







# PLATO'S EGYPT with Abu Simbel Festival of Lights: 2025




Meal Plan

<p><b>Arrival Day</b> <b>OCT 15<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p>Please make your own arrangements for international flights arriving into Cairo. Pre-tour accommodation this evening is NOT included. If you would like Touchdown Tours to confirm this pre-tour accommodation for you, please see pricing and note at the end of this itinerary.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	
<p><b>DAY 01</b> <b>OCT 16<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel. Visit the miracle <b>Pyramids of Giza &amp; the Sphinx</b>. This afternoon visit the <b>Grand Egyptian Museum</b>. Evening, <u>Welcome Dinner</u> in one of Cairo's most reputable, local restaurants. Overnight in <b>Cairo</b>.</p>		<p>Breakfast &amp; Dinner</p>
<p><b>DAY 02</b> <b>OCT 17<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel. Full day tour, visit <b>Coptic Cairo including the Coptic Museum</b>, followed by visiting the <b>NMEC</b>, then later in the afternoon, an adventurer strolling at <b>Al-Moez Street</b> and <b>Khan El Khalili Bazaar</b>. Overnight in <b>Cairo</b>.</p>		<p>Breakfast</p>
<p><b>DAY 03</b> <b>OCT 18<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel &amp; check out. Transfer by road to <b>Alexandria</b> the second largest city in Egypt founded by Alexander the Great in 331BC. Overnight in <b>Alexandria</b>.</p>		<p>Breakfast</p>
<p><b>DAY 04</b> <b>OCT 19<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel. Full day visiting the <b>Roman Amphitheater, The Catacombs, the Serapeum of Alexandria &amp; Pompey's Pillar</b>. Evening, (optional) <b>City Tour of Alexandria by night on foot</b>. Overnight in <b>Alexandria</b>.</p>		<p>Breakfast</p>



<p><b>DAY 05</b> <b>OCT 20<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel &amp; check-out. Return to Cairo by road, on the way, visiting <b>St. Macarius Monastery</b> and <b>Wadi El Natrun</b>.</p> <p>Overnight in <b>Cairo</b>.</p>		
<p><b>DAY 06</b> <b>OCT 21<sup>st</sup></b></p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel &amp; check out. Transfer to Cairo airport for your flight to Aswan. Upon arrival, proceed to your hotel for check-in. Afternoon enjoy a sailing trip around the islands on a traditional Felucca (optional). Overnight in <b>Aswan</b>.</p>		<p>Breakfast</p>
<p><b>DAY 07</b> <b>OCT 22<sup>nd</sup></b></p> <p><b>Wednesday</b></p>	<p>Breakfast box from your hotel and checkout. Very early morning set out to visit King Ramses II's <b>Abu Simbel Temple</b>. This is the magical part of your program today.</p> <p>You are visiting the temple when the sun's morning ray is aligned to strike and light the statute of Ramses II in one of its kind rare phenomena that happens only twice a year; on February 22 and October 22 the pharaoh's birth and coronation dates.</p> <p>Return to Aswan to embark your Nile Cruise, Lunch on board, and free afternoon. Overnight in <b>Aswan</b>.</p>		<p>Breakfast, Lunch &amp; Dinner</p>
<p><b>DAY 08</b> <b>OCT 23<sup>rd</sup></b></p>	<p>Breakfast on board, Spend today visiting the <b>High Dam, the Temple of Philae &amp; the Unfinished Obelisk</b>. Lunch on board while sailing to Kom Ombo. Visit the <b>Temple of Kom Ombo</b> including <b>Crocodile Museum</b>. Later this afternoon, sail to Edfu, with some free time at your leisure. Overnight in <b>Edfu</b>.</p>		<p>Breakfast, Lunch &amp; Dinner</p>



