



# MEJDI TOURS

## Scheduled Departure - Discover Egypt

**Dates:** September 19-30, 2024  
February 13-24, 2025

**Included:**

- 10 nights' accommodation at the following hotels or similar (double occupancy):<sup>1</sup>
  - 4 nights Villa Belle Epoque Boutique Hotel, Cairo - standard rooms
  - 2 nights Pavillion Hotel, Luxor - standard rooms
  - 4 nights private Dahabiya
- 1 Egyptologist guide for 9 days
- Meals listed in the itinerary: 10 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 6 dinners
- Private transportation throughout the trip, including one group private arrival and one group private departure airport transfers
- 2 domestic flights from Cairo to Luxor and Aswan to Cairo
- Entrance fees, site visits, and honorariums for speakers
- Water on bus throughout tour
- Dedicated pre-trip customer service and on-ground support

**Not included:**

- International airfare
- Travel insurance - **highly recommended**
- Single occupancy supplement - \$1,000 per person (single occupancy *may not be available at the Dahabiya*)
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Customary tips for drivers, guides, and Nile cruise staff
- Porterage fees and gratuities at hotels and cruises
- Individual airport transfers outside of the group transfer
- Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section

**Tour Cost:** \$4,490 per person (minimum 8 travelers)

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<sup>1</sup> Subject to confirmation based on availability



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## MEJDI Socially Conscious Experiences:

Our socially conscious model focuses on the human element of destinations—the diversity of its people and their stories—in a way that benefits local communities around the world. We specially design our itineraries to immerse you in these cultures. So you don't just visit new places; you become part of them. These human experiences and how we treat the people you meet are what sets MEJDI apart.

- Visit the **Great Pyramids of Giza** and the newly opened **Grand Egyptian Museum**.
- Meet with a **local archeologist** for a discussion about new discoveries in Egypt.
- Tour **Manshiyat Naser**, aka "**Garbage Collectors City**," an underserved settlement in the heart of Cairo where the inhabitants are trying to create a sustainable economy out of recycling garbage.
- Listen to a **private performance** by **Egyptian youth** at a music school for underprivileged kids.
- Savor **homemade meals** hosted by families in **Luxor** and **Aswan**.
- Visit **Karnak Temple**, one of the most significant and extensive **religious sites** in ancient Egypt and a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.
- Explore a **local art gallery** and meet with its **curator** or one of its artists.
- Learn about the **Christian community** from a local Christian.
- Enjoy a **private 4-night Nile River** sailing trip on a **Dhababiya**.

## Itinerary:

### Day 1: Arrival - Cairo

- Arrive at Cairo International Airport. A representative with a MEJDI sign will meet you before passport control and then transfer you to your hotel by a modern, comfortable, and private air-conditioned deluxe vehicle.
- A MEJDI representative will meet you at the hotel and assist with the pickup times for tomorrow's tour.
- Enjoy a group welcome dinner.
- If needed, individual arrival transfers and additional accommodations can be reserved for *\$80 per arrival, up to 3 people, including meet and assist*. Please speak to our traveler service team.

*Hotel: Villa Belle Epoque Boutique Hotel, Cairo (dinner included)*



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## Day 2: Pyramids and Grand Egyptian Museum

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
- Begin the day at the **Great Pyramids of Giza** with a **camel ride** and a **solar boat ride**.
- Visit the iconic **Great Sphinx of Giza**.
- After lunch, tour the newly opened **Grand Egyptian Museum** and spend a couple of hours exploring its artifacts and treasures.
- Return to your for a **free night out**. Your guide will share recommendations in the area.

*Hotel: Villa Belle Epoque Boutique Hotel, Cairo (breakfast and lunch included)*

## Day 3: Christian Cairo and Historic Cairo

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
- This afternoon, explore **Coptic Cairo**, including the **Hanging Church**. Visit the **Ben Ezra Synagogue**, the **Coptic Museum**, and **St. Samaan Church**.
- Later, we tour **Manshiyat Naser with a local Christian resident**. Known as “Garbage City,” inhabitants at this underserved settlement outside of Cairo are trying to create a sustainable economy out of a garbage dump.
- Visit a **local music school** in historic Cairo and learn about its work helping **underprivileged children** learn music and perform.
- Continue to **Khan Al Khalili** and **Al-Moez st** for a walking tour, shopping, and dinner.

