



# Highlights Of Egypt - Trip Extension

5 Days

## Day 1 | Arrival

### Arrival

Upon arrival at Cairo International Airport (CAI), retrieve your luggage and proceed to the Arrivals area. Look for a driver holding a sign that says “WILD WOMEN EXPEDITIONS”. They will assist you in obtaining your Visa and luggage.

### Accommodations

Sofitel Al Gazeerah, Cario or similar



# Day 2 | Cairo

## Discover Islamic Cairo

After breakfast at the hotel is a walking tour of Islamic Cairo. In this pocket of the city, marvel at ancient monuments constructed by the Fatimid caliphs who founded the city of Cairo in the 11th century. It's a bustling and buzzing center of worship, sweet shops, mopeds delivering fast food, distracted pedestrians with bundles of cotton being wheeled by.

Witness the collision of modern expansion and heritage in the centuries-old Islamic architecture. Our walk will include old medieval city gates like Bab al-Zuwayla and Bab Al Fetouh ('The Gate of Conquest') which was built in 1087. The flanking towers are an imposing 23 m (75 ft)! Bab al-Zuwayla was constructed a few years later (1091-92)—these gates are two of the three remaining gates of Fatimid Cairo.

We linger over lunch at a local restaurant and enjoy our first big taste of Egypt.

After lunch we tour the Cairo museum in Tahrir Square. The collection is incredible—we'll be sure to visit the treasures of the young pharaoh Tutankhamon.

### Included Meals

Breakfast, lunch and dinner

### Accommodations

Sofitel Al Gazeerah, Cario or similar



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## Day 3 | Pyramids of Giza

### Wonders of the Ancient World

We take advantage of a less-crowded early morning visit to the celebrated Pyramids of Giza which include Cheops, Chephren and Mykerinu. The Pyramid of Cheops (also known as the Great Pyramid of Giza or Pyramid of Khufu) is the oldest of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, and the only one to remain largely intact.

We will have the opportunity to climb inside one of the pyramids, a truly intimate and overwhelming experience, and visit the regal Great Sphinx (the famous limestone lion's body with a pharaoh's head adorned in royal headdress). It's one of the world's largest sculptures measuring 73 m(240 ft) long and 20 m (66 ft) high.

Our adrenaline levels will continue to operate on HIGH as we observe the unearthly presence of the pyramids of Giza by camel. On this short camel ride, we'll feel the unforgettable gentle sway of the "ships of the desert".

We visit the former mortuary Valley Temple which belongs to the Pyramids of Chephren. The fourth dynasty and impossibly intact burial temples bring ancient Egyptian civilization alive in a way that your encyclopedias never could.

We swap stories over lunch in a local restaurant, and then head to the Cairo airport for a quick hopper domestic flight to Luxor. After checking into our hotel, take five before gathering for dinner. Be sure to take in the awesome panoramas of the mighty Nile from the hotel's terrace or go for a dip in the outdoor heated pool.

#### **Included Meals**

Breakfast, lunch and dinner

#### **Accommodations**

[Sonesta Luxor](#) or similar



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## Day 4 | Luxor

### Royal Roaming

In the morning, we explore the West Bank of Luxor with visits to the tombs of the pharaohs in the Valley of the Kings and the rock-cut tombs of the Princes & Queens in the Valley of the Queens. We visit the mortuary temple of Queen Hatshepsut and tour the unbelievable Colossi of Memnon.

After lunch we return to the hotel for a rejuvenating sweet mint tea fix or a bracing shower. This afternoon is all about the red carpet legends: the Temples of Luxor and the Temples of Karnak, Egypt's greatest compound of temples.

Later, we feast like Queens and have a royal sleep in Luxor, our last precious night in Egypt's embrace.

#### **Included Meals**

Breakfast, lunch and dinner

#### **Accommodations**

[Sonesta Luxor](#)



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## Day 5 | Farewell

### Until Next Time

After breakfast, we return to the airport for your flight back to Cairo and connecting flights home.

Hug your amateur Wild Women Expeditions/Egyptologist-in-training group goodbye—but be sure to make plans for your next destination together!

The flight out of Luxor on Day 5 is subject to change, to accommodate this, please book your departing flight from Cairo International Airport (CAI) after 10 p.m. on Day 5 to account for travel time from Luxor.

If you would prefer to book yourself a night at an airport hotel on Day 5, we recommend: [Le Meridien Cairo Airport](#)

### Included Meals

Breakfast



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## Trip Details

### Know Before You Go

Click [HERE](#) for all of the logistical details you'll need to know prior to departure—including the packing list, arrival and departure details and suggested tipping information.

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