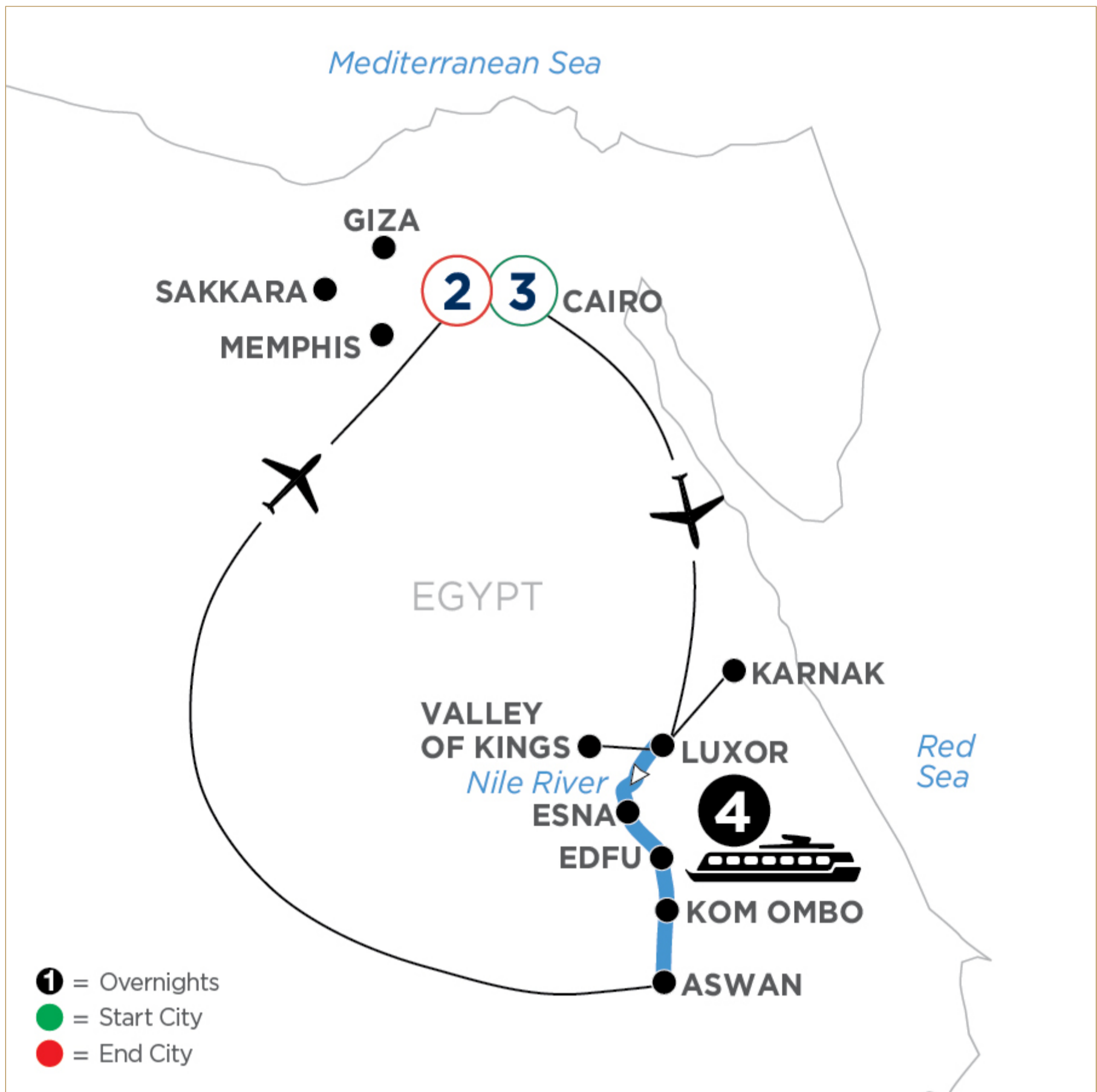


## TASTE OF EGYPT

10 days from Cairo to Cairo

CRUISE: WUAY



Join us for an adventure to ancient Egypt, as well as its modern enjoyments on a Nile River cruise for the ages. Arrive in Cairo and explore the pyramids and Sphinx of Giza. See the treasures of King Tutankhamun's tomb in Cairo's Egyptian Museum. (Note: upon its opening the Grand Egyptian Museum in Giza will replace Cairo's Egyptian Museum in this itinerary.) In Old Cairo, visit the Alabaster Mosque, situated on the summit of the Citadel. Visit Abu Serga Church built on the spot where the Holy Family stopped and rested towards the end of their journey to Egypt. Also see the 4th century Church of the Virgin Mary (called the Hanging Church), built on the remains of an old Roman Babylon fortress. These and more exciting discoveries are to be found as you see Egypt's incredible monuments to pharaohs and gods of Egyptian history.