*Hotel: Villa Belle Epoque Boutique Hotel, Cairo (breakfast and lunch included)*

## Day 4: Islamic Cairo and Luxor

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
- Take a private tour of **historic Cairo** and visit some of the recently rehabilitated mosques and sites.
- *Group flight to Luxor.*
- Arrive in Luxor that evening, and visit the **Luxor Temple**—beautifully lit up at night.

*Hotel: Pavilion Hotel, Luxor (breakfast and unch included)*

## Day 5: Luxor West Bank

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
- We’ll tour the West Bank, which includes the **Valley of the Kings**, **Queen Hatshepsut temple** and the giant **Colossi of Memnon including Ramesses V and VI tombs**.
- Enjoy a meeting with a **local archaeologist** to talk about Egypt’s past and present archeology at one of the archaeological sites.



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- For lunch, we visit with a **local family** to have a conversation about life in Luxor.
- Afterward, we explore a **local art gallery** and will meet with its **curator or one of its artists**.
- Enjoy dinner on your own this evening.

*\*Optional Day 5 add-ons:*

1. Visit to the **Valley of Queens and Nefertiti's Tomb**, known as one of the best preserved and decorated in Egypt (\$80 USD per person).
2. Take a hot-air balloon ride over Luxor (\$150 USD per person).

*Hotel: Pavilion Hotel, Luxor (breakfast and lunch included)*

## **Days 6-9: Sailing on a PRIVATE Nile Cruise**

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
- This morning, we visit **Karnak Temple**, one of the most significant and extensive religious sites in ancient Egypt and a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.
- We'll then board our private **Nile Cruise**, called a "**Dahabiya**." Derived from the Arabic word "Dahab," which means gold, it reflects historical opulence and luxury associated with these elegant sailboats dating back to the 19th century.
- Sites visited include:
  - The **Edfu Temple** — the largest temple dedicated to Horus and Hathor of Dendera
  - The **Kom Ombo Temple** — a unique temple that has a 'double' design for two sets of gods built by the Ptolemies.
  - One of the **small islands on the Nile**
  - The **High Dam**, which created **Lake Nasser**
  - **Temple of Philae**, an ancient Egyptian temple complex located on **Agilkia Island** dedicated to the goddess Isis. The temple was originally situated on the island of Philae and was relocated due to the construction of the Aswan High Dam.
  - A **local Nubian village**
  - The **Tombs of the Nobles** and **Elephantine Island** as seen during a Felucca ride

*Hotel: Dahabiya Cruise, Aswan (daily breakfast, lunch, and dinner included)*

## **Day 10: Abu Simbel**

- Enjoy a buffet breakfast at the hotel.
- For those who want to rise early, there is the opportunity for an optional **tour to Abu Simbel**, which is accessible by a 3.5-hour drive. Your guide is available to arrange transportation and provide guiding service for those who wish to make the journey to the magnificent **rock-cut temples** that were originally carved out



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of the mountainside during the **reign of Pharaoh Ramesses II** in the 13th century BCE.

- If you prefer, you can speak to our sales team or your guide about a **return flight**.
- In the afternoon, transfer to **Aswan Airport** for your flight to **Cairo**.
- Tonight, stay at a hotel near the airport and enjoy a **final group dinner** before your departure tomorrow.

*\*Optional day 10 add-on: Take a flight to Abu Simbel instead of driving (cost approximately \$250-300 USD).*

*Hotel: Villa Belle Epoque Boutique Hotel, Cairo (breakfast and dinner included)*

## **Day 11: Departure**

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. before your departure transfer to **Cairo Airport**.
- If you are planning to stay longer our sales team can arrange additional accommodation and individual departure transfers.

*(Breakfast included)*