



MEJDI TOURS

MEJDI Tours Group Departure

- Tour:** Ancient & Modern Egypt
- Included:** 10 nights' accommodation in 4-star hotels (double occupancy)
1 local guide for 10 days
11 days of private bus transportation including group arrival and departure transfers
Meals listed in the itinerary
Entrances, sites, and honorariums for speakers¹
Gratuities for guides, drivers, hotel staff, & staff at included meals
Water on the bus throughout the tour
US-based customer service representatives
- Not included:** International airfare
Travel insurance-**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**
Single Supplement
Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section

MEJDI Exclusive Socially Conscious Experiences & Highlights:

- Ride a camel at the Great Pyramids of Giza.
- Meet with a local archeologist for a discussion about new discoveries in Egypt.
- Visit a local music high school for a performance and discussion about Egyptian-Arabic music.
- Take in a Darwish and Sufi performance in El Ghorja.
- Enjoy lunch with a local Egyptian family.
- Visit a farm, and learn about Egyptian life in Luxor.
- Enjoy an optional hot air balloon ride over the West Bank at sunrise.
- Tour Manshiyat Naser, aka "Garbage City," an underserved settlement outside of Cairo where the inhabitants are trying to create a sustainable economy out of a garbage dump.

¹ Subject to confirmation based on availability

Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival - Cairo, Egypt

Meet and assist at Cairo International Airport. A representative with a MEJDI sign will meet you before passport control. Transfer from airport to hotel by a modern, comfortable, and private air-conditioned deluxe vehicle. Check into your hotel and enjoy a group **welcome dinner** at the hotel this evening.

Overnight: Cairo (D)

Day 2: Cairo - Great Pyramids of Giza

After breakfast at the hotel, visit the **Egyptian Museum** in Tahrir Square. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the **Great Pyramids of Giza** including a **camel ride**. **Meet with a local archeologist for a discussion about new discoveries in Egypt.**

Overnight: Cairo (B, L)

Day 3: Cairo

Visit the **Citadel Salah Eldin and Mohamed Ali Mosque**, then the **Sultan Hassan and Refai Mosques**. Then, continue to historic Cairo and **visit a local music high school for a performance and discussion about Egyptian-Arabic music**. Transfer to the **Khan El Khalil** and walk along **Moez Street**. After an early dinner, head to El Ghorja for a **Darwish and Sufi performance**.

Overnight: Cairo (B, L, D)

Day 4: Cairo to Luxor

This morning, transfer to the airport and fly to Luxor. Start your exploration of Luxor with a visit to the **Karnak Temple Complex**. Then, transfer to your hotel and check in. Enjoy some free time on your own this afternoon before meeting up with the group again for a visit to **Luxor Temple**.

Overnight: Luxor (B, L)

Day 5: Luxor Museum and Community Engagement

This morning, check into your **Nile Cruise**. Visit **Luxor Museum**, then head towards the **West Bank** for a visit to the **Luxor Gallery**.

Overnight: Nile Cruise (B, L, D)

Day 6: Luxor - West Bank

Arise early this morning for an **optional balloon ride over the West Bank**. After breakfast, visit the **Valley of the Kings and Queen Hatshepsut Temple** and stop for a photo by the giant **Colossi of Memnon**. Visit **Habu Temple** and the ancient work village of **Deir el-Medina**. Return to the boat for lunch, then sail to **Esan**.

Overnight: Nile Cruise (B, L, D)

Day 7: Nile Cruise – Edfu

Today, visit the **Temple of Edfu**, then sail to **Kom Ombo**. After lunch on board, explore the unusual **Temple of Kom Ombo**.

Overnight: Nile Cruise (B, L, D)

Day 8: Nile Cruise – Aswan

Early this morning, sail to Aswan. Today, visit one of Egypt's most famous temples, **Abu Simbel** for a full day excursion. This evening enjoy dinner at the **Nubian Village**.

Overnight: Aswan (B, L, D)

Day 9: Aswan to Cairo

On your last day in Aswan, visit **Philae Temple**. Stop at the **High Dam** before transferring to the airport for your flight to Cairo this afternoon.

Overnight: Cairo (B, L)

Day 10: Christian Cairo

This morning, explore **Coptic Cairo**, including the **Hanging Church**. Visit the **Ben Ezra Synagogue**, the **Coptic Museum**, **St. Samaan Church**. Then, **tour Manshiyat Naser, aka "Garbage City," an underserved settlement outside of Cairo where the inhabitants are trying to create a sustainable economy out of a garbage dump**. Enjoy some time at leisure to further explore Cairo on your own. This evening, meet the group for a **farewell dinner** dinner.

Overnight: Cairo (B, D)

Day 11: Departure

This morning, transfer to the airport for your departure flight home. *(B)*