



EGYPT ENCOMPASSED

A Comprehensive Journey through the Land of the Pharaohs

13 DAYS - STARTING CAIRO 8th FEBRUARY 2021





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Itinerary Outline

Egypt has held the imagination of travellers for millennia with its ancient civilization and stunning monuments. The great Nile River is the artery that brings life to the desert and has enabled the Egyptian civilisation to flourish. This special Byroads tour of Egypt brings to life the temples and monuments of the ancient Egyptian dynasties. It also explores the modern spectacles of the Suez Canal and the Aswan High Dam and pays respect to the lives lost in WWII at the El Alamein War Cemetery.

Our tour starts in Cairo with a visit to the Great Pyramids of Giza and the enigmatic Sphinx that has watched over the plateau for millennia. The Cairo Museum showcases the treasures of ancient Egypt and no trip is complete without a visit to the winding alleys of the Khan al-Khalili Bazaar and Islamic Cairo including the Ibn Tulun Mosque.

The overnight sleeper train brings us to Luxor where we explore the Karnak Temple and several amazing tombs in the Valley of the Kings including Tutankhamun's tomb. We then set sail on our luxury cruise boat to Aswan stopping to visit the great temples at Edfu and Komombo before arriving in Aswan. Here we visit the Philae Temple, the Aswan High Dam and enjoy a Felucca sail. We also fly to Abu Simbel to see the great Nubian Temples and back in Aswan we enjoy a stay in a boutique hotel in a nearby Nubian village on the banks of the Nile River.

Flying back to Cairo we travel by road to Ismailia to watch in amazement as ships appear to traverse the desert as they sail the Suez Canal. We then continue to the Mediterranean city of Alexandria with its stunning Library, ancient catacombs and old fort. Before returning to Cairo we visit the WW II cemetery at El Alamein and discover the rich farm lands of the Nile Delta.

Tour Highlights

- Giza Pyramids
- Cairo Museum
- Khan el Khalili Bazar
- Overnight Sleeper Train
- Valley of the Kings
- 4 Night Nile Cruise Boat
- Komombo Temple
- Philae Temple & Felucca Sail
- Nubian Village Stay
- El Alamein WW2 Battlefields
- Rosetta Museum
- Saqqara Stepped Pyramid
- Islamic Cairo & Ibn Toulon
- Geyer Anderson Museum
- Karnak & Luxor Temple
- Tutankhamun's Tomb
- Temple of Horus at Edfu
- Aswan High Dam
- Abu Simbel
- Ismailia & the Suez Canal
- Alexandria
- The Nile Delta

