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THE 2026 ROYAL EGYPT ESCAPADE



WITH
THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES
THE CROWN PRINCE & THE CROWN PRINCESS
MUHAMMAD ALI OF EGYPT
AND
BARBARA DE PORTAGO

MONDAY, JANUARY 12TH THROUGH
MONDAY, JANUARY 26TH, 2026

PROGRAM

Welcome to much anticipated Egypt!

DAY 1: CAIRO, MONDAY, JANUARY 12TH

Arrival Cairo Airport. Our VIP Service will meet you, give you your entry Visa, shepherd you through Passport Control, help you at the luggage carousel and get you to your waiting car & driver and take you to check in at The Four Seasons Nile Plaza Hotel. For those who arrive early, unpack then meet us for dinner at **8:00pm**: in the hotel's Chinese restaurant "8". Those who might arrive later due to plane delays, join us for dinner and unpack after. You will be introduced over dinner to our Tour Director Extraordinaire, Ms Yasmin Halawa.

DAY 2: CAIRO, TUESDAY, JANUARY 13TH

8:00am: First Breakfast will be at one table after that you sit as you please. Our Egyptologist Extraordinaire, Mr Amr Hassan will join us all for Breakfast at 8:15am.

9:00am: Gather in Lobby

9:15am: Leave hotel in bus for

10:00am: visit of Sakkara: Egypt's first Pyramid, the Djoser Step Pyramid, designed by architect Imhotep, the Memphis Necropolis, and the Apis Bulls tombs: the Serapeum which emanate the same strange magnetic energy found at Machu Pichu and Tibet...

Noon: leave for Private "Picnic Lunch" hosted for us as a welcome to Egypt gift by the young scion of the Talaat real estate empire, Tarek.

2:30pm: Back to hotel

6:15pm: Gather in Lobby to leave for

7:00pm: Dinner at the home of our host, the remarkable Madame Rawya Mansour.

Attire: Ladies: Very elegant evening caftan, Gentlemen: Dark suit & tie



DAY 3: CAIRO,

WEDNESDAY JANUARY

14TH

9:00am: Breakfast

10:00am: Meet in Lobby

10:15am: Leave hotel in bus for

11:00am: The Giza plateau: The Great Pyramids & The Sphinx

1:00pm: Lunch on the Khufu restaurant terrace facing the Pyramids.

2:30pm: Back to hotel

5:45pm: Meet in Lobby

6:00pm: Leave in bus for

6:30pm: visit of The Manial Palace. We are met by His Royal Highness Prince Abbas Hilmi who through his parents is the descendent of two royal dynasties: Egyptian & Ottoman. We are as honored as we are delighted to be shown around the Palace by His Royal Highness who in 2006 to preserve his granduncle's Palace founded "The Friends of the Manial Palace Museum". Right after we are hosted by the Royal Family for a

7:30pm: Dinner in the "Golden Hall" of the Manial. Invited are High Egyptian Officials, and there will also be a chat by the renowned British author Philip Mansel, an expert on Ottoman History.

Attire: Ladies: Very elegant evening caftan, Gentlemen : Dark suit & tie.

N.B: The Versailles-Giverny Foundation has underwritten the restoration of the Manial Palace Clock Tower.

The evening is now according to the Prince an "official" occasion.



DAY 4: OLD CAIRO, THURSDAY, JANUARY 15TH

8:00am: Breakfast

9:00am: Meet in Lobby

9:15am: Depart in bus for

9:30am: Visit of Medieval Islamic & Coptic Cairo, the Hanging, Abu Serga and St. George Churches, Ben Ezra Synagogue.

11:30am: Khan-El-Khalili Bazaar to choose the color of your Hookah to be tried out on an island dinner during our Nile cruise.

12:30pm: lunch on the rooftop Zeeyara restaurant overlooking Coptic Cairo.

1:45 pm: Back to hotel to rest, please start to pack your suitcases for next day Cairo departure, and change for the dinner following the The Great Egyptian Museum visit.

Attire: Ladies: Elegant evening Pajamas, Gents: Blazer & Tie

4:45pm: Gather in Lobby

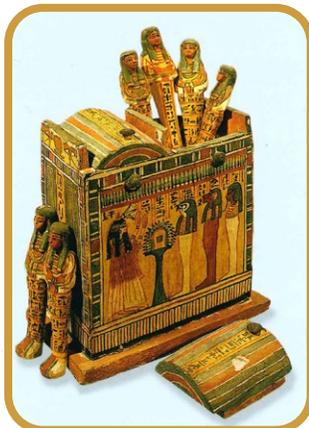
5:00pm: depart in bus for The Great Egyptian Museum, officially opened on November 1st for

6:00pm: Private visit of the GEM. We will be received by the Director, Mr Ahmed Ghoneim. Our Egyptologist Mr Amr Hassan will be with us.

7:30pm: Depart the Museum for

8:00pm: Dinner at the home of Their Royal Highnesses, The Crown Prince & Princess Mohammed Ali of Egypt. His wife Crown Princess Noal is the last Princess of Afghanistan.

10:00pm: Back to hotel.



DAY 5: DEPARTURE FROM CAIRO FRIDAY, JANUARY 16TH

8:00am: Your suitcases will be picked up from your room.

9:00am: Breakfast

9:45am: Down to Lobby and Check out of hotel



10:00am: Leave on bus with our luggage and egyptologist, Mr. Amr Hassan for The Great Egyptian Museum.

1:00pm: Lunch within the Museum at Zööba, the Menu is "Street Food" !

2:30pm: Leave Museum (GEM) on bus.

On our way to the airport we will drive by the Citadel of Saladin, and the Mosque-Madrasa (School) of Sultan Hasan.

4:00pm: Cairo Airport arrival, check in for 5:00pm flight to Luxor.

7:05pm: Arrival Luxor

8:30pm: Check in to Al Moudira. An Oriental palace-style hotel with arabesque details, domes, courtyards, lush gardens and individually decorated rooms, some with frescoes..

9:30pm: Dinner in hotel at "Scheherazade".

DAY 6, LUXOR, SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH

7:00am: Breakfast

8:00am: Meet in Lobby to board bus for

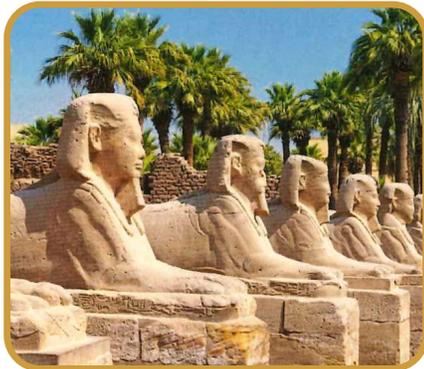
9:45am: Dendera visit. Built around 54BC by Cleopatra and her father it is the best preserved Ptolemaic Temple complex in Egypt.

Noon: packed lunch aboard the bus while we drive for

1:45pm: Visit of the Karnak & Luxor Temples

5:00pm: Return to Hotel

7:00pm: Dinner at El Moudira Hotel



DAY 7: LUXOR, SUNDAY,

JANUARY 18TH

5:30AM :!!!!!! Meet in Lobby with "Breakfast Box" to board the bus for

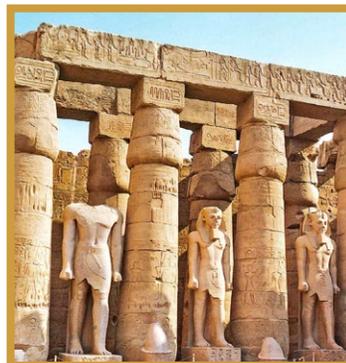
6:00am: Arrival to visit The Valley of the Kings and for

9:00am: Visit of Hatshepsut Temple, The Queen who ruled as King, Private visit of Nefertari's exquisite Tomb.

Noon: Lunch at Al Marsam

1:30pm: Back to El Moudira Hotel. Pack for next day departure for chartered "Dahabiya"boat

7:00pm: Dinner at hotel in The Ottoman Hall.



DAY 8: LUXOR TO ESNA FOR BOAT CHARTER, MONDAY, JANUARY 19TH

8:00am: Breakfast, Luggage will be picked up.

10:00am: Check out for bus to Esna, 33 miles from Luxor. We will walk to the Temple of Khnum through street Bazaars of textiles and exotic offerings for a

12:30pm: Boarding of our private "Dahabiya Poppee". A shallow draft boat with angled sails propelled by the wind and when not by a little tugboat. It navigates where the cruise ships cannot. It was used by the ancient Egyptian rulers as their aristocratic means of transport.

"Dahabiya" in Arabic means the "golden one" as they were once gilded.



DAY 9: ABOARD DAHABIYA "POPPEE" ON THE NILE,

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20TH

We glide by El Kab once the capital of Upper Egypt. We dock and walk through a small village of fishermen on our way to visit rows of decorated tombs carved into the mountain slopes. In the afternoon we moor at Edfu, and go by horse & carriage to see the Greco-Roman Temple of the god Horus. Once back on Poppee we set sail for a lovely island...

