

**Texas Ski Rangers/
Texas Ski Council
Summer Expedition
Egypt
Cairo and Nile River Cruise**



September 25 to October 4, 2010
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Trip Summary

Price: Full Package Cairo and Nile River \$2,650

Optional Pre-Trip to Hurghada/Red Sea \$ 300

Optional Post-Trip to Sharm-el-Sheikh \$ 700

Full Package Price Includes:

- Round Trip Airfare on EgyptAir from Houston, Dallas, Austin, or San Antonio to Cairo (incl. taxes of \$195, subject to change).
- Air transfer Cairo to Luxor
- 4 night Nile River Cruise aboard 5 star superior vessel
- All meals during river cruise
- Tours on route from Luxor to Aswan.
- Air transfer Aswan to Cairo
- 4 nights in Cairo at 5 star hotel
- Breakfast included at Cairo hotel.
- 3 full- day tours of Pyramids, Cairo, and Alexandria including lunch.
- All airport transfers.
- English speaking guides and airport greeters.
- Guide Gratuities

Optional Features (ask me for information if interested)

- Tour to Abu Simbel from Aswan (Nile River Cruise)
- Snorkeling and Scuba Diving in Red Sea (Hurghada Pre-Trip and Sharm-el-Sheikh post trip)
- Desert Safari (Hurghada Pre-Trip)
- Full-Day excursion to Petra, Jordan (Sharm-el-Sheikh Post-Trip)
- Full-Day excursion to Jerusalem (Sharm-el-Sheikh Post-Trip)
- Full-Day excursion to Mt. Sinai/St. Catherine's Monastery (Sharm-el-Sheikh Post-Trip)

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Nile River Cruise



Your Egyptian Expedition begins with a four night cruise on the Nile from Luxor to Aswan. The cruise will include tours in Luxor, and stops along the way to tour the Edfu and Komombo Temples. The conclusion of the cruise at Aswan will include a Felukka ride on the Nile, Philae Temple, the Aswan High Dam, and the Obelisk. An optional tour to Abu Simbel may also be available at the conclusion of the cruise.

You will be cruising aboard a 5 star superior river ship such as the Magic I or sister ship Magic II, shown above. Each ship has 72 cabins, restaurant, lounge bar, wine and cheese bar, bazaar, reading room, billiard room, fitness room, sundeck, swimming pool, and pool bar. Your cruise will include all meals.

Each cabin includes telephone, satellite TV, central air conditioning with control in each cabin, private bath with shower and hairdryer, minibar, and safe deposit box.



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4 Night Cruise Itinerary (Luxor/Aswan)

1st day

Afternoon visit to Karnak and Luxor Temples. Overnight and dinner on board in Luxor.

2nd day

Morning excursion to West Bank including Valley of the Kings, Valley of the Queens, Temple of Queen Hatshepsut and the Colossi of Memnon. Sailing to Edfu and overnight.



3rd day

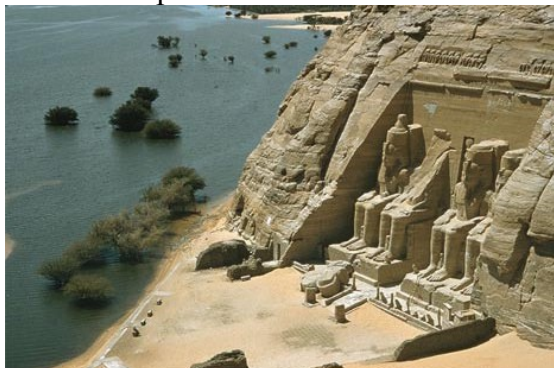
Early morning visit to the Temple of Horus, Before sailing for Kom Ombo. Afternoon visit to the Temple of Sobek at Kom Ombo. Continuing sailing to Aswan. Overnight on board.

4th day

Morning visit High Dam, Old Dam in Aswan Lunch on board. In the afternoon excursion by Felucca on the Nile to the Botanical Gardens. Overnight on board in Aswan.

5th day

Check out and opportunity to take the optional excursion to Abu Simbel.



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Luxor

For more than a thousand years, Luxor, was the religious capital of Egypt. The Greeks called it Thebes, until the Arabs baptized it Medinet el Kussur, "City of Palaces", from which the name Luxor derived. It was the capital of the Pharaohs of the New Empire which coincided with the greatest period of splendor in the Egyptian history. Evidence of the city's glorious past can be seen in the temple of Karnak erected to the glory of Amon-Ra, king of gods... On the West Bank, the kings of ancient Egypt, including Seti I Rameses VI and Tubankhamon, thought they would rest undisturbed during their journeys into eternity. Beyond the temple of Queen Hatsheput you can find the Colossi of Memnon, so called by the Greeks in memory of Homeric hero Memnon.

Aswan

Aswan is where the valley of the Nile ends and where Nubia begins, a land which provided Pharaohs, gold building materials, valuable woods and the very best soldiers. Historically, the city was a stopping place for caravans coming from southern Africa: the great souk, a market brimming with local foodstuffs and all kinds of spices, is the inheritance and symbol of this trading past. Today, you can find the famous caves from which the Pharaohs of Thebes extracted the granite of their temples, obelisks and statues. You can as well admire the enormous dimensions of the High Dam, a supreme piece of modern engineering work was built between 1964 and 1970 to stem the floods of the Nile. Its construction led to the formation of the immense Lake Nasser.

