



## EGYPT FAMILY JOURNEY: ANCIENT PYRAMIDS AND THE MIGHTY NILE

9 days, Cairo to Cairo

Trip code DPRNF

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Your G for Good Moment: Funtasia Project Visit, Luxor
- Your Welcome Moment: Welcome Moment - Meet Your Expedition Leader and Group
- Your Family Journeys Moment: Nawayá Project Family Visit, Cairo
- Your Local Living Moment: Nubian Village Felucca Ride Visit & Tea, Aswān
- Your Local Living Moment: Local Family Home Hosted Lunch, Luxor
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- Arrival transfer
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- Visit the Grand Egyptian Museum
- Explore the Khan El Khalili market and Muiz Islamic street
- All tips included for activities and meals, except for Expedition Leader and portage
- Internal flights on tour and all transport between destinations and to/from included activities

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**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing August 4th, 2025 and onwards

## ITINERARY

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**NOTE:** Accommodations vary per departure and are subject to change until tour start date; they are not final and should be used as examples only. Travellers may login to the G Adventures App to view accommodations specific to their departure.

Day 1

## CAIRO

Welcome to Cairo—your arrival transfer to the hotel is included. Check in and get excited to meet your fellow travelers during a welcome meeting this evening where all families can bond before the journey ahead.

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### ACCOMMODATION

Safir Hotel Cairo (or similar) **Hotel**

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### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Arrival Transfer **Cairo International Airport - Cairo**

Sit back and scan the scenery from the comfort of your private vehicle during your included arrival transport from the airport to your start hotel in Cairo.

#### ACTIVITY

Your opportunity to meet your National Geographic Expedition Leader and fellow travellers, and learn more about your tour. Opt to join the group for a local meal afterwards. Don't forget to see the notice in the lobby (or ask reception) for the official time and place to meet up with the group.

Day 2

## CAIRO

Yalla! Set off for a visit to the Great Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx. Prepare for excitement and awe as you first glimpse these marvels of the ancient world. Share in the joy with your children as you yourself feel like a young adventurer at heart. As a qualified Egyptologist certified by the Ministry of Antiquities, your Expedition Leader will share their knowledge about these massive structures while you get the chance to wander around them. From here, travel to a nearby local farm supported by Nawaya, a community-led project which helps small-scale farming families generate new income streams in the tourism industry. Together as a family, you will learn how to prepare culturally important dishes that can be made back home, and experience firsthand the sustainable cultivation practices and traditional food-cultural preservation work being carried out on nearby farms. Lunch will be shared in the female-led community kitchen. Arrive back to the hotel in Cairo for an evening at leisure.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



### ACCOMMODATION

Safir Hotel Cairo (or similar) Hotel



### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Private Vehicle Cairo 1h45m 51km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the comfort of your private vehicle. Please note the drive time listed includes the entire day of travel around Cairo. There will be stops along the way to break up the journey and the longest stretch in the car will be 45 minutes.

Great Pyramid of Giza and Sphinx Tour Cairo

Enjoy a tour of the magnificent great pyramid of Giza and the Sphinx. No matter how many photos or documentaries you have seen, the first glimpse of these marvels of the ancient world will take your breath away. As a qualified Egyptologist, your Expedition Leader has all the facts about these massive structures.

ACTIVITY

Nawaya is a community project dedicated to empowering females and preserving the deep heritage of small-scale farming families across Egypt, while fostering sustainable development, cultivation, and cooking practices. The project works with women, providing a safe space to gain independence while working to sustain the community. The project also works closely with local farmers and village youths, teaching them how to encourage the exchange of knowledge between those who visit Cairo and those who have always called this place home. Upon arrival, meet with an environmentally responsible farmer who will take the group around his land while he teaches everyone about the various crops and animals his family cares for. The experience will end with an authentic community kitchen visit. Here, the group will meet with the local women who run and manage this integral part of the project, and enjoy a hands-on demonstration of how to prepare traditional Egyptian cuisine. After the prep work, the cooking part will take place outside. Afterwards, sit down for a true farm-to-table meal amid the friendly hospitality of these local women as you swap stories and share laughter together as one big blended family.

Free Time Cairo

Enjoy a free evening as a family in the historic city of Cairo.

