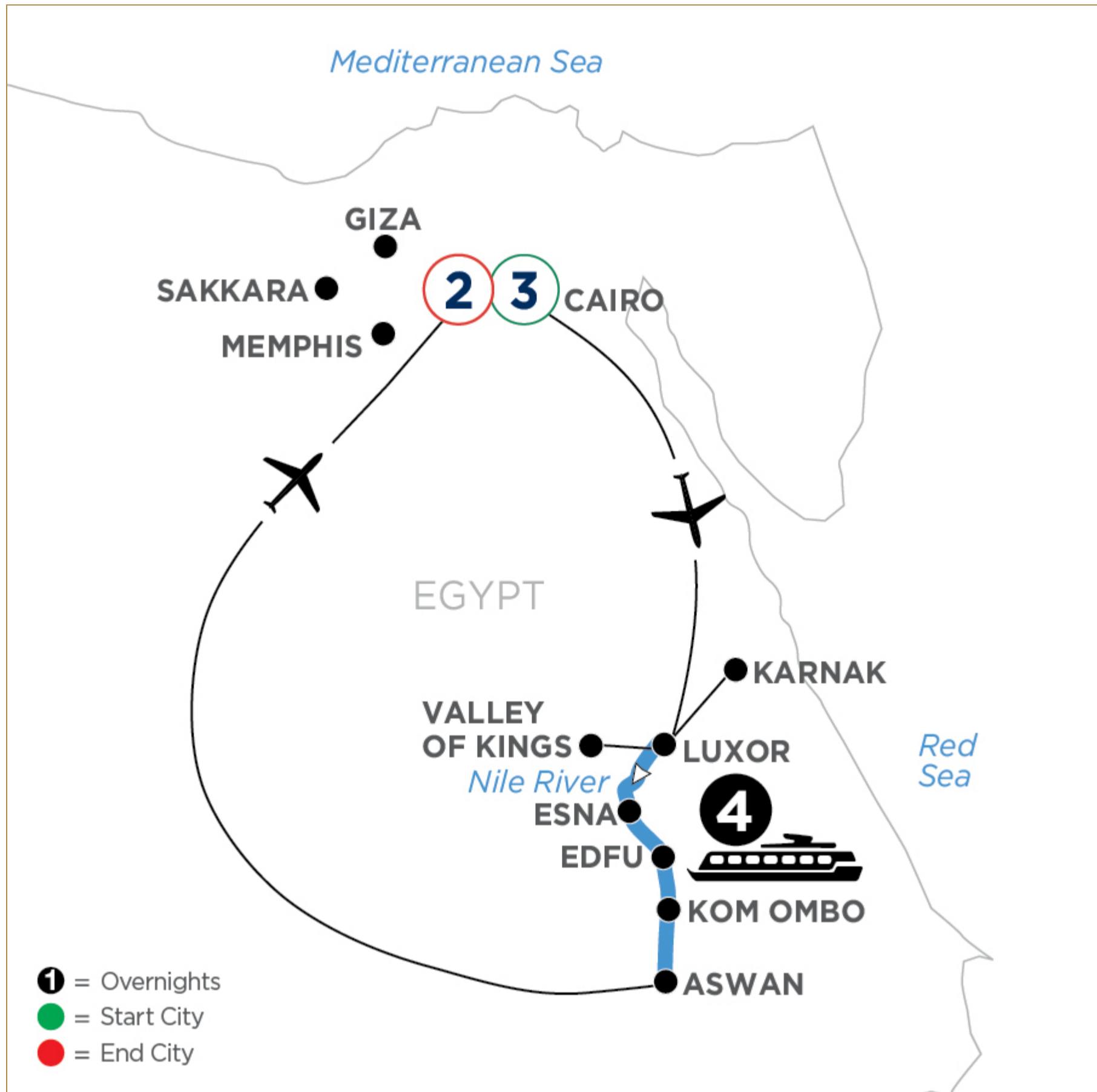


## TASTE OF EGYPT

10 days from Cairo to Cairo

CRUISE: WUAY



Join us for an adventure to ancient Egypt, as well as its modern enjoyments on a Nile River cruise for the ages. Arrive in Cairo and explore the pyramids and Sphinx of Giza. See the treasures of King Tutankahmun's tomb in Cairo's Egyptian Museum. (note: upon its opening the Grand Egyptian Museum in Giza will replace Cairo's Egyptian Museum in this itinerary.) In Old Cairo, visit the Alabaster Mosque, situated on the summit of the Citadel. Visit Abu Serga Church built on the spot where the Holy Family stopped and rested towards the end of their journey to Egypt. Also see the 4th century Church of the Virgin Mary (called the Hanging Church), built on the remains of an old Roman Babylon fortress. These and more exciting discoveries are to be found as you see Egypt's incredible monuments to pharaohs and gods of Egyptian history. [Live Chat](#)

