

# EGYPT CRUISE: CAIRO & THE NILE

15 - 25 OCTOBER 2026

FROM  
**£7,975**  
PER PERSON

Tour Leader: Bridget Wheeler

  
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This captivating tour is a comprehensive introduction to Egypt, one of the most intriguing countries in the world, where the legacy of its ancient civilisation is preserved in its magnificent architectural and artistic treasures, and celebrated sights.

We begin our journey in Cairo, Egypt's capital and best known for preserving one of the last Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Great Pyramid of Giza, and where we also visit the brand new Grand Egyptian Museum. We then explore Luxor, often characterised as the 'world's greatest open-air museum' and the site of the ancient city of Thebes with its temples and tombs of the west bank Necropolis including the Valley of the Kings. Here we embark on a five-night cruise onboard the traditional style, eight-cabin Hadeel Dahabyia on the Nile, a river steeped in mystery and romance and rich in the history of ancient Egypt.

We disembark in Aswan where there is the option to take a day return flight to Abu Simbel to see the world-renowned temple of Ramses II and his Queen Nefertari.





*View of pyramids from the Giza Plateau*



*Hadeel Dahabyia*



*Temple of Karnak*

## 11-DAY ITINERARY, DEPARTING 15 OCTOBER 2026

### 15 October London / Cairo

Depart London Heathrow on Egypt Air MS 784 at 09.40 hrs arriving Cairo at 16.20 hrs. Transfer to the Hyatt Regency West Hotel, which boasts spectacular views over the Giza Pyramids, where two nights are spent. Dinner at the hotel.

### 16 October Cairo

Morning visit to the Pyramids, which are the only survivors of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Also see the nearby Great Sphinx, an ancient figure shrouded in mystery and legend.

Lunch at a local restaurant. Visit the newly constructed Grand Egyptian Museum in Giza which now houses the most valuable collection of Egyptian archaeological artefacts including the Tutankhamun collection. Dinner under own arrangements.

### 17 October Cairo / Luxor

This morning depart (with luggage) and transfer to Cairo Airport for a domestic Egypt Air flight to Luxor. Lunch under own arrangements. Transfer to the Al Moudira Hotel for one night. The hotel has the feel of a grand country house, embellished historic details, with courtyards and surrounded by palm groves

and exotic gardens. Remainder of afternoon at leisure. Dinner at the hotel.

### 18 October Luxor

Depart (with luggage) to board your Nile cruise vessel, the Hadeel Dahabyia, home for the next five nights. This vintage Nile Dahabyia boat, offers a combination of traditional style and modern luxury. There are eight comfortable ensuite cabins as well as a restaurant, a lounge bar, spacious sun deck and jacuzzi. Explore the Valley of the Kings, a vast City of the Dead where the pharaohs-built tombs, many of which still retain their exquisite painted or carved relief decoration. Visit some of the most important of these before continuing to the superbly restored Queen Hatshepsut's Mortuary Temple, which rises out of the desert plain in a series of terraces. Also see the Colossi of Memnon, two gigantic and much damaged statues, which have stared out across the desert for thousands of years.

Lunch on board. Visit two of Egypt's greatest temples, beginning with Karnak, the most overwhelming of Egypt's temple sites, with its huge Hypostyle Hall and 134 richly carved columns, numerous temples, shrines, pylons, courts, gigantic

statues of the pharaohs and avenues of sphinxes, which cover a vast area – the result of continuous building for over a thousand years. Then continue to the Temple of Luxor, which developed over many centuries, built overlooking the Nile and is dedicated to the god Amun. Dinner on board.



*Golden effigy of Tutankhamun*



Temple of Philae

**19 October Esna / El Kab**

All day sailing, relaxing on deck and watching the unchanging life along the banks of the river unfold. Some scenes appear almost biblical – the banks lined with palm trees, boys riding donkeys, fields of crops and mud brick villages with roofs made of palm leaves.

Lunch and dinner on board.

**20 October El Kab / Edfu**

This morning sail on to El Kab which consists of prehistoric and ancient Egyptian settlements, rock-cut tombs of the early Eighteenth Dynasty (1550-1295 BC), remains of temples dating from the Early Dynastic period (3100-2686 BC) to the Ptolemaic Kingdom (332-30 BC), as well as part of the walls of a Coptic monastery.

Lunch on board. Continue sailing to Edfu and visit the extraordinary 2,000-year-old Temple of Horus which is the largest and most completely preserved Pharaonic temple in Egypt. Dinner on board.

**21 October Edfu / Gebel El Silsila**

Sail this morning to Gebel El Silsila to visit the Granite Quarries, which supplied the stone for so many of Egypt's ancient monuments, and the gigantic Unfinished Obelisk. Continue sailing towards Kom Ombo.

Lunch on board. Remainder of the afternoon at leisure. Dinner on board.

**22 October Gebel El Silsila / Kom Ombo**

On arrival in Kom Ombo enjoy a visit to the temple, which was discovered by accident buried under the desert sands. Standing on a promontory at a bend in the Nile, it is still impressive despite its ruined state and is unique in being dedicated to two gods – Sobek and Haroeris.

Lunch on board. Afternoon at leisure. Remain at Kom Ombo overnight. Dinner on board.

**23 October Kom Ombo / Aswan**

Disembark in Aswan (with luggage) and visit the Temple of Philae, rebuilt in a beautiful setting on the Island of Agilka. Built to honour the goddess Isis, this was the last temple built in the classical Egyptian style. Construction began around 690 BC, and it was one of the last outposts where the goddess was worshipped. Transfer to the Movenpick Hotel where two nights are spent. Located on Elephantine Island in Aswan, this hotel is a secluded oasis surrounded by lovely gardens.

Lunch under own arrangements. Visit the High Dam, built by President Nasser in the 1960's on the creation of Lake Nasser. Also visit the gigantic Unfinished Obelisk. Dinner at the hotel.

**24 October Aswan (& Abu Simbel)**

Day at leisure with lunch under own arrangements.

**Alternatively, optional day excursion to Abu Simbel (at a supplementary cost)**

Depart to Aswan Airport for a short Egypt Air flight to Abu Simbel and visit the relocated temples built by Pharaoh Ramses II in 1200 BC. Lunch under own arrangements. Return to Abu Simbel airport for an Egypt Air flight to Aswan and transfer to the hotel.

Farewell dinner at the hotel.

**25 October Aswan / Cairo / London**

Morning at leisure.

Lunch under own arrangements. Depart (with luggage) and transfer to Aswan Airport for an Egypt Air flight to Cairo connecting to Egypt Air flight MS 779 departing at 17.40 hrs and arriving London Heathrow at 21.00 hrs.

**TOUR PRICES PER PERSON**

Tour Price	£7,975
Single Supplement	£1,980
Optional day excursion to Abu Simbel	£405
(Includes return flight Aswan / Abu Simbel / Aswan)	

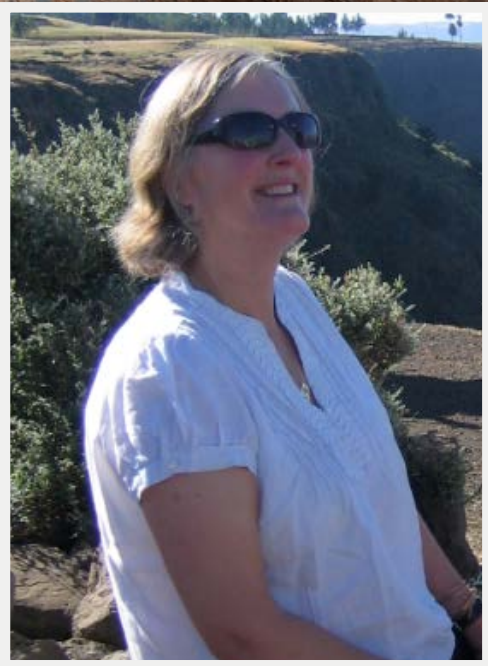
**PRICE INCLUDES**

- International flights
- Air passenger duty, passenger service charge, airline security charges, airport taxes and fuel surcharges where applicable
- Domestic flights
- Accommodation throughout as shown in the itinerary
- Breakfast daily; 6 lunches; 9 dinners
- Entry visa upon arrival
- All entrance fees, visits, excursions and transportation as per the itinerary
- Gratuities in restaurants for included meals; gratuities to driver/s; portage
- Gratuities to guide/s
- Local English-speaking guide/s
- The services of your tour leader throughout

**PRICE EXCLUDES**

- Travel insurance
- Meals 'under own arrangements'
- Items of personal expenditure (e.g. telephone calls / laundry etc.)
- Government levies or taxes introduced after costing and publication of this programme on 28/08/25





## YOUR TOUR LEADER

# Bridget Wheeler

Bridget has worked in the travel industry for 35 years. After obtaining a degree from London University she started her career at Montpelier Travel before setting up Riverside Travel in the late 1990s, which then amalgamated with The Ultimate Travel Company in the early 2000s. She now divides her time between her office in Hampshire and The Ultimate Travel Company in Fulham. She has travelled extensively and has led numerous groups to various diverse destinations including Ethiopia, Cuba, Jordan, the Baltic States and Georgia. She has a wide knowledge and love of Egypt.