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Fly to Luxor to embark on your Nile River cruise. You'll visit the monument of Karnak with its ancient Avenue of the Sphinxes and the

Temple of Amun-Ra as well as Luxor Temple. Visit the valley of Kings and Valley of Queens, where the pristine tomb of King Tutankhamun was found with undisturbed riches and splendor. This incredible cruise on the Nile River takes you to amazing ancient sites, including the Temple of Edfu, twin temples at Kom Ombo, devoted to the crocodile god Sobek-Ra and the falcon god Horus. Ponder the magnitude of the task of building the pyramids with a visit to the granite quarries—where an unfinished obelisk still remains. Visit the Temple of Isis, then take a return flight to Cairo to explore the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization and its Hall of Mummies before a felucca ride on the Nile and the chance to browse the bustling maze of the endless bazaar in Cairo’s medieval alleys. Join us for this once-in-a-lifetime vacation tour in Cairo, expedition to Egypt’s ancient pyramids and temples, and a Nile River cruise you’ll never forget.

#### CRUISE OVERVIEW

#### COUNTRIES

Egypt

10

DAYS

1

COUNTRY

#### DAY-BY-DAY

## ITINERARY

### 1 CAIRO, EGYPT

Welcome to Cairo, “Mother of the World”

### 2 CAIRO

Desert Sands and Secrets of the Sphinx



#### CLASSIC EXCURSION

Enjoy a guided visit to the now-famous Tahrir Square and visit the Egyptian Museum. Peruse King Tutankhamun’s fabulous treasures and many other priceless artifacts of ancient Egypt.

Afterwards, enjoy lunch in a local restaurant.



#### CLASSIC EXCURSION

Take a close-up look at one of the World’s Seven Wonders and guardian of the great pyramids, the enigmatic Sphinx, and the Great Pyramid of Giza. Cheops, with an original height of 496 feet, is the most colossal pyramid ever built, and of course enjoy the visit to the newly discovered Noble Tombs.



#### CLASSIC EXCURSION

Enjoy an unforgettable Sound and Light show in Giza.

 Breakfast

### 3 CAIRO

Ancient Cairo, a Boy King, and the Christ Child



#### CLASSIC EXCURSION

Drive to walled city of Old Cairo, with Saladin’s 12th-century citadel, and the Alabaster Mosque of Mohammed Ali. Afterwards drive to Memphis to admire the statue of Ramses II



#### CLASSIC EXCURSION

Drive to Sakkara, a vast desert necropolis built for kings and nobles, and its “Stairway to the Sky,” the oldest of all pyramids. Also admire the special tomb of Mary Roca and the Step Pyramid of King Zoser.

Breakfast

4

### CAIRO-LUXOR (EMBARKATION)

The World’s Greatest Open-Air Museum

Fly 300 miles up the Nile Valley to Luxor to embark on your Nile River cruise.



#### CLASSIC EXCURSION

See the stunning monuments of Karnak complex, developed over more than 1000 years. Walk among the pillars of the colossal Temple of Amun Ra for an experience you will treasure for a lifetime.

Embark your ship and enjoy your first lunch onboard.



#### CLASSIC EXCURSION

In the afternoon enjoy a visit to Luxor temple, one of the two primary temples on the east bank, together with Karnak.

This evening, enjoy live entertainment on board.

#### OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN LUXOR

Breakfast Lunch Dinner

5

### LUXOR-EDFU

Royal Resting Places of Kings and Queens



#### CLASSIC EXCURSION

Venture to the Valley of the Kings and Valley of the Queens on the west bank of the Nile where generations of pharaohs and nobles were entombed in Cliffside crypts. See where 63 royal tombs have thus far been discovered, of which one was virtually intact—the splendid tomb of Tutankhamun discovered in 1922.



#### CLASSIC EXCURSION

Visit Deir El-Bahri, Queen Hatshepsut’s monumental rock temple. Stop for pictures at the two Colossi of Memnon guarding the valleys.

