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Day 1: Arrival at Cairo

When you arrive at Cairo International Airport, our team leader will meet you, assist you with obtaining your visa and baggage, and transport you to your hotel to begin your vacation.

Day 2: Coptic Cairo - the Egyptian Museum

After your breakfast, you will start your trip with the <u>Coptic Cairo</u>, 5th-century churches and very early mosques remain nearly side by side, their walls obviously bending inwards but their façade still dominated by beautiful decoration. You'll have time to explore this wonderful district of souks and small passageways, where traders push carts through and exotic fragrances greet you around every corner.

After over 2,000 years, the region is still alive and prospering. The <u>Egyptian Museum</u>'s riches are just as exciting, even if the experience is vastly different, including items from <u>King Tut's tomb</u> and artifacts recovered from buried archeological sites around the nation. Spend the afternoon here with your Egyptologist guide, exploring an extraordinary collection of artifacts.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch.

Day 3: Giza Pyramids - Memphis

After breakfast, you will eventually arrive at the pyramids, first greeting the <u>Great Sphinx</u> who guards the approach before experiencing the vastness of history as you stand beneath their frameworks. There are three here, together with the miniature <u>pyramids</u> and tombs that held the emperors' wives.

Most of the crowds may be avoided in the early morning hours by past the waiting camels to the gigantic stepped buildings that revolutionized engineering. You may enter two of the pyramids to get a better sense of their scale, and then you'll be led around the Solar Boat, which is a reproduction of what was originally within.

From here, you may explore ancient Memphis, which has strange monuments strewn around like a historical treasure hunt

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch.

Day 4: Fly to Luxor

Have your last breakfast in Cairo, then head to Luxor. Upon your arrival in <u>Luxor</u>, our representative will meet you to take you to your hotel in Luxor and help you with your check-in.

Now, you can start a short trip in Luxor. You will start your Luxor excursions at the <u>Karnak Temple</u>, which is the largest temple in Egypt and is considered the most ancient center of devotion. It is regarded as the

pinnacle of brilliance in the New Kingdom of ancient Egypt.

The temple was devoted to the Sun <u>God Amon Re</u>, his wife Mut, the Cat Goddess, and their son Khonsu. Many Kings and Pharaohs built it between the early <u>Middle Kingdom</u> and the Greco-Roman period.

At the end of your day return back to your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast.

Day 5: Valley of the Kings - Temple of Queen Hatshepsut

Following breakfast, start your day with Valley of the Kings. Temples spread out under you, and the magnitude is astonishing from above, with column after column after column below.

This legendary flight is followed by lunch and a detailed tour of the tombs and temples with an Egyptologist guide. Inscriptions depicting divine sceneries adorn the walls, and musty mummified scents float around, with morsels of riches flashing beneath magnificently beautiful ceilings. Tombs lay underneath tombs, the most renowned being those of King Tutankhamen.

The Mortuary Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, carved into the rock face, is a tribute to one of Ancient Egypt's most beloved monarchs. The two huge sculptures of Memnon, a ruler seated and gazing over his followers, round up your tour; his eyes are especially compelling.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch.

Day 6: Transfer to Aswan

Have breakfast in Luxor and then transfer to <u>Aswan</u> in the early morning. After arriving, you will check into your accommodation and begin your exploration of Aswan with a speedboat ride to the <u>Nubian Village</u>, which can be done anytime between sunrise and dusk.

You will be taken to the pier on the East bank of the <u>Nile River</u> in Aswan to board a local speedboat that will take you on an interesting trip for more than 20 to 25 minutes past natural protected islands and historic cascades until you arrive at the Nubian Village on Garb Soheil Island.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch.

Day 7: High Dam - Unfinished Obelisk

After breakfast, start your amazing journey to the Philae Temple from Aswan. The tour will begin as soon as you arrive at the high dam, which is considered an engineering marvel built in the 1960s and left behind the world's largest artificial lake. The dam was built to protect Egypt from the devastation that the Nile flood used to cause on an annual basis, as well as from the severe droughts that the country used to suffer, while also being useful in managing the flooding water year-round. At the time of its completion, the High Dam was responsible for almost 50% of Egypt's electrical output, bringing electricity to the majority of Egypt's

villages for the first time.

Then you'll be taken to Aswan's granite quarries, which provided the ancient Egyptians with the long-lasting material they needed to build their statues, buildings, and, most importantly, obelisks. In the quarry, you'll see the Unfinished Obelisk laid; this incomplete artifact depicts the process of carving an obelisk and releasing it from the mountain in ancient Egypt. This obelisk was most likely carved during the reign of <a href=Queen Hatshepsut, one of the most powerful female monarchs in ancient Egyptian history.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch.

Day 8: Kom Ombo - Edfu Temples

After breakfast, begin the tour to Kom Ombo and Edfu from Aswan. One of the best-selling Aswan Trips among our Egypt day tours. Our skilled tour guide will accompany you to Edfu, and you will stop for a restroom break along the route. Upon arrival, you will be driven to the beautiful temple devoted to the falcon god (Horus), which is widely regarded as Egypt's best-preserved cult temple. According to the ancient Egyptian mythology of Goddess Isis, it was the location where the falcon-headed deity Horus exacted retribution on his Uncle Seth for the murder of his father Osiris.

Then see the Temple of <u>Kom Ombo</u>, which was erected between 1350 and 180 B.C. under Ramses II's instructions and is located on the banks of the Nile in the city of the same name. The divinity revered at the temple is <u>God Sobek</u>, a god with a crocodile head and a human body, but the city's inhabitants substituted him with another figure known as Haroeris since they did not want to worship a wicked deity.

After completing the Kom Ombo and Edfu trip, return to your Aswan accommodation.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch.

Day 9: Fly to Beirut

Following your final meal in Egypt, you will be transferred to the airport to continue your journey in Lebanon.

Your adventure begins when you arrive at Beirut International Airport. Our representative will welcome you and transport you to your hotel.

Overnight in Beirut.

Meals: Breakfast.

Day 10: Jeita Grotto & Harrisa tour

After breakfast, you will leave Beirut and head north to Byblos, where we will explore the spectacular Jeita Grotto. A limestone cave system stretching more than 9 kilometers has one of the world's largest collections of stalactites and stalagmites. It symbolizes the country and was a finalist for the New 7 Wonders of Nature

competition. Depending on the water level, you can go on foot or by boat.

Our final stop for the day is Our Lady of Lebanon, Harissa, a popular pilgrimage site in Lebanon. Visitors may enjoy a serene journey in the iconic "gondola-lift" known as Teleferique.

Meals: breakfast and lunch.

Day 11: Anjar - Baalbek - Ksara tour

After breakfast, we will begin our day with Anjar, a tranquil old city with a rich history nestled in the Bekaa valley. It is famed for its spectacular Umayyad-era ruins and is also suitable for those seeking serenity or seclusion.

Our journey continues to one of Lebanon's most famous monumental cities, Baalbek, where visitors can see the famed Old Stone as well as vast Roman remains, including one of the greatest temples, Jupiter, Bacchus, and Venus

Last but not least, Ksara, the home of Lebanese wine, is our final stop for the day; an immense vineyard with actual caves where wine is conserved and manufactured.

Meals: breakfast, lunch.

Day 12: Tyre - Sidon - Maghdouche

Tyre, Sidon, and Maghdouche will be visited today after breakfast.

Tyre is around one hour's drive from Beirut. This city was one of the first Phoenician metropolises, with several ancient remnants, including Roman streets and a hippodrome. Take a walking tour of this beautiful city and imagine how prosperous it was.

Continue your journey to the city of Sidon. The Crusaders built the Sidon Sea Castle, the Castle of Saint-Louis (also known as the Land Castle), and the magnificent Great Mosque. Later, visit Maghdouche to see the Old Cave and Al-Saydeh Ancient Church.

Meals: breakfast, lunch.

Day 13: Final Departure

It's time to say goodbye. After breakfast, your private driver will transport you to the airport for your homebound flight.

Meals: Breakfast