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Conducted 17 Day Tour *Egypt – Land of the Pharaohs*

for only **\$5,995** per person twin share

This is fantastic value as the price covers all of the following:

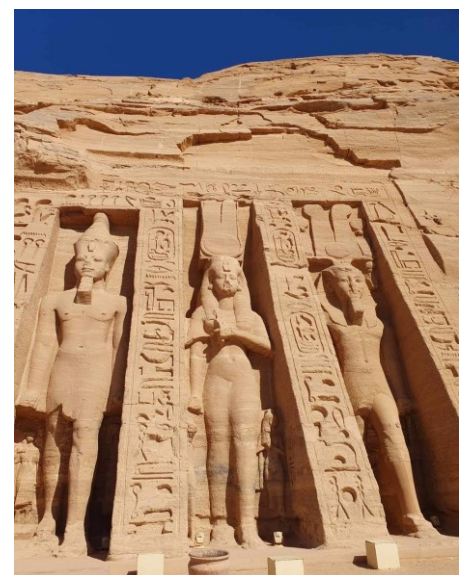
- Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Cairo with Qatar Airways.
- A wonderful 15 day tour of Egypt, including a 4 day cruise from Luxor to Aswan on the Nile River. The tour includes the Great Pyramids of Giza, the fabulous Egyptian Museum, the incredible temples of Abu Simbel, Aswan, Alexandria and 5 days in Cairo.
- Very good accommodation with private facilities throughout, mainly 4 to 5 star.
- Many meals as per the itinerary and all transport and transfers.
- Prepaid gratuities to the main tour guides and drivers.
- Services of Egyptian tour guides and if there are 15 or more passengers there will be an Australian tour escort.



If you do not have a travel partner but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another person, but this is not guaranteed. If you require a single room, there will be an additional charge of \$1875.

This is a small group tour with a maximum of about 25 passengers.

*Tour departs Australia 11th
February and returns 27th
February 2024*



We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for Egypt Land of the Pharaohs Tour

Included meals are indicated as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

11.02.24 Australia – Doha

Depart Sydney at 10.00pm on flight QR 909, arriving in Doha at 4.50am the next morning (12.02.24).

Depart Melbourne at 10.10pm on flight QR 905, arriving in Doha at 4.35am the next morning (12.02.24).

Depart Brisbane at 10.10pm on Qatar Airways flight QR 899, arriving in Doha at 5.45am the next morning (12.02.24).

12.02.24 Doha – Cairo, Egypt

All passengers transfer to the next flight. Depart Doha at 7.55am on QR 1303, arriving in Cairo at 10.40am. Welcome to Egypt, the land of the Pharaohs and the Cradle of Civilisation! Cairo is home to the Great Pyramids of Giza and the Egyptian Museum with its famous collection of antiquities. See Cairo's bustling city bazaars, waiting to be scoured for great bargains.

We will be met and transferred to our hotel for a three night stay. The rest of the day is at leisure to relax or explore the surrounding area.

Please note that your hotel room may not become available until the usual afternoon check-in time.

Accommodation: Hilton Pyramids Golf or similar

13.02.24 Cairo

(B/L)

Today we enjoy a sightseeing tour of the Pyramids and The Sphinx. This is a moment to remember as we will actually be standing directly in front of the Great Pyramids of Giza! Our tour includes free time to soak up the mystical power of these awe-inspiring structures. We then experience the famous site of The Sphinx, which stands in guard of the pyramids. Please note that it is possible to go inside the Great Pyramid at Giza, however the entry fee is not included. Lunch today is at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Hilton Pyramids Golf or similar

14.02.24 Cairo

(B/L)

This morning we have an amazing visit to the step pyramid of Sakkara, where every 30 years Pharaohs would need to endure amazing tests of strength and stamina to prove they still had the power to rule. We will visit a museum dedicated to Imhotep, an ancient Egyptian who achieved godlike status because of his achievements as an architect and healer. We continue onto Memphis, the first capital of ancient Egypt. Here we will see a giant statue of the great Pharaoh Ramses II. Lunch today is at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Hilton Pyramids Golf or similar

15.02.24 Cairo – Luxor (Nile River Cruise)

(B/L/D)

Early this morning we check out of the hotel and transfer to the airport for our flight to Luxor. Upon arrival in Luxor we are met and transferred to the port to board the ship for our Nile Cruise. We enjoy sightseeing of Karnak and Luxor Temples, which are two great temples on the East Bank of the Nile, dedicated to the god Amun.

Lunch and dinner today are onboard the ship.