Day 3

## CAIRO/ASWĀN

Travel by plane this morning from Cairo to Aswan. Grab those archaeologist hats and begin your time here with a visit to High Dam, which has a significant role in controlling the Nile's annual floods, providing water for irrigation, and generating hydroelectric power. Then, continue onwards to visit Philae Temple, built as a dedication to the Goddess Isis with temple walls adorned with scenes from Egyptian mythology. Try your hand at spotting representations of dogs in the temple complex. According to an article by National Geographic, "Ancient Egyptians of all social statuses kept dogs as family pets. Whenever a dog died, the family would mummify their pet and bury it in family tombs, so they could meet again in the afterlife." These mighty canines held as much importance to families then as they do today in modern times. After, board the ship on the Nile for your 3-night cruise and have an included lunch. Following lunch, enjoy some free time at the pool with your family. This evening, embark on a sunset felucca ride on the Nile to a Nubian Village. Walk through the village, learning about local customs while listening to the Nubian People's own distinct language, which does not have an alphabet and was thus never written down. Enjoy tea and return to the ship for dinner together on board.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### ACCOMMODATION

Iberotel crown empress Nile Cruise (or similar) Riverboat



### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Plane **Cairo - Aswān** 1h15m-1h30m 874km

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... yup, it is a plane, actually.

Aswan High Dam Visit **Aswān**

Visit the High Dam of Aswan, built in the 1960s and considered an engineering miracle at the time. Learn about the history of the dam and its construction and enjoy views across Lake Nasser.

Philae Temple Visit **Aswān** 3h

Sail across the Nile to the beautiful island of Agilkia and explore the Greco Roman history of the Temple of Philae, built as a dedication to the Goddess Isis. This temple complex was moved from its

original location on the Island of Philae after the flooding of Lake Nasser, the word "philae" meaning "the end" in reference to this island's placement on what was once the southernmost border of Egypt.

## ACTIVITY

Board a felucca and float along the magnificent Nile, with views of the Aga Khan Mausoleum and Kitchener Island. Stop on one of the inhabited Nile islands in this area, to tour a local Nubian village, where you will learn about Nubian people, their culture, and their own distinct language. A language that actually can not be learned as it does not have an alphabet. Visit a local family for mint tea and a chat about their lives and history.

Family Nile Cruise Experience **Aswān - Luxor**

Create unforgettable memories as a family during your Nile cruise experience over the next three nights. Sail along the magical Nile and witness life along the shore up close. From Aswan to Luxor, you'll see a lot of history and culture along the way.

Day 4

## ASWĀN/EDFU

Choose between a free morning aboard the ship or opt to pre-book a visit to the two rock-cut temples of Abu Simbel. This optional excursion does include flights. After lunch, the whole group will sail to Kom Ombo, passing local villages and farmland to the top of the Temple. Built along the riverbank, the temple is dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek. Enjoy an immersive visit with your family and channel your inner archeologist while exploring this ancient place. Return to the ship and sail to Edfu where you will dock for the night. Dinner will be served onboard this evening.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### ACCOMMODATION

Iberotel crown empress Nile Cruise (or similar) **Riverboat**



### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Free Time **Aswān**

Enjoy a free morning aboard the ship in Aswan. Relax, soak in the views, and spend some time as a family.

Kom Ombo Temple Visit **Kom Ombo** 1h-2h

Enjoy a visit to this temple located in a scenic spot, right on the banks of the Nile. It was dedicated to the crocodile god, and you can still see the remains of an ancient mummified crocodile that was worshipped here thousands of years ago.

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### Optional Activities - Day 4

Temple of Abu Simbel Visit With Flights **Aswān**

Part historic monument and part modern marvel, Abu Simbel is one of Egypt's grandest temples. Built during the rule of Ramses II between 1274-1244 BC, this structure was almost swallowed by the Nile, but now stands safe and sound thanks to some crafty archaeologists and UNESCO. Fly to Abu Simbel and travel through Egypt's rugged landscapes, where the towering figures of Ramses himself, Ra-Horakhty, Amun, and Ptah will all be waiting to welcome you. Please note, there is an additional 300 EGP fee to take photos in the temple.

Day 5

## EDFU/LUXOR

Witness the excitement on your kids' faces as you enjoy a morning visit to Edfu Temple. It took nearly 200 years to build and was dedicated to the God of War and Sky, Horus. Only recently discovered, "it wore a shroud of sand that had accumulated for centuries". According to an in-depth article by National Geographic, the structure of Edfu was never intended for a tomb. Instead, the pyramid and its six counterparts are suspected to have been symbols of power held by royals. The king ruled from farther north and it was important then to show that Egypt was unified under one political state. Return to the ship and sail to Luxor where you will dock for the evening. Enjoy lunch and dinner onboard and perhaps take time to enjoy some fun family games as you pass by the scenery along the banks of the Nile.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### ACCOMMODATION

Iberotel crown empress Nile Cruise (or similar) Riverboat



### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Edfu Temple Visit **Edfu** 1h-2h

Enjoy a visit to the Edfu Temple, which is located in the middle of a bustling village. It is the most completely preserved temple in Egypt.

