

CARAVAN's Egypt Tour

"The Cradle of Civilization"

October 26 - November 6, 2025
(10 days, 11 nights)

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



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

"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 whirling dervishes, 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 experience art installations at The Great Pyramid of Giza featuring renowned artists from around the world, and so much more.

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

The CARAVAN Team

DAILY ITINERARY

October 25 – begin international travel to Egypt depending on departure country

**October 26
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 Tahrir



**October 27
Monday**

ISLAMIC CAIRO

Visit:

- Museum of Civilization
- The Citadel (Mohamed Ali Mosque)
- Sultan Hassan Mosque & Madrassa (school). Experience the Muezzin call to prayer.
- Ibn Toulon Mosque
- Al Azhar Mosque (*heart of Sunni Islam, comprising the majority of Muslims around the world*)

Breakfast: at hotel followed by a welcome/orientation meeting

Lunch: Granita restaurant in El Azhar Park

Dinner: Crimson in Zamalek



**October 28
Tuesday**

COPTIC CAIRO (Souq al Fustat)

Visit:

- Coptic Christian Old Cairo including the Coptic Museum, Hanging Church, Ben Ezra Synagogue, St. George's Church, 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.
- Visit to the All Saints' Cathedral (Bedouin tent architecture) on Zamalek Island & their Charity Wadi Shop

Breakfast: at hotel

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

Dinner: Cairo Marriott Saraya



**October 29
Wednesday**

TUNIS/FAYOUM OASIS IN THE WESTERN DESERT

(whale bones, contemporary Egypt artist, pottery village)

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
- Visit the renowned Tunis pottery village

Breakfast: at hotel

Lunch: picnic in desert

Dinner: Ibis Restaurant in Tunis Village



Whale Bones in the desert

**October 30
Thursday**

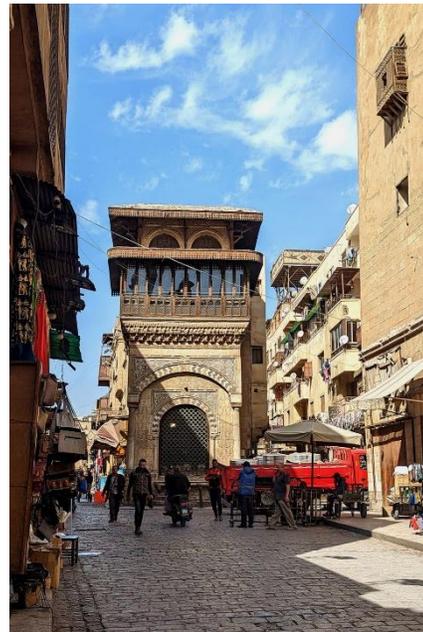
ISLAMIC CAIRO

- Walking tour of El Moez Street (visit the gate of Bab Zuweila)
- Tentmakers Market (Egyptian fabric artists)
- Islamic Art Museum visit in the afternoon (*not a long visit*)

Breakfast: at hotel

Lunch: Zeyara Restaurant in El Moez Street (Le Riad Hotel rooftop)

Dinner: Nile Maxim dinner cruise with show



**October 31
Friday**

RED SEA & ARAB DESERT MONASTERIES

Visit:

- Western shore of the Red Sea
- Oldest monasteries in the world - St. Anthony's and St. Paul's

Breakfast: at hotel

Snacks: on the bus

Lunch: late lunch at a coastal resort on the Red Sea (Ain Sokhna)
– sit on the beach (fish/seafood)

Dinner: at hotel

- At hotel: The famed Coptic iconographer Magdy Williams will share about Coptic iconography – icons will be available to purchase



NOV 1
Saturday

DAHSHUR - SAKKARA NECROPOLIS

Visit:

- Sakkara Pyramids, Necropolis & Dahshur
- Visit the world-famous Wissa Wassef Artisan Tapestry Center
- Khan El Khalili bazaar – shopping in souks
- Tanoura Sufi dancing in evening – Whirling Dervishes

Breakfast: at hotel

Lunch: at Blue Lotus organic farm

Dinner: Naguib Mahfouz Café



NOV 2
Sunday

PHARAONIC CAIRO - THEN FLY TO LUXOR

Visit:

- Giza Pyramids and the “Forever Is Now” int’l art installation
- The Sphinx & the Temple of the Valley
(short camel rides possible near the Pyramids)
- Visit the new Grand Egyptian Museum (King Tut)

- Drop-off at Cairo Domestic Airport and fly to Luxor: EGYPTAIR MS 066 CAI to LXR – Dep 1800 / Arr 1905
- 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

**NOV 3
Monday**

LUXOR

Visit:

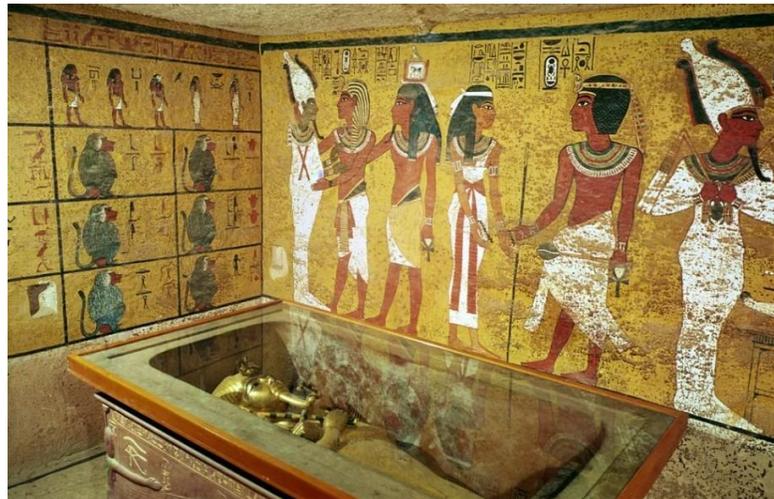
- Valley of Kings (i.e. tomb of King Tut) and Hatshepsut Temple
- Sunset Tour of Luxor Temple & View of the Sphinx Avenue

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



**NOV 4
Tuesday**

LUXOR - then fly to CAIRO

Visit:

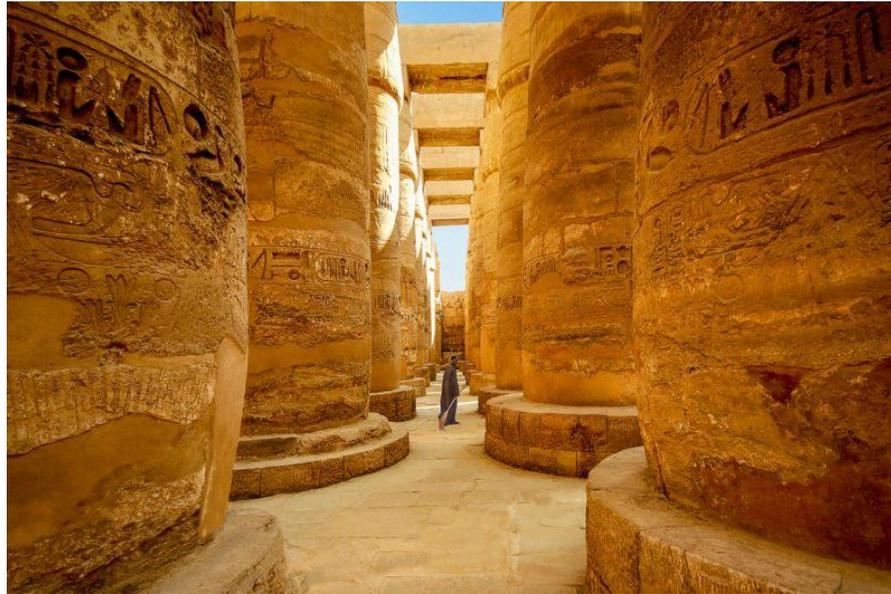
- Visit Karnak Temple in ancient Thebes
-The Karnak Temple took over 2,000 years to build and is the largest building ever constructed for religious purposes, which includes the Temple of Amun-Re and the Sacred Lake.
- Mid-afternoon flight to Cairo:
EGYPTAIR MS 075 LXR-CAI DEP/ARR 15:40-16:50
-Transfer to back to original hotel in Cairo
-Steigenberger Hotel Tahrir

