



# Egypt Pyramids, Temples & Nile Cultural Discovery

**Magnificent Monuments, Mighty River & Luxury Hotels**

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# Feel the difference

with **Mountain Travel Sobek**

## Unrivalled Expertise

MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Travel Company by Newsweek Readers' Choice Awards.

## Unique Trip Design

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail — the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

## Small Groups

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.







## Leading the Way

### World-Class Local Guides

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.





# Why take this trip with us?

## REASON 1

MT Sobek skillfully covers Egypt's fascinating archaeological wonders and iconic pyramids on this perfectly paced 12-day cultural discovery tour.

## REASON 2

Experience four nights of scenic sailing on the Nile aboard a private dahabiya, a traditional sailing boat—all included as part of this epic itinerary.

## REASON 3

We work with local expert guides and knowledgeable Egyptologists to give you deep insights into modern-day and ancient Egyptian life.

## At A Glance

### ACTIVITIES

Tours of ancient archaeological sites and museums, a sailing trip on the Nile, a camel ride, and visits to traditional villages.



### LODGING

A boutique palace hotel in Luxor, a private sailing boat on the Nile, and luxury city hotels in Cairo to bookend the trip in style.



### CLIMATE

Weather is moderate with the heat peaking June - August. Winters are very mild with little rainfall. Desert winters can be much colder than the rest of the country.



### KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

*"What a total comfort to know that with MT Sobek, you're in the hands of professionals who have been doing it so long and so well. That was part of why we landed on them as our operators for our dream trip, and everything about the experience they gave us—from tailored expertise to unswerving professionalism—confirmed the company's emphasis on excellence." - Alex M.*





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## Magnificent Monuments, Mighty River & Luxury Hotels

On this spellbinding adventure through Egypt, discover an age-old land of mysterious tombs, majestic temples, and iconic pyramids. Explore Cairo, one of the world's most fascinating capitals, brimming with world-class museums and historic monuments that have stood the test of time. Journey through mind-blowing deserts, ride a camel across the sands, and cruise the mighty Nile on a traditional sailboat for four days. Visit Luxor and the Valley of the Kings, see the Karnak Temple Complex, and marvel at dazzling archaeological wonders expertly guided by an Egyptologist.

### 12 Days

**Start:** Cairo, Egypt

**End:** Cairo, Egypt

**Departing:** February, October, November, December

**Activities:** Cultural Discovery

**Lodging:** Luxury Hotels, Comfortable Small Ship

**Group Size:** 5-12 Guests

**ACTIVITY:**



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*No detail was overlooked. The guides were top notch. The food and accommodations wonderful. Their meticulous planning and knowledge of the locations made the trip seamless. Highly recommend!*

- Ellen C.

Check [mtsobek.com](https://mtsobek.com) for date-specific pricing.

# The Itinerary

DAY  
01

## Arrive in Cairo, Egypt

Arrive in Cairo on a late flight and meet your MT Sobek representative at the airport for the transfer to your hotel.

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DAY  
02

## Discover Cairo & the Great Pyramids of Giza

After a brief orientation, head out for a visit of the Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM), which is in an advanced soft opening phase. This museum is meant to be the largest on earth dedicated to one civilization. Have lunch at a local restaurant and set out to see the Great Pyramids of Giza. Enjoy a camel ride across the sands and visit the temple of the mysterious Sphinx. Enjoy a welcome dinner back at the hotel.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** Cultural touring and camel ride

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DAY  
03

## Tour the Pyramids of Dahshur & Saqqara

Today head out to visit the spectacular Dahshur Pyramids, an ancient royal necropolis approximately 25 miles south of Cairo. Take in the famed Bent Pyramid, unusual for its angled sides, and the Red Pyramid, the fourth highest pyramid ever built in Egypt, with almost 160 layers of stone. Have lunch at a local restaurant and drive on to the vast Saqqara complex, to see the step pyramid of King Zoser, the first freestanding stone structure in the world, and tour the ancient tombs with incredible wall art.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** Cultural touring

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DAY  
04

## Fly to Luxor & Explore the Temples of Karnak & Luxor

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Luxor. Upon arrival, head out for a guided tour of the Karnak Temple, built over more than a thousand years by generations of pharaohs. Marvel at its great Hypostyle Hall, an incredible forest of giant pillars. Transfer to your hotel and set out for a guided sunset visit of the temple of Luxor, a strikingly graceful spot dedicated to the god of Amun-Ra. This evening enjoy a delicious dinner at a restaurant in town.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 1-hour 10-minute flight transfer

**ACTIVITY:** Cultural touring

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## DAY 05

### Discover the Ancient Sites of Dendera & Abydos

After breakfast, drive north of Luxor along the banks of the Nile to Dendera. Visit the ancient site of Abydos, the burial place for pre-dynastic kings and pharaohs. This center of a holy city dedicated to Osiris, King of the Underworld, has striking relief-covered walls. Enjoy a boxed lunch and move on to the Ptolemaic Temple of Hathor, goddess of pleasure and love, a wonderfully preserved complex complete with a massive stone roof, underground passages, and towering columns inscribed with hieroglyphs. Return to Luxor in the evening.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** Cultural touring