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Free Time **Luxor**

Take advantage of free time aboard the ship between Edfu and Luxor to enjoy the views and amenities.

Day 6

## LUXOR

The morning begins with a visit to the West Bank of Luxor where the group will enjoy a short bike ride led by a student guide to visit Funtasia, a G Adventures-supported project. Stop for tea in the village and learn more about the project and community through a group discussion. Then proceed to the temple of Hatshepsut, dedicated to the powerful queen that ruled for 21 years. She is one of only a few female pharaohs to rule in thousands of years of Egypt's ancient history and stands as a true hero for young travelers. See how her temple has been restored before visiting the Colossi of Memnon, which guarded the entrance to King Amenhotep III's massive temple on Luxor's West Bank. Enjoy a late lunch in the home of a local family that has been hosting G Adventures' travelers for 15 years. Experience delicious, traditional dishes, featuring homemade staples and authentic flavors of Egypt.

From here, travel to explore the famed Valley of the Kings—a UNESCO World Heritage Site and active archaeological site of over 63 tombs—many still in excavation. Descend inside a few tombs with the option to visit Tutankhamen's resting site.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



### ACCOMMODATION

Sonesta St. George Hotel Luxor (or similar) Hotel



### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

#### ACTIVITY

After breakfast the group will travel to the West Bank to meet our student-guide. Together we will bike through the village and visit the Funtasia Project Center where the group will learn about the Planeterra project at this location over tea with our guide.

Funtasia is a local nonprofit that works with young people in the West Bank of Luxor to develop life skills and social consciousness. They work with youth in after school programs that teach art, communication, and social skills.

Hatshepsut Temple and Colossi of Memnon Visits

Luxor

1h30m

Visit the impressive Funerary Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, which seems to rise out of the surrounding limestone outcrops - a reminder of the power women held in the Ancient Kingdom. Hatshepsut was the

powerful queen who ruled the kingdom of Egypt for 21 years, from 1479 to 1458 BC. Her temple is unique in style and was found in a bad condition but has now been restored. Then, enjoy a quick stop at the two mammoth statues of Amenophis II at the Colossi of Memnon. Which actually belong to king Amentotep III from the new kingdom. They once guarded the entrance to his massive temple on Luxor's West Bank.

## ACTIVITY

Enjoy a fabulous community connection moment during a delicious home-cooked lunch hosted by a local family outside of the Valley of the Kings. In a village where most of the tourist buses speed by heading to the sites Egypt is known for, we will stop and visit a family's home and witness true hospitality from locals. Learn about the family who live here, hear about the importance of their garden, and about how they cook the food the group is about to eat. For 15 years this family has been hosting groups of G Adventures travellers and the support they have received has helped four generations (close to 50 people) thrive, as well as provided education opportunities for the family's children, nieces, and nephews. Sit down, smell the delicious flavours of the special dishes prepared, and relax in the home and hospitality of a truly local Egyptian family.

Valley of the Kings Visit Luxor 2h30m

Cross the Nile to the west bank, passing through farmers fields on your way to the Valley of the Kings.

Descend the narrow, rock-hewn corridors and take in the magnificent decoration and designs of the tombs of the pharaohs. While the treasure has now all gone, the tombs contain the incredible paintings of the life of their incumbent and stories from the Book of the Dead.

Free Time Luxor

Spend a free evening as a family in Luxor. Find a cozy spot to enjoy dinner together after an incredible day.

Day 7

## LUXOR/CAIRO

Amon Ra is known as the King of the Gods and the kids will no doubt be enamoured with a visit this morning to Karnak Temple and its Great Hypostyle Hall which includes 134 massive columns and is still considered the largest religious room in the world. Lunch will be on your own back in Luxor before boarding the flight to Cairo. Get settled at the hotel here before joining the group and a local expert for an Egyptian foodie experience. Visit urban local food counters and small specialty restaurants while you learn about traditional dishes and their connection to Egyptian culture. Food, after all, is something that can connect families and cultures from around the world.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### ACCOMMODATION

Safir Hotel Cairo (or similar) **Hotel**



### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Karnak Temple Visit **Luxor** 3h-4h

Enjoy a visit to the Karnak Temple, which was once the centre of all religious life in ancient Egypt. Built and extended by successive generations of rulers, admire the amazing architecture, massive columns, and painted hieroglyphs.