Accommodation: Steigenberger Royale or MS Amwaj or similar

16.02.24 Luxor – Esna – Edfu (Nile River Cruise)

(B/L/D) After enjoying breakfast onboard, we cross to the Nile's West Bank and visit the world's largest open-air museum and the Necropolis of Thebes, Valley of the Kings, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut and the Colossi of Memnon, which are the imposing remains of two gigantic statues built to guard the mortuary temple of Amenhotep III. Following this we sail to Esna and continue to Edfu. Lunch and dinner today are onboard the ship.
Accommodation: Steigenberger Royale or MS Amwaj or similar

17.02.24 Edfu – Kom Ombo - Aswan (Nile River Cruise)

(B/L/D) This morning we visit the temple of Edfu, the largest temple after Karnak. We then sail to Kom Ombo and enjoy lunch onboard. In the afternoon we visit the temple of Kom Ombo, which is dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek and the falcon god Horus. It is home to an unusual double temple built during the Ptolemaic and Roman periods. Despite being damaged the temple is a beautiful site and changes colour as the sun moves over it. Later we sail to Aswan and have dinner onboard.
Accommodation: Steigenberger Royale or MS Amwaj or similar

18.02.24 Aswan (Nile River Cruise)

(B/L/D) Our touring this morning features the highlights of Aswan, including the High Dam, an engineering miracle built in 1960, the 'Unfinished Obelisk' and the majestic Temple of Philae. We return to the ship and have lunch onboard.
Accommodation: Steigenberger Royale or MS Amwaj or similar

19.02.24 Aswan – Abu Simbel - Aswan

(B/L) This morning we disembark the cruise ship and have a 3½ hour drive to see the incredible Temples of Abu Simbel, which are two massive rock temples in southern Egypt. The temple complex is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the Nubian Monuments and were originally carved out of the mountainside during the reign of Pharaoh Ramses II in the 13th century B.C, as a lasting monument to himself and his queen Nefertari, to commemorate his victory at the Battle of Kadesh. Afterwards we return to Aswan and have a late lunch at a local restaurant. Following this we check into our hotel for an overnight stay.
Aswan is one of the most relaxing and scenic cities in Egypt. Horse-drawn carriages parade along the Corniche and feluccas drift down the river against a backdrop of sand dunes.
Please note that if time and cruise conditions permit, we may actually do the Abu Simbel tour on the last day of the cruise (18th February), as this typically works better.
Accommodation: Movenpic Aswan or similar

20.02.24 Aswan – Cairo

(B) Today we transfer to the airport and fly back to Cairo. Upon arrival in Cairo we transfer to the hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax or perhaps join an optional tour suggested by our guide.
Accommodation: Sofitel Cairo Nile El Gezirah or similar

21.02.24 Cairo

(B/L) Today we have a sightseeing tour of Old Cairo/Islamic Cairo. This area includes the old mosques of Egypt, Amr ibn al-As, the first mosque built in the country, the Citadel of Saladin and the Alabaster Mosque of Mohamed Ali.
We also visit the magnificent Egyptian Museum, which contains over 3,000 pieces explaining and exploring Egyptian art and religion.

Lunch today is included at a local restaurant.
Accommodation: Sofitel Cairo Nile El Gezira or similar

22.02.24 Cairo – Alexandria

(B/L) After breakfast at the hotel we have a two hour drive to Alexandria, known as the Pearl of the Mediterranean. Located on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea, Alexandria is the second largest city in Egypt. Upon arrival in Alexandria we visit the Catacombs and Pompey's Pillar. Lunch today is at a local restaurant. We have a two night stay in Alexandria.
Accommodation: Hilton Green Plaza or similar

23.02.24 Alexandria

(B/L) Today we visit the Citadel of Qaitbay, which is a 15th century defensive fortress, located on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea. We also visit the Bibliotheca (the New Library of Alexandria) and have lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch we transfer back to the hotel.
Accommodation: Hilton Green Plaza or similar

24.02.24 Alexandria – El Alamein – Cairo

(B) This morning we depart Alexandria following the route of Field Marshall Montgomery along the Mediterranean coast towards El Alamein. This area is known for its serenity, fascinating scenery and mild climate. El Alamein is historically recognised as it stands witness to the most decisive battle that raged during the Second World War, in which more than 8,000 soldiers of the Allied troops led by Montgomery lost their lives. We visit the battlefields where Rommel's advance on Cairo was halted and the Commonwealth War Cemetery which includes 7,367 tombs of war victims from Britain, New Zealand, Australia, France, India and Malta.
Afterwards we transfer to Cairo for a two night stay.
Accommodation: Sofitel Cairo Nile El Gezira or similar

