

# JOURNEYS TO EGYPT



**BESTWAY**  
TOURS & SAFARIS

*Journeys sans frontières since 1978*

# About Bestway

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## ABOUT OUR COMPANY

We have been operating small group cultural journeys since 1978. Our headquarters are in Vancouver, BC, Canada and we have operated tours to over 100 countries. We provide unparalleled travel experiences that traverse political borders hence journeys sans frontières.

## OUR PHILOSOPHY

Planning your journey is more than just coordinating the logistics. In each tour we plan, we fulfill our passion to create connections between the intrepid traveller and the welcoming hosts at all our destinations. We make travel to remote locations accessible and on our journeys travelers will come to see the world in a whole new way. We are committed to providing you with superior quality travel at real value-per-dollar prices.

## ABOUT OUR TOURS

Majority of our tours operate on small group basis where the minimum tour size is two and the maximum is limited to between 7 and 16 persons. Once the minimum tour size is met, the tour will not be cancelled hence you are assured of a guaranteed operation. There are a small number of tours where the minimum and maximum tour size is different or tours which do not operate on small group basis. Each tour itinerary clearly identifies the tour size of that particular tour. All our tours include daily breakfast and many other meals as mentioned in the itinerary. Please always consult our website [www.bestway.com](http://www.bestway.com) for specific details of all the inclusions and exclusions.

## CUSTOMIZED & SPECIAL INTEREST TOURS

Perhaps you find one of our scheduled itineraries appealing, but the dates don't work for you, or we don't

offer a tour to a site you would like to see, perhaps you simply prefer to travel on your own customized itinerary or have a special interest tour activity that you would like to incorporate.

With over 30 years of experience in planning and operating tours worldwide we are well equipped to create tailor-made private tour itineraries that recognize your individuality and do not crowd your point of view. We also organise special interest tours and we can help you customize a special tour for you or your group. We have operated specialized World Heritage Tours, Natural Heritage Tours, Astronomical Tours, Faith-based Tours, Culinary Tours, Textiles, Arts & Craft Tours, special Railway Journeys and groups only for women.

## JOURNEYS SANS FRONTIÈRES TO UNIQUE DESTINATIONS

Our journeys have no borders. We cover destinations that are difficult to get to and represent a challenge in terms of accessibility. We have pioneered tours to Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Saudi Arabia, North Korea, Sudan, South Sudan, East Timor, Socotra Island and even Bouvet Island, the most remote island in the world.

## THE BESTWAY CLUB

Many of our friends, who have shared their journey experiences with us, have asked us to keep them informed about new programs we develop. In order to facilitate this, we started the Bestway Club. Membership is free and open to anyone. With your membership, not only will you receive regular notifications of our new programs, but you'll also be given access to special discounts on our many exciting journeys. You may cancel your membership at any time and your name will not be shared or sold to anybody.

# Egypt: A World Heritage Tour

*Discover the World Heritage Sites of Egypt*



*Entrance pylon of the Luxor Temple*



**DAY 1 CAIRO** Arrival. We are welcomed at the airport and transferred to our hotel.

**DAY 2 CAIRO** We explore the Sphinx and Great Pyramids of Giza and visit the Egyptian Museum. Optional camel rides in Giza.

**DAY 3 CAIRO** Full day excursion to visit Memphis\*, Saqqara\* and the Pyramids of Dahshur\*.

**DAY 4 CAIRO** We explore Historic Cairo\* including Khan al-Khalili Bazaar.

**DAY 5 CAIRO • ABU SIMBEL - NILE CRUISE • ASWAN** Short flights take us to visit the temples of Abu Simbel\* and Aswan, where we board our Nile cruise ship. We visit the High Dam, the Granite Quarries, the Temple of Philae\* and sail the Nile on a traditional felucca.

**DAY 6 NILE CRUISE: EDFU • ESNA** We sail to Kom Ombo to visit the Temple of Sobek and continue sailing until Edfu, where we visit the Horus Temple by horse carriage and then sail through to Esna.

## **DAY 7 NILE CRUISE: ESNA • LUXOR**

We sail to Luxor to explore the Necropolis of Ancient Thebes\* on the West Bank of the Nile with visits to the Colossi of Memnon, the Valley of Kings and the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. Optional Sound & Light show in Karnak.

## **DAY 8 LUXOR • SHARM EL-SHEIKH**

We visit the Karnak Temple Complex and the Temple of Luxor before our transfer to the airport for our flight to Sharm el-Sheikh.

## **DAY 9 SHARM EL-SHEIKH •**

**ST. CATHERINE** We have all day to relax at this world-class resort before our night journey to St. Catherine.

## **DAY 10 ST. CATHERINE • SHARM EL-SHEIKH**

We begin our Mount Sinai hike to catch the sunrise. After our descent we visit the Monastery of St. Catherine\* and return to Sharm el-Sheikh. Afternoon free.

## **DAY 11 SHARM EL-SHEIKH • CAIRO**

Flight to Cairo, followed by an exploration of Coptic Cairo and the Ben Ezra Synagogue.

## **DAY 12 CAIRO • BAHARIYA OASIS**

We travel to Bahariya Oasis to visit the Golden Mummies Museum and the surrounding temples and tombs, ending our day with a bath in the hot water springs.

## **DAY 13 BLACK DESERT • WHITE DESERT**

We explore the Black Desert, the White Desert and Crystal Mountain.

## **DAY 14 WADI AL-HITAN • FAIYUM OASIS**

We drive to Wadi El Rayyan and continue to the valley of Wadi Al-Hitan\*, one of the world's most important

paleontological sites. The journey day ends in Faiyum Oasis.

## **DAY 15 FAIYUM OASIS • ALEXANDRIA**

We visit the Karanis archaeological site and the Pyramid at Meidum, the Monastery of the Syrians in Wadi el Natrun, before our arrival in Alexandria. Evening free.

**DAY 16 ALEXANDRIA** We visit the Catacombs of Kom El Shokafa, Pompey's Pillar and the Roman Amphitheatre, Quaitbay Fortress, Montazah Park and the new Bibliotheca Alexandrina and the early Christian holy city of Abu Mena\* (Subject to permit). Evening free.

**DAY 17 CAIRO** After our incredible journey of marvelling at Egypt's cultural and natural heritage, we are transferred to the Cairo Airport.

*\* Denotes a UNESCO World Heritage Site*



Visit 7 UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Egypt

Explore deserts and the Nile.

Marvel at the wonders of Ancient Egypt.

Explore Egypt's early Christian Heritage.



# Cradle of the Nile

*A classic tour of Egypt*



*The Sphinx, Pyramid of Khafre and Great Pyramid of Khufu, Giza*



**DAY 1 CAIRO** Arrival. We are welcomed at the airport and transferred to our hotel.

**DAY 2 CAIRO • PYRAMIDS** We drive to the Necropolis of Giza\* and explore the Great Sphinx of Giza and the Great Pyramids, followed by an excursion to Memphis and its Necropolis\* and, the necropolis of Saqqara\*.

**DAY 3 CAIRO • LUXOR** Exploration of Coptic Cairo, including visits to the Hanging Church of the Virgin Mary and the Ben Ezra Synagogue. In the evening board your deluxe overnight train to Luxor.

**DAY 4 NILE CRUISE: LUXOR** Upon arrival, transfer to your Nile River cruise ship, your home for the next four nights. We start our exploration of Ancient Thebes\* with visits of the Karnak Temple Complex and the Temple of Luxor on the East Bank of the Nile.

## Optional Excursions:

- Dendera Temple Complex, including the Hathor Temple, the Temple of the birth of Isis and the Christian Basilica.
- Experience the Sound and Light show at Karnak Temple in the evening, as you wander around the illuminated monuments and towering obelisks.

## DAY 5 NILE CRUISE: LUXOR • ESNA

• **EDFU** We explore the Necropolis of Ancient Thebes\* on the West Bank of the Nile with visits to the Colossi of Memnon, the Valley of Kings and the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. We then sail to Esna, cross the lock then continue to Edfu.

## DAY 6 NILE CRUISE: EDFU • KOM OMBO • ASWAN

We visit the Temple of Horus in Edfu, followed by an afternoon river journey to visit the Temple of Kom Ombo and continue to sail to Aswan.

**DAY 7 NILE CRUISE: ASWAN** Upon arrival in Aswan we visit the High Dam, the Granite Quarries with the Unfinished Obelisk and the Temple of Philae\*. In the afternoon, we take a ride on a felucca around Elephantine Island and the Aga Khan Mausoleum.

## Abu Simbel Optional Excursion

This short trip is by air from Aswan and includes a guided tour of the Abu Simbel Temples\*. This excursion is taken immediately after arrival in Aswan. The Aswan excursions will proceed upon your return.

**DAY 8 ASWAN • CAIRO** After a short flight, we explore Historic Cairo\* visiting the Citadel with the Mohammed Ali Mosque, the Sultan Hassan & Al-Rifa'i Mosques, Beit El Suhaymi, the Old Gates of Cairo and Khan al-Khalili Bazaar.

**DAY 9 CAIRO** After our incredible journey of marvelling at Egypt's cultural and natural heritage, we are transferred to the airport.

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## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Enjoy the treasures of the Nile from the comforts of your cruise ship.

Visit 4 UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Explore Historic Cairo

# Cruising Lake Nasser & the Nile

*Combining two cruises through ancient lands*



*Felucca on the Nile River, Aswan*



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**DAY 2 CAIRO** We drive to the Necropolis of Giza\* and explore the Great Sphinx of Giza and the Great Pyramids. Afternoon free.

**DAY 3 CAIRO** Half day tour to visit the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities housing the collection of King Tutankhamun. Free afternoon.

**DAY 4 CAIRO • ABU SIMBEL** Flight to Abu Simbel. We are transferred to our cruise ship on Lake Nasser, our accommodation for the next 4 nights. In the afternoon, we explore the temples of Abu Simbel\*.

**DAY 5 LAKE NASSER CRUISE** On our cruise we visit the fortress of Qasr Ibrim and the Temple of Amada, considered to be the oldest Egyptian temple in Nubia.

**DAY 6 LAKE NASSER CRUISE** Cruising along Lake Nasser we visit the temples of Wadi es-Sebua and Dikka.

## **DAY 7 LAKE NASSER CRUISE • ASWAN**

We visit the Kalabsha Temple, the rock cut temple of Beit El Wali, the Philae Temple Complex \* and see the Aswan High Dam. In the afternoon we visit a Nubian Village and the Botanical Garden by felucca.

**DAY 8 ASWAN • NILE CRUISE** We visit the Nubian Museum before we are transferred to the Nile Cruise ship, our home for the next 4 nights. In the afternoon we sail by felucca around Elephantine Island & Agha Khan Mausoleum.

**DAY 9 NILE CRUISE: ASWAN • KOM OMBO • EDFU** Morning free before sailing to Kom Ombo along the River Nile.

**DAY 10 NILE CRUISE: EDFU • ESNA** We visit the Horus Temple in Edfu by horse carriage and then sail through the Esna Locks on the Nile River to Luxor.

**DAY 11 NILE CRUISE: LUXOR** We explore Ancient Thebes and its Necropolis \*, including visits to the Valley of the Kings, the funerary temple of Queen Hatshepsut, the Colossi of Memnon, the Karnak Temple and the Temple of Luxor.

**DAY 12 LUXOR • CAIRO** We visit the Luxor Museum and the Mummification Museum, before boarding our overnight sleeper train to Cairo.

**DAY 13 CAIRO • ALEXANDRIA** After our arrival in Cairo we drive via the fascinating Desert Road to Alexandria and visit the Catacombs of Kom El Shokafa, Pompey's Pillar and the Roman Amphitheatre. Evening free.

## **DAY 14 ALEXANDRIA • CAIRO**

We continue our exploration of Alexandria, visiting Quaitbay Fortress, Montazah Park and the new Bibliotheca Alexandrina. In the afternoon we return to Cairo.

**DAY 15 CAIRO** After our incredible journey of marvelling at Egypt's cultural and natural heritage, we are transferred to the airport.

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## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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Take two separate Cruises  
on Lake Nasser and the River Nile

Marvel at the artistic jewels  
of Ancient Egypt.

Visit the beautiful city of Alexandria.



# Bahariya Oasis Program

*An exciting desert adventure*



*Camels in the Oasis*



**DAY 1 CAIRO** Arrival. We are welcomed at the airport and transferred to our hotel.

**DAY 2 CAIRO** We drive to the Necropolis of Giza\* and explore the Great Sphinx of Giza and the Great Pyramids. In the afternoon we visit the Egyptian Museum. Optional camel rides in Giza.

**DAY 3 CAIRO • BAHARIYA OASIS**  
We travel to Bahariya Oasis, known historically as the Northern Oasis. In the afternoon we tour the Oasis, English Mountain and the museum that houses the recently excavated Golden Mummies, the funerary temple of Baouiti, the tombs of Bannenteoui & Zed Amoun, the Temple of Alexander the Great and the Temple of Bess. We conclude the day with a bath in the hot water springs.

**DAY 4 BAHARIYA OASIS • BLACK DESERT • WHITE DESERT** We travel by 4 wheel drive to explore the Black Desert, region of volcano-shaped mountains with large quantities of small black stones, followed by the contrasting White Desert with its

unusual rock formations set against the pale yellow sand and Crystal Mountain, with its glittering calcite crystal walls. We spend the night in a tented camp gazing at the stars.

**DAY 5 WHITE DESERT • CAIRO**  
We return from the White Desert to Cairo. Afternoon at leisure.

**DAY 6 CAIRO • LUXOR** We take a short flight to Luxor to explore Ancient Thebes with its Necropolis\*, including visits to the Valley of the Kings, the funerary temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir El Bahari, the Colossi of Memnon, the Karnak Temple Complex and the Temple of Luxor.

**DAY 7 LUXOR • DENDERA** We travel by boat north towards Quena, to explore the Hathor Temple, the Temple of the birth of Isis and the Christian Basilica in Dendera and sail back to Luxor.

**DAY 8 LUXOR • ASWAN** We drive from Luxor to Aswan, including visits of the Horus Temple in Edfu and the Kom Ombo Temple. In the afternoon we visit a Nubian Village and the Botanical Gardens by felucca.

**DAY 9 ASWAN** We visit the High Dam, the Granite Quarries with the Unfinished Obelisk, the Temple of Philae\* and the Nubian Museum.

**DAY 10 ASWAN • CAIRO** Free morning at leisure, followed by an afternoon flight to Cairo.

**Abu Simbel Optional Excursion**  
This short trip is by air from Aswan and includes a guided tour of the Abu Simbel

Temples\*. This excursion will end with your flight landing in Cairo.

**DAY 11 CAIRO** After our incredible journey of marvelling at Egypt's cultural and natural heritage, we are transferred to the airport.

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## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Discover a little known part of Egypt

Explore amazing deserts and gaze at the stars.

Marvel at the artistic jewels of Ancient Egypt..

# Egypt & Beyond

*Tours to Egypt can be combined with other countries to enhance your journey*

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*Temple of Hathor, Dendera*

## **NORTH AFRICAN OVERLAND JOURNEY**

*A cultural and archaeological tour of  
Egypt, Libya & Tunisia*

This journey takes us through the most archaeologically and culturally rich areas in North Africa. We travel from Cairo to Alexandria, the historical Oasis of Siwa and Mersa Matruh in Egypt. We also visit the renowned Second World War cemeteries of El Alamein and Tobruk. In Libya we have an in-depth exploration of the archaeological sites of Cyrene, Apollonia, Ptolemais, Leptis Magna and Sabratha, as well as the beautiful cities of Benghazi and Tripoli. We explore the Saharan oasis of Ghadames and Kabaw for the opportunity to meet with Berber and Tuareg people. In Tunisia we explore Djerba and Tunis. On this journey we will visit 4 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

## **THE HOLY LAND**

*A journey through Antiquity in Egypt,  
Jordan & Israel*

Travel through the lands of Antiquity and the Bible, as we explore Cairo and the Great Pyramids, before boarding our luxury Nile cruise ship to discover archaeological wonders as we travel from Aswan to Luxor. We then travel to Sharm el-Sheikh and the holy site of St. Catherine and Mount Sinai. We then travel to Jordan, visiting Aqaba by the beautiful Red Sea; the amazing landscapes of Wadi Rum; Petra, one of

the world's most famous archaeological sites; the Dead Sea; Madaba and Mount Nebo; the Greco-Roman ruins of Jerash and Amman. In Israel we have an in-depth exploration the holy city of Jerusalem and Bethlehem. On this journey we will visit 8 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.



## **THE BEST OF TURKEY & EGYPT**

*In the footsteps of Antiquity  
and the Ottoman Empire*

Turkey and Egypt have both played pivotal roles in human history and in this uniquely designed program, we have attempted to cover the most well-known historical and cultural sites of both. We start in Turkey visiting the Historic Areas of Istanbul; Ankara; exploring the unreal landscapes of Göreme National Park and the Rock Sites of Cappadocia; visiting the Whirling Dervishes in Konya and marvelling at the Roman Theater of Aspendos, the

Greco-Roman city of Perge, the ancient Roman city at Hierapolis and exploring the unique landscape with petrified waterfalls in Pamukkale, before heading to Izmir for heading to the lands of Antiquity in Egypt, where we explore Cairo and the Great Pyramids; and discover the archaeological wonders of the Nile as we travel from Aswan to Luxor on board our luxury cruise ship. On this journey we will visit 7 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

## **ANCIENT EGYPT WITH AN AFRICAN SAFARI**

*Combine Classic Egypt with Kenya,  
Tanzania & Southern Africa*

Travel through the lands of Antiquity, as we explore Cairo and the Great Pyramids, before boarding our luxury Nile cruise ship to discover archaeological wonders as we travel from Luxor to Aswan. Then it's off to see wildlife in its native environment on game safaris and visit African villages. We offer a variety of combinations: Explore Majestic Mount Kilimanjaro, Lake Manyara, Serengeti National Park and the Ngorongoro Crater in Tanzania; Lake Nakuru, the Great Rift Valley, Masai Mara and Amboseli Reserves in Kenya; Victoria Falls, Hwange National Park and the Ruins of Great Zimbabwe, in Zimbabwe; the Okavango Delta and Kalahari Desert in Botswana; or South Africa, Namibia and Swaziland.





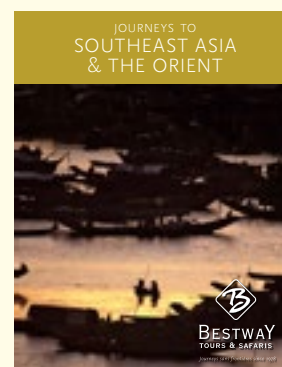
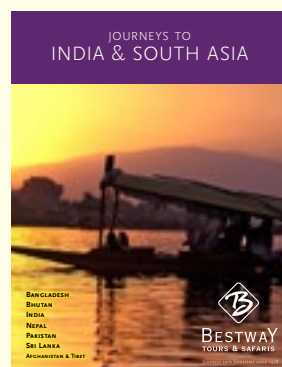
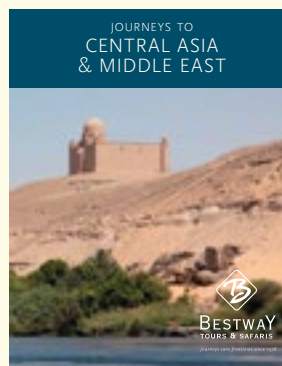
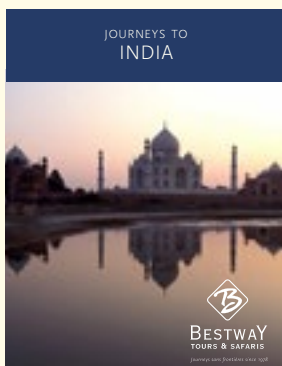
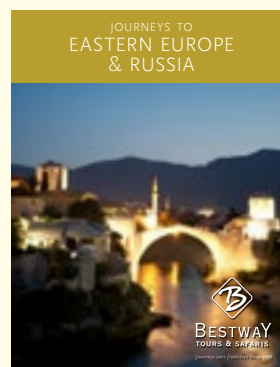
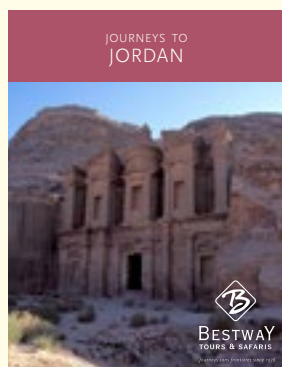
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