<p><b>DAY 09</b> <b>OCT 24<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p>Breakfast on board. Enjoy the long sailing from Edfu to Luxor and the spectacular crossing of Esna Lock. Upon arrival into Luxor, visit the sites on the <b>East Bank of the Nile</b>, including the <b>Temples of Luxor and Karnak</b>. Transfer back to your cruise. Overnight in <b>Luxor</b>.</p>		<p>Breakfast, Lunch &amp; Dinner</p>
<p><b>DAY 10</b> <b>OCT 25<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p>Breakfast on board. Today is dedicated to <b>Nile's West Bank</b> including <b>Valley of the Kings, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at El-Deir El-Bahari &amp; the Colossi of Memnon</b>. <b>This evening, you shall attend the Sound &amp; Light Show at Karnak Temple</b>, reputed to be one of the best Sound &amp; Light shows in the world. Overnight in <b>Luxor</b>.</p>		<p>Breakfast</p>
<p><b>DAY 11</b> <b>OCT 26<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel and Transfer to Luxor airport for your flight to Cairo. Upon arrival into Cairo, you will be met once again by our local staff and transferred to your hotel. Evening, <b>Group Dinner</b> in one of Cairo's local restaurants. Overnight in <b>Cairo</b>.</p>		<p>Breakfast &amp; Dinner</p>
<p><b>DAY 12</b> <b>OCT 27<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel. Checkout. Transfer to Cairo airport for your international flight.  <b>Completion of main tour.</b></p>	<p>Breakfast</p>	

Group Size	Cost per person in TWIN room
7	\$6,195
8 – 12	\$6,090
13 +	\$5,990
<b>Single supplement \$1,725</b>	

**Paying your deposit for this tour means you have read & accept the Terms & Conditions**



### **INCLUSIONS:**

- Accommodation in Cairo at the Golden Tulip Flamenco Hotel (or similar) in standard city-view rooms <https://flamenco-cairo.goldentulip.com/en-us/#The%20Hotel>
- Accommodation in Alexandria at Le Metropole Hotel (or similar) in a standard room <https://paradisennlemetropole.com-egypt.com/>
- Accommodation in Aswan at Basma Hotel (or similar) in a Nile-view room <https://www.basmahotel.com/>
- Nile Riverboat cruise on board M/S Gratsia Royal Beau Rivage (or similar) in a standard cabin between Aswan – Luxor.
- Accommodation in Luxor at Aracan Hotel (or similar) <https://aracaneatabeluxorhotel.com-egypt.com/>
- Accommodation in Cairo at Radisson Blu Hotel (or similar) on day 11 <https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/>
- Private, small-group lectures and discussions on Platonism by Bernie Lewin – The Platonic Academy of Melbourne
- Meals as specified in the itinerary:
  - 12 breakfasts
  - 3 lunches
  - 5 dinners
- Internal flights within Egypt flying Egypt Air
  - Cairo – Aswan
  - Luxor – Cairo
- Transportation in modern coaches with private driver
- Local Egyptologist guides throughout
- All entrance fees to sites and museums mentioned in the itinerary, service charges, taxes & VAT
- Gratuities/tips included

### **NOT INCLUDED:**

- Visa for entry into Egypt (approx. USD25)
- Any extra meals that not mentioned in the itinerary, beverages and/or personal expenses of any nature.

[This is a quote only, no bookings are currently being held and, as such, pricing is subject to availability.](#)

Price is based on the current rate of exchange between USD – AUD being .65; if the rate of exchange drops significantly, we reserve the right to amend pricing accordingly.

### **THE ABOVE PACKAGE EXCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:**

- Egypt entry visa (approx. USD25)
- Arrival & Departure Individual transfers.
- Any extra meals that not mentioned in the itinerary, beverages and/or personal expenses of any nature.
- Any excursions that aren't mentioned in the above program
- Travel insurance – it is a requirement of the Platonic Academy of Melbourne for your participation on this tour that every participant takes out travel insurance for this trip, and a copy of your insurance policy must be received at the point of deposit payment.