

# **Classical EGYPT and Hurghada**

# 01 – SAT. Cairo

Welcome to your tour with Andean Escape. We'll transfer you to the hotel and you'll have some free time. In the after- noon, you'll find information about the start of your tour on the boards located at the hotel reception.

# 02 SUN. Cairo

Full day visit where we explore the famous Pyramids of Cheops, Kefren and Micerinos (tickets to go inside the pyramids are not included), and also the impressive Sphinx, which is sculpted from rock. Visit to the Egyptian Museum with its ancient art and where the treasure of the Lost Tomb of Tutankhamen is kept. Lunch included. Citadel of Saladin and the Alabaster Mosque. We will take a walk through the Coptic neighborhood where we visit the Hanging Church built above a Roman fortress.

# 03

MON. Cairo Aswan Transfer to the airport early in the morning to depart by regular **flight** (included) to **ASWAN**. Arrival and transfer to the ship, embarkation procedures and accommodation. In Aswan you will visit the Red Granite where the Quarry, where the famous Unfinished Obelisk is located. We famous will observe the ingenious procedure used by the ancient Egyptians for the extraction of granite blocks. We will also visit the **High Aswan Dam**, a huge engineering work that retains the waters of the Nile. We will visit the beautiful Temple of Philae dedicated to the goddess Isis and located on a small island that can only be accessed by boat. Finally, we will enjoy a felucca ride on the river, typical fishing boats. Full board. Accommodation on board.

#### 04

board.

TUE. Aswan - Kom Ombo - Edfu .-Navigation to KOM OMBO. In the morning we will visit the Temple of Kom Ombo, a unique temple dedicated to two Gods, Sobek and Haroesis, where there is a Nilometer (ancient Nile River measurement system) River level and а mummified crocodile. Departure to EDFU. Arrival and transfer by carriage to visit the Temple of Edfu, dedicated to the God Horus (represented by a Falcon), it was in the past partially covered by silt during the periodic floods of the Nile. Once the rescue and restoration work finished, we found one of the most beautiful temples of the Ptolemaic era in an exceptional state of conservation. Full board on board.

### **05** WED. Edfu - Esna - Luxor .-Full Board on board. Navigation to Luxor crossing the Esna lock. Arrival in LUXOR and free afternoon. Night on board. Once the rescue and restoration work finished, we found one of the most beautiful temples of the Ptolemaic era in an exceptional

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Dates	
Saturday all year	
Apr.25:	12, 26
May.25:	10, 24
Jun.25:	07, 21
Jul.25:	05,19
Aug.25:	02, 16, 30
Sep.25:	13, 27
Oct.25:	11, 25
Nov.25:	08, 22
Dec.25:	06, 20
Jan.26:	03, 17, 31
Feb.26:	14, 28
Mar.26:	14, 28



THU. Luxor During our stay in Luxor we will get to know one of the most impressive ancient cities on the planet. Early in the morning, from our hotel we will take a private boat to cross the Nile River, with its peace and impressive views early in the morning, we go to the west bank. We visited the "Valley of the Artisans" Deir el-Medina, a little-visited place, here they lived and are the tombs of great builders and craftsmen who built and decorated the royal tombs of ancient Egypt. We will visit three tombs, their paintings show scenes of daily life at that time. After that, we visit the fantastic temple of Medinet Habu, the temple of Ramses II, large and magnificently preserved, its scenes of wars will surprise us. We stopped in front of the Colossi of the Memon, two impressive statues of Amenhotep II. We will visit the VALLEY OF THE QUEENS where the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut (Deir el Bahari) is located, considered the first woman to occupy the position of pharaoh. We also visit the famous VALLEY OF THE KINGS where the tombs of the main pharaohs are hidden. Among these tombs, composed of several rooms and corridors leading to the corresponding burial chambers (we include, in addition to the general admission, a ride in an electric cart to access the enclosure and tomb of Ramses -which requires additional entry-). Return to the east bank of Luxor. Free time for lunch.

**07 FRI. Luxor - Dendera - Hurghada .-**Free time in the morning stroll, shop or sightseeing in Luxor.

Will leave for DENDERA, one of the best preserved Egyptian complexes thanks to the fact that it remained buried by sand and mud until it was discovered in the midnineteenth century. Impressive enclosure of 40,000 square meters surrounded by a burly brick wall eight to ten meters high. We are surprised by its walls and its immense doors. Temple dedicated to Hathor, goddess of love and fertility. After the visit lunch included and continuation to the Red Sea. Our highway crosses desert mountain ranges, interesting landscapes.

HURGHADA, arrival in the late afternoon. We are located in the most popular of Egypt's resorts, its hotels stretch over a strip of almost 50 kilometers. Hotel accommodation on an all-inclusive basis.

-08 SAT. Hurghada .-Full day in Hurghada. Free time during the morning to relax in the hotel facilities or go on your own to visit the large aquarium or the museum of Hurghada. After lunch (included), an excursion to get to know the area a little more. We will go to EL GOUNA, a short distance from Hurghada, we are in the most luxurious holiday town in Egypt. Numerous canals and lagoons were opened to access most of the residences by yacht, free time to walk around this exclusive place After the center of Hurghada, we will stop next to its mosque (we will get to visit it) and walking we will go to the marina, a very touristic and lively area, with shops and restaurants. After free time, return to our hotel. Stay on an all-inclusive basis. - MON.Pamukkale - Ephesus - Kusadasi We'll make our way to Ephesus, the best-preser- ved ancient city in Asia Minor, which was home to a quarter million people 2,000 years ago. We'll explore the House of the Virgin Mary, the Basilica of St. John, and the impressive Ephesus ancient city ruins (admission included). Next, we'll head to Kusadasi, a bustling coastal town known for its lively atmosphere, thriving shops, and small castle. Dinner will be included. Note: During high season, from May through Oc- tober, accommodations will be provided in Aydin instead of Kusadasi. In

this case, after exploring Ephesus, we'll make a stop in Kusadasi (4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.), where we'll include a panoramic tour of the city before continuing on to Aydin.

09 SUN. Hurghada - St. Anthony and St. Paul Galala -- AI Monasteries Cairo Following the Red Sea, we travel the impressive Coptic monastery of Anthony is the oldest monastery St. in Christendom, dating back to the fourth century, when monks began to settle in caves and hidden cliffs, at the foot of the Red Sea Mountain. St.Anthony monastery is considered the holiest places of the We visit the **MONASTERY OF ST ANTHONY**, also walled with its many buildings and adobe houses atmosphere seems stopped in time, the church of St Anthony, built on the tomb of the Saint houses magnificent Coptic murals of the thirteenth century. Lunch included service area.

After these emotional places we travel to **EL GALALA**, we will be surprised with the new cities that Egypt is building in the desert. We will go first to the luxury resort located next to the Red Sea, with its marina and water park; from here we include the **cable car climb** (the highest slope in Africa) to El Galala, a new city (its construction began in 2015), magnificently designed, houses a large university.

10 MON. Cairo --After breakfast, transfer to the airport and end of our services.



Andean Escape General Services: Travel by bus with English speaking guide,

basic travel insurance and breakfast buffet. Includes arrival transfer Includes departure transfer

# **Excursion**: Valley of the Kings, Colossi of

Memnon in Luxor. Boat: Typical sailing boats felucca and show typical dance beduina, Boat Philae

## Temple in Aswan. **City tour in** : Cairo.

Transfer: Red Granite Quarry and Unfinished Obelisk in Aswan, El Gouna in Hurohada.

Ticket admission: Pyramids of Cheops, Kefren and Micerinos, Egyptian Museum, Citadel of Saladin and the Alabaster Mosque in Cairo, Red Granite Quarry and Unfinished Obelisk, Philae Temple, Aswan Dam in Aswan, Temple of Kom Ombo in Kom Ombo, Temple of Horus in Edfu, Necropolis of Thebas, Valley of the Kings, Colossi of Memnon, Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, Medinet Habu, Dendera Temple Complex, Monastery of St Anthony. Funicular: Cable car climb in Al Galala. Flights included: Cairo-Aswan.

**12 Lunch or Dinner Included in**: Cairo, Aswan, Aswan, Aswan, Edfu, Esna, Luxor, Dendera, Hurghada, Hurghada, Hurghada, St. Anthony and St. Paul Monasteries.