old Town –El Dahar, which is home to traditional Egyptian coffee shops and souks.



- Lunch, Dinner & overnight in Hurghada

DAY 9 - CAIRO -Transfer to Cairo

- This morning, have your breakfast in the hotel at Hurghada. Check-out from the hotel and journey for almost 6 hours to reach Cairo. Enjoy this journey along the Red Sea Coast enjoying view of the marvellous turquoise blue waters of the Red Sea, with rest-stops along the route.



- Have lunch & dinner and spend the night at Cairo.

DAY 10 - ALEXANDRIA – International library + Catacomb of Komel Shoqafa + Pompeys Pillar

- After breakfast, check-out from the hotel at Cairo and start your tour of Alexandria.



- First, visit the great ***Alexandria International Library(Bibliotheca Alexandrina)***: It is one of the largest and the most significant libraries of the ancient world. Founded by Ptolemy in the 3rd Century BC and held record for the world's

largest and most complete library, and it is regarded to have had a significant influence on the evolution of Western philosophy. The Library was part of a larger research institution called the Mouseion, which was dedicated to the Muses, the nine goddesses of the arts.



- Next, we will proceed to ***Catacombs of Kom el Shoqafa*** meaning "Mound of Shards" which is a historical archaeological site is considered one of the ages. The necropolis consists of a series of Alexandrian tombs, statues and archaeological objects of the Pharaonic funeral cult with Hellenistic and early Imperial Roman influences.
- Have lunch and visit ***Pompey's Pillar*** which is a Roman triumphal column in Alexandria, Egypt, the largest of its type constructed outside the imperial capitals of Rome and Constantinople, located at the Serapeum of Alexandria. The only known free-standing column in Roman Egypt which was not composed of drums. It is one of the largest ancient monoliths and one of the largest monolithic columns ever erected.



- Stop for photos at the picturesque Fortress – ***Qaitbey Citadel***, built by Sultan Qaitbey during the 14th century to defend Alexandria from the advances of the Ottoman Empire.

DAY 11 - CAIRO Full day Fayum Oasis Tour.

- Breakfast. Start a day of adventure as you set off to ***Fayoum Oasis for a full day tour.*** Visit to ***Wadi Hitan orValley of the Whales***, which is a Protected Area, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2005 and contains invaluable 40 million year old skeleton fossils of the earliest,



extinct whales. The fossils represent one of the major stories of evolution, the emergence of the whale as an ocean-going mammal from a previous life as land-based animal.



- Visit ***Egypt's highest Water Falls ,Wadi El Rayan Water Falls*** a natural depression located inthe Western Desert.
- After lunch proceed for ***a boat ride on Lake Moeris or Lake Qarun*** commonly called as 'The Magic Lake' as it magically changes colors several times every day depending on day time and amount of sunlight.



- Return back to Cairo. Dinner & overnight in Cairo.

DAY 12 - CAIRO - Saladin Citadel + Ali Pasha Mosque + Shopping at Khan el Khalili Bazaar.

- Breakfast. Check out of Hotel. Proceed to visit the medieval Islamic Fortification in the centre of Cairo – ***The Citadel of Salah-al-Din*** al-Ayyubi (Saladin).
- Visit the ***Mosque of Muhamad Ali*** ,which is also known as The Alabaster Mosque. The mosque, the largest such structure built during the first half of the 19th century, is more impressive at a distance than close up. It is an unparalleled contribution to the skyline of Cairo, visible high atop the Citadel grounds while its great dome and towering minarets give the Citadel a romantic, oriental feel.



- In its architecture, Muhammad Ali Pasha, viceroy and effectively king of Egypt, as well as the founder of Egypt's modern era, achieved a radical break with all traditional characteristics of Cairo architecture from the Mamluk to the late Ottoman period.



- Visit to the ***Khan El Khalili Bazaar*** located in the center of Islamic Cairo, housing a lot of mini bazaars and traditional coffee shops. Lunch, Dinner. Transfer to Airport after midnight for departure flight from Cairo.
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DAY 13 - RETURN – Arrive at Kolkata

- At midnight, board your return flight to Kolkata.
- Arrive at Kolkata and complete all the immigration formalities before leaving the airport. Bid goodbye to all the friends you have met during the tour. We will look forward for your next trip with us.



Accomodation

- **CAIRO –** 6 nights : **The oasis Hotel / Pyramids Park** or similar
- **TRAIN –** 1 night : **1st class sleeper**
- **NILE CRUISE-** 3 nts: **MS Sarah/ Solaris/ Nile Style (5* deluxe)**
- **HURGHADA-** 2 nts : **Mercure / Pharaih Azur Beach Resort**

Flight Details : **Air Arabia (via Abu Dhabi)**

Price : ~~**Rs. 2,00,000**~~ ***(10% DISCOUNT)***

Rs. 1,80,000 per adult (Twin sharing Basis)

- Child (7-11 years) – 90% of cost of an adult (with extra bed)
- Child (3-6 years) – 80% of cost of an adult (without extra bed)
- Child (0-2 years) – Free of cost

PACKAGE COST INCLUDES

- **Economy Class round trip airfare to Kolkata.**
- **Visa Charges.**
- **Accommodation at 3-star or 4-star hotels on double/twin/triple sharing basis.**
- **Daily Breakfasts, Lunch & Dinners as mentioned in the itinerary.**
- **Transfer to and from and tour of all the places mentioned in the itinerary by luxury coach.**
- **Internal transfers & tours (if any mentioned in the itinerary) by cruise, train and flight.**
- **Entry fees to places that are included in the itinerary.**
- **Travel insurance premium up to 60 years (only the difference will have to be paid for people above 60 years old).**
- **Tour Director to accompany all time**

PACKAGE COST EXCLUDES

- **5% GST on the Total Tour Cost (including tips and any optional tour)**
- **5% T.C.S is applicable on total foreign exchange part (including GST) which will be adjusted with your income tax return.**
- **RT-PCR tests cost (both ways, India & abroad, if required).**
- **Expenses and services of personal nature .**
- **Cost of optional tours.**
- **Any Porterage Charges at airports, ports, waterways, stations or any hotels etc.**

- **Any services not mentioned in the 'Tour Cost Includes'.**

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- **Registration amount / Booking Advance of Rs.50000/- (amount may vary time to time) per person is required at the time of booking along with signed Passport & Pan card copies.**
- **The Foreign exchange amount equivalent in INR [calculated at the specified exchange rate of the payment date: Inter Banking Rate + Corporate Remittance charge] is payable at least 45 days before the travel date.**
- **The final payment [balance amount of the tour cost] should be completed before 25 days prior to the travel date.**

NOTE

The Tour Itinerary as well as the Package Price is subject to change if any unforeseen/unavoidable situations occur before or during the tour AND/OR if there is any increase or decrease of cost per Airline, IATA rule, Visa & Rate of Exchange (ROE) at the time of final payment & departure of the tour, respectively.