Fly to Luxor to embark on your Nile River cruise. You'll visit the monument of Karnak with its ancient, Avenue of the Sphinxes and the Temple of Amun-Ra as well as Luxor Temple. Visit the valley of Kings and Valley of Queens, where the pristine tomb of King Tutankahmun was found with undisturbed riches and splendour. This incredible cruise on the Nile River takes you to amazing ancient sites, including the Temple of Edfu, twin

temples at Kom Ombo, devoted to the crocodile god Sobek-Ra and the falcon god Horus. Ponder the magnitude of the task of building the pyramids with a visit to the granite quarries—where an unfinished obelisk still remains. Visit the Temple of Isis, then take a return flight to Cairo to explore the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization and its Hall of Mummies before a felucca ride on the Nile and the chance to browse the bustling maze of the endless bazaar in Cairo’s medieval alleys. Join us for this once-in-a-lifetime vacation tour in Cairo, expedition to Egypt’s ancient pyramids and temples, and a Nile River cruise you’ll never forget.

#### CRUISE OVERVIEW

#### 🚩 COUNTRIES

Egypt

10

DAYS

1

COUNTRY

#### DAY-BY-DAY

## ITINERARY

### 1 CAIRO, EGYPT

Welcome to Cairo, “Mother of the World”

### 2 CAIRO

Desert Sands and Secrets of the Sphinx



#### CLASSIC EXCURSION

This morning take a close-up look at one of the World’s Seven Wonders and guardian of the great pyramids, the enigmatic Sphinx, and the Great Pyramid of Giza. Cheops, with an original height of 496 feet, is the most colossal pyramid ever built, and of course enjoy the visit to the newly discovered Noble Tombs.

Afterwards, enjoy lunch in a local restaurant.



#### CLASSIC EXCURSION

Drive to Sakkara, a vast desert necropolis built for kings and nobles, and its “Stairway to the Sky,” the oldest of all pyramids. Also admire the special tomb of Mary Roca and the Step Pyramid of King Zoser.

🍽️ Breakfast

### 3 CAIRO

Ancient Cairo, a Boy King, and the Christ Child



#### CLASSIC EXCURSION

Enjoy a guided visit to the now-famous Tahrir Square and visit the Egyptian Museum. Peruse King Tutankhamun’s fabulous treasures and many other priceless artifacts of ancient Egypt.

Drive to walled city of Old Cairo, with Saladin’s 12th-century citadel, and the Alabaster Mosque of Mohammed Ali.

Drive to “Coptic Cairo” to Abu Serga Church, not only the oldest church in Egypt but built on the spot where the Holy Family stopped and rested towards the end of their journey to Egypt. Proceed to visit the hanging church, which dates back to the fourth century, built on the remains of an old Roman Babylon fortress. Walk to see Cairo’s oldest Jewish synagogue, founded in the 9th century.

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#### 4 CAIRO-LUXOR (EMBARKATION)

The World's Greatest Open-Air Museum

Fly 300 miles up the Nile Valley to Luxor to embark on your Nile River cruise.



##### CLASSIC EXCURSION

See the stunning monuments of Luxor and Karnak, ancient cities whose combined populations swelled to more than one million. Walk among the pillars of the colossal Temple of Amun Ra and along the Avenue of the Sphinxes for an experience you will treasure for a lifetime.

Consider an Optional Guided Excursion to enjoy the sound and light show in Karnak Temple.

This evening enjoy live entertainment on board.

##### OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN LUXOR

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

#### 5 LUXOR-EDFU

Royal Resting Places of Kings and Queens



##### CLASSIC EXCURSION

Venture to the Valley of the Kings and Valley of the Queens on the west bank of the Nile where generations of pharaohs and nobles were entombed in Cliffside crypts. See where 63 royal tombs have thus far been discovered, of which one was virtually intact—the splendid tomb of Tutankhamun discovered in 1922.

Visit Deir El-Bahri, Queen Hatshepsut's monumental rock temple. Stop for pictures at the two Colossi of Memnon guarding the valleys.