Breakfast: at hotel (check out luggage)

Lunch: at historic Old Winter Palace Hotel's Garden in Luxor (Agatha Christie)

Dinner: at hotel in Cairo private room/restaurant

- Evening presentation by Sufi teacher Abdel Hayy (on Sufism) & artist Rana Chalabi



NOV 5
Wednesday

ANAFORA DESERT CENTER IN WADI NATRUN

Visit:

- Anafora Coptic Organic Desert Farm and Spirituality Center in the Wadi Natrun desert north of Cairo, known for its Coptic murals, architectural Egyptian designs, and organic food production.
- A relaxed walking tour of Anafora, followed by a debriefing time together, lunch, and return to hotel in Cairo.
- Last minute shopping/packing in Cairo after Anafora, rest or...
- Optional tour of Zamalek Island art galleries

Breakfast: at hotel

Lunch: at Anafora

Dinner: Special closing dinner together at our hotel





**NOV 6
Thursday**

DEPARTURE in middle of the night/early hours of the morning of Nov 6
for international flights

CARAVAN EGYPT TOUR
“AT A GLANCE”
(October 26 – November 6, 2025)

SUN 26 OCT:

Arrival day – Cairo airport “Meet and Greet” and hotel transfers

MON 27 OCT:

Islamic day #1 – visit the Museum of Civilization, the Citadel, Mohamed Ali Mosque, Sultan Hassan Mosque & Madrassa (school), experience the Muezzin call to prayer, Ibn Toulon, and Al Azhar Mosque.

TUES 28 OCT:

Coptic day #1 – visit Coptic Christian Old Cairo including the Coptic Museum, Hanging Church, Ben Ezra Synagogue, Cave Church and Recycle Center, Anglican Cathedral, lunch on the Nile in a felucca sailboat

WED 29 OCT:

Fayoum Oasis day – visit Whale Bones Valley (UNESCO World Heritage Site) via 4x4 vehicles, lunch in the desert, Premier Egyptian artist Mohammad Abla’s art center, pottery village

THURS 30 OCT:

Islamic day #2 - Walking tour of El Moez Street (visit the gate of Bab Zuweila), **visit** Tentmakers Market (Egyptian fabric artists) **and** Islamic Art Museum, Nile Maxim dinner cruise with show

FRI 31 OCT:

Coptic day #2 – visit St Anthony, the oldest monastery in the world and the art of St Paul’s Monastery in the Arab Desert, lunch at a coastal resort on the Red Sea, visit with a Coptic iconographer

SAT 1 NOV:

Pharaonic day #1 – visit Sakkara Pyramids, Necropolis & Dahshur, Wissa Wassef art center, Khan El Khalili bazaar shopping, Tanoura (whirling dervishes) show in evening

SUN 2 NOV:

Pharaonic day #2 – visit the Great Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx, see “Forever Is Now” installation art exhibition, camel rides, Grand Egyptian Museum, Fly to Luxor

MON 3 NOV:

Luxor day #1 – visit the Valley of the Kings, Hatshepsut Temple, Sunset Tour of Luxor Temple

TUES 4 NOV:

Luxor day #2 – Karnak Temple in ancient Thebes, fly back to Cairo for a presentation over dinner by a Sufi teacher on Sufism and hear from a Sufi artist

WED 5 NOV:

Desert finale - visit Anafora desert organic farm and spirituality center, shopping/packing, goodbye dinner at hotel

THURS 6 NOV: – *departure early AM (middle of the night) or later in morning of Nov 6*

COSTS

Double occupancy (one or two beds): \$4,600

Single occupancy: \$5,700

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 suggested 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.