

Le Mirage & Traveline Egypt February 24 to March 12, 2019 Cairo, Nile Cruise and Aswan

MONDAY FEBRUARY 25:

Arrival at Cairo International airport.

Meet Traveline representative who will assist you before the passport control.

Collection of luggage.

Transfer to the Fairmont Nile City on the banks of the river in downtown Cairo.

<http://www.fairmont.fr/nile-city-cairo/>



Overnight at the Fairmont Nile City, Cairo.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 26:

Today, we will have a relaxed start of the day.

Breakfast at hotel.

13h00 Depart to visit the Grand museum located at Giza area (It's soft opening is supposed to be in November or December 2018).



Back to hotel and evening at leisure.

Overnight at the Fairmont Nile City, Cairo.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 27:

We'll start the day with the visit of the Pyramid of Sakkara.



Lunch at the Sakkara Palm club (not included)

Continue the day visiting the Giza Pyramid plateau, the Solar boat museum and the Sphinx.

Back to your hotel and evening at leisure. Why not a whirling Dervish show?

Overnight at the Fairmont Nile City, Cairo.



THURSDAY FEBRUARY 28:

Breakfast at hotel.

Morning depart to visit Coptic Cairo, walking through the narrow streets, and visiting the museum and some churches from the early times of Christianity.

Then we'll drive to Ibn Touloun mosque, builded in 876 ac.

Then we'll make a visit the Citadel of Salah El Din, including the mosque of Mohamed Ali.

Lunch at the Naguib Mahfouz restaurant managed by Oberoi (not included)

Finally a free tour at the Bazaar of Khan El Khalili.



Back to your hotel and evening at leisure.

Overnight at the Fairmont Nile City, Cairo.

FRIDAY MARCH 1:

Check out from hotel after breakfast and transfer to the Cairo domestic Airport for a late morning flight to Aswan. Luggage collection then transfer to your ship, the recently built (2011) and luxurious 5 stars M/S Sonesta Saint-George I.

<https://www.sonesta.com/africa/nile-cruises/sonesta-st-george-1-nile-cruise-ship>



A late lunch would be served after boarding.
Afternoon tea.
Dinner on board, followed by a Nubian show.
Overnight on board, Aswan.

SATURDAY MARCH 2:



Sail to Kom Ombo.
Arrive and depart on foot to visit the temple of Sobek & Haroeris.
Return to the ship to sail to Edfu.
Lunch on board.
Afternoon tea.
Sail to Esna.
Dinner on board.
Egyptian galabeya party
Overnight on board, Esna.

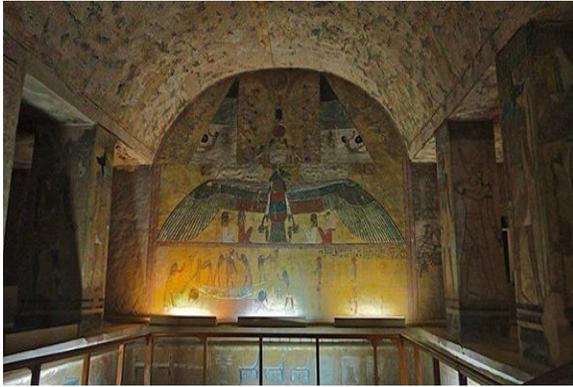
SUNDAY MARCH 3:

Sail to Luxor.
Lunch on board.



Afternoon visit of Karnak & Luxor temples.
Dinner on board.
Overnight on board, Luxor.

MONDAY MARCH 4:



Cross the River Nile to visit 3 classical tombs at the Valley of the Kings, the Colossi of Memnon, , and the temple of Queen Hatchepsut in Deir el Bahari.

Lunch on board.

Afternoon tea.

Dinner on board.

Belly dance and Egyptian folkloric show.

Overnight on board, Luxor.

TUESDAY MARCH 5:

Breakfast on board.

Morning at leisure.

Lunch on board.

Sail to Esna.

Afternoon tea.

Captain's party

Dinner on board.

Overnight on board, Esna.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 6:

Sail to Edfu.

Breakfast on board.



Depart by horse carriage to visit the temple of Horus.

Return to the ship to sail to Kom Ombo.

Lunch on board.

Afternoon tea.

Dinner on board.

Egyptian galabeya party

Overnight on board, Kom Ombo.