Free Time **Luxor** 2h

Enjoy a few hours at your leisure in Luxor to rest or explore before your flight to Cairo.

Plane **Luxor Airport - Cairo** 1h

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... yup, it is a plane, actually.

#### ACTIVITY

Visit the famous Tahrir square in the heart of Cairo where the 2011 revolution was centred. The square became very important after the revolution as a symbol of freedom; it was recently renovated and an Obelisk surrounded by Sphinx has been installed in the middle of the square.

Here we start our walking tour along some of Cairo's busiest streets while enjoying the taste of popular Egyptian food and exposing yourself to new flavours. Enjoy Koshari which is Egypt's national dish,

consisting of rice, lentils, macaroni, tomato sauce, onions, hummus and garlic. Take the opportunity to try an Egyptian falafel sandwich as well as sugar cane juice.

Day 8

## CAIRO

It's time to bring everything you saw together and into context with a family-focused visit to the Grand Egyptian Museum this morning. Enjoy a short scavenger hunt here for an interactive experience of over 100,000 of Egypt's historical artifacts. In the afternoon, visit Islamic Cairo and walk the back roads to the oldest market in the city, Khan el-Khalili. Take time to explore the lively atmosphere here before enjoying a farewell dinner near the hotel. Gather together and share stories of what will certainly be a memorable family vacation.



### Meals included

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### ACCOMMODATION

Safir Hotel Cairo (or similar) Hotel



### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Khan el-Khalili Bazaar Orientation Walk Cairo 2h-4h

Head to the Khan el-Khalili bazaar in downtown Cairo for an orientation walk with the Expedition Leader. Learn the best places to buy various things, and opt to enjoy a hookah and a cup of tea in a cafe. Enjoy free time to stroll and shop the narrow pathways.

#### ACTIVITY

The Grand Egyptian Museum is the world's largest archaeological museum dedicated to the single civilization of ancient Egypt. Here you will find vast collections of over 100,000 artifacts, many of which have never been displayed before. Enjoy a guided tour here in which your family will embark on a scavenger hunt through the museum for a more interactive experience. Bring history to life and learn even more about the place and time period you have been seeing in books and movies since you were a kid.

Depart at any time.

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## Meals included

Breakfast

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## TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Departure Day

Not ready to leave? Your Expedition Leader can help with travel arrangements to extend your adventure.

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## **Is there a travel disclaimer for my itinerary I should review before booking this trip?**

While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Aboard expedition trips visits to research stations depend on final permission.

Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.

# What important notes should I be aware of before the trip?

## 1. ACCOMMODATION NOTE:

Please be aware that properties we stay in with only two stories may not have elevators installed and climbing the stairs with your luggage will be necessary.

## 2. EXCURSION RECOMMENDATIONS

If you arrive a day or two early in Cairo and wish to do some excursions, we recommend that you wait until you get to the joining hotel and contact our local staff for more information on available tours and excursions. Tourists are frequently over-charged for excursions bought from vendors on the street or at the airport.

## 3. OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Please note all optional activities and entrance fees will need to be paid by card only as per a new change implemented by the ministry of tourism in Egypt.

## 4. RAMADAN

According to the lunar cycle, Ramadan will fall between Feb 17th - Mar 19th 2026 and Feb. 7th - Mar. 8th 2027. Please note that Ramadan is a month of fasting observed by Muslims throughout the world, during which time the followers of Islam should not eat or drink between sunrise and sunset. There may be some limitations to services and disruptions to schedules during Ramadan, but generally our tours still operate effectively during this period and food is available to non-Muslims throughout the day. It is very important to display increased cultural sensitivity during Ramadan. Please wear loose fitting clothes, that cover knees and shoulders, and try to avoid eating, drinking or smoking in public out of respect for those who can't at that time.

## 5. MONEY

US Dollars that are series 1996 or earlier are not accepted and very difficult to change in regions of East and Southern Africa, as there are a lot of forgeries in circulation.

## 6. EXTRAS

Looking to add to your experience? Check out our Extras! Specially designed for travellers with unique interests, Extras are optional add-ons to your G adventures trip that make your adventure more you-centric. Extras must be booked prior to departure, please see details in our optional activities field and ask your sales GCO or travel agent about booking.

## 7. AID AL-ADHA

During your visit to this country, we would like to inform you about an important celebration called Aid Al-Adha. This holiday may impact your travel experience, as most shops and restaurants are closed during the celebration. Some of the historical places we visit might also be closed during this time. There will be a shorter number of staff at the hotels and less crowded streets on the day of the celebration. Aid Al-Adha will fall between May 27th-28th, 2026, and May 17th-18th, 2027.