## DAY 06

### Visit the Valley of the Kings & Sail on the Nile

Early this morning, check out and take an (optional) balloon ride over the western bank (at additional cost) or relax over a leisurely breakfast. Together, head out to visit the Valley of the Kings, a remarkable necropolis with over 60 magnificent royal tombs carved into the desert rocks. In a restricted area not open to the public, enjoy an exclusive audience with Dr. Bahaa Gaber, Head of the West Bank Antiquities. Dr. Gaber will share his insights about the Royal Tombs, behind the scenes stories related to the latest digs and finds on the West Bank of Luxor, and exclusive updates about the most recent archaeological projects. Transfer to your private dahabiya, a traditional sailing boat, for lunch and then set sail on the Nile.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 1.5-hour private van transfer

**ACTIVITY:** Cultural touring



### Cruise the Nile to the Ancient Sites of El-Kab & Edfu

After breakfast on the boat, cruise to El-Kab, one of the oldest settlements of Upper Egypt, and visit the tombs of the governors and the ruins of the temple where Hathor and Horus used to meet. Enjoy lunch on board during the cruise down the Nile. Disembark to visit the majestic Temple of Edfu, dedicated to the falcon-headed god, Horus. This evening, enjoy a BBQ dinner on Fawaza Island.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** Cultural Nile cruise

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### Visit a Nubian Village & Djebel Silsila

Savor breakfast on the boat, then cruise to an island on the Nile inhabited by fishermen and farmers. Visit a charming Nubian village comprising of many colorful houses, walk through farm fields and orchards, and observe local fishing techniques. Enjoy lunch while cruising to the ancient site of Djebel Silsila, where you'll visit a temple from the Horemheb era and a quarry where sandstone for the temples was extracted. Have dinner on board in front of the temple.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** Cultural Nile cruise

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### Tour the Temples of Kom Ombo and Philae

Have breakfast on the boat as you cruise the Nile. Visit the temple of Kom Ombo, an unusual double temple built during the Ptolemaic period, from 108 to 47 BC. This stunning place of worship is dedicated to two triads of deities. One set consists of Sobek (crocodile god of the Nile), Hathor, and their child Khonsu; the other comprises Haroeris, Tasenetnofret, and their child Panebtawy. Return to the boat and enjoy lunch as you sail toward Aswan. This afternoon, visit the Philae temple complex, picturesquely situated on an island in the reservoir of the Aswan Low Dam.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** Cultural Nile cruise

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### Fly to Abu Simbel Temple & Back to Cairo

Disembark after an early breakfast on the boat and transfer to the Aswan airport for your flight to Abu Simbel. Upon arrival, drive on to the Great Temple of Ramses II on the banks of Lake Nasser. This complex of two temples is carved out of sandstone cliff and fronted by colossal statues. After witnessing this monumental site, board a connecting flight from Abu Simbel to Cairo, where you'll meet your MT Sobek representative and transfer to the hotel.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 1-hour private van transfer and 1.5-hour flight

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## Discover Islamic & Coptic Cairo

After breakfast take a tour of 7,000 years of Egyptian history with a visit to the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, which includes the world-famous golden treasures from King Tutankhamun's tomb. Next, visit Islamic Cairo, including the majestic Mohamed Ali Mosque and the medieval Citadel perched on a hill above the city. Also visit the mausoleum for the royal family of Egypt. Enjoy lunch, then head out for a tour of Coptic Cairo, featuring the Babylon Fortress, the Hanging Church (supported by only one column), and the Ben Ezra Synagogue. Finish your tour with a walk through the labyrinthine alleys of Khan el Khalili Bazaar. Return to your hotel for a farewell dinner.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** Cultural touring

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## Bid Farewell to Cairo

Say goodbye to magnificent Egypt as you transfer to Cairo airport for your departing flight.

**MEALS:** Breakfast



## Where You'll Stay

**These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.**

### **Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at The First Residence**

Among Cairo's most exclusive addresses, this five-star property is flanked by lush botanical gardens and the western bank of the Nile. Elegant rooms come with French-style furnishings, river views, and a full spectrum of amenities like Wi-Fi and plush robes. Lounge by the pool, savor delicious Lebanese food at Aura restaurant, and unwind with an aromatic massage.

### **Hotel Al Moudira**

With ochre domes, ornate patios and gorgeous gardens, this boutique palace hideaway on the west bank of the Nile is a dreamy base for exploring Luxor and the Valley of the Kings. The high-ceilinged rooms showcase unique decor, with hand-painted murals and engravings. The swimming pool and Turkish bath make for a perfect spot to unwind; the Pavillion restaurant serves fusion fare.

### **Albatros Dahabiya Boat**

This river cruise is an excellent way to experience the wonders of Egypt between Luxor and Aswan. Watching the sunset from the deck is a rare opportunity to enjoy exclusive access to the Nile River, onboard a fully equipped river cruiser. Amenities include air conditioning, full bath and shower setups, internet connection, and LCD flat screen TVs. All meals are included on board, and the local guides enjoy sharing anecdotes of ancient history on this culturally rich and exciting section of the Nile.





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## **HMC Zahra**

Experience the Nile the traditional way, under the billowing sails of a dahabiya. HMC Zahra plies tranquil waters with upgraded elegance in just six air-conditioned cabins. Cushioned sundeck loungers or armchairs under a shade canopy afford serene views of life along the river. Anchor at awe-inspiring temples and tombs, returning to your small, exclusive vessel after your adventures, relaxing in style, as sophisticated travelers have done for centuries.

# Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: February, October, November, December

**Book early for a greater choice of available dates.**

Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

October 7-18, 2025

November 4-15, 2025

December 9-20, 2025

February 10-21, 2026

October 13-24, 2026

November 3-14, 2026

December 8-19, 2026



# What's Included

## PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portage

## PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses



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