

ALL GAY EGYPTIAN DISCOVERY TOUR

EGYPT

10 DAYS

March 20 – 29, 2010

Great pyramids reach to the heavens. Ancient tombs lie buried deep in the earth. A mighty river slices through an uninhabitable land, and gives rise to civilization itself. This is Egypt, and we'll unearth its secrets in our small group of just 25, for the most authentic experience. And along the way, we'll bask in a luxury that befits a pharaoh in 5-star accommodations, including a quality Nile cruise ship for 4 remarkable nights. Join us, and discover why this is our most popular trip.

- **Giza Tour**, including the Great Pyramids, Sphinx, and Sakkara
- **Camel Ride** in the desert
- **Luxor Tour**, including Karnak Temple, Valley of the Kings, and Temple of Hatshepsut
- **4-night Nile cruise aboard a 5-star ship**, including tours of Edfu and the Temple of Horus, Temple of Sobek & Haroeris at Kom Ombo
- **Aswan City Tour**, including Aswan High Dam and Philae Temple
- **Abu Simbel Tour**
- Accommodations for 5 nights in 5-star hotels
- Services of a Hermes Tours escort
- Services of an expert, local guide in all cities
- Professional local Egyptologist
- Optional Hot air balloon ride over Luxor
- **\$100 per person savings if you reserve 5 months before departure!**

Day 1 - Saturday – Arrive in Cairo

You'll be met at the airport and transferred to your 5-star hotel. The afternoon is yours to relax after your flight.

Day 2 – Sunday – Pyramids of Giza, Sphinx, Sakkara (B, L, D)

We journey to the desert outskirts of Cairo and the remarkable Great Pyramids of Giza, which some scholars believe were built to align with constellations. While here, we embark on a camel ride like explorers of old. We also explore the temple of the mysterious Sphinx. We continue to Sakkara, the very first pyramid. Tonight, join us for our Hermes welcome dinner.

Day 3 –Monday – Cairo (B, L)

Explore the greatest collection of Egyptian artifacts at the Egyptian Museum, including the contents of the tomb of the boy-king Tutankhamen, unearthed by Howard Carter in 1922. We also discover Islamic Cairo and the Khan El Khalili Bazaar, one of the world's greatest and largest outdoor markets. Bid farewell at our Hermes farewell dinner tonight.

Day 4 – Tuesday – Cairo – Abu Simbel - Aswan (B, L, D)

This morning we join our short flight to Abu Simbel via Aswan. As the waters of Lake Nasser rose with the building of the High Dam, each stone of this imposing temple was reassembled on this higher ground to avoid submersion. First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy was a driving force in that huge engineering feat. Afterwards we fly to Aswan and embark our 5-star cruise ship.

Day 5 – Wednesday – Aswan – Kom Ombo - Edfu (B, L, D)

Discover Aswan with our Egyptologist guide, including the Aswan High Dam and Philae Temple, which we'll access by boat. Today we sail to Kom Ombo to explore the fascinating dual temple dedicated to Sobek & Haroeris. Later we sail to Edfu.

Day 6 – Thursday - Edfu – Esna - Luxor (B, L, D)

We visit the Temple of Horus in Edfu, the largest and best preserved pharaonic temple in Egypt. This afternoon we set sail to Esna and then to Luxor.

Day 7 – Friday – Luxor (B, L, D)

We cross the Nile to the West Bank and the Valley of the Kings, where pharaohs were buried deep underground in elaborate tombs. We also visit the terraced Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, the only female pharaoh.

Day 8 – Saturday – Luxor (B, D)

Today our Egyptologist guide leads a comprehensive tour of Luxor's East Bank, featuring Karnak, Egypt's most elaborate temple built over generations by countless pharaohs. Check into our 5 star Luxor hotel and the rest of the afternoon are free to explore on your own.

Day 9 – Sunday – Luxor - Cairo (B, D)

We take our morning flight to Cairo and check into our hotel. The rest of the afternoon is free to shop, relax by the pool or rest up. This evening Hermes Tours will host a farewell dinner to celebrate your trip!

Day 10 – Monday – Depart for home (B)

Our tour ends today. You will be transferred to the airport for your return flight home.

Included:

Services of professional gay tour guide throughout the trip. Accommodations as listed, rooms with private bath or shower, hotel taxes, portorage, tips and service charges. Transfers to/from airports. Local flights within Egypt. All meals as per itinerary, Transportation in luxury air-conditioned mini coach. Tips and gratuities to local drivers and guides. Entrance fees to all sites on itinerary.

Not Included: Round-trip air transportation to/from Egypt; meals and activities not specifically included in the itinerary; insurance; alcohol; soft drinks; bottled water; laundry; telephone calls; faxes and any other expenses of a personal nature. Usual tips to Hermes Tours escort.

Hotels:

Cairo: Safir Doqui 5*

Nile Cruise: Movenpick Royal Lotus 5*

Costs: \$2795 per person based on double occupancy.

Single Supplement: \$800 per person. Or Hermes Tours can match you with another traveller and waive the single supplement.

Early booking discount of \$100 when booked 5 months before departure

Deposit due at time of registration: \$500

Final payment due 80 days prior to departure

Please note that Hermes Tours has changed its payment policy for 2010 tours. Final payment may be made via credit card without surcharge. You will be asked to sign a credit card authorization form. For your convenience you may also set up a payment plan.

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