



## **DETAILS:** ***EGYPT ALONG THE NILE***

**Dates:** April 28-May 7, 2023

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The YMCA Alumni Travel Club, along with its travel partner Go Travel, is pleased to offer this special journey with Globus Tours. After 90-plus years of sharing the world with travelers, Globus has set the gold standard for award-winning touring across virtually every continent.

Every Globus vacation includes local experts who share the stories behind the sights and Local Favorites you won't find in the guidebooks. Globus Tour Directors and Local Guides hail from the region through which you're traveling. No one is more familiar, passionate, or eager to share insider knowledge than these local pros!

Globus is dedicated to giving their guests a safe, stress-free getaway. To that end, with help from the Global Health & Safety Team, they have established a set of enhanced pre- and on-trip protocols and procedures to ensure health – and happiness – throughout your journey. Please note: Globus *currently* requires all guests to provide proof of full vaccination in order to travel.

## Day-By-Day:

**Day 1:** Arrive in Cairo, Egypt. Welcome to Cairo! At 6 p.m., meet your Tour Director and traveling companions for a welcome dinner at your hotel. (Dinner)

**Day 2:** Cairo to Giza excursion. CAIRO guided sightseeing includes a visit to the Egyptian Museum. GIZA See the Sphinx and the Great Pyramids. (Breakfast)

**Day 3:** Cairo to Luxor. Fly to Luxor. Orientation tour. Free time this afternoon and evening. (Breakfast)

**Day 4:** Luxor. Embark on your Nile River cruise ship with lunch on board. This afternoon, guided sightseeing includes the Karnak Temple and Luxor Temple. *(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)*

**Day 5:** Cruising Luxor to Edfu. Luxor guided sightseeing on the West Bank of the Nile features the Valley of Kings and Queens. Visit Deir El-Bahri, Queen Hatshepsut's monumental rock temple, before returning to ship. Enjoy a Captain's welcome cocktail party. Sail to Edfu. *(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)*

**Day 6:** Cruising Edfu–Kom Ombo–Aswan. EDFU Visit the Temple of Horus. Lunch on board while sailing. KOM OMBO guided walking tour includes the temple dedicated to the crocodile and falcon gods. Free time to browse. Enjoy a Galabeya (traditional Egyptian gown) party on board this evening. *(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)*

**Day 7:** Cruising Aswan. See the High Dam before continuing to the ancient Granite Quarries and a visit to the Philae Temple of Isis. Sail on a felucca (traditional wooden sailing boat) around Kitchener's Island and the Mausoleum of Aga Khan. Take part in a Nubian Folklore presentation on board this evening. *(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)*

**Day 8:** Disembarkation Aswan. Free time this afternoon and evening. Enhance your free time in Aswan with an excursion to Abu Simbel. *(Breakfast)*

**Day 9:** Aswan-Cairo. Fly to Cairo. Free time this afternoon in Cairo. Farewell dinner at your hotel this evening. *(Breakfast, Dinner)*

**Day 10:** Our tour ends with breakfast this morning.

## **Hotels:**

Enjoy first-class hotels in each destination, and check in with the confidence that Globus already has checked everything out for your comfort and convenience.

Cairo hotels include the **Sofitel Cairo Nile El Gezirah**, an urban oasis directly on the Nile in the heart of downtown; **Hyatt Regency Cairo West**, located in the exclusive Pyramids Heights Business Park, and close to the Pyramids of Giza, City, and shopping malls or **Le Méridien Cairo Airport**, a smoke-free, 5-story hotel directly linked to Terminal 3 by a pedestrian bridge and nearby one of the best shopping malls in the city.



Our Luxor hotel is the **Sonesta St. George Hotel** commanding an excellent position overlooking the Nile and close to the Luxor Temple and Museum.

We will stay at the **Moevenpick Resort** in Anwar (*photo*), an elegant property boasting a beautiful setting on the peaceful elephantine island surrounded by the Nile with landscaped gardens and a spacious outdoor swimming pool.



## **Cruising along the Nile:**

Our cruise along the Nile will be aboard the 5-Star U.S.S. Mayfair, the newest cruise ship on river or a ship with similar features. Look for avant-garde style and luxurious amenities. The cruise ship is an exclusive invitation to truly sophisticated accommodations, tranquil relaxation, and delectable dining - all complemented by an unsurpassed experience in discovery along the Nile.

Just some of the ship's amenities include large panoramic windows; swimming pool and jacuzzi; spa; Nile Avenue restaurant and Bel Air Lounge bar; first-aid clinic with medical service on call; Egyptologist onboard (English-speaking); Internet connection; delicious meals - both Western and Eastern cuisine, and complimentary glass of wine or beer at dinner.



Your stateroom features relaxing ambience with dark wood combined with black-and-cream-toned design; in-room safe & mini bar; Internet connection. Bathrooms feature bathtubs and hair dryers; 220V electricity; bathtub and shower; LCD

television sets & satellite channels and more.

## What will it cost?

The cost for this very special journey from Cairo to Cairo along the Nile is an extremely reasonable \$2,883 per person. Additional additional savings may apply. A non-refundable deposit is \$500 per person is required because of inter-country air travel in Egypt. Promotions and specials are occasionally offered, so it's possible a lower price can be provided than our current group price. GoTravel will offer the lowest possible cost.

Airfare from your home airport, connecting in New York, L.A., Chicago, Atlanta and Washington, D.C. to Cairo is additional and your Go Travel representative can find you the best fares. There are 3 non-stops per day from New York taking about 10 hours on EgyptAir. One-stop flights from the other cities will take between 13 and 15 hours. Prices are reasonable, starting as low as \$640 in economy.

## **Booking and more information:**

Contact Bob Cook ([bobc@gotravel.com](mailto:bobc@gotravel.com)) for more information and to book your spot(s) on the journey.

## **Delays mean being left out.**

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Colorado's Historic Trains; Duoro, Portugal's River of Gold and  
Viking's Trade Routes of the Middle Ages.