

CARAVAN's Egypt Journey

"The Cradle of Civilization"

April 18 – April 28, 2027
(9 days, 10 nights)

Join us on a caravan to explore the wonder of Egypt, through the lens of its artistic culture and spirituality.

9 days and 10 nights in Egypt



All expenses covered except international travel and personal expenses.

Double occupancy (*one or two beds*): \$5,250
Single occupancy: \$5,650

www.oncaravan.org/tours/egypt

“In the desert of life, the wise person travels by caravan...”
(Arab proverb)

An Introduction

Our journey to Egypt, often referred to as the “Mother of the World,” will introduce you to the culture, art and spirituality of this ancient and living civilization. Our caravan will explore the Nile River cities of Cairo and Luxor, as well as down the Red Sea coast to the Arab desert to stand in the sand of ageless time. Our travels will take us from the Great Giza Pyramids, to magnificent mosques, Pharaonic temples and to the oldest monastery in the world.

We will float on the life-giving waters of the great Nile River, smell the aromas of exotic spices piled high in a bustling *souk*, savor flatbread freshly baked in a clay oven, visit a Bedouin tent-shaped cathedral, hear the Muslim call to prayer from over a thousand minarets, stand on the shore of the Red Sea, experience the Sufi dancing of a whirling dervish, explore whale bones in the Western desert and so much more. All along, we will experience ancient and living spiritual traditions – Pharaonic, Islamic, Sufi, Coptic, Jewish, and desert spirituality.

To enhance our journey, art will be woven throughout our caravan - Coptic, Islamic, Ancient Pharaonic and contemporary Egyptian art. We will visit the new Grand Egyptian Museum on the Giza Plateau, marvel at the architecture of Pharaonic temples, see rock carvings in a sandstone amphitheater, contemplate ancient monastic frescoes and Coptic iconography, admire Islamic calligraphy, visit the studios of today’s premier Egyptian artists, and so much more.

Join us on a caravan to explore the creative wonder of another world!

The CARAVAN Team

DAILY ITINERARY

April 17 – begin international travel to Egypt depending on departure country

**April 18
Sunday**

“Meet and Greet” before passport control at Cairo International Airport, transfer to hotel, dinner on own at hotel due to international travelers arriving at different times.

Cairo hotel: Steigenberger Hotel – Giza (overlooking the Pyramids)



**April 19
Monday**

ISLAMIC CAIRO

Visit:

- Museum of Civilization
- Sultan Hassan Mosque (Experience the Muezzin call to prayer).
- The Citadel (Mohamed Ali Mosque)
- Walking tour of Bab Zuweila and Tentmakers' Street

Breakfast: at hotel followed by a welcome/orientation meeting

Lunch: Maimi Palace with Sufi dancer

Dinner: Hotel



**April 20
Tuesday**

COPTIC CAIRO (Souq al Fustat)

Visit:

- Coptic Christian Old Cairo including the Coptic Museum, Hanging Church, Ben Ezra Synagogue, Abu Serga Church, St. Barbara Church, St. Mercurius Church
- Afternoon visit to St. Simon “The Tanner” Monastery and Cave Church and Recycle Center in Mokattam area of Cairo (where many garbage collectors live, and where up to 13,000 meet in a cave church each Thursday evening). Known as well for its rock sculptures.

Breakfast: at hotel

Lunch: On a Nile sailboat (felucca)
(catered lunch from Abou Tarek Koshari)

Dinner: Andrea – New Giza



**April 21
Wednesday**

TUNIS/FAYOUM OASIS IN THE WESTERN DESERT

(whale bones, contemporary Egypt artist)

Visit:

- Visit Whale Bones Valley (UNESCO World Heritage Site) via 4 x 4 SUVs
- Visit with celebrated Egyptian contemporary artist Mohammed Abla, and see his studio as well as his Arab cartoon museum and contemporary art museum

Breakfast: at hotel

Lunch: picnic in desert by Wadi Al Rayan

Dinner: Ibis Restaurant in Tunis Village



**April 22
Thursday**

SAKKARA NECROPOLIS

Visit:

- Sakkara Necropolis and Step Pyramid
- Visit the world-famous Wissa Wassef Artisan Tapestry Center
- Merit Papyrus workshop
- Khan El Khalili bazaar – shopping in souk
- Tea at El Fishawy Café - one of oldest continually functioning cafes in the world

Breakfast: at hotel

Lunch: at Blue Lotus organic farm

Dinner: Naguib Mahfouz Café



**April 23
Friday**

RED SEA & ARAB DESERT MONASTERY

Visit:

- Western shore of the Red Sea
- Oldest monastery in the world - St. Anthony's

Breakfast: at hotel

Lunch: late lunch at a coastal resort on the Red Sea (Ain Sokhna)

Dinner: at hotel



**April 24
Saturday**

PHARAONIC CAIRO - THEN FLY TO LUXOR

Visit:

- Giza Pyramids and The Sphinx
(option for camel rides near the Pyramids)
- Drop-off at Cairo Domestic Airport and fly to Luxor:
- Transfer to overnight at Hilton Hotel Luxor

Breakfast: at hotel

Lunch: 9 Pyramids Lounge

Dinner: at Hilton Hotel Luxor



*Hilton Hotel Luxor
– on the Nile*

**April 25
Sunday**

LUXOR

Visit:

- Valley of Kings (i.e. tomb of King Tut) and Hatshepsut Temple
- Visit an Alabaster workshop
- Sunset Tour of Luxor Temple & View of the Sphinx Avenue

We will explore how the ancient Egyptians left behind an immense collection of spiritual knowledge through their architecture, hieroglyph, art and symbols.