25.02.24 Cairo

(B/D) After breakfast we visit the Cairo Tower, which gives us a chance to see the city, its buildings and constructions from its highest point. We also visit the old market of Khan el Khalily, where we can practice our bargaining skills.
This evening we have a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.
Accommodation: Sofitel Cairo Nile El Gezira or similar

26.02.24 Cairo – Doha - Australia

(B) After a leisurely breakfast at the hotel we are transferred to the airport for our flights to Doha. Depart Cairo at 1.05pm on QR 1304, arriving in Doha at 5.10pm.
Brisbane passengers depart Doha at 7.50pm on QR 898, arriving in Brisbane at 4.45pm the next day (27.02.24).
Sydney passengers depart Doha at 8.40pm on QR 908, arriving in Sydney at 6.45pm the next day (27.02.24).
Melbourne passengers depart Doha at 8.50pm on QR 904, arriving in Melbourne at 6.25pm the next day (27.02.24).



Egypt Tour



Tour Difficulty Ratings & Advice

For your enjoyment of the tour, and also the enjoyment of your fellow travellers, please consider whether or not the suggested difficulty level for the tour you are interested in is compatible with your health and fitness.

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Tour Difficulty Level 3

This tour rating typically involves a good level of physical activity, such as ascending stairs, getting into a bathtub shower, being responsible for your own luggage at airports and hotels, walking distances of up to 1 km at a time over uneven ground and/or cobblestone streets. Walking tours of considerable distances should be expected on tours with this rating as well as some very early departures.

Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Egypt Tour

Deposits and Payments - A non-refundable deposit of \$400 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable in full 10 weeks prior to departure. Macleay Valley Travel has to adhere to strict payment deadlines and your booking on the tour may be cancelled if final payment is not received by the due date, with no refund applicable.

Refunds and Cancellations - Cancellations after final payment will result in a refund limited to whatever we can recoup from the airline. Any refund for a cancelled booking will not be paid until the airline(s) provide the refund to Macleay Valley Travel.

Limitation of Liability concerning Covid-19 - It is possible that there may be outbreak(s) of Covid-19 during this tour. Whilst we take necessary safety precautions, Macleay Valley Travel cannot be held responsible for any quarantines or other associated costs brought about by quarantines, border closures and/or travel delays. You are aware that Covid-19 is a highly contagious and potentially dangerous disease that may result in significant personal illness and even death. You acknowledge that you are voluntarily participating in the tour with knowledge of the inherent risks of Covid-19, and you agree to assume all risks.

Insurance - Adequate travel insurance that includes medical coverage for Covid-19 is required. Please contact your preferred travel insurance provider. The responsibility to obtain adequate travel insurance rests with the passenger. Proof of your travel insurance is required to be presented to us on or before the final payment date of the tour.

Airline Tickets - Please note that any changes made to airline tickets once they have been issued will likely incur high cancellation and/or reissue fees. These fees are typically set by the airline and are outside of our control.

Passports - All travellers require a current passport with at least 6 months left on it at the end of the tour. Non-Australian passport holders require a re-entry visa for Australia. An Evisa is required for Egypt and can be obtained at <https://www.visa2egypt.gov.eg> Alternatively you can apply for an actual visa from the Egyptian Consulate in Australia at a current cost of \$60 per person. Please note that visa/Evisa price is set by the relevant consulates and is subject to change. No other visas are required if you are travelling on an Australian passport.

Basic Tour Price and Taxes - Air taxes and fuel levies are included in the basic tour price if the tour is paid in full on or before the due date on the final invoice. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to charge for any increase in air taxes and fuel levies if the tour is not paid in full by the due date.

Not Included in the Cost - All items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage, tips, meals, (except those specified in the itinerary), etc. Also travel insurance and departure taxes. Similarly, credit card payments (Visa/MasterCard) can only be accepted if 1.2% is added to the price to help defray the heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 2% surcharge for payments made using American Express.

Breakaway - All prices are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary are usually not permitted. Please contact our office for more information.

Accreditation - Macleay Valley Travel is a fully accredited travel agency under the AFTA (Australian Federation of Travel Agents) ATAS - AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme. As such, you are assured of a consumer focused and quality assured business, ensuring professional conduct and ethical business practices.

Health and Fitness - Macleay Valley Travel recommends that the passenger is reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in this tour. Persons with a disability requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion. Macleay Valley Travel and their representatives cannot provide this service. The Health & Fitness Questionnaire located on the last page of this itinerary needs to be completed in full by each passenger and accompany your booking form. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to accept/decline or terminate a passenger's participation in the tour under certain circumstances. It is strongly recommended that you are fully vaccinated against Covid-19, but this is not mandatory. Passengers must comply with any specific Covid-19 requirements that may be imposed by airlines and/or authorities of the destinations visited.