## **What is the group leader like?**

All National Geographic Family Journeys with G Adventures group trips are accompanied by two of our Expedition Leaders. The aim of the group leader is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. They will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends. While not being guides in the traditional sense; you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the countries visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects. We also use local guides where we think more specific knowledge will add to the enjoyment of the places we are visiting- we think it's the best of both worlds.

## **How large will the group be?**

Max 20.

## **What meals are included in this trip?**

8 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 5 dinners

## **What are the meals like on this trip?**

Eating is a big part of traveling. Travelling with G Adventures you experience the vast array of wonderful food that is available out in the world. Generally meals are not included in the trip price when there is a choice of eating options, to give you the maximum flexibility in deciding where, what and with whom to eat. It also gives you more budgeting flexibility, though generally food is cheap. Our groups tend to eat together to enable you to taste a larger variety of dishes and enjoy each other's company. There is no obligation to do this though. Your Expedition Leader will be able to suggest favourite restaurants during your trip. The above information applies to G Adventures group trips. For Independent trips please check the itinerary for details of meals included. For all trips please refer to the meals included and budget information for included meals and meal budgets.

## **What are the modes of transportation on my trip?**

Private vehicle, plane, bicycle, walking, felucca, Nile cruise ship.

## **What transportation will we take on this trip?**

On this trip we will use a mixture of felucca, private van, motorized cruise ship, and plane. For more information see the detailed itinerary.

## **Are local flights included in the cost of the trip?**

All local flights are included in the cost of your tour unless otherwise noted. It is important that we have your passport information at the time of booking in order to process these tickets. Internal flight tickets are issued locally and will be given to you prior to the flight departure.

Domestic carriers for internal flights in Egypt will be Egypt Air or Nile Air. Flight information will not be available until a couple of days prior to the tour departure.

The domestic flight maximum weight allowance is 20 kg.

## **Where will we stay during the trip?**

Hotels (5 nts), Nile River Cruise (3 nts).

## **Will I get my own room?**

Please note that if you have booked the "My Own Room" option for this tour, you will receive your own single room for all night stops

## **What kind of accommodation can I expect on this trip?**

On this trip you can expect to stay in local hotels or pensions (with the exception of the start and finish hotels, which are often larger city hotels), which will vary a little in standard and facilities: some may not have elevators, air-conditioning or English-speaking staff, but most importantly all are in excellent central locations to give you maximum time for exploring the sights.

You will also spend three nights on a Nile River Cruise with a spacious sundeck, delicious food options, and comfortable rooms designed for peace of mind with your family.

## What are the joining instructions?

For details of your joining hotel please refer to your tour voucher, G Account, the G Adventures App or contact your travel agent.

An arrival transfer is included when you arrive on Day 1, or if you arrive up to three days prior provided that you have booked your pre-accommodation through National Geographic Journeys in our joining hotel. Due to customer experience and quality considerations, all services related to the tour must be continuous.

Our driver will be waiting for you with a National Geographic Journeys sign, and they will be waiting for you outside the arrival hall. If the National Geographic Journeys is not there at first, please wait up to 30 minutes, and then proceed to take a taxi, or call our local staff who will assist you in getting to the start hotel.

Arrival or Departure Transfer Emergency Phone Number: +20 100 000 3945

Please note that day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned on this day.

Upon arrival to your Joining Hotel (note that check-in time will be in the afternoon), look for a note or bulletin board in the reception with a note from your Expedition Leader. This note will give the details of your Welcome Meeting on day 1 (usually between 5pm and 7pm), where you will get a chance to meet your Expedition Leader and other travellers, as well as learn more about how the tour will run. If you don't see a note, please ask reception for details!

If you are arriving later and will miss the Welcome Meeting, your Expedition Leader will leave a note at reception for you with any information you may need, and with morning instructions for the next day.

## What happens if I experience problems when arriving?

We don't expect any problems, and nor should you, but if for any reason you are unable to commence your trip as scheduled, please refer to the emergency contact details provided in this dossier and contact us as soon as possible. If you have a pre-booked transfer, and you have not made contact with our representative within 30 minutes of clearing customs and immigration, we recommend that you make your own way to the Starting Point hotel, following the Joining Instructions. Please apply to your travel agent on your return for a refund of the transfer cost if this occurs.