This evening, enjoy live entertainment on board.

#### OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN EDFU

Breakfast Lunch Dinner

6

### EDFU-KOM OMBO-ASWAN

Egyptian Gods of the River and Sky



#### CLASSIC EXCURSION

This morning visit Edfu Temple, also known as the Temple of Horus with its menacing black stone statue of the falcon god.

Enjoy a leisurely sail to Kom Ombo.



#### DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Join an exclusive lecture on this ancient civilization by your Egyptologist.



### CLASSIC EXCURSION

Enjoy beautiful Kom Ombo for a short walk to its bluff-top twin temples. The right side is dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek-Ra, while the left side is dedicated to the falcon god Horus.

## OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN ASWAN

Breakfast Lunch Dinner

### 7 ASWAN

Temples from Above and Islands Below

This morning, consider joining a Guided Optional Excursion of the huge, massive sandstone temples of Abu Simbel (weather permitting).



### CLASSIC EXCURSION

Board a Felucca (traditional wooden sailing boat) and cross the blue waters of the Nile. En route, see the ancient water measurement system, “Nilometer,” on the Nile’s Elephantine Island and the splendid Aga Khan Mausoleum.

Join an Optional Excursion to the Sound and Light show in Philae Temple.

## OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN ASWAN

Breakfast Lunch Dinner

### 8 ASWAN (DISEMBARKATION)-CAIRO

Work in Progress and the Goddess Isis



### CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a Guided Sightseeing Excursion at to explore the Granite Quarries that supplied ancient Egypt with its hard stones for the pyramids in Giza. See the famous unfinished obelisk, still remaining in the quarry.



### CLASSIC EXCURSION

Visit the gigantic Aswan High Dam, completed in 1970. Board a motor launch to the island of Agilika between the two dams. Visit the Temple of Isis, which was dismantled from the submerged island of Philae and reassembled here.

Board your flight back to Cairo later today and consider attending an Optional Dinner Cruise on the Nile to celebrate your Egyptian adventure.

Breakfast

### 9 CAIRO

Amazing Civilization and Marketplace Mazes



### CLASSIC EXCURSION

Start the day with a guided tour of the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization. No visit would be complete without time to experience the Royal Mummies’ Hall, considered the crown jewel of the museum.



### CLASSIC EXCURSION

Drive to “Coptic Cairo” to Abu Serga Church, not only the oldest church in Egypt but built on the spot where the Holy Family stopped and rested towards the end of their journey to Egypt. Proceed to visit the hanging church, which dates back to the fourth century, built on the remains of an old Roman Babylon fortress. Walk to see Cairo’s oldest Jewish synagogue, founded in the 9th century.



### CLASSIC EXCURSION

Take in a full panoramic view of Cairo from the Nile River—on board a traditional wooden sailing vessel (Felucca) and enjoy a typical Egyptian light lunch.



### CLASSIC EXCURSION

Browse the maze of shops in the vast labyrinths of the Khan al Khali Souk bazaar and Medieval alleyways.

Breakfast

## 10 CAIRO

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

Breakfast

HAND-PICKED

# HOTELS

We've vetted and hand-selected the best hotels around the world with location, comfort, and style in mind. Enjoy first-class hotels in each destination, and check in with the confidence that we've already checked everything out for your comfort and convenience.

## Cairo

**1 Fairmont Nile City**  
Nile City Towers - 2005 B, Corniche El Nil, Ramlet Beaulac

WiFi

First-Class Hotel as shown or similar

Impressive Resort situated in prime residential area, near embassies; equal distance (5 km) between downtown & Cairo Intl Airport.

**2 Hilton Heliopolis**  
El-Orouba Qism El-Nozha Cairo Gov

WiFi

First-Class Hotel as shown or similar

The Hilton Heliopolis is conveniently located in Heliopolis, a prestigious modern neighborhood that is home to diplomats and politicians. This 589-room resort style hotel has lush outdoor gardens and offers easy access to all of Cairo's mysterious wonders and historical gems with free Wi-Fi available throughout the property. Spacious air-conditioned guest rooms are equipped with an iron and ironing board, tea/coffee making facilities, and an in-room safe. Dining options are limitless with a choice of 18 different restaurants and bars serving cuisines from all corners of the world ranging from light snacks at the pool bar to Middle Eastern...