THURSDAY MARCH 7:

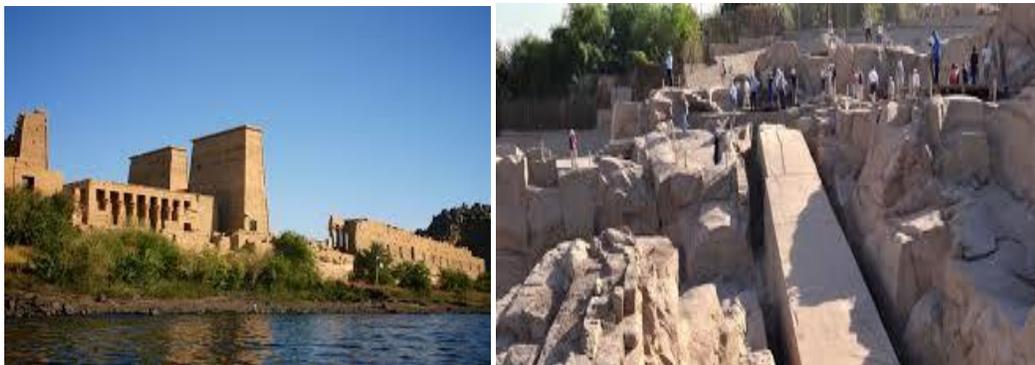
Sail to Aswan.

Breakfast on board.

Visit of the temple of Isis in Philae island, the Unfinished Obelisk, and the High Dam.

Lunch on board.

Afternoon tea.



Dinner on board.

Overnight on board, Aswan.

FRIDAY MARCH 8:

Disembark from the ship after breakfast and transfer transfer to the famous Old Cataract hotel in Aswan for 3 days of complete relaxation.

<http://www.sofitel.com/fr/hotel-1666-sofitel-legend-old-cataract-aswan/index.shtml>

In the afternoon enjoy a sailing on the Nile with our felucca including a stop at Kitchener Island and visit the Botanical garden.

Overnight at the Old Cataract, Aswan.



SATURDAY MARCH 9:

Breakfast at hotel.

Day at leisure: visit the souk, a Nubian village or just relax in the superb gardens of the hotel.



At night, we'll have a private Sound & Light show in the magnificent Isis temple in Philae Island.



Overnight at the Old Cataract, Aswan.

SUNDAY MARCH 10:

Breakfast at hotel.

Day at leisure:

Optional tour to visit the temples of Ramses II and Nefertari at Abu Simbel (not included), or felucca ride at the first cataract and the islands of Sehel and Saluga (not included)

You also visit the Nubean museum (not included), or just relax and enjoy the superb hotel's gardens.

Overnight at the Old Cataract, Aswan.



MONDAY MARCH 11:

Late check out from hotel and transfer to Aswan airport for an evening flight to Cairo.

At arrival, group will be met by Traveline representative for their connection flight back home.

Cost, excluding international airfare: USD 3149,75

What is included:

All excursions mentioned (unless specifically mentioned as not included).

Two French speaking Egyptologist guides who will be with us during the whole trip.

All transfers, as well as luggage handling during transfers.

Hotels in Cairo and Aswan, on a bed & breakfasts plan.

Nile cruise on full board (drinks are not included)

Round-trip air transportation between Cairo and Aswan.

All taxes, and service charges at hotels.

Tips for guides, drivers, porters at ports and airports, baggage handlers at hotels, staff on board during the cruise, and security personnel.

What is not included:

The entry visa to Egypt. USD 25. You can it online: <https://visa2egypt.gov.eg>

During excursions, some specific activities are extra and are not included:

Access to the Mummy room at the Egyptian Museum

Interior of the pyramids of Cheops, Chephren and Mykerinos

Interior of the tombs of Tutankhamun and Seti 1st in the Valley of the Kings

International air transport: the latter will be offered separately to allow those who wish to use their points and/or want a stopover wherever they want. Meanwhile we are working on it, trying to find the best route and rates. We will post any relevant information as soon as we get it. To give an idea, allow roughly

USD 1050 for international and domestic flights, all together.

Meals during stays at hotels.

The optional excursion to Abu Simbel.

The schedule and chronological order of excursions may vary depending on domestic flight arrivals an delays, waiting time at the Esna Locks, or any unforeseen circumstance.

We will hold our bridge games mainly in the afternoon, when it might be too hot for sightseeing.

We strongly recommend to get a travel insurance which covers, among other things, emergency health care and trip cancellation for geopolitical reasons.