## Who should I contact in case of an emergency?

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call either the G Adventures Local Representative (if one is listed below) or our G Adventures Local Office. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, so they may return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

### AIRPORT TRANSFER

If you have purchased an arrival through G Adventures or if an arrival transfer is included in the cost of your tour, please note that:

Your arrival transfer has been arranged based on flight information provided to us. If you are advised of a flight schedule change or flight cancellation within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival time, please call the emergency contact number to advise of your new arrival flight information. If you do not, we will not be able to rearrange your arrival transfer and you will need to make your own way to the starting hotel at your own expense. If your arrival transfer does not arrive within 30 minutes after you have exited the arrivals area please take a taxi to your start point hotel.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Regional Office Emergency Contact Number: +212 662 312 072

Arrival or Departure Transfer Emergency Phone Number: +20 100 000 3945

If you are unable for any reason to contact our local office, please call the numbers listed below which will connect you directly with our Sales team who will happily assist you. Hours of operation by region can be found [here](#).

Toll-free, North America only: 1 888 800 4100

Calls from UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from Germany: 0800 365 1000

Calls from Australia: 1 300 796 618

Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307

Outside North America, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and the UK: +1 416 260 0999

## What information should I be aware of as the itinerary draws to a close?

If you would like to book an airport Departure transfer for your tour, please contact our Sales Team or your Travel Agent in advance of travel.

## Are there any additional packing suggestions I should consider?

We recommend using a backpack for your convenience, or a medium-sized suitcase if you prefer. A daypack is also essential for carrying everyday items. Space is limited on transportation, so there is a limit of one main piece of luggage per person. You will be responsible for carrying your own luggage.

It is important to pack clothes for warm to hot days and cool evenings. A set of smart casual clothes is also advisable.

# What should be on my packing list?

## Conservative Dress:

- Modest clothing that covers knees and shoulders (Long pants, long skirts, shirts that cover shoulders)
- Shawl or scarf (for temple visits)

## Documents:

- Flight info (required) (Printouts of e-tickets may be required at the border)
- Insurance info (required) (With photocopies)
- Vouchers and pre-departure information (required)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Visas or vaccination certificates (With photocopies)

## Essentials:

- Toiletries (required) (Shampoo, bodywash, soap, etc.)
- Binoculars (optional)
- Camera (With extra memory cards and batteries)
- Cash, credit and debit cards
- Day pack (Used for daily excursions or short overnights)
- Ear plugs
- First-aid kit (should contain lip balm with sunscreen, sunscreen, whistle, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, bandaids/plasters, tape, anti-histamines, antibacterial gel/wipes, antiseptic cream, Imodium or similar tablets for mild cases of diarrhea, rehydration powder, water purification tablets or drops, insect repellent, sewing kit, extra prescription drugs you may be taking)
- Flashlight/torch (Headlamps are ideal)
- Fleece top/sweater
- Footwear
- Hat
- Headphones (Noise-cancelling recommended)
- Locks for bags
- Long pants/jeans
- Moneybelt
- Outlet adapter
- Personal entertainment (Reading and writing materials, cards, music player, etc.)
- Reusable water bottle
- Shirts/t-shirts
- Sleepwear
- Small travel towel
- Sunglasses
- Swimwear
- Watch and alarm clock
- Waterproof backpack cover
- Windproof rain jacket

**Health & Safety:**

- Face masks (Clients will be only be required to wear a face mask where it is mandated by local regulations.)
- Hand sanitizer
- Pen (Please bring your own pen for filling out documents.)

**Smart Dress:**

- Smart outfit (For evenings out)

**Warm Weather:**

- Sandals/flip-flops
- Shorts/skirts (Longer shorts/skirts are recommended)
- Sturdy water shoes/sandals
- Sun hat/bandana
- Swimwear Note: For departures from Nov-Feb the weather can be cold, please bring warm clothing.

## When can I do my laundry on this trip?

Laundry facilities are offered by some of our hotels for a charge. There will be times when you may want to or have to do your own laundry so we suggest you bring non-polluting/biodegradable soap.

## What are the visas and entry requirements for my trip?

All countries require a valid passport (with a minimum 6 months validity). Contact your local embassy or consulate for the most up-to-date visa requirements, or see your travel agent. It is your own responsibility to have the correct travel documentation. Visa requirements for your trip will vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. We keep the following information up to date as far as possible, but rules do change and sometimes without warning. While we provide the following information in good faith, it is vital that you check the information yourself and understand that you are fully responsible for your own visa requirements.

Visa information specific to your destination and nationality can be found in our Important Pre-Departure Information page [here](#)

## **What should I consider when planning my personal expenses and discretionary spending for this itinerary?**

Every traveller is different and therefore spending money requirements will vary. Some travellers may drink more than others while other travellers like to purchase more souvenirs than most. Please consider your own spending habits when it comes to allowing for drinks, shopping and tipping. Please also remember the following specific recommendations when planning your trip.

## **What should I know about currency, credit cards, and exchanging money while on this tour?**

The currency used in Egypt is the Egyptian Pound (EGP).

ATMs are found within main cities in Egypt and will generally accept cards on the Visa and Mastercard networks. It is a great idea to travel with both a Visa and Mastercard if at all possible as while there is no hard and fast rule, some banks seem to only work with one brand of card. Please note, your bank will charge a fee for overseas withdrawals.

Cash is recommended for times when ATMs are not accessible. Euros, British Pounds and US Dollars are all easy to exchange to the Local currency. Please note that you should bring some cash with you for emergency situations but carrying only cash is a high safety risk. ATM card/s and some cash is the ideal mix.

If you are bringing US Dollars, please make sure that the notes are new and in good condition. Notes older than 1996, or with any tears or blemishes may not be accepted. Be fussy with your bank when buying cash!

As currency exchange rates can fluctuate often we ask that you refer to the following website for daily exchange rates:  
[www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com)

## **How much emergency money should I bring on this trip?**

Please also make sure you have access to at least an additional USD \$200 (or equivalent) as an 'emergency' fund, to be used when circumstances outside our control (ex. a natural disaster) require a change to our planned route. This is a rare occurrence!

## **Do I need to pay a departure tax?**

Departure tax is usually included in your air tickets. If you depart Egypt via Nuweiba Port, there is a departure tax of approximately 9 USD.

## **Should I be tipping on my trip?**

Local tipping is included on this Family trip which covers local guides, drivers and gratuity for included meals. At the end of your trip if you felt your two Expedition Leaders did an outstanding job, tipping is appreciated. The amount is entirely a personal preference, however as a guideline; per Expedition Leader \$5-10 USD (per day) per person, can be used.

For non-included meals in restaurant, a guideline is 10-15% of cost of bill.

# What activities are optional on this trip?

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- Temple of Abu Simbel Visit With Flights

# Are there any health considerations I should know before travelling?

DRINKING WATER: It is advisable to drink bottled water in Egypt.

Please note inoculations may be required for the country visited. It is your responsibility to consult with your travel doctor for up to date medical travel information well before departure.

There are no specific health requirements for this trip. However, we recommend protection against typhoid, tetanus, infectious hepatitis and polio. Though malaria does exist in Egypt, it is not normally found in the areas where we travel. You should consult your doctor for up-to-date medical travel information before departure. We recommend that you carry a First Aid kit and hand sanitizers / antibacterial wipes, as well as any personal medical requirements. Please be aware that we are in remote areas and away from medical facilities for some time during this trip, and for legal reasons our leaders are prohibited from administering any type of drug including headache tablets, antibiotics, etc.

# What do I need to know to about safety and security on my trip?

Many national governments provide a regularly updated advice service on safety issues involved with international travel. We recommend that you check your government's advice for their latest travel information before departure. We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes, which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage. When travelling on a group trip, please note that your group leader has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if it deemed necessary, due to safety concerns. Your Expedition Leader will accompany you on all included activities. During your trip you will have some free time to pursue your own interests, relax and take it easy and explore at your leisure. While your Expedition Leader will assist you with options available in a given location, please note that any optional activities you undertake are not part of your itinerary, and we offer no representations about the safety of the activity or the standard of the operators running them. Please use your own good judgement when selecting an activity in your free time. Although the cities visited on tour are generally safe during the day, there can be risks to wandering throughout any major city at night. It is our recommendation to stay in small groups and to take taxis to and from restaurants, or during night time excursions. Water based activities have an element of danger and excitement built into them. We recommend only participating in water based activities when accompanied by a guide(s). We make every reasonable effort to ensure the fun and adventurous element of any water based activities (in countries with varying degrees of operating standards), have a balanced approach to safety. It is our policy not to allow our Expedition Leaders to make arrangements on your behalf for water based activities that are not accompanied by guide(s). Swimming, including snorkeling, is always at your own risk. [Read more about travel safety](#) for ways to further enhance your personal safety while traveling.

## What rules should I know before joining this trip?

Illegal drugs will not be tolerated on any trips. Possessing or using drugs not only contravenes the laws of the land but also puts the rest of the group at risk. Smoking marijuana and opium is a part of local culture in some parts of the world but is not acceptable for our travellers. Our philosophy of travel is one of respect towards everyone we encounter and in particular the local people who make the world the special place it is. The exploitation of people in the sex trade is completely contrary to this philosophy. Our Expedition Leaders have the right to expel any member of the group if drugs are found in their possession or if they utilize the services of paid sex workers, in any capacity.