Tour Host – Steve Mortimer

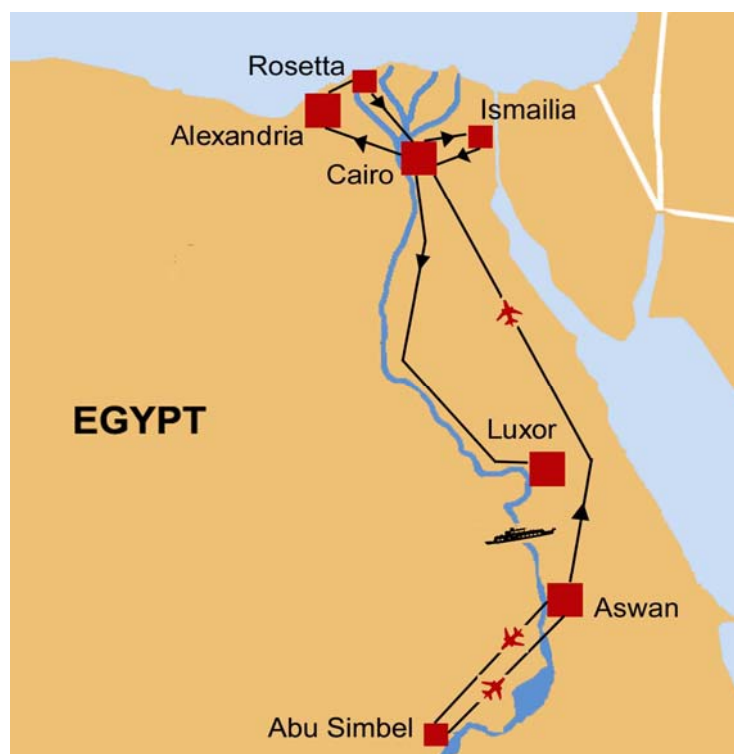


Steve Mortimer heads up Byroads Travel and will be your host on this tour. Steve has nearly 30 years in the travel industry and has travelled to well over 100 countries. He started work in the industry as an expedition leader, taking travellers overland across Africa, Asia and South America. He has also worked with a number of well-known Australian

adventure travel companies.

Steve likes nothing better than getting out and about with like-minded travellers, sharing his knowledge and introducing his guests to some of the world's most interesting places. On this trip we include a visit to see the Suez Canal, a trip through the Nile Delta and we pay our respects at the Commonwealth War Cemetery at El Alamein.

With our itinerary you can be confident you'll visit all the 'must see' attractions – and much more, however there are some days when you'll have time to wander and make some of your own discoveries. Throughout the tour local guides are employed to provide a wealth of background information and share their extensive local knowledge.



2021 ITINERARY STARTS IN CAIRO

MON 8 FEB: CAIRO – Upon arrival at Cairo Airport you are met and transferred to your hotel. Today is simply an arrival day and we will plan to meet up in the evening.

TUE 9 FEB: CAIRO & GIZA – Today we explore the Giza Pyramid complex with a guided tour around the pyramids and the Sphinx. Later we travel to Saqqara to see the famous stepped pyramid before returning to our hotel. (B)

WED 10 FEB: CAIRO – Following breakfast we visit the Grand Egyptian Museum which is the world's largest archaeology museum filled with treasures uncovered after decades of archaeological discovery. Later we visit the maze like Khan El Khalil Bazaar where everything is for sale at a haggler's price. We visit Islamic sites such as the Ibn Toulon Masjid and Gayer Anderson Art Museum. In the afternoon we return to our hotel where there is time to freshen up before we are transferred to the railway station for the overnight sleeper train to Luxor. (B, D)

THU 11 FEB: LUXOR & KARNAK – After an early breakfast on board, the train rolls into the Nile port city of Luxor. Explore Karnak, one of the world's most celebrated temple complexes, with our informative guide. In the afternoon we will be transferred to our Nile cruise boat, which will be our home for the next four nights. (B, L, D)

FRI 12 FEB: LUXOR, VALLEY OF THE KINGS & CRUISE – Rise early this morning and head into the Valley of the Kings. We visit three of the ancient royal tombs and the Tutankhamun's tomb. Take time to have the Hatshepsut Temple and Colossi of Memnon explained by our guide. In the afternoon we begin our journey along the Nile taking in the sights of the fertile Nile etched against the desert sands. We pass through Esna Lock and dine on the boat as we cruise southward. (B, L, D)

SAT 13 FEB: NILE RIVER, EDFU & KOMOMBO TEMPLES – Continuing our southward cruise along the Nile we stop at the great temple complexes at Edfu & Komombo. Time on board to relax, enjoy a drink and to take a dip in the swimming pool. (B, L, D)

SUN 14 FEB: ASWAN – In the morning our cruise arrives in Aswan and we visit the stunning Philae Temple that is dedicated to the goddess Isis, located on an island in the lower Aswan Dam. We view the engineering marvel that is the Aswan High Dam and enjoy a relaxing sail on a traditional felucca boat to experience the traditional way of travelling along the Nile. (B, L, D)

MON 15 FEB: ABU SIMBEL & ASWAN – Today we take a short flight to reach iconic Abu Simbel. The four colossal statues of Ramses guarding the Great Temple are one of Egypt's most memorable sights. We return to Aswan and this evening we stay in a boutique hotel in a nearby Nubian village and enjoy the warm hospitality (and cuisine) of these locals. You will also be treated to some Nubian dancing and may even have the chance to try some moves yourself. (B, D)