DAY 10: NILE, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21ST

After a morning walk and breakfast the day is dedicated to sailing. Lolling about on the upper deck with a book is a gorgeous loll! The afternoon finds us moored at yet another island for a stroll or swim in the Nile. Early at dusk we walk into the desert along a valley of boulders

covered in ancient hieroglyphs and stone age inscriptions.

These mark the beginning of the shortest trail through the desert to Libya which used to take 28 days..

At night we tie up at the foot of the floodlit temple of Gebel Silsileh.

DAY 11: NILE, THURSDAY,

JANUARY 22ND

The Nile here is at its narrowest between two mountain ranges.

We most probably will be the only visitors. Visit of the small Horemheb Temple & the ancient sandstone quarries.

We sail to and moor at a picturesque riverbank for lunch and optional swimming.

DAY 12: NILE, FRIDAY, JANUARY 23RD

In the morning at a beautiful bend of the river we debark in the town and temple of Kom Ombo dedicated to Sobek the crocodile god. We check out the temple and its new Crocodile Museum aplenty with the mummified creatures, proof of how important the god Sobek was to the ancients. Please pack your suitcases.



DAY 13: NILE/ASWAN/ABU-SIMBEL, SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH

We awake to the sight of the desert narrowing at the Aswan Bridge and the end of our Nile cruise.

6:30am: Breakfast

7:30am: Check out and meet on deck to disembark for

7:45am: Bus to Aswan airport for

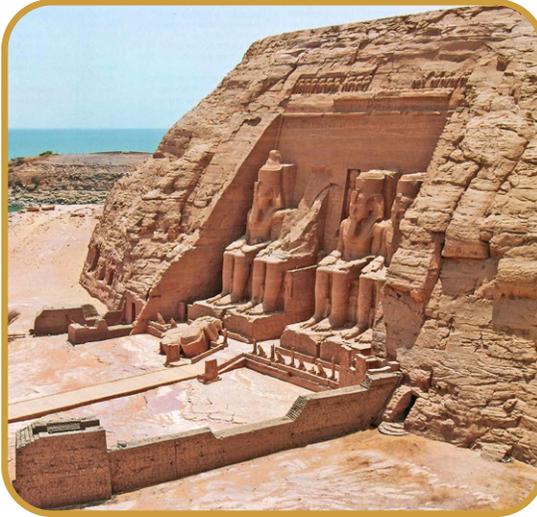
9:40am: Flight to Abu-Simbel home to the monumental temples (66 feet tall) of Ramses II & Queen Nefertari carved into the cliffs of Nubia in the 13th century BC.

1:30pm: Return to Aswan airport for flight back to Aswan arrival at 2:10pm

3:30pm: Check into The Old Cataract Hotel

4:30pm: Late lunch on the Terrace of the hotel. You have plenty of time to unpack and wander about the 19th Century Victorian hotel built in 1899 by Thomas Cook.

8:00pm: Hotel Dinner in the Oriental Kebabgy restaurant



DAY 14: ASWAN, SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH

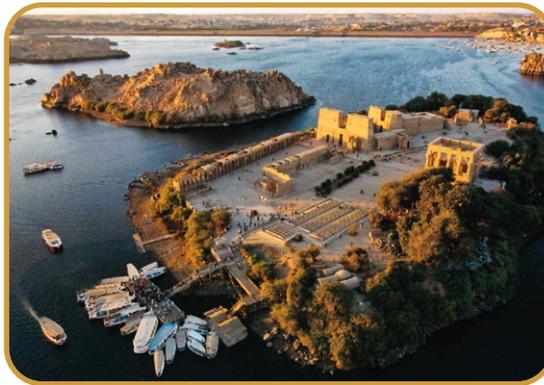
10:00am: Breakfast

11:15am: Meet in Lobby to depart for the Philae Temple on the Agilika Island, by bus and motor boat

2:00pm: Lunch on the Terrace of the hotel

3:00pm: loll about the pool with its extraordinary views one of which is the Aga Khan's Mausoleum high up opposite the hotel. Please pack all your suitcases

7:00pm: Dinner in the 1902 hotel restaurant



DAY 15: ASWAN/CAIRO, MONDAY, JANUARY 26TH

8:00am: Breakfast

Noon: Check out from the iconic Old Cataract Hotel for

2:40pm: Flight to Cairo Airport, packed lunch is provided

4:10pm: Arrival Cairo airport. We check in to the Hotel le Méridien which is directly connected to Terminal 3 by a pedestrian bridge.

Room Service: A 24 Hour Room Service set Menu dinner will be available no matter the departure time of your flight!

Our Tour Director Ms Yasmin Halawa and her staff will be there to help us all at our arrival and departures.

Our Foundation Chargé d'Affaires Anthony Rhodes will stay on an extra day to make sure that you have actually...left!



Au revoir & Godspeed!