Wonders of Egypt

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Detailed Itinerary of your "Wonders of Egypt" trip (for Groups A & B)

Travel Dates: Depart USA – 18 March 2024 Depart Egypt – 27 March 2024

Day 1 (3/19) Welcome to Cairo

Embark on an expedition to the land of the Pharaohs, starting your journey in Egypt's effervescent capital, Cairo. Hotel rooms will be available for check-in after 3pm.

Hotel – Hilton

Day 2 (3/20) Admire the Wonders of Giza

The Great Pyramids of Giza beckon today and we have an opportunity to embark on a soul-stirring encounter with its treasures – the Colossus of Ramses II, the Step Pyramid of Saqqara and the enigmatic Great Sphinx.

Hotel - Hilton Included Meals - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 (3/21) Fly to Luxor and Embark on the Nile Cruise

Fly to Luxor this morning and board your cruise ship in time for lunch. Drive to the East Bank to visit the Karnak and Luxor Temples, and the imposing Avenue of the Sphinx before returning for dinner.

Hotel - Nile Cruise **Included Meals** - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 4 (3/22) A Day to Explore the Valley of the Kings

Journey to the final resting place of Egypt's Pharaohs, immersing yourself in the ancient history of Egypt's Valley of the Kings. Visit the mortuary temple of Queen Hatshepsut and the Colossi of Memnon. In the evening set sail on the Nile upstream.

Hotel - Nile Cruise Included Meals - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 (3/23) Journey to Ancient Kom-Ombo

Sail upstream to Kom-Ombo, where life remains much as it was a thousand years ago. Standing at the threshold of the imposing Temple of Kom-Ombo on the banks of the Nile, you'll imagine visitors over the centuries arriving to pay homage to the gods Horus the Elder and Sobek. Tour the Temple, learning all about its 'double' and perfectly symmetrical design for the duo of gods – one side dedicated to the crocodile god, the other to the falcon god. Set sail to Aswan overnight.

Hotel - Nile Cruise Included Meals - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 6 (3/24) Onwards to Aswan

On arrival explore the Aswan Dam, built to curb the periodic flooding of the Nile. Our next stop is the Temple of Philae. After Lunch set sail on a traditional felucca across the mighty Nile around Kitchener Island.

Hotel - Nile Cruise **Included Meals -** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 (3/25) Disembark and Fly to Cairo

This morning disembark and fly back to Cairo. Enjoy the afternoon visiting interesting parts of Old Cairo including the Hanging Church, Saints Sergius and Bacchus Church (Abu Serga). Both these are very important sites for the Coptics. You will also have time to visit the Khan el Khalely Bazaar.

Hotel - Hilton **Included Meals** - Breakfast



Day 8 (3/26) Discover Cairo

Embark on a sightseeing tour through the cacophony of Cairo's busy streets. Visit the ancient Citadel, the Alabaster Mosque and Tutankhamun's priceless treasures at the Tahrir Egyptian Museum.

Hotel - Hilton **Included Meals** – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 9 (3/27) Farewell Cairo

Our epic journey at its end, we say farewell to newfound friends.

Included Meals – Breakfast

NOTE: See last page for details on optional experiences

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Detailed Itinerary of your "Wonders of Egypt" trip (Group – C)

Travel Dates: Depart USA – 21 March 2024 Depart Egypt – 30 March 2024

Day 1 (3/22) Welcome to Cairo

Embark on an expedition to the land of the Pharaohs, starting your journey in Egypt's effervescent capital, Cairo. Hotel rooms will be available for check-in after 3pm.

Hotel - Hilton

Day 2 (3/23) Cairo

This day is typically at leisure. Details of optional tours will be provided in November.

Day 3 (3/24) Admire the Wonders of Giza

The Great Pyramids of Giza beckon today and we have an opportunity to embark on a soul-stirring encounter with its treasures – the Colossus of Ramses II, the Step Pyramid of Saqqara and the enigmatic Great Sphinx.

Hotel - Hilton Included Meals - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Fly to Aswan this morning. On arrival explore the Aswan Dam, built to

curb the periodic flooding of the Nile. Our next stop is the Temple of Philae. Next, board your Nile Cruise boat. After Lunch set sail on a traditional felucca across the mighty Nile around Kitchener Island.

Hotel - Nile Cruise **Included Meals** - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 (3/26) Journey to Ancient Kom-Ombo

Enjoy your morning on the boat. We will set sail before Lunch downstream to Kom-Ombo, where life remains much as it was a thousand years ago. Standing at the threshold of the imposing Temple of Kom-Ombo on the banks of the Nile, you'll imagine visitors over the centuries arriving to pay homage to the gods Horus the Elder and Sobek. Tour the Temple, learning all about its 'double' and perfectly symmetrical design for the duo of gods — one side dedicated to the crocodile god, the other to the falcon god.

Hotel - Nile Cruise Included Meals - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 6 (3/27) Set Sail to Esna & continue to Luxor

Today enjoy your Nile River sailing during the day towards Esna and onwards to Luxor. This evening visit the famous Luxor Temple.

Hotel - Nile Cruise Included Meals - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 (3/28) a Day to Explore the Valley of the Kings

Disembark from Cruise after breakfast. Drive to visit the Karnak Temple and the imposing Avenue of the Sphinx. Journey to the final resting place of Egypt's Pharaohs, immersing yourself in the ancient history of Egypt's Valley of the Kings. Visit the mortuary temple of Queen Hatshepsut and the Colossi of Memnon. In the evening fly back to Cairo.

Hotel - Hilton Included Meals - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 8 (3/29) Discover Cairo

Embark on a sightseeing tour through the cacophony of Cairo's busy streets. Visit the ancient Citadel, the Alabaster Mosque and Tutankhamun's priceless treasures at the Tahrir Egyptian Museum.

Hotel - Hilton **Included Meals** – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 9 (3/30) Farewell Cairo

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Other Optional experiences for this trip

AT CAIRO - Sound And Light Amongst The Pyramids

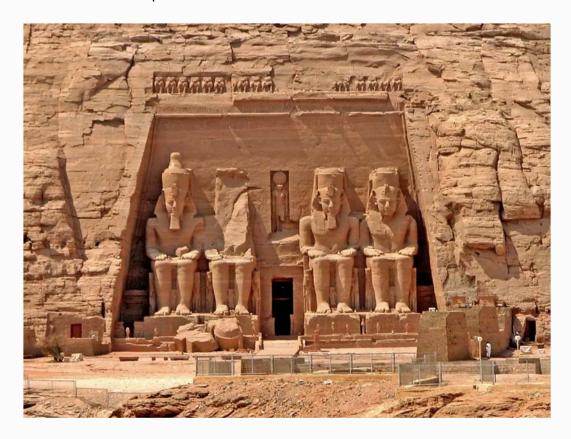
Take an unforgettable trip to the marvellous site of the Pyramids and Sphinx, illuminated against the night sky, where you'll hear the story of the ancient days of the Pharaohs accompanied by a haunting musical score.

AT LUXOR - Sound And Light Show At Karnak Temple

Listen to voices of ancient kings, queens and gods as they share stories about the places you'll see in the Temple during a walking tour, followed by a show around the Divine Lake. This show is operated in Karnak Temple in Luxor during the evening, lasting for just under an hour.

AT ASWAN - Abu Simbel Adventure

This four-hour excursion includes a flight to Abu Simbel, site of the Temple of Ramses II with his four great statues. You'll also see statues of Queen Nefertari on the facade of the Temple of Hathor. 75 minutes will be spent at Abu Simbel - the remainder will be travel time.



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