Twin Share Bookings - If you do not have a travel partner, but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another traveller but this is not guaranteed. We assign passengers by their gender, on a first come, first served basis and do not assign twin share passengers according to their age, profession, interests etc. There are risks with sharing a room with a person you do not know, and Macleay Valley Travel accepts no responsibility if you are incompatible with your assigned room mate. Additionally, if you are assigned a travelling companion to share with and they cancel off the tour prior to making the final payment, then you will either be required to pay the single room supplement or we will try our best to assign you with another twin share passenger, if one is available.

Disclosure of fees or commissions received from third parties - Macleay Valley Travel Pty Ltd may receive fees, commissions, gifts or financial incentives from third parties under this contract.

Limitation of Liability - As Macleay Valley Travel acts only as agent for the Airlines, Hotels, Coach Companies etc., providing accommodation, transportation and other services, Macleay Valley Travel shall not be liable or responsible for death or injury to any person or loss or damage to any property including baggage arising out of or connection with any transportation, accommodation or other services, or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of Government or other authorities, de jure or defacto wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics, pandemics, endemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, delays or cancellations caused by changes in schedules or itinerary, or over bookings or defaults or for any causes beyond Macleay Valley Travel's control or any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents and neither Macleay Valley Travel, and its servants or employees shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of the foregoing causes. Additionally you must meet the entry requirements for each country you visit. Macleay Valley Travel will not be liable if you are denied entry to a country for any reason, including a past criminal history. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to decline bookings made for any group tour. Any tour booking confirmation is conditional, contingent on our view of the ability of a person to be able to participate in a tour without the likelihood of conflict between members of a tour whether perceived or actual. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to modify the itinerary or the accommodation if circumstances make this necessary, provided that the amended itinerary is of equal value or greater value than that of the original program.

MACLEAY VALLEY TRAVEL - BOOKING FORM

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS AND ALSO

A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE SENT WITH BOOKING FORM

Name of Tour : _____ Departure Date: _____

Passenger 1 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Passenger 2 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

_____ **PostCode** _____ **Email** _____

Telephone / Fax Number: _____ **Mobile** _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

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Passport Nationality: _____ Preferred Name: _____

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(Passport must have 6 months validity from the time of tour completion)

Single room / Twin beds / Double bed: (Room type is subject to availability)

Circle which airport you wish to depart from: SYDNEY / MELBOURNE / BRISBANE

Special Dietary Needs - Passenger 1: _____ Passenger 2: _____

Optional Extensions: _____

Any existing medical conditions? Passenger 1: _____ Passenger 2: _____

In case of emergency, please notify :

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$400 per person and the health & fitness form.

DECLARATION. I have read and understand fully the booking conditions and I accept them.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

A copy of passport is required to verify spelling of name; If this is not provided and the information we have for the airline is incorrect and ticket is issued, then the airline will charge a reissue fee.

HEALTH & FITNESS QUESTIONNAIRE

Macleay Valley Travel strives to make our tours enjoyable experiences for all passengers, however some countries and tour services lack the standards that you can typically expect in Australia.

To help ensure your personal safety and enjoyment on tour, please answer the following questions. The information you provide will be treated confidentially and will be used to check that the transportation, accommodation and facilities on tour are suitable for you:

1. Do you have any allergies? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details and severity: _____
2. Can you walk 500 metres to 1km in distance comfortably and unaided? Yes / No
3. Can you negotiate uneven, undulating and sometimes challenging terrain? Yes / No
If no, please provide details about these limitations: _____
4. Do you use a mobility aid? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details: _____
5. Are you travelling with a companion or carer who is able to provide all the assistance you need to enter buildings, disembark and embark ships, aircraft, coaches, small boats and assist you on excursions? Yes / No
If yes, please provide the name of your carer/companion and your relationship to them: _____
6. Are you taking any medical equipment to assist you? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details: _____
7. Do you suffer from any condition which may cause you to experience memory loss or become disoriented? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details: _____
8. Are you asthmatic or do you have other breathing difficulties? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details (travelling to high altitudes is not recommended): _____
9. Do you require supplementary oxygen? Yes / No
10. Are you currently taking medication? Yes / No
If yes, are you able to administer your own medication? Yes / No
11. If you have any other medical information that is not covered in the previous questions, please provide a description here: _____

The information you supply us will be passed onto relevant travel suppliers who will do their best accommodate you. However, it is very important to remember that meeting your needs cannot be guaranteed, especially when travelling to third world countries.

DISCLAIMER

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