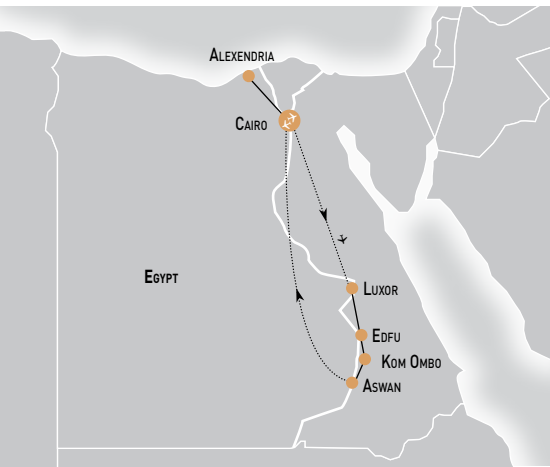


MIDDLE EAST

THE ROAD OF THE PHAROHS

\$2399*

**Egypt • Jordan • Israel**

Useful information: Wear clothing that is light and loose. The temperature can reach 40 Celsius in the desert. Sunscreen, a hat and sun glasses are a must. Casual dress is required during meals. Domestic flights may be planned for early morning departures. Gratuities: foresee \$8-\$10 per day, per person. It is expected, common, and out of our control.

Egypt • Cruise Information

The Nile is the main river of Africa and longest river in the world. Throughout history it has served as the lifeline of Egypt, providing water for a desert civilization. Through the years, traffic on the Nile has had tangible impact on the river.

Nile cruises are not comparable to Caribbean cruises. They are river cruises with an average of 60 cabin capacity and very little entertainment on board. Meals are quite repetitive but of decent standards. Beverages are not included.

Comfortable walking shoes are highly recommended. There are a lot of steps in Egypt as well as desert sand. When disembarking, you might have to cross through many ships before arriving to the wharf. Crossing the Esna lock might take a long time, depending on the number of ships ahead of yours. This is controlled by the government and is out of our control.

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Alcohol is served in most restaurants, hotels and night clubs. Some establishments choose not to serve alcohol. This is out of our control. Please check with the establishment prior to going.

Israel

Every Friday, Shabbat begins at sun down and ends on Saturday night. During this time, it is advised not to plan events in the hotels or certain public places. Otherwise, hotels function normally and non kosher restaurants are open. Certain sites are also closed on Fridays and Saturdays, as well as some Christian sites on Sundays.

Discover the pyramids, the ancient temples, the Valley of the Kings and much more. Egypt, the country of immeasurable treasures is yours to discover!

Day 1 Canada departure • Depart from Toronto on Air France to Paris. (Other departure cities available)

Day 2 Paris • Cairo • Arrive in Paris and take connecting flight to Cairo. Upon arrival, assistance and transfer to your hotel. Accommodation 5* first class: Sofitel Sphinx for 2 nights. Accommodation 5* deluxe: Mena House Oberoi for 2 nights.

Day 3 Cairo • Visit the magnificent pyramids of Giza and admire the legendary Sphinx. After lunch, visit the site of Memphis, the oldest capital of Egypt and Sakkara, with its step pyramid. (B/L)

CRUISE ON THE NILE BEGINS

Day 4 Cairo • Luxor • Transfer to the airport for your flight to Luxor. Upon arrival, transfer to the pier and board your cruise. In the afternoon, visit the temples of Luxor and Karnak. In Karnak, admire the most imposing sites of prayer ever known to man. Luxor is famous for its immense columns sculpted in the shape of papyrus buds. Accommodation 5* first class: Tuya or Tiya cruise for 4 nights. Accommodation 5* deluxe: Movenpick Royal Lily cruise for 4 nights. (B/L/D)

Day 5 Cruise Luxor • Edfu • Visit the Valley of the Kings with the necropolis of Thebes, the temple of Queen Hatchepsut at Deir-El-Bahari, and the Colossus of Memnon. Return to the ship and cruise to Edfu. (B/L/D)

Day 6 Cruise Edfu • Kom Ombo • Aswan • This morning, transfer by horse drawn carriage to visit the temple of Horus in Edfu, one of the best preserved Greco-Roman temples in Egypt. Continue to Kom Ombo to visit the only temple in Egypt dedicated to two gods: Sobek, with a crocodile head, and Haroeris with a falcon head. Return to the ship and cruise to Aswan. (B/L/D)

Day 7 Cruise Aswan • Today, visits will include the High Dam. Impressive in its dimensions, the dam is among the most spectacular civil works of the 20th century. Board a small boat and visit the Philae Temple, dedicated to Isis and to the granite quarries. At sunset, board a "felucca" (sailboat) and sail on the river. Return to the ship and dinner on board. (B/L/D)

Day 8 Aswan (end of cruise) • Cairo • Disembark and transfer to the airport for your flight to Cairo. Arrive in Cairo and transfer to your hotel. Visit the National Museum of Egyptian Antiquities housing the treasures of King Tut Ankh Amon, the Citadel,

built in 1183, and the Alabaster Mosque of Mohammed Ali. Accommodation 5* first class: Ramses Hilton for 2 nights. Accommodation 5* deluxe: Marriott Hotel for 2 nights. (B/L)

Day 9 Cairo • Alexandria (optional) • An optional tour of Alexandria will include the Catacomb of Kom El Shukafa, Qait Bay Fort, the Jewelry and Roman Greek museums and the Abu El Abas Mosque. Visit the Alexandria Library. Return to Cairo late afternoon \$\$. (B)

Day 10 Cairo • Canada • Transfer to the airport for your flights to Toronto. (B)

The Package Includes

Transportation • Return air transportation with Air France from Toronto, in limited specific class of service • Domestic flights in economy class: Meet and greet by our local representatives • Transfers • **Guides** • English speaking local guides (private in Cairo) • **Accommodations and meals** • Accommodation in double occupancy • First class or deluxe options available • Meals: 18 meals: 8 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 4 dinners • **Visits and excursions** • As per itinerary • **Services** • Baggage handling (1 piece) • hotel taxes and service charges • **Not included** • Airport/Security taxes and service charges: \$520 with Air France • Egyptian Visa: \$25 • Gratuities to hotel personnel, guides and drivers: approx: \$80-\$100 • Beverages.

Early Booking - Save up to \$250 per couple - see page 3

Price per person, double occupancy, from	\$CAD	
	First Class	Deluxe
Friday departures		
November 4, 11, 18, 25	2 749	3 199
December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	tba	tba
January 6 to March 23	2 749	3 199
March 30, April 6, 13	tba	tba
April 20 to September 28	2 499	2 899

Supplements:

Single	550	1 050
Optional Alexandria (min. 2 passengers required)		150
Abu Simbel excursion by air	380	380

Other Departure Cities Available