



# Discover Corps

*Unforgettable Vacations With Purpose*



## EGYPT: A JOURNEY DOWN THE NILE



### MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- **Uncover the ancient Pyramids of Giza & witness history before your eyes**
- **Meet with local non-profits, dine with an Egyptian family and venture to a traditional Nubian Village**
- **Sail along the Nile River on a 3 night high-end, small group ship stopping to see sights along the way**
- **Explore the temples and tombs of Luxor, known as the world's largest open-air museum**
- **Navigate Cairo's oldest markets searching for antiquities and relics of Egypt's past**
- **Follow your Egyptologist guide as you uncover one of the most well-preserved civilizations on Earth**

*Explore both ancient and modern Egypt on this immersive adventure*



# TRIP AT A GLANCE

9 Days / 8 Nights

**GROUP SIZE** Average 6, Maximum 12

**LODGING** Premier

**PHYSICAL DEMAND** Moderate



## CAIRO

**DAY 1** - Arrive and head to the famous Nile Ritz Carlton. Enjoy a delicious welcome dinner with your guide.

**DAY 2** - Visit the Pyramids of Giza and dine at a local Egyptian's home.

## ASWAN

**DAY 3** - Fly to the far south of Egypt and venture to a traditional Nubian Village.

## THE NILE RIVER

**DAY 4** - Board our Nile Cruise and settle in for the exciting journey ahead. Visit the temples of Aswan.

**DAY 5** - Continue sailing down the Nile. Visit the Temples of Kom Ombo & Edfu. Enjoy an Egyptian folklore show aboard the ship.

**DAY 6** - Sail to Luxor. Visit the Valley of the Kings, Hatshepsut Temple and the famous Karnak Temple followed by dinner & entertainment aboard the ship.

## LUXOR / CAIRO

**DAY 7** - Disembark our boat and fly back to Cairo. Visit a local non-profit to learn about modern Cairo.

## CAIRO

**DAY 8** - Spend the day exploring the city's iconic Egyptian Museum, impressive markets & mosques. Enjoy a Farewell Dinner together.

**DAY 9** - Depart back home from Cairo or continue exploring Egypt on your own.

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### OUR PURPOSE

Often described as the world's largest open-air museum, Egypt is in a category unto itself when it comes to history, culture and dramatic scenery. From the soaring Pyramids of Giza to the serpentine Nile River, this is a place of myths and legends.

Our journey will take us from the bustling streets of Cairo to the banks of the Nile exploring the ancient cities of Aswan and Luxor via a luxury small boat cruise. Alongside our expert Discover Corps Guide and various Egyptologist specialists that will join the trip along the way, we'll be introduced to a country and society that is changing but rooted in thousands of years of history. Each night you'll be treated to some of Egypt's finest properties from the Nile Ritz Carlton in Cairo to the Movenpick Elephantine Island in Aswan.

Our purpose on this journey is to experience Egypt as the pharaohs once did, uncovering temples, sailing the Nile and exploring the ancient cities of Cairo, Aswan and Luxor. We'll also take time to discover modern day Egypt. Experience a warm welcome into an Egyptian family's home in Cairo for a special dinner together. Visit a pioneering non-profit organization seeking to improve the lives of Cairo residents one at a time. Venture deep into a traditional Nubian Village on the banks of the Nile River to see a culture that has weathered modernization.



# HIGHLIGHTS



## THE PYRAMIDS OF GIZA

Dating back to 2550 B.C. the Pyramids of Giza are the only remaining standing monument of the Wonders of the Ancient World. Constructed as tombs for three of Egypt's pharaohs, the Pyramids of Giza continue to puzzle archaeologists and engineers alike. An estimated 10,000-20,000 workers spent over 20 years constructing the pyramids using extremely heavy stones from miles away. You'll have to pinch yourself as you stare in awe at these iconic landmarks set against the vast Egyptian desert landscape.