## Is travel insurance required for my trip?

Travel insurance is compulsory in order to participate on any of our trips. When travelling on a group trip, you will not be permitted to join the group until evidence of travel insurance has been sighted by your leader, who will take note of your insurance details. When selecting a travel insurance policy we require that at a minimum you are covered for medical expenses including emergency evacuation and repatriation. A minimum coverage of USD200,000 is required. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. Some tours include adventure activities that require extra coverage (e.g. crampon use); please review your itinerary and make sure that you are covered for all included activities. If you have credit card insurance we require proof of purchase of the trip (a receipt of credit card statement) with a credit card in your name. Contact your bank for details of their participating insurer, the level of coverage and emergency contact telephone number.

## What is Planeterra?

Planeterra International Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to turning travel into impact by helping local communities earn an income from tourism. Planeterra connects underserved local communities to the benefits of tourism by developing and supporting small community-owned businesses. These businesses support Indigenous people, empower women, grant youth access to employment opportunities, and protect the environment. Planeterra also works to ensure these businesses have a thriving customer base by integrating their projects into G Adventures' itineraries globally.

G Adventures is Planeterra's largest corporate donor, covering all operating costs, so 100% of your donation will bring opportunity to people in need.

G Adventures Dollar-a-day Program - Make Every Day Count - Turn your travel into impact with [Planeterra Foundation](#).

Did you know? Most communities around the world do not benefit from tourism. Give back to the places you visit on your travels by creating opportunities for local people to earn an income, and protect the environment.

Make every day count by donating \$1/day for the length of your trip, and join us in empowering the communities you will visit when you travel. 100% of your donation goes directly to Planeterra projects.

## How should I dress to respect local customs during the tour?

While visiting mosques and other religious monuments you should dress modestly, cover your shoulders and you shouldn't wear short shorts or skirts. Outside of capital cities and the more touristic centres, local dress is often more conservative and as a matter of respect we ask that both men and women are aware of this and recommend loose-fitting clothes with your shoulders covered. Ask your Expedition Leader for more specific advice.

## How can I share feedback about my trip experience?

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After your travels, we want to hear from you! Your feedback information is so important to us and to thank you for your time, we are pleased to offer a 5% discount (up to a maximum of \$100 USD) off your next G Adventures holiday. All you need to do is submit the form within 4 weeks of the completion of your tour, and you'll be able to join the thousands of travellers who have taken 2, 3, 4 or even 10 or more tours with us!

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## Does G Adventures have an email newsletter I can subscribe to?

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Stay current on how our company invests in our global community through our foundation – Planeterra. Sign up for [Planeterra's monthly news](#) to learn more about how to give back and support the people and places we love to visit.

## Are international flights included in this trip?

No, international flights are generally not included in the price of your tour.

However, on some combo tours travelling between two different countries, international flights are included as part of the itinerary and price of the tour. Please speak to your GCO or booking agent for further details.

In addition, check-in times and baggage allowances/restrictions vary by airline and can change at any time. For the most up-to-date information for your flight, please contact your airline. We recommend checking in online in advance to avoid potential delays at the airport.

## What should LGBTQ+ travellers know about safety and travel considerations on this trip?

The safety and well-being of all of our travelers is a priority at G Adventures and that includes our travelers who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community. We recognize that there are specific concerns and questions you may have about your adventure in terms of safety and security. We encourage you to visit our [LGBTQ+ page](#) for useful resources to ensure you feel safe and comfortable throughout the duration of your trip. The Equaldex tool linked on this page can be of particular help when deciding where you may want to visit next.

## Dossier Disclaimer

The information in this trip details document has been compiled with care and is provided in good faith. However it is subject to change, and does not form part of the contract between the client and the operator. The itinerary featured is correct at time of printing. It may differ slightly to the one in the brochure. Occasionally our itineraries change as we make improvements that stem from past travellers, comments and our own research. Sometimes it can be a small change like adding an extra meal along the itinerary. Sometimes the change may result in us altering the tour for the coming year. Ultimately, our goal is to provide you with the most rewarding experience. Please note that our brochure is usually released in November each year. If you have booked from the previous brochure you may find there have been some changes to the itinerary.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** Please ensure that you print a final copy of your Trip Details to review a couple of days prior to travel, in case there have been changes that affect your plans.

## Itinerary Disclaimer

While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Aboard expedition trips visits to research stations depend on final permission.

Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.