



Jules Verne

Curated Private
Journey

EGYPT

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PRICE
PER PERSON
IN A TWIN:
£2,445PP
4 NIGHTS
FLIGHT INCLUSIVE

Departure date:
12 November 2026

Step into the timeless beauty of Egypt on a five-day adventure designed for women ready to embrace transformation. Explore the majestic temples of Luxor, Denderah, and Abydos, sacred spaces that honour the divine feminine and echo stories of strength, wisdom, and renewal. Accompanied by Eleanor Mills and guided by our expert Egyptologist, you'll uncover the secrets of goddesses and queens who shaped history, while connecting with like-minded women in an atmosphere of inspiration and empowerment. This is more than a journey - it's a celebration of new chapters, shared laughter, and unforgettable moments along the Nile.

Join a vibrant travel tribe for this extraordinary adventure and weave unforgettable memories. It's time to enjoy the magic of midlife on this specially curated tour exploring the wonders of Luxor with other amazing Queenagers.

Style



In Style

Theme



Discovery

Tour highlights

- Private NOON Tour accompanied by Eleanor Mills
- Led by an expert female Egyptologist
- Exploration of the incredible Open-Air Museum that is Luxor
- Hot-Air Balloon Ride over the Valley of the Kings
- Visiting The Valley of the Kings and the Valley of the Queens
- Visits to Luxor and Karnak Temples
- Enjoy a Nile Cruise by Felucca and NOON Circle
- Private Cocktail Reception at the Winter Palace
- A private visit to Abydos and Denderah

What's included – flight inclusive

- Air travel and taxes
- Private transfers and sightseeing
- 4 nights' accommodation
- Breakfast daily, 3 lunches and 1 dinner
- Local expert tour leader and Egyptologist

Overview itinerary

- Day 1** Fly direct from London Gatwick and transfer to The Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa for your four-night stay. Dinner at your hotel. (D)
- Day 2** Early morning transfer to the West Bank for an enthralling hot-air balloon ride over Luxor (weather permitting). Enjoy a day of discovery in Luxor's west bank Theban necropolis as we explore the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, the Valley of the Kings and the Valley of the Queens. Enjoy lunch in Luxor before return to the hotel in the late afternoon. (B, L)
- Day 3** After breakfast, explore the East Bank with visits to Karnak Temple, the second largest ancient religious site in the world, and Luxor Temple, smaller but strikingly graceful, with towering columns. Enjoy an afternoon felucca sailing on the Nile with lunch on board and a NOON Circle. There will be time to relax and enjoy the Nile views before we return to the Winter Palace Hotel for a cocktail reception. (B, L)
- Day 4** Morning departure north, by private coach, to the temple at Abydos, one of Egypt's most revered archaeological sites, a beacon of architectural grandeur and spiritual significance. Continue to Dendera, built during the Greek period, it is one of the best-preserved structures in Egypt. Late afternoon return to Luxor with an evening at leisure. (B, L)
- Day 5 Morning at leisure and fly home**
There is time at leisure to relax and enjoy the facilities or perhaps spend the morning exploring the souk or simply take a leisurely walk along the Corniche. Early afternoon transfer to the airport for the return flight to London Gatwick. (B)

Notes: Visits to the temple complexes are on foot with steps and uneven surfaces.

For more information and to book, call us on **020 3733 9504** or contact us at privategrouptours@vjv.com



The Jules Verne Difference

We truly believe travel is one of life's greatest joys and for more than 45 years, we've dedicated ourselves to crafting journeys that reveal the world at its most inspiring. Every tour is shaped by deep knowledge, genuine curiosity, and a commitment to creating experiences that stay with you long after you return home.

At Jules Verne, we celebrate the richness and variety of travel. People are at the heart of everything we do, from the small groups we bring together to the communities who welcome us. Our journeys are designed to foster real connection, encourage shared discovery, and honour the places and cultures we encounter. Through thoughtful, responsible travel, we elevate local voices, create meaningful moments, and curate experiences that showcase the world's remarkable diversity.

This tour encompasses the living-museum that is Luxor, where you'll find souks, shops, and houses hemming three sides of the ancient city of Thebes, here just crossing the road is akin to time-travelling through millennia. With guided visits to the west bank tombs in the Valley of the Kings and the Valley of the Queens, the astonishing eastern enclave of the Karnak and Luxor temples.

Remarkable experiences range from an enthralling hot-air balloon ride to view the city from on high, and views of the riverbank from the deck of a traditional felucca on the Nile, close-up insight to the Valley of the Queens and Valley of the Kings, as well as stepping into legends of Cleopatra at the Greco-Roman Temple of Denderah, and glorious Abydos, dedicated to Osiris. There is also a visit to the iconic Old Winter Palace hotel, where Howard Carter announced his discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb, for a private cocktail.



Accompanied by Eleanor Mills

Eleanor Mills is a trailblazer in British media and a passionate advocate for women redefining midlife. After 23 years at The Sunday Times, where she served as Editorial Director and Editor of the Magazine, Eleanor launched NOON, a vibrant community inspiring women to embrace midlife as a time of reinvention and opportunity. An award-winning journalist and broadcaster, Eleanor has interviewed world leaders and cultural icons, chaired Women in Journalism UK, and now leads conversations on longevity, empowerment, and gendered ageism. Her best-selling book, *Much More to Come*, celebrates the magnificence of midlife and offers practical wisdom for thriving in this exciting chapter.

Join us on tour and discover Eleanor's vision for a life full of possibility, because midlife is just the beginning.



Uncover Egypt's secrets with a true insider, Mahal El Sayed

Step into the heart of Egypt with Mahal, our passionate local expert and Egyptologist. Her story begins in Egypt, where she studied, raised her family, and built a career dedicated to uncovering the country's rich heritage. Life as a diplomat's spouse took her across the globe, from Eritrea to the United Arab Emirates, where she shared Egypt's fascinating history with international audiences and even spoke at the renowned Abu Dhabi Book Fair. Mahal's greatest joy is bringing Egypt to life for travellers. With her, you'll explore not just the awe-inspiring monuments of the ancient world, but also the vibrant traditions, daily rhythms, and cultural layers that make Egypt so captivating today. Her warmth and expertise create an atmosphere where curiosity thrives, and every moment feels like a personal discovery.

Let Mahal guide you through the stories, sights, and secrets that make this land unforgettable.

Booking Options

Prices are based per person in a twin, ideal for friends travelling together. If you'd like your own space, single rooms are available for an additional supplement. A twin share option is available on this journey. Twin share means that two people share a room with separate beds. This is a practical and affordable option that promotes camaraderie among travellers, where you'll be paired with another solo traveller to share the room. Sharing a room provides the opportunity to meet like-minded travellers and make new connections, enhancing the overall experience of your tour.

Departure & prices:

12th November 2026

Price per person in a twin: £2,445

Single supplement: £495

Flight Information:

Easyjet: Provisional Flight Timings

London Gatwick - Luxor: 09.00 16.20

Luxor - London Gatwick: 17.15 21.00

Extend your stay:

To complement your busy days of discovery, why not extend for 3 nights at the Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa, with the opportunity to relax and enjoy the delightful facilities.

3-night Extension: £445

Single supplement: £345

Payment Conditions

Deposit £350 per person

Final balance: 60 days prior to departure

Hotel in Luxor:

The Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa is one of Luxor's most luxurious and modern hotels with majestic views over the Nile. The hotel has an impressive spa complex, while the inventively designed infinity pool, with submerged loungers and an incredible location right next to the Nile, is possibly the finest you'll find in Egypt. Rooms are comfortable and contemporary in style. The hotel has a selection of eight restaurants and bars found on site serving a variety of dishes and beverages.

Tour Highlights



Hot Air Balloon Ride:

One of the most memorable experiences in Egypt is the hot air balloon ride at sunrise in Luxor. Board the colourful balloon to the sound of the burner and after a gentle take-off enjoy the sight of the farmers at work on the land below before the iconic sites of the west bank came into view in all their splendour, with the Nile below glistening in the morning sunlight. See the lands of the Pharaohs as they never could, a perfect bird eye's view of the greatest living museum.



Valley of the Queens:

At the southern end of the Theban hillside, the Valley of the Queens, a significant royal burial ground for queens and children from the 19th and 20th Dynasties, features stunningly preserved, colourful tombs, notably the famous Tomb of Nefertari. A key part of the Theban Necropolis offering insights into ancient Egyptian beliefs about the afterlife with vibrant depictions of gods and goddesses.

Temple of Hatshepsut:

Hatshepsut, the pioneering female pharaoh of Egypt successfully ruled for over two decades, bringing peace and prosperity to the Empire. Responsible for the famous trading expedition to Punt, her mortuary temple at Deir el-Bahari is an extraordinary, almost modern-looking architectural marvel built into dramatic cliffs that rise nearly 300m above the desert plain. Continuous excavation since 1891 reveal one of ancient Egypt's finest monuments, the ancient Egyptians called it Djoser-djeseru (Most Holy of Holies).

Karnak:

The Vatican City of its day, Karnak remains Egypt's largest temple complex. It's hard to overstate its significance, the ancient Egyptians called it Ipet-Sut (Most Esteemed of Places). The complex covers nearly a full square mile and contains multiple temples, chapels, obelisks, monumental gateways, and a sacred pool for offerings. The Temple of Amun-Ra, the terrestrial "home" of the king of the gods boasts huge hieroglyph-covered columns. Over a span of 1500 years, 30 pharaohs constructed, razed, and rebuilt Karnak in their fashion. The Avenue of Sphinxes, an ancient 1.7-mile pedestrian walkway lined with ram-headed sculptures (a few of which are still in situ), connects Karnak and Luxor Temple.

Luxor Temple:

Far smaller than Karnak but still elegantly impressive, Luxor Temple has a monumental entranceway anchored by two colossal statues of Ramses II. Set in the middle of the ancient Egyptian capital of Thebes. This Temple has been in almost continuous use as a place of worship since its construction in the 14th century BCE.



Valley of the Kings:

In ancient times, the west bank of the Nile, where the setting sun throws its last rays over the golden sands of the desert, was considered the home of the dead, while the east bank, the first to greet the morning light, was the home of the living. The hills west of Luxor hide Egypt's largest pharaonic necropolis, the Valley of the Kings. The tomb exteriors look unworthy of their royal occupants, with plain, simple entryways carved into the rock, but step inside to see the best examples of surviving art from the ancient times.

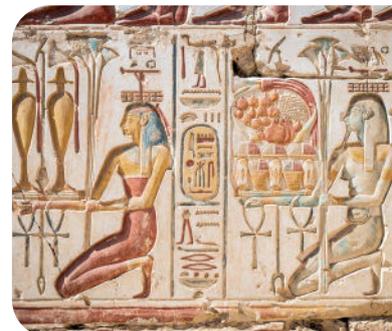


Private Cocktail Reception at The Old Winter Palace:

The Old Winter Palace, built in 1886 and situated on the banks of the Nile holds historical significance in Luxor. Famous for hosting royalty and dignitaries, it boasts magnificent British colonial architecture and lush gardens. The Victorian Lounge, a highlight of the palace, is where we will enjoy a private cocktail reception, or in the lush gardens. It was here that Howard Carter announced the discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun.

Abydos:

One of Egypt's most revered archaeological sites is a beacon of architectural grandeur and spiritual significance. Abydos was a sacred burial ground dedicated to Osiris, the god of the afterlife. The Temple of Seti I is its crown jewel, featuring exquisite carvings, hieroglyphs, and paintings that narrate epic tales of gods and pharaohs. This site embodies Egypt's spiritual heart, where the resonance of ancient rituals and dynastic legacy converge. Visiting Abydos is a transcendent journey through history, marvelling at its majestic relics and profound reverence.



Denderah:

Near Qena on the Nile's west bank, Denderah is home to the well-preserved Temple of Hathor, the goddess of love, beauty, and joy. This Ptolemaic masterpiece boasts grand columns, intricate carvings, and vibrant depictions of Hathor. Notable for its astronomical ceiling, including the famous Denderah Zodiac, the temple reflects the ancient Egyptians' advanced knowledge of the stars. Here you can explore chapels, shrines, sacred lakes, and a crypt with preserved reliefs and inscriptions. It offers a captivating glimpse into ancient Egypt's spiritual and cultural heritage, showcasing the grandeur and sophistication of this remarkable civilization.

Reasons to Book with Jules Verne

With over 45 years of experience, we create immersive travel experiences that blend discovery, comfort, and convenience. Each itinerary is carefully curated, providing unique insights and unforgettable adventures, guided by experts who will enrich your journey every step of the way.



Rich Heritage

Over 45 years of experience in creating inspiring and culturally enriching travel experiences worldwide.



A Name You Can Trust

Jules Verne is a well-established and reputable travel company known for reliability and integrity.



Thoughtfully Crafted Itineraries

Every tour is carefully planned to offer the ideal balance of must-see highlights and hidden gems.



Dedicated Customer Service

Friendly, efficient support from enquiry to return, with a focus on your satisfaction and comfort.



Pioneering Spirit

As innