

# CARAVAN's Egypt Tour

## "The Cradle of Civilization"

**April 19 – April 30, 2026**  
**(10 days, 11 nights)**

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

10 days and 11 nights in Egypt.



All expenses covered except international travel and personal expenses.

Double occupancy (*one or two beds*): \$4,600  
Single occupancy: \$5,700

[www.oncaravan.org/tours/egypt](http://www.oncaravan.org/tours/egypt)

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

## **An Introduction**

Our tour 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 18 – begin international travel to Egypt depending on departure country**

**April 19  
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 20  
Monday**

## ISLAMIC CAIRO

Visit:

- Museum of Civilization
- Sultan Hassan Mosque (Experience the Muezzin call to prayer).
- Ibn Toulon Mosque
- The Citadel (Mohamed Ali Mosque)

Breakfast: at hotel followed by a welcome/orientation meeting

Lunch: Granita restaurant in El Azhar Park

Dinner: Hotel



**April 21  
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: at hotel



**April 22  
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 23  
Thursday**

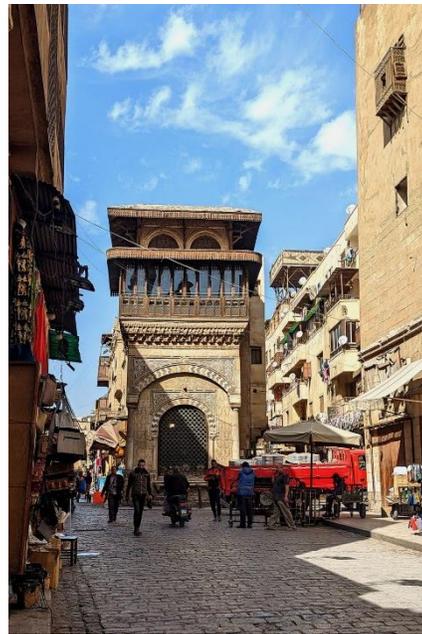
### **ISLAMIC CAIRO**

- Walking tour of El Moez Street (visit the gate of Bab Zuweila)
- Tentmakers Market (Egyptian fabric artists)
- Charity Wadi Shop (on Zamalek Island)

Breakfast: at hotel

Lunch: Prince Mamai Palace Restaurant with Sufi Whirling Dervish and Tanoura dance performance

Dinner: Cairo Marriott Saraya



**April 24  
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 25  
Saturday**

### **SAKKARA NECROPOLIS**

Visit:

- Sakkara Necropolis and Step Pyramid
- Visit the world-famous Wissa Wassef Artisan Tapestry Center
- 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



*Sakkara step pyramid*

**April 26  
Sunday**

### **PHARAONIC CAIRO - THEN FLY TO LUXOR**

Visit:

- Giza Pyramids and The Sphinx (option for camel rides near the Pyramids)
- Visit Papyrus workshop – an ancient art craft
- 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 27  
Monday**

**LUXOR**

Visit:

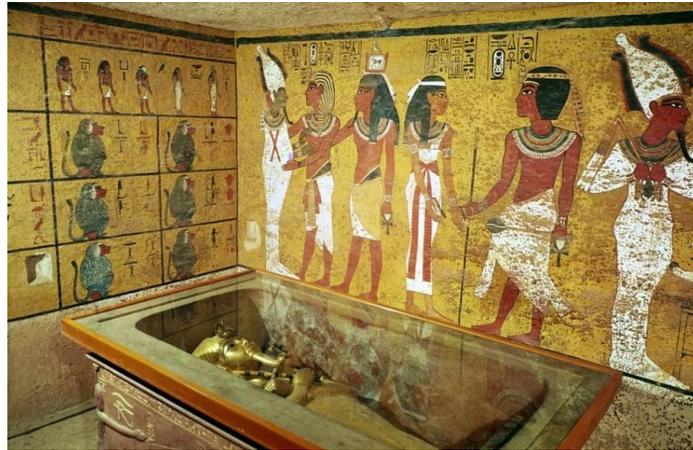
- Valley of Kings (i.e. tomb of King Tut) and Hatshepsut Temple
- Visit an Alabaster workshop
- Sunset Tour of Luxor Temple & View of the Sphinx Avenue

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: Winter Palace (Agatha Christie world!)

Dinner: at Hilton Hotel Luxor



**April 28  
Tuesday**

**LUXOR - then fly to CAIRO**

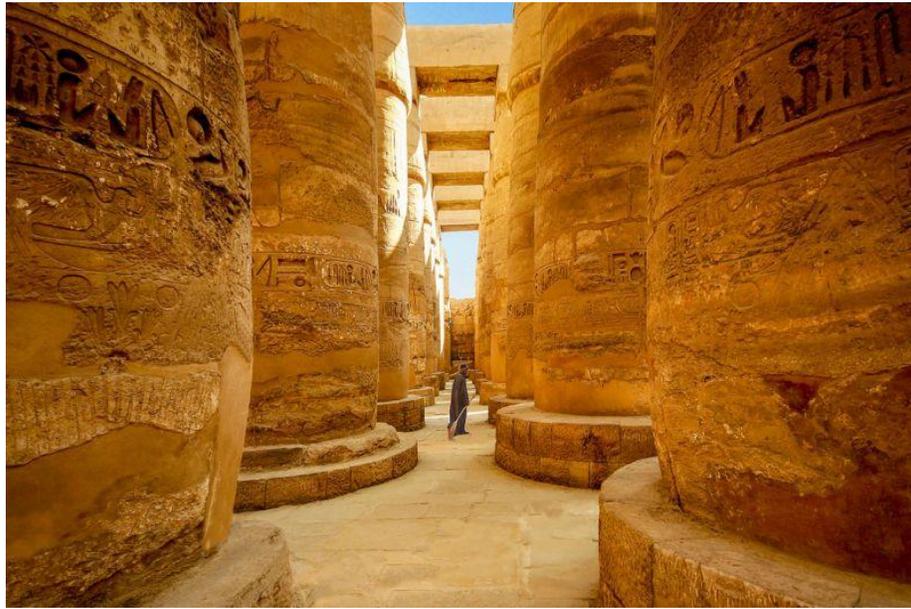
Visit:

- 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 29  
Wednesday**

### **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: Special closing dinner together





**April 30  
Thursday**

**DEPARTURE - morning departure** (morning hotel check out required on April 30). *Note: international flights often depart late night of April 29 / early morning hours April 30.*

## COSTS

**Double occupancy** (one or two beds): \$4,825

**Single occupancy:** \$5,925

*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 TOUR 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
- Tour hosted by President of CARAVAN Arts

### **NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR COSTS:**

- International travel to and from Egypt
- Required 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 tour registration forms
2. 50% of costs due 6 months ahead of the tour
3. 100% of costs due 3 months ahead of the tour

### **CONFIRMATION AND CANCELLATION POLICY:**

The \$500 deposit is nonrefundable unless the tour is cancelled or rescheduled. Payments are 50% refundable up to 6 months before the tour begins; after that, any refund will depend on someone else taking your place on the tour, or you can request to join us on a future tour within twelve months, where your installments minus the deposit and any non-refundable deposits made by the supplier, will be credited to that tour. **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.