Breakfast: at hotel

Lunch: Marsam Hotel

Dinner: at Hilton Hotel Luxor



**April 26
Monday**

LUXOR - then fly to CAIRO

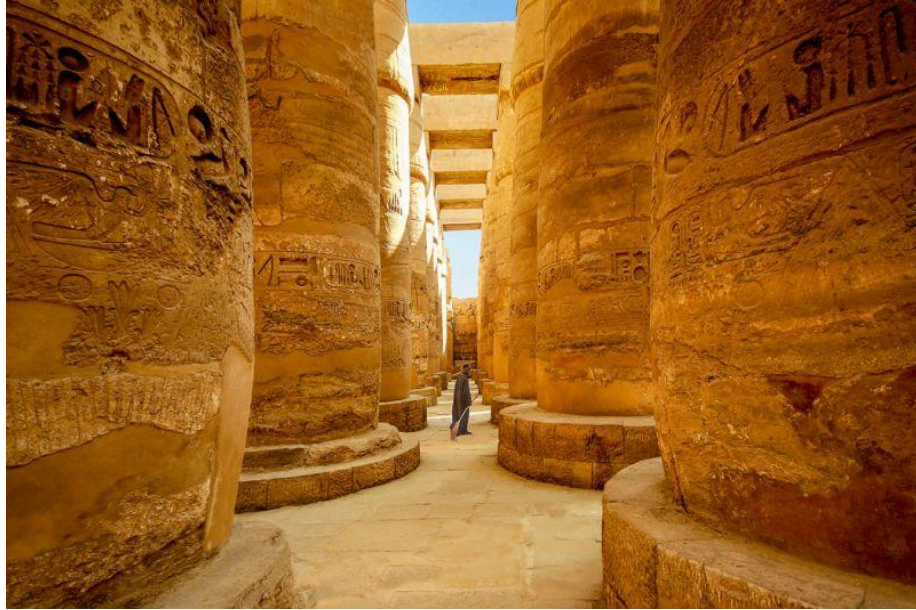
Visit:

- Visit Karnak Temple in ancient Thebes
The Karnak Temple took over 2,000 years to build and is the largest building ever constructed for religious purposes, which includes the Temple of Amun-Re and the Sacred Lake.
- Mid-afternoon flight to Cairo:
 - Transfer to back to original hotel in Cairo
 - Steigenberger Hotel Giza Pyramids

Breakfast: at hotel (check out luggage)

Lunch: Sofra restaurant

Dinner: at hotel



Karnak Temple

**April 27
Tuesday**

GRAND EGYPT MUSEUM

- Visit the new Grand Egyptian Museum, the largest museum in the world, including the spectacular display of King Tut and King Khufu's solar ship.
- Followed by last minute shopping/packing in Cairo or a time of rest or an optional tour of Zamalek Island art galleries

Breakfast: at hotel

Lunch: at Zooba restaurant in museum

Dinner: Hotel





April 28
Wednesday

DEPARTURE - morning departure (morning hotel check out required on April 28). *Note: international flights often depart late night of April 27 / early morning hours April 28.*

COSTS

Double occupancy (one or two beds): \$5,250

Single occupancy: \$5,650

If you are traveling alone but wish to share a room, please let us know when you register and we will attempt to find a suitable traveling companion. If we are unable to find someone, we will notify you of the supplemental cost needed for a single room.

INCLUDED IN JOURNEY COSTS:

- “Meet and Greet” before passport control at airport, transfer from/to airport
- Egyptian visa – provided upon arrival by “Meet and Greet” agent before passport control
- All ground transportation
- In country flight: Cairo to/from Luxor - Star Alliance Partner EgyptAir
- Hotel lodging at 4 and 5 star hotels
- All meals of breakfast, lunch and dinner (drinks: bottled water at meals and on bus)
- Private tour bus throughout the trip
- All entrance fees to sites
- Our own dedicated tour guides throughout the trip
- Journey hosted by President of CARAVAN Arts

NOT INCLUDED IN JOURNEY COSTS:

- International travel to and from Egypt
- Suggested travel health insurance and recommended comprehensive travel insurance (protection for cancellations, trip interruptions, lost baggage)
- Personal expenses
- Beverages: (coffee/tea/juice included at breakfast & water at meals and bus)

PAYMENTS:

After reviewing your inquiry form, we will email you further instructions on the registration process, including needed forms and payment options to submit a deposit of \$500 per person, along with a schedule of payments due. You will be able to pay via credit card (via PayPal), US check, Zelle or bank wire transfer.

1. \$500 deposit per person due with journey registration forms
2. 50% of costs due 6 months ahead of the journey
3. 100% of costs due 3 months ahead of the journey

CONFIRMATION AND CANCELLATION POLICY:

The \$500 deposit is nonrefundable unless the journey is cancelled or rescheduled. Payments are 50% refundable up to 6 months before the journey begins; after that, any refund will depend on someone else taking your place on the journey, or you can request to join us on a future journey within twelve months, where your installments minus the deposit and any non-refundable deposits made by the supplier, will be credited to that journey. **We strongly recommend that all participants purchase comprehensive trip cancellation and interruption insurance in the event you need to cancel your travel plans.**

Egypt requires a passport that is valid for 6 months beyond your scheduled return date. A tourist visa is required and will be arranged ahead of time and given to you by our Meet and Greet agent upon your arrival at Cairo International Airport.