TUE 16 FEB: CAIRO – ISMAILIA – SUEZ CANAL – A morning flight brings us to Cairo and we then travel to nearby Ismailia to view another engineering masterpiece that is the Suez Canal. The Canal is an economic life line for Egypt and is one of the most important waterways in the world as ships cross the desert from the Mediterranean to the Red Sea. Later we return to our hotel in Cairo. (B)

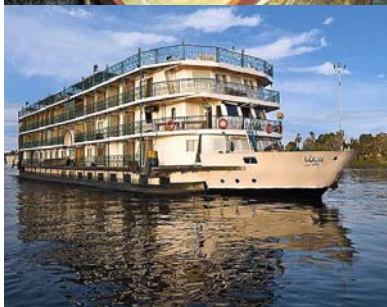
WED 17 FEB: EL ALAMEIN & ALEXANDRIA – Today we take the desert road to Alexandria but not before paying a visit to the sombre Commonwealth War Graves at El Alamein. Here we pay respect to the thousands of lives lost in the World War II battles in the Western Desert campaigns. (B)

THU 18 FEB: ALEXANDRIA – Alexandria was home to the famous Alexandria Library and today we visit the remarkable modern Bibliotheca Alexandrina. We take the time to explore the Catacomb of Kom El Shuqqafa and the Al Montazah Palace and Gardens. Taking in the panoramic view from the Qait Bay Fortress completes our exploration of Alexandria. (B)

FRI 19 FEB: ROSETTA, NILE DELTA, CAIRO – On our journey back to Cairo we travel through the farming communities of the Nile Delta to understand how the thin artery of life that is the Nile explodes into broad fertile plains – the bread basket of Egypt. We visit Rosetta City to see the Abou Mandour Mosque and other sites in this historically important delta city. We spend our final night in Cairo. (B)

SAT 20 FEB: CAIRO – Our tour ends today after breakfast. Taxis are available to the airport or Byroads can organise a transfer for you on request.

***** This trip combines perfectly with our 8 Day tour of Jordan. See the Byroads website for details of our 20 Days 'Jordan and Egypt' tour commencing in Amman.**



Prices & Inclusions

13 Day Egypt Encompassed Tour

Provision Price in USD: USD 3375 (per person twin-share)

Provision Single Supplement: USD 1045

Price includes: Steve Mortimer as Tour Escort, local tour leader, local guides, arrival transfer, Nile Cruise, domestic flights, overnight sleeper, 12 nights accommodation, entrance fees to indicated sites, meals as indicated.

Not Included: Visa, travel insurance (compulsory), departure transfer, international flights, additional meals, drinks, tips, optional tours, spending of a personal nature and laundry.

Transportation: Our transport is by plane, cruise boat, air-conditioned minibuses and overnight sleeper train.

Accommodation: Our accommodation has been carefully selected and it's one of the many highlight of our tour. In Cairo our 4-star hotel is located close to the Great Pyramids while our deluxe cruise boat offers fantastic Nile river views from every cabin. The boats restaurant serves both Egyptian and international cuisine and there is a lounge bar with dance floor and music. The sundeck offers a pool as well as sun loungers and a shaded area. In Aswan we have chosen a small Nubian style hotel and in Alexandria we have chosen a colonial style hotel located on the Mediterranean corniche.



Stay right by the Pyramids in Cairo



Traditional Nubian style in Aswan



Luxury on the Nile



Double Cabin with Nile Views



Sumptuous Meals On-Board



Comfort by the Mediterranean

Food and Drink: Breakfast is included every day and all meals are included while on cruise. Elsewhere, we enjoy the great variety of local food on offer. Soft drinks are widely available and alcohol can sometimes be hard to find.

Group size: Maximum 16

Additional Expenses: Food is not expensive in Egypt. Allow around US\$10-\$15 for a light lunch and around US\$20 for dinner. In addition you should budget for any personal shopping you may wish to do. Please also allow extra funds to tip your local tour leader, driver, local guides and porters (full details will be provided in the pre-trip Field Guide).

