

## **TOUR ITINERARY:**

### **SUN MAR 11 DAY 1- USA/ISTANBUL**

Depart LAX 6:00PM on Turkish Air FLT# 10

### **MON MAR 12 DAY 2 ISTANBUL TURKEY**

Arrive in Istanbul 17: 10 and transfer to hotel  
Hotel TBD

### **TUE MAR 13 DAY 3 - ISTANBUL/CAIRO**

Depart Istanbul 10:30 on Turkish Air FLT # 690 Arrive Cairo 12:45 & transfer to the hotel. Welcome dinner.

Cairo Marriott Hotel (B, D)

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/caieg-cairo-marriott-hotel-and-omar-khayyam-casino/>

### **WED MAR 14 DAY 4 - CAIRO**

Morning visit to the Cairo Museum. View the collection of the Old Kingdom, Middle Kingdom, New Kingdom, & the famous collection of King Tutankhamen. Lunch in the Old City at Nagib Mahfouz Restaurant. Visit the 16th century Street of the Tentmakers & the southern section of the 10th century Fatimid city with its medieval houses, inns, marketplaces, & Al-Azhar (the oldest continuously functioning university in the world). Visit Khan el-Khalili, the most famous of Cairo Market  
*Cairo Marriott Hotel (B, L)*

### **THU MAR 15 DAY 5 - CAIRO/ASWAN/NILE CRUISE**

Morning Egypt Air flight to Abu Simbel to visit the colossal rock-cut temple of Ramses II & the exquisite temple he built for his wife, Nefertari. In the afternoon, sail by feluccas to the Elephantine Island, the home of God Khnum. Visit the excavations by the German Institute and the open Air Museum  
*Cataract Hotel ( B, D)*

### **FRI MAR 16 DAY 6 - ASWAN/NILE CRUISE**

Morning visit to the temple of Isis on Philae Island. This temple is one of the key sights along the Nile & was dedicated to the Mother Goddess Isis who gave birth to Horus on this island. Visit the unfinished obelisk & the granite quarries where the Ancient Egyptians cut stones for their statues & obelisks. **Noon time Check into the Nile Cruise**  
Evening visit to the African Bazar (Market)  
*Nile Cruise (B, L, D)*

### **SAT MAR 17 DAY 7 -ASWAN/NILE CRUISE**

Morning sail to Kom Ombo. Visit the temple of Kom Ombo dedicated to two gods, Sobek & Horus. Continue sailing to Edfu. Horse buggies will roll you through the ancient city of Edfu to the temple of Horus & his consort Hathor. This temple was dedicated for the reunion of the gods & goddesses.  
*Nile Cruise (B, L, D)*

### **SUN MAR 18 DAY 8 - LUXOR/NILE CRUISE**

Sail to Luxor. Afternoon visit the temple of Karnak & the temple of Luxor, dedicated to god Amen & goddess Mut. Overnight at Luxor . Optimal Sound and Light Show at Karnak Temple  
*Nile Cruise (B, L, D)*

### **MON MAR 19 DAY 9 - LUXOR/NILE CRUISE**

Morning, check out of the Nile Cruise.  
Drive to the north of Luxor through the exquisite, lush green countryside, to the majestic city of Abydos to visit the Temple of Osiris. Picnic en route. Returning from Abydos, stop at Dendarah to visit the Temple of Hathour, goddess of love, motherhood & music.

*Winter Palace Hotel Luxor (B, L)*

<http://www.sofitel.com/gb/hotel-1661-sofitel-winter-palace-luxor/index.shtml>

### **TUE MAR 20 DAY 10 - LUXOR/CAIRO**

Drive to the West Bank of Luxor City. Visit the Valley of the Kings, containing the exquisite tombs of the New Kingdom Pharaohs, the Valley of the Queens, & the Valley of the Nobles.

By special permission from the Egyptian Antiquities Organization, visit several tombs that are not open to the general public. In the afternoon, lunch at the historic courtyard of the venerable Sheikh Ali Restaurant, watering hole of all renowned Egyptologists, including Howard Carter. Following lunch, we visit the great mortuary temples of Hatshepsut, Ramses II, & Ramses III, as well as the ancient village of Dier el Medina with its extraordinary tombs of the ordinary workers who built the temples. PM: Flight to Cairo.

*Mena house Hotel (B, L)*

[http://www.perfectescapes.com/Luxury\\_Hotel-PID1785-Cairo\\_-The\\_Mena\\_House,\\_Oberoi-74388.html](http://www.perfectescapes.com/Luxury_Hotel-PID1785-Cairo_-The_Mena_House,_Oberoi-74388.html)

### **WED MAR 21 DAY 11 - LUXOR/CAIRO**

Spend the day on the Giza Plateau visiting the Great Pyramid, the Great Sphinx, the Solar Boat, & the new excavation of Dr. Zahi Hawass.

*Mena house Hotel (B, L)*

### **THU MAR 22 DAY 12 - LUXOR/ CAIRO**

Drive into the countryside to visit the Pyramids of Dahshur: The Red Pyramid & the Bent Pyramid of Pharaoh Senefro, Khufu's father. Lunch, at Saqqara Palm Club, visit the Step Pyramid in Saqqara **Farewell Dinner**

*Mena house Hotel (B, D)*

### **FRI MAR 23 DAY 13 - CAIRO/ ISTANBUL**

Depart Cairo **13:30** Turkish Air Arrive Istanbul **15:30**

**Hotel TBD**

### **SAT MAR 24 DAY 14 - IST/ USA**

Depart Istanbul **11:10** Turkish Air **FLT# 9** arrive **LAX 16:25**

**Tour Cost: From LAX**

**\$5300 per person in double room sharing including international Air Fare**

**Tour Cost: \$4300 per person for land arrangements (No international Air) including domestic air in Egypt**

**\$900 extra if single is requested**

**Business class is available with addition cost**

**\$3000 from lax or \$2900 from JFK**

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