

Wonders of Egypt



For **SINGLES 45 Years and Over**

22 November to 4 December 2009 (13 days / 12 nights)

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The perfect balance between first class touring and cruising of Egypt.

The first glimpse of the Great Pyramids of Giza and Sphinx will leave you in awe. But there's more to Egypt and this tour visits all the top highlights including the impressive Karnak and Luxor temples plus the not to be missed chance to visit Abu Simbel; the most beautiful construction of the greatest Pharaoh in Egyptian history—Rameses II.

Tour Highlights

- Enjoy a guided tour of Giza to see the Sphinx and visit one the Pyramids
- Marvel at the Sound and Light Show at the Great Pyramids of Giza
- Visit the amazing Temple of Queen Hatshepsut and the Valley of the Kings
- Take a motorboat to the Temple of Isis on Philae Island
- Enjoy a visit to the famous Egyptian Museum in Cairo to see the treasure of Tutankhamun
- Stay in Alexandria, where the Nile meets the Mediterranean

Tour Pace

This is a leisurely tour pace with a perfect balance of touring, cruising and Cairo sightseeing. The four night stay in Cairo at the beginning of the trip allows you time to adjust to your new surroundings before embarking on your fabulous cruise of the Nile and two night stay in exotic Aswan. After your cruise, there is a short domestic flight back to Cairo to then head north to the seaside town of Alexandria. Then, there's a final night of stay in Cairo, making it easy to connect to your return flight or next destination.

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**Bookings close
22 September 2009**
or before places sell out



TOP 5 REASONS TO BOOK

1. Age-matched holiday groups
2. Travel with like-minded singles
3. Tours provided by leading tour operators
4. Early bird savings with many tours
5. Room-mate matching option

Tour Inclusions

- 8 nights, first class hotel accommodation*
- 4 nights, first class cruising the Nile River
- Daily full buffet breakfast (12)
- Lunches (4) and dinners (7)
- Travel wallet
- Two domestic flights in Egypt
- Professional tour director for the group
- Room mate matching service available
- Tours and excursions as per itinerary
- Abu Simbel optional excursion

Abu Simbel Optional Excursion.

Abu Simbel is the most beautiful and imaginative construction of the greatest and most whimsical Pharaoh in Egyptian history - Rameses II. The facade consists of four colossal statues of the Pharaoh seated on his throne. Each statue is 20 metres high, measures four metres from ear to ear and one metre along the line of the lips. The optional sightseeing tour includes return airfares from Aswan to Abu Simbel with Egypt Air and is on day 8 of the tour.

** First class hotels as a guide compares to quality 4 star hotels or above.*

Tour Prices

Prices Per Person*	Twin Share	Single Room
Tour Standard Price	\$4195	\$5085
Abu Simbel Optional Excursion	\$425	
Airfares**	Quoted separately on request at time of booking	

**All prices are in Australian Dollars*

***Prices are for the tour only and do not include airfares which can be quoted separately.*

****Additional nights of stay pre and post tour dates available—price on request*

About Us

At A Rendezvous for Singles we offer holiday groups for single travellers, visiting destinations across Australia and around the globe. From short tropical escapes, adventure trips and leisurely touring, all trips are age-matched and enjoyed with a group of like-minded people.

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Itinerary for Wonders of Egypt

DAY 1 (Cairo). Welcome to Egypt! When you arrive in Cairo, you enter a land of wonders and mysteries, many of which are revealed on this tour. For passengers arriving on the group flight, you are met at the airport and transferred to your hotel.

DAY 2 (Cairo Sightseeing). After breakfast and a detailed pre-tour briefing with your Tour Director, commence your sightseeing with a visit to the Saladin Citadel for a breathtaking view of the city of Cairo. Salah El Din started the Citadel in the 12th century, but it owes its present outline to Mohammed Ali, whose great Mosque you will visit next. Later, enjoy a highlight visit to the famous Egyptian Museum. Here, among the many thousands of artefacts on display, view Tutankhamun's splendid treasures, including his splendid burial mask. Do you believe in the curse of the 'boy king'? We overnight at our Cairo hotel. **BB**

DAY 3 (Cairo Sightseeing). Drive to Memphis, the famous capital of the ancient world. Admire the colossal statue of Rameses II and see the enigmatic Sphinx. Continue to nearby Sakkara, to view the Step Pyramid of King Zoser; dating from 2686BC, it's the oldest in the world. Tonight return for the magical Sound and Light show which literally illuminates the ancient history of Giza. **BB D**

DAY 4 (Cairo Sightseeing). Today, enjoy a guided tour of Giza where you will see the magnificent pyramids with a highlight visit inside one of these extraordinary creations. Enjoy dinner at your hotel. **BB D**

DAY 5 (Cairo, Luxor, Cruising). Fly to Luxor, the former capital of the New Kingdom. Near the edge of town, where your cruise boat awaits. Upon arrival you will visit Luxor Temple which provides an unforgettable introduction to ancient Thebes. Now continue to Karnak, the largest temple complex ever built by man, constructed over a time period of 1500 years. Walk through the avenue of Ram-headed sphinxes, past the statue of Rameses II, to stand in awe among the huge columns of the vast Hypostyle Hall. After the visit, check into your Nile Cruise Boat. **BB L D**

DAY 6 (Cruising, Edfu). After breakfast, cross to the west bank of the Nile and stop for a photo of the towering Colossi of Memnon. These two giant seated figures are all that is left of Amon-Ofis III mortuary temple. Visit the amazing reconstructed Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, blending into the cliff face above. Continue to the Valley of the Kings, the burial place of many of the New Kingdom Pharaohs. After venturing inside some of the tombs, return to your cruise ship and drift upstream, past palm fringed villages and irrigated fields to Esna and Edfu. **BB L D**

DAY 7 (Cruising, Kom Ombo). This morning visit the beautifully preserved Temple of Horus, (the Falcon God) possibly the most complete in Egypt. Get your cameras ready as you cruise to Kom Ombo. The temple, dedicated to both Horus the Elder and Sobek, the crocodile god, is a glorious sight. Inside you will find some mummified remains of some small crocodiles. Celebrate in true Egyptian style at an Oriental Dinner and Galabea Party. **BB L HD**

DAY 8 (Cruising, Aswan). Cruise to exotic Aswan in the cool of early morning. Visit the Aswan High Dam and also the ancient Granite Quarries to see the enormous unfinished obelisk. Take a motorboat to the Temple of Isis, rising from the waters of the Nile on the Island of Philae. Later, return to Aswan and sail in a traditional Nile felucca around Aswan's Botanical Gardens. **BB L D**

DAY 9 (Aswan). This morning, there is the optional excursion to the temples of Abu Simbel, carved out of the rock by Rameses II and later rescued from the rising waters of Lake Nasser (see below). Otherwise, spend the day in Aswan as you wish. **BB**

DAY 10 (Aswan, Cairo, Alexandria). This morning we fly back to Cairo, upon arrival we drive through the desert to Alexandria, making the stop at the Coptic Monasteries at Wadi El Natrun. The city of Alexandria was founded by Alexander the Great in 322 BC at the point where the Nile meets the Mediterranean, and is reputed to have been the birthplace of Cleopatra. Today Alexandria is Egypt's leading port and has a beautiful seafront area known as the Corniche. **BB**

DAY 11 (Alexandria). After breakfast we will visit Alexandria National Museum, Roman Amphitheatre, Roman Catacombs, Quayet-Bey fortress and Montazah Gardens. **BB**

DAY 12 (Alexandria, Cairo). After breakfast, we depart Alexandria for our return trip to Cairo, enroute we will visit the city of El Alamein to visit the site of one of the great battles of the Second World War. While there we will visit the military cemeteries and the museum that house some of the personal possession of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, the famed "Desert Fox". A farewell dinner in Cairo. **BB D**

DAY 13 (Cairo). The tour ends after breakfast with a transfer to the airport for passengers travelling on the group flight. **BB**

MEAL KEY

- BB** Hot Buffet Breakfast
- L** Lunch
- D** Hotel Dinner
- HD** Highlight Dinner

NOTES

Hotels are subject to final confirmation at the time bookings for the holiday close. After final confirmation hotels are subject to change should circumstances dictate. We reserve the right to alter or deviate from the tour itinerary should circumstances dictate.