

# 3rd Annual Girlfriend Getaway: The Nubian Experience 9 DAYS, 8 NIGHTS PACKAGE November 15 - November 23, 2019

## Day 1: Friday, November 15

### Welcome to Cairo, Egypt

Tour representatives will meet and assist you at Cairo International Airport and accompany you to the hotel on their air-conditioned deluxe vehicle. At the hotel the representative will assist you with check-in, review your holiday itinerary, and to confirm pick-up times for each tour.

Tonight you will be picked up from your hotel to attend the Sound and Light Show of Giza, a spectacular show of the Giza Pyramids of Cheops, Chefren and Mykerinus and discover the enchanting history of the ancient Egyptians. The show starts with the story of the Sphinx who has been the vigilant guardian of the city of the dead for five thousand years. It also portrays the story of building the pyramids and relates the history of great figures of ancient Egypt, such as Thutmosis IV, Akhnaten, Nefertiti and Tut Ankh Amon. You will stop to have dinner before returning to your hotel in Cairo.

Accommodation: Kempinski Nile Hotel Cairo

Meals: Welcome Drink, Dinner

## Day 2: Saturday, November 16

#### Pyramids and Cairo Sightseeing

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel in Cairo. Afterwards, your personal tour guide will accompany you to the Giza Plateau to visit one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Great Pyramids of Cheops, Chefren and Mykerinus, the Sphinx, and the Valley Temple facing the great statue. Have your lunch at a good quality local

restaurant, and then move to visit the Egyptian Museum, Treasures room for the child king Tutankhamen. Back to your hotel. Overnight in Cairo. Optional: Hot Air Balloon Ride (\$199USD) and Camel Ride (\$20USD)

Accommodation: Kempinski Nile Hotel Cairo

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 3: Sunday, November 17

#### Arrival Aswan/Nubian Sightseeing

After breakfast, check out of hotel in the morning and transfer to Cairo Airport for a flight with EgyptAir to Aswan. You will be met and assisted in Aswan and travel to visit Phiale Temple on Isis Island. After the Phiale Temple visit, you will transfer to your hotel for check in. In the afternoon, you will be have a Nubian lunch, then sail on the Nile River by a motor boat to the Nubian Village located on the West Bank of the Nile River in Aswan, just opposite to Sheil Island and near Aswan Dom passing by the first Cataract of Aswan. This fantastic tour to the Nubian family will teach you about their simple lifestyle, culture and traditions. You will then be transferred back to your hotel in Aswan.

Accommodation: Movenpick Resort Aswan

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 4: Monday, November 18

#### Aswan - Abu Simbel

After breakfast, you will travel via an private, air-conditioned vehicle to Abu Simbel, which is about a 3½ hour drive. Enjoy a small group tour to Abu Simbel. The two Temples of Abu Simbel, with their unique style, are considered to be the masterpieces of ancient Egypt. They reflect the glory and grandeur of the New Kingdom. The Egyptian government and UNESCO decided to co-operate in order to save these temples from the flood. The Temple of Ramesses II was dedicated to the four universal gods Ptah, Re-Her-Akhtey, Amun-Re, and to Ramesses II himself. The great Abu Simbel Temple is also called The Sun Temple of Ramesses II. The Temple of Queen Nefertari, who was the wife of the Sun God, is also called Temple of Hathor, so in a symbolic way, the two Temples, that of Ramses II and that of Nefertari, bring Ramesses II, Nefertari, Hathor and the Sun God together as one. Later you will be escorted back from Abu Simbel to enjoy your exciting Overnight Nile Cruise, Aswan.

Accommodation: 5 Deluxe Nile Cruise Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 5: Tuesday, November 19

# Kom Ombo and Edfu Temples

This morning you will enjoy sailing to Kom Ombo while enjoying breakfast on board. We will arrive at Kom Ombo to visit the Temple shared by the two gods Sobek and Haeroris. You will return to your Nile boat to sail to Edfu enjoying lunch on board. After lunch, you will visit the best-preserved cult temple in Egypt, Horus Temple in Edfu and enjoy an afternoon tea while sailing to Esna. Dinner and overnight on board.

Accommodation: 5 Deluxe Nile Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 6: Wednesday, November 20

#### **Luxor Nile Cruise Tours**

In the early morning, you will sail to Luxor while enjoying breakfast on board. Afterwards, you will set out from your cruise to visit the West Bank of Luxor. Take an excursion to the royal cemetery for 62 Pharaohs, Valley of the Kings, then on to the mortuary Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, which was built by the architects of the New Kingdom Pharaoh Hatshepsut approximately in 15th Century BC, at El-Deir El-Bahari and Colossi of Memnon. After your tour, you will return to the Nile Cruise and have lunch on board. Later enjoy an afternoon tea in the Victorian Lounge at the Sofitel Winter Palace Luxor Hotel. This opulent Luxor hotel blends rich colonial design with the glory of Pharaonic times. In this 19th-century palace once a winter retreat for the Egyptian royal family Agatha Christie wrote her famed 1937 novel Death on the Nile. Return to your Nile Cruise for dinner on board.

Overnight in Luxor. (Optional city tour by horse drawn carriage for 1 hour: \$20 USD per person)

Accommodation: 5 Deluxe Nile Cruise
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 7: Thursday, November 21

#### Luxor East Bank / Hurghada

Enjoy breakfast on board. Disembark from your Nile Cruise after breakfast and transfer to visit Karnak temple. In the afternoon transfer to Hurghada on the Red Sea. From Luxor to Hurghada is about a 3-1/2 hour drive. Overnight in El Gouna.

Accommodation: The Three Corners Rihana Resort Meals: Breakfast, plus all inclusive

#### Day 8: Friday, November 22

## **Hurghada Optional Tours**

Today is a free day to do as you wish or you can enjoy an optional tour of a Giftun Island National Park where you will can snorkle in different locations and enjoy other activities at the park. Enjoy an open buffet lunch aboard the cruise, then return to the pier. Transfer to your hotel in Hurghada (Optional Cost - \$45USD PP)

Evening: Good Bye Purple Beach Party!

Accommodation: The Three Corners Rihana Resort

Meals: Breakfast, plus all inclusive

# Day 9: Saturday, November 23

# **Final Departure**

After breakfast at your hotel in El Gouna, you will be transferred to Hurghada Airport for your flight to Cairo. Upon arrival in Cairo, you will be met and assisted, then transferred to Cairo International Airport for your return home.

Meals: Breakfast

#### Accommodation plan

Cairo: Kempinski Nile Hotel Cairo

**Aswan**: Movenpick Resort Aswan

Nile Cruise: Nile Style Deluxe Nile Cruise

El Gouna: The Three Corners Rihana Resort

#### **Ouestions?**

If you have any questions or concerns please send us an email at: <a href="mailto:bookings@globetrottingsistarsllc.com">bookings@globetrottingsistarsllc.com</a>

We will be happy to answer any questions you may have. We will respond within 24 hours.

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