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Cairo and Vicinity

Egypt was the first country to introduce an administrative system with a state capital, which fulfilled a central political and religious role. With the union of the north and south under the rule of King Menes, the city of Memphis became the first capital of united Egypt. The Pyramids of Saqqara and Giza were then built for the pharaohs of the third and fourth dynasties. The Pyramid constructed by King Cheops was considered to be one of the Seven Wonders of the World. The capital was later moved to Thebes (Luxor). With the arrival of Alexander the Great in Egypt, in 332 B.C., the capital was established in Alexandria where it remained during both the Ptolemaic and Roman periods. With the arrival of Islam, the new city of Al-Kahira, present day Cairo, was established, which from then on continued to act as the capital of Egypt and center of Islam.

Today, this great city counts 18 million inhabitants with a population density of 50,000 inhabitants per square kilometer. It is considered to be the cradle of Islamic architecture and monuments of particular interest include: the Mosque of Ahmed Ibn Tolun, the Mosque of El Azhar dating back to 971 A.D, which is the oldest Islamic university, the Citadel of Saladin, build in 1176 and containing the magnificent Mosque of Mohamed Ali. The collection of the artistic masterpieces from pre-historic period till Greco-Roman period is presented in the Egyptian Museum. Amongst them, The Treasure of Tutankhamen is the most sensational discovery in the history of archaeology.



Cairo Touring

Your Cairo stay includes three full days of tours. Each tour includes an English-speaking guide, and lunch:

Day 1 - A visit to the Pyramids, Sphinx, stepped Pyramids of Sakkara and Memphis.

Day 2 – Cairo City tour including a visit The Egyptian museum to see the Fabulous Treasures of ancient Egypt and Citadel of Mohamed Ali Mosque and Khan El Khalili

Day 3 – Alexandria city tour

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Cairo Lodging

The **Ramses Hilton Hotel** is a luxurious hotel on the banks of the Nile with spectacular views, elegant rooms and a vast range of popular leisure and dining options. The Ramses Hilton Hotel is situated directly opposite the Egyptian museum and only a few minutes from the Khan el-Khalili market and Old Cairo. The pyramids are a 35 minute drive away. The hotel has large, luxurious rooms with satellite TV, internet access and scenic city and river views. Among the many on-site restaurants and cafés are the Falafel Restaurant, the Maharaja, the Sherlock Holmes Pub, the Citadel Grill and the rooftop Windows on the World restaurant with views of the Nile and the pyramids.



Hotel Amenities Include

Airline Desk	Local Area Transportation
Automated Teller (ATM)	Lounge
Barber Shop	Luggage Hold
Beauty Salon	Multi-Lingual Staff
Beverage Area, Complimentary	News Stand
Clothing Store	Safety Deposit Box
Concierge Desk	Tour Desk
Foreign Currency Exchange	Fitness Room
Gift Shop	Pool

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Ramses Hilton Hotel, con't Guest Room Amenities

Air Conditioning	24 Hour Housekeeping
Balcony	Hairdryer
Bath & Shower in all rooms	High Speed Internet Access
Alarm Clock Radio	Iron
Non-Smoking	Ironing Board
Thermostat (adjustable)	Mini Bar
TV-Premium CNN, ESPN	Telephone
TV-Standard Network	Turndown Service
Work Desk with lamp	Audible alarms



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Air Transportation

Air transportation will be with Delta/United/Egypt Air with transfer at New York's Kennedy Airport. Add-on carriers subject to change.

Total price is the same for Dallas, Houston, Austin, and San Antonio. There are no add-on fares for Austin or San Antonio.

Air transportation within Egypt is via Egypt Air and is included in the total trip price.

Tours and Transportation

All lodging, transportation, and tours within Egypt will be conducted in cooperation with our travel partner, Flash Tour. Throughout your stay in Egypt, you be with English speaking guides and airport representatives.

Ground transportation will be with modern air-conditioned coaches and vans.



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Egypt Trip Itinerary

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Pre-trip Group Departure from Texas

Thursday, September 23

Pre-trip Group Arrival in Cairo

Pre-Trip group flight to Hurghada/Red Sea

Transfer to and dinner at Hotel in Hurghada

Friday and Saturday, September 24 and 25

Relax in Hurghada

Snorkeling and Diving

Desert safari adventure and B.B.Q.

Saturday September 25

Main Group departure for Cairo

Sunday, September 26

Pre-trip group check-out in Hurghada and transfer by coach to Luxor
(approx. 3 hours)

Main group arrival in Cairo and transfer flight to Luxor

Transfer from Luxor airport to Nile riverboat

Welcome aboard all groups for Nile River Cruise

Sunday, September 26 to Thursday, September 30

Nile River Cruise from Luxor to Aswan

(See cruise itinerary above for details)

Thursday, September 30

Arrival in Aswan with Aswan tours

Optional tour to Abu Simbel

Transfer to Aswan airport for flight to Cairo

Arrival in Cairo and transfer to hotel

Thursday, September 30 to Monday October 4

Breakfast and Dinner at the hotel

Tours of, Pyramids, Cairo and Alexandria

(See Cairo itinerary above for details)

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Itinerary, cont.

Monday, October 4

- Main group departure to U.S
- Post-trip flight from Cairo to Sharm-el-Sheikh
- Post-trip check-in at Sea Club Resort

Monday, October 4 to Thursday, October 8 (Post-Trip)

- Transfer to resort in Sharm-el-Sheikh
- Activities in Sharm-el-Sheikh
- Snorkeling and diving in the Red Sea
- Shopping in old town
- Optional full day tours to Petra, Jerusalem, and St. Catherine's Monastery/Mt. Sinai

Saturday, October 9

- Hotel check-out
- Flight to Cairo and on to the U.S.