

2008 - A BLAST INTO THE PAST (2 WEEKS)

GENERAL ITINERARY

1-Aug	Day 0	Friday	fly out of JFK
2-Aug	Day 1	Saturday	arrive to Cairo & Day in Cairo
3-Aug	Day 2	Sunday	Cairo
4-Aug	Day 3	Monday	Cairo
5-Aug	Day 4	Tuesday	day trip to Alexandria
6-Aug	Day 5	Wednesday	fly Cairo to Awan & day in Aswan
7-Aug	Day 6	Thursday	Fly Aswan - Abu Simbel - Aswan; board cruise boat; evening in Aswan
8-Aug	Day 7	Friday	Cruise Day 2
9-Aug	Day 8	Saturday	Cruise Day 3
10-Aug	Day 9	Sunday	Cruise Day 4
11-Aug	Day 10	Monday	Cruise Day 5: Luxor, disembark the boat; fly to Sharm el Sheikh
12-Aug	Day 11	Tuesday	Sharm El Sheikh
13-Aug	Day 12	Wednesday	Sharm El Sheikh
14-Aug	Day 13	Thursday	Sharm El Sheikh
15-Aug	Day 14	Friday	Sharm El Sheikh
16-Aug	Day 15	Saturday	fly Sharm el Sheikh to Cairo and day in Cairo
17-Aug	Day 16	Sunday	fly back to JFK

* Detailed Itinerary is done from my memory, trip notes, and my pictures. Some sights could be in slightly different order

** Many restaurants, bars, gelaterias, food stands where I dined are not mentioned in the itinerary

*** Many hotels, motels, bed and breakfast... are also not mentioned

**** This was my best and favorite trip because of the services provided, my custom tailored itinerary, and superb setup

***** This tour was exceptionally organized with individual Tour Representatives, guides, and personal car with drivers at' each location

***** TYI Cruise Boat had only 8 passengers and 4 guides (one guide per couple)

DETAILED ITINERARY

1-Aug	Day 0	Friday	fly out of JFK
2-Aug	Day 1	Saturday	arrive to Cairo
			- picked up by Naggar Tour Representative and personal car with driver
			- check into Sophitel Le Sphinx Hotel
			- dinner in Cairo
			- evening: Pyramids Sound and Light Show (excellent!)
3-Aug	Day 2	Sunday	Cairo & nearby:
			- picked up by Naggar Tour Representative, tour guide, and personal car with driver

			- Open Air Museum at Memphis
			- Saqqara Pyramid (Step Pyramid)
			- The Pyramid of Dashur (Bent Pyramid)
			- Citadel of Salah Al-Din
			- Khan El Khalili Market
			- Cairo Tower
			- evening: Boat Dinner Cruise on Nile (with belly dancing show)
4-Aug	Day 3	Monday	Cairo:
			- picked up by Naggar Tour Representative, tour guide, and personal car with driver
			- Giza plateau
			- Sphinx
			- Pyramids
			- go inside Great Pyramid (Khufu (Cheops) Pyramid) and reach upper burial chamber
			- Camel ride around Pyramids (about an hour long)
			- Museum of Egyptian Antiquities (with Royal Mummies Hall)
			- Papyrus Institute
			- evening: Al-Azhar Park
5-Aug	Day 4	Tuesday	day trip to Alexandria:
			- picked up by Naggar Tour Guide, and personal car with driver
			- Corniche
			- Citadel of Qaitbay
			- Amud El-Sawari & Pompey's Pillar
			- Catacombs of Kom El-Shouqafa
			- Amphitheatre of Kom El-Dikka
			- Bibliotheca Alexandria
			- Stanley Bridge & beach underneath
			- Royal Palace
			- return to the hotel in Cairo
6-Aug	Day 5	Wednesday	fly Cairo to Aswan and Day in Aswan:
			- picked up by Naggar Tour Representative and personal car with driver and taken to Cairo airport
			- picked up by Naggar Tour Representative and personal car with driver in Aswan and taken to hotel
			- Greeted by Aswan Tour Guide (nubi)
			- Aswan Botanical Garden
			- Nubian Village and Boat Trip on Nile
			- evening: in Aswan late dinner
7-Aug	Day 6	Thursday	Fly Aswan - Abu Simbel - Aswan; board cruise boat; evening in Aswan
			- picked up by Naggar Tour Representative and personal car with driver and taken to Aswan Airport for Abu Simbel
			- fly to Abu Simbel (40min)
			- Abu Simbel Excursion (suburb!)
			- fly back to Aswan
			- picked up by Naggar Tour Representative and personal car with driver and taken back to Hotel
			- bit later transferred from hotel to board MS TIYI Nile Cruise Boat for 5-day/4-night Nile Cruise (exceptional!)
			- sail by felucca for outside visit to the Agha Khan Mausoleum and Elephantine Island

			- evening in Aswan; Aswan Market
			- overnight on board
8-Aug	Day 7	Friday	Cruise Day 2:
			- greeted onboard by individual Tour Guide
			- High Dam
			- Philae Temple
			- Unfinished Obelisk
			- sail to Edfu
			- spend afternoon on cruise boat
			- go to Aswan Market
			- overnight on board
9-Aug	Day 8	Saturday	Cruise Day 3:
			- Temple of Kom Ombo
			- evening onboard; dancing; Galabeya night with dancing
			- overnight on board
10-Aug	Day 9	Sunday	Cruise Day 4:
			- travel by horse-drawn carriage to the Temple of Horus at Edfu
			- sail to Luxor
			- temple of Khnum at Esna
			- Valley of the Kings (with visits to Tombs of Ramses 3/4/6)
			- Alabaster shop
			- Valley of the Queens
			- Temple of Hatshepsut
			- Colossus' of Memnon
			- Temple of Luxor
			- dinner on cruise boat
			- evening in Luxor (city) with Aladdin (tour guide)
			- overnight on board
11-Aug	Day 10	Monday	Cruise Day 5: Luxor, disembark the boat; fly to Sharm el Sheikh
			- Karnak Temple
			- disembark cruise boat
			- car transfer to Luxor airport for flight to Sharm El Sheikh via Cairo
			- hotel transfer from airport to Oriental Resort (Red Sea)
12-Aug	Day 11	Tuesday	Sharm El Sheikh:
			- day at the resort; evening around town
13-Aug	Day 12	Wednesday	Sharm El Sheikh:
			- snorkeling trip to Ras Mohammed
			- rest of day at the resort and La Strada Street
14-Aug	Day 13	Thursday	Sharm El Sheikh:
			- ATV trip in desert
			- rest of day at the resort and La Strada Street
15-Aug	Day 14	Friday	Sharm El Sheikh:
			- day at the resort

			- evening around town with Ahmed
16-Aug	Day 15	Saturday	fly Sharm el Sheikh to Cairo and day in Cairo:
			- morning transfer to airport to fly back to Cairo
			- in Cairo airport picked up by Naggar Tour Representative, tour guide, and personal car with driver
			- check into hotel
			- another trip to Pyramids
			- Boat Museum at Giza Plateau
			- Hanging Church
			- Ben Ezra Synagogue
			- City of the Dead
			- Khan El Khalili Market
			- Old Islamic Cairo
			- Sultan Hassan Mosque
			- Pharaonic Village
			- evening with Maged (Naggar Representative) at 'After Eight' Lounge
17-Aug	Day 16	Sunday	picked up by Maged and personal car with driver and taken to airport for flight back to NY