##### DISCOVERY EXCURSION

This evening enjoy live entertainment on board.

##### OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN EDFU

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

#### 6 EDFU-KOM OMBO-ASWAN

Egyptian Gods of the River and Sky



##### CLASSIC EXCURSION

This morning visit Edfu Temple, also known as the Temple of Horus with its menacing black stone statue of the falcon god.

Enjoy a leisurely sail to Kom Ombo.



##### DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Join an exclusive lecture on this ancient civilization by your Egyptologist.



##### CLASSIC EXCURSION

Enjoy beautiful Kom Ombo for a short walk to its bluff-top twin temples. The right side is dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek-Ra, while the left side is dedicated to the falcon god Horus.

##### OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN ASWAN

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

## Temples from Above and Islands Below

This morning, consider flying to Abu Simbel to join a Guided Optional Excursion of the huge massive sandstone temples (weather permitting).

**CLASSIC EXCURSION**

Board a Felucca (traditional wooden sailing boat) and cross the blue waters of the Nile. En route, see the ancient water measurement system, “Nilometer,” on the Nile’s Elephantine Island. Visit Kitchener Island’s lush Botanical Gardens and the splendid Aga Khan Mausoleum on the left bank.

Join an Optional Excursion to the Sound and Light show in Philae Temple.

## OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN ASWAN

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

## Work in Progress and the Goddess Isis

**CLASSIC EXCURSION**

Join a Guided Sightseeing Excursion at to explore the Granite Quarries that supplied ancient Egypt with its hard stones for the pyramids in Giza. See the famous unfinished obelisk, still remaining in the quarry.

Visit the gigantic Aswan High Dam, completed in 1970. Board a motor launch to the island of Agilika between the two dams. Visit the Temple Of Isis, which was dismantled from the submerged island of Philae and reassembled here.

Board your flight back to Cairo later today, and consider attending an Optional Dinner Cruise on the Nile to celebrate your Egyptian adventure.

 Breakfast

## Amazing Civilization and Marketplace Mazes

**CLASSIC EXCURSION**

Start the day with a guided tour of the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization. No visit would be complete without time to experience the Royal Mummies’ Hall, considered the crown jewel of the museum.

**CLASSIC EXCURSION**

Take in a full panoramic view of Cairo from the Nile River—on board a traditional wooden sailing vessel (Felucca). Then enjoy a typical Egyptian light lunch (Coshair or Falafel) with yummy ice cream in downtown Cairo.

**CLASSIC EXCURSION**

Browse the maze of shops in the vast labyrinths of the Khan al Khali Souk bazaar and Medieval alleyways.

 Breakfast

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.


 Breakfast

We've vetted and hand-selected the best hotels around the world with location, comfort, and style in mind. Enjoy first-class hotels in each destination, and check in with the confidence that we've already checked everything out for your comfort and convenience.

## Cairo

### 1 **Marriott Mena House** 6 Pyramids Rd PO Box 12556, Giza


 WiFi

 Deluxe Hotel as shown or similar

Marvel at the wondrous beauty of the ancient Pyramids from the magical setting of this luxurious 523-room hotel which is just a 5 minute drive away from the Giza Pyramid Complex and Great Sphinx. Originally a hunting lodge, this historic property has played host to Monarchs, dignitaries, and celebrities for over 130 years and its interiors of today reflect this rich history with original works of art and antiques. Upscale air-conditioned guestrooms offer a taste of modern luxury with indulgent bedding, marble bathrooms, coffee/tea making facilities, and in-room safes. There is a large outdoor swimming pool (heated during the winter months), a 24-hour gym, and a spa. Dining options include...

### 2 **Hilton Heliopolis** El-Orouba Qism El-Nozha Cairo Gov

 WiFi

 First-Class Hotel as shown or similar

The Hilton Heliopolis is conveniently located in Heliopolis, a prestigious modern neighborhood that is home to diplomats and politicians. This 589-room resort style hotel has lush outdoor gardens and offers easy access to all of Cairo's mysterious wonders and historical gems with free Wi-Fi available throughout the property. Spacious air-conditioned guest rooms are equipped with an iron and ironing board, tea/coffee making facilities, and an in-room safe. Dining options are limitless with a choice of 18 different restaurants and bars serving cuisines from all corners of the world ranging from light snacks at the pool bar to Middle Eastern delicacies served with live entertainment. Leisure amenitie...