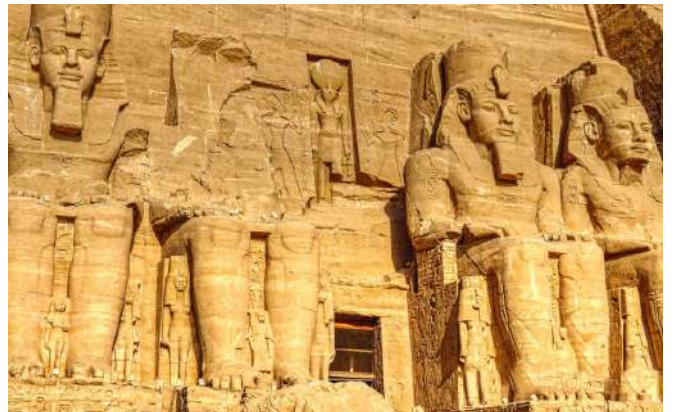
## EXPERIENCING LOCAL LIFE

While most people travel to Egypt to uncover the ancient wonders left behind by the pharaohs, few get behind-the-scenes access to one of the most vibrant modern societies. With Discover Corps, you'll come face-to-face with a society shaped by thousands of years of history at the meeting points of Africa and the Middle East. Share a traditional dinner at a family's home in Cairo trading stories about life in your respective parts of the world. Visit one of our non-profit partners to learn about initiatives being implemented to progress Egyptian society. Visit an a traditional Nubian Village in Southern Egypt.



## SAILING THE NILE RIVER

Our Nile Cruise will encompass three nights on the high-end, 5-star Alexander the Great yacht. Unlike most tours that use large 100+ room ships, this boutique 30-room ship is a modern oasis of tranquility. Slowly make our way along the Nile enjoying views of the desert you can only get from the bow of a boat. There is a pool to cool down in, magnificent meals reflecting local cuisine and some nights will feature entertainment on board. Our guide will join us throughout the cruise telling the stories of the temples and tombs scattered along the banks of the Nile.



## TEMPLES, TOMBS & MUMMIES

Egypt is extremely unique not only in its history, but also in the country's geography. Sitting in one of the driest deserts on Earth, the mind boggling array of temples and artifacts left behind thousands of years ago have been so well preserved that you can see the intricate designs, colors and patterns of art created many lifetimes ago. Our expert Egyptologist guides will walk us through the iconic temples and tombs scattered along the dry desert landscape hugging the banks of the Nile. Learn to decipher hieroglyphics, see a mummy with your own eyes and walk through the hallways of temples that pharaohs once walked.



# ITINERARY

## DAY 1: Arrive in Cairo

Our Egyptian adventure begins in the ancient city of Cairo. Arrive into Cairo International Airport (CAI) and meet your Discover Corps Guide for the journey ahead. We'll get a brief introduction to the area before settling into the historic Nile Ritz Carlton Hotel on the banks of the Nile River. We'll enjoy a delicious Welcome Dinner together with our guide and celebrate our arrival in one of the world's most interesting places. (D)

## DAY 2: See the Pyramids and Learn about Modern Egypt

Today's adventure begins with a morning visit to one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Pyramids of Giza. An Egyptologist guide, who serves as an expert in the Pyramids, will join us and walk us through the history and mysteries of these ancient tombs.

Later in the afternoon, we'll experience a warm Egyptian welcome at a local family's house in Cairo. This is an extremely unique opportunity to learn about life in Egypt today, try some of the country's best dishes and get a glimpse into day-to-day life in one of the world's oldest cities. (B,L,D)

## DAY 3: Fly to Southern Egypt and visit a Traditional Nubian Village

After breakfast, we'll head to the airport for a short flight to the southern city of Aswan. A quiet town the banks of the Nile, Aswan is filled with antiquities and will be the starting point for our Nile Cruise. After settling into our 5-star lodging on Elephantine Island, we'll venture to one of the colorful Nubian Villages that dot the desert landscape. Nubia is the region along the Nile between Egypt and Sudan and is home to one of the oldest civilizations in Africa. To visit a Nubian Village is to take a step back in time. Experience the colorful buildings of Nubian society and learn about their culture, language, music and art. Most importantly, you'll have the chance to experience the Nubian's famous generosity, cheerfulness and modesty. Later in the day, we'll return to Aswan for a relaxing dinner together. (B,L,D)





## DAY 4: Set Sail on the Nile River & Explore the Temples of Aswan

Wake up to a colorful sunrise over the desert and breakfast overlooking the Nile River. Today, we'll board our home for the next 3 nights, the 5-star Alexander the Great Nile cruise. Unlike most ships making the 135-mile journey between Aswan and Luxor, ours is one of the smallest, a floating boutique hotel boasting just 30 rooms, a pool, a sundeck and plenty of space to roam.

The Nile River is a place of love and respect for the Egyptian people. And to sail the calm waters is an experience unlike any other. From the ship, you'll see day-to-day life taking place on the banks of the river while stopping along the way to see temples, obelisks and tombs scattered along the shores. Our guide will join us for the journey serving as a personal concierge throughout the experience. We'll also be treated to a fantastic array of food, entertainment and sights along the journey. Get ready to set sail! (B,L,D)



## DAY 5: Continue our Journey along the Nile River

Set sail to the historic Kom Ombo Temple. Standing tall at a bend in the Nile, this temple is unique in that it is dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek. We'll explore the temple and its intricate hieroglyphics before continuing on our journey to the ancient settlement of Edfu on the Western Bank of the Nile. Renowned for its impressive temple dedicated to Horus, the falcon god, we'll enjoy a narrated journey with our guide. Hop back on board the ship for afternoon tea and a colorful Egyptian folkloric show. Sail into the sunset and take in the natural beauty of this corner of Egypt. (B,L,D)



## DAYS 6 & 7: Sail to Luxor and Disembark in the World's Largest Open-Air Museum

We'll continue on our final day of sailing on the Nile River. After breakfast, we'll venture out to explore the historic West Bank of Luxor. This is where the Egyptians buried their dead and remains to this day one of the largest collections of archaeological treasures in the world. From Tutankhamun to Ramses, the most powerful nobles and their families from Egyptian history are buried here. We'll join our Egyptologist guide to interpret the colorful hieroglyphics and hear the stories of grandeur and beauty that this site represents. (B,L,D)



Continue to the East Bank of Luxor to explore the Karnak and Luxor Temples. An extraordinary complex of sanctuaries, obelisks and temples, Karanak was an extremely important place of worship. The Temple of Amun-Ra dominates the complex and contains some of the most well preserved structures in Egypt.



The following day, we'll fly back to Cairo. We'll make a special visit to one of our local non-profit partners to see firsthand how they are working to help the youth in Cairo obtain education and opportunities. Settle in to our quaint boutique hotel in Cairo's leafy suburbs for a relaxing evening together. (B,L,D)

### DAY 8: Explore Cairo's Mosques & Markets. Savor a memorable Farewell Dinner together.



Today, we'll spend our final day exploring of Cairo's ancient markets, mosques and museums. Head to the Cairo's Citadel, a collection of Mosques, palaces and amazing views of the city. Built at the height of Islamic rule in the 1100's, take in the incredible intricacies of the Muhammad Ali Mosque while learning about this fascinating era of history in Egypt. We'll then head to the Khan el Khalili market to shop for souvenirs and explore one of the oldest markets in Africa and the Middle East. End the afternoon taking in the iconic Egyptian Museum to see some of the best preserved artifacts from Egyptian civilization.

In the evening, we'll have a delicious Farewell Dinner together in Cairo recounting our memories of the trip and savoring the delicious Egyptian cuisine. (B,L,D)

### DAY 9: Depart Back Home from Cairo

Enjoy a relaxing morning at our boutique hotel in the leafy suburbs of Cairo before heading to the airport for your flight back home. (B)



### Distinctive Accommodations

We've selected a diverse portfolio of some of Egypt's finest properties for your journey. Start your trip at the Nile Ritz Carlton in Cairo, an incredible property sitting on the banks of the Nile overlooking the ancient city of Cairo. Continue to Aswan where we'll stay at the 5-star Movenpick Elephantine Island, a property tucked into this beautiful island in the middle of the southern Nile.



Our Nile Cruise will encompass three nights on the high-end, 5-star Alexander the Great yacht. Unlike most tours that use large 100+ room ships, the boutique 30-room ship is a modern oasis of tranquility. Our guide will join us throughout the cruise telling the stories of the temples and tombs scattered along the way.

Finally, end your Egyptian journey at the elegant Villa Belle Epoque, a high-end, boutique hotel set back in one of Cairo's leafy suburbs. Home to many embassies and lined with lush greenery, this is the perfect place to end your stay.



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| DATE                     | ADULT   | CHILD   |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| September 10-18, 2024    | \$5,595 | \$5,295 |
| October 1-9, 2024        | \$5,595 | \$5,295 |
| November 19-27, 2024     | \$5,595 | \$5,295 |
| Dec 24, 2024-Jan 1, 2025 | \$6,095 | \$5,795 |
| February 11-19, 2025     | \$5,595 | \$5,295 |
| April 8-16, 2025         | \$5,595 | \$5,295 |
| September 9-17, 2025     | \$5,595 | \$5,295 |
| October 7-15, 2025       | \$5,595 | \$5,295 |
| November 18-26, 2025     | \$5,595 | \$5,295 |
| December 23-31, 2025     | \$6,095 | \$5,795 |

The above prices reflect the price of double occupancy. Single Room Supplements are \$1595 per person. This will guarantee you your own, single occupancy room for the entirety of the trip. If you are a solo traveler and would like us to match you with a roommate of the same gender, please book as double occupancy. See full details on the website page for the trip.

The price does not include a \$300 per person round-trip domestic flight supplement.

\*Please note there is a \$500 supplement for departures over the Holiday period.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Double-occupancy lodging for 8 nights at 5\* hotel lodging & a small group luxury Nile cruise.
- All meals throughout the trip
- Expert guide there to support, guide, and inform you throughout the trip
- Specialized Egyptologist Guides at the main historical sites
- Transportation in private air-conditioned vehicles
- Admissions and entrance fees to all scheduled activities throughout the trip
- Entry visa and assistance with obtaining this upon arrival to Cairo
- Discover Corps pre-departure information booklet
- \$50,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance
- Turnkey customer support from preparing for your trip to arrival back home

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International Airfare
- Round-trip domestic flight supplement coordinated by Discover Corps (\$300)
- Alcoholic beverages
- Tips for Discover Corps guides and drivers
- Laundry services, phone, and Internet services

## RESERVE YOUR TRIP TODAY

Trips are limited to 12 travelers and do fill. Reserving a trip with Discover Corps is easy. Simply visit our website and fill out the online registration form and pay a \$365 deposit and \$30 non-refundable booking fee per person. If you have any questions or would like to speak to a Travel Specialist, call/text us at (619) 758-3030 or e-mail us at info@discovercorps.com

## RETURNING ALUMNI?

We like to reward those who travel with us again and again. Enjoy a \$250 discount off our trip if you are a returning Discover Corps traveler.

## CUSTOM GROUPS?

Have a group of 6 or more? We can operate a trip for your group. Whether it's a family reunion, corporate group, alumni association or a professional or student organization, we'll make it easy and turnkey for your group to have an incredible experience.

## MONTHLY PAYMENT PLANS AVAILABLE

Discover Corps offers monthly payment plan options for all of our trips. Contact us anytime, before or after booking, to sign up for a monthly payment plan or with any questions:

Call/Text: 619-758-3030 Email: info@discovercorps.com

## THE FINE PRINT

Child prices apply to those 16 years younger sharing a room with an adult.

Although unlikely, prices, dates, and accommodations subject to change with a 60 day notice from Discover Corps.

(B, L, D): Breakfast, Lunch Dinner

**Dates don't work? Contact us about adding a new date for the trip.**



# Our Mission

The mission of Discover Corps is to inspire travelers to become advocates for our planet's natural wonders, cultural treasures, and local communities through immersive and sustainable travel experiences.

## OUR DESTINATIONS

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|--------------------|--------------|
| ALASKA             | JAPAN        |
| AUSTRALIA          | KENYA        |
| BELIZE             | MEXICO       |
| BHUTAN             | PERU         |
| COSTA RICA         | SOUTH AFRICA |
| CUBA               | TANZANIA     |
| DOMINICAN REPUBLIC | THAILAND     |
| EGYPT              | UGANDA       |
| GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS  |              |



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