Bookings: Travel on Q (Sydney) is the sole booking agent for this tour. Please register your interest ASAP in order to secure your place and note there are a limited number of single rooms available. A non-refundable deposit of AUD 750 per person is required, to secure your place, with final payment due 60 days prior to tour commencement.

Travel on Q (Carole Grassby and Tina Briggs)

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Currency: Due to the volatility of global currencies the tour price has been quoted in U.S. Dollars however you will pay for your tour in Australian dollars based on the buying rate set by Westpac Banking Corporation on the due date of your final balance.

Flights & Transfers: Emirates, Qatar and Etihad Airlines fly via the Gulf to Cairo. There are regular flights and you can enjoy a stopover on route, if you wish. An arrival transfer is included; however the departure transfer is not and can be arranged on request. Travel on Q will be able to assist you with your flights and advise you on your best options.

Visas: Visas are required for most nationalities including Australians and New Zealanders. These can currently be obtained upon arrival at Cairo Airport or on-line prior to departure.

Extra nights in Cairo: Extra nights can be booked pre and post tour but you must advise Travel on Q well in advance to ensure availability.

Documentation: Upon receipt of your final payment, a comprehensive field guide will be mailed to you and you will be sent the relevant tour and accommodation voucher prior to departure.

What next? Contact Travel on Q to discuss your travel plans and to make your booking. Further information is also available at www.byroads.com.au.

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BOOKING FORM

Byroads Travel is the operator of your tour. Byroads Travel (henceforth referred to as Byroads) is a registered trading name of Byroads Pty Ltd (ABN 88 615 738 746). It is a travel agent with Travel on Q (Bonard Pty Ltd, ABN 40 059 566 184) acts as the sole booking agent for Byroads.

RESERVATION AND DEPOSIT

A deposit is payable on all tours. The amount payable is stated in the Byroads brochure. This deposit must be paid to Travel on Q and accompanied by a signed booking form. When paying a deposit for your tour and signing the Booking Form you accept these conditions.

Your Byroads tour will only be confirmed once the deposit and signed booking form have been received. This Booking Form forms the basis of your contract between you and Byroads. Travel on Q is an agent of Byroads.

PAYMENT

Payments may be made to Travel on Q by direct deposit or by credit card. If paying by credit card the following surcharges will be applied to the cost of your tour arrangements: 1.65% for Visa and MasterCard, 2.26% for American Express, and 3.85 % for Diners Club.

FINAL BALANCE

The balance of your tour payment is due 60 days prior to the start of your tour. If, for any reason, the balance payment is not received by the due date, Byroads reserves the right to treat such failure to pay the balance as a cancellation and to apply the appropriate cancellation charges.

CANCELLATION BY YOU

If, for any reason, you cancel your tour booking, Byroads shall apply the following cancellation penalties. Charges are per person:

- *Cancellation up to 60 days prior to departure, forfeiture of the total deposit
- *from 59 to 45 days prior to departure, 30% of the tour price shall be retained
- * from 44 to 15 days prior to departure, 50% of the tour price shall be retained
- *within 14 days prior to departure, no refund will be made.

In addition to the above charges, cancellation fees may also apply to any domestic airfare component of your tour. No refund will be made after your tour has commenced or in respect of lost or unused tickets, hotel coupons, meals or any other services not utilised.

AMENDMENTS

Up to 60 days prior to the departure of your tour, any amendment to a confirmed reservation will incur a fee of \$50 per change per file, in addition to any change fees levied by Travel on Q, airlines, or any other service provider. From 59 to 30 days prior to departure, any amendment to confirmed travel arrangements will incur a fee, of \$100 per change per file. Once documents have been dispatched,

any amendment will incur a fee of \$150 per change per file.

TOUR PRICES

Byroads tour prices and provisional tour prices are based on tariffs and prevailing rates of exchange when tours were costed. Prices are subject to change without prior notice. In the event of fluctuations in currency exchange rates, service providers' tariffs, fuel prices or any other cost that affects the price of your tour, Byroads reserves the right to adjust tour prices at any time up to the day of departure.

TOUR OPERATION

Although Byroads will endeavour to ensure that tours are operated as advertised, an express condition of making a reservation is the acceptance by you that the tour itineraries, schedules, advertised accommodation, sightseeing and mode of transportation as outlined in the Byroads brochure and/or supplied in the pre-departure information are subject to change without prior notice. If for any reason Byroads is forced to cancel a tour before it commences, all monies paid in respect of the tour will be refunded in full less any credit card fees collected.

Unforeseeable circumstances such as force majeure, adverse weather conditions such as floods or earthquakes, airline flight rescheduling, technical faults with transportation and road conditions may also have a consequential effect on the content of your tour after it has commenced. Any decision made in respect of tour services provided by Byroads to reroute or amend the itinerary due to the above or similar circumstances shall be at the sole discretion of Byroads. Byroads and Travel on Q shall not be liable for any claim whatsoever arising from such events that affect the schedule and content of your tour

HEALTH AND FITNESS

Byroads operates soft adventure tours. All participants are required to be fit and healthy. Some of the hotels used by Byroads may not have lifts or porters so you must be prepared at times to carry your own suitcase. Before travelling with Byroads, it is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with any health requirements applicable to areas through which you will be travelling.

ACCEPTANCE OF RISK

You acknowledge that the nature of the trip is adventurous and participation involves a degree of personal risk. You will be visiting places where the political, cultural and geographical attributes present dangers and physical challenges greater than those present in our daily lives. We use information from government foreign departments and reports from our own contacts in assessing whether the itinerary should operate. However it is also your own responsibility to acquaint yourself with all relevant travel information and the nature of your itinerary. You acknowledge that your decision to travel is made in light of consideration of this information and you accept that you are aware of the personal risks attendant upon such travel.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Australian passport holders must have at least 6 months validity on their passport after the date of return to Australia. Visas are

required for a number of our tours and it is your responsibility to obtain them. Travel on Q can assist with this process. Non Australian passport holders are asked to check passport and visa requirements at the time of booking.

ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR COST

The cost of your Byroads tour includes hotel accommodation, transportation, transfers as specified, sightseeing and meals as indicated in the tour brochure. It does not include international airfares, airport departure taxes, unspecified meals, optional sightseeing, additional transfers, gratuities for hotel staff, guides and tour leaders, items of a personal nature such as laundry, phone calls etc. or any other incidental expenses.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is an express condition of travelling with Byroads that you have comprehensive travel insurance including full cover for repatriation. It is highly recommended that you take out travel insurance at the time you pay the deposit to guard against any unforeseen circumstances. If on the first day of your tour you cannot provide evidence that you have purchased comprehensive travel insurance you will be required to purchase a policy before proceeding with your tour.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

We contract with a network of companies, government agencies and individuals to assist in the running of our trips as agent for these third parties. We are not responsible for the acts and omissions of these third parties. To the fullest extent permitted by law:

(i) any liability for any loss, death, injury or damage which you may suffer (directly or indirectly) in connection with or arising out of your participation in a trip, or any breach of the Booking Conditions, is excluded;

(ii) Travel on Q acts only as agent for Byroads and accepts no responsibility for the acts and omissions of Byroads or any of its associated service providers for any inaccuracies in information provided, negligence, loss, damage, omission, accident, detention, diversion or theft in regard to luggage or any personal belongings whatsoever.

(iii) you release Byroads and its officers, employees, agents and representatives from any liability and expressly waive any claims you may have against us arising out of or in connection with your participation in a trip; and.

(iv) any condition or warranty which would otherwise be implied by law into these Booking Conditions (Implied Warranty), is excluded

To the extent an Implied Warranty cannot be excluded, our liability in respect of the Implied Warranty is limited to (in our absolute discretion): (a) the provision of a similar trip to an equivalent value; or (b) a refund of the total amount received by us from you in connection with your booking.

Any claim by you is excluded to the extent that it is for indirect or consequential loss, loss of profits or economic loss, however it arises, or for indirect, special, punitive or exemplary damages.

APPLICABLE LAW

The laws of Victoria, Australia govern these Booking Conditions to the fullest extent allowable. Any disputes in connection with a trip or these Booking Conditions must be initiated in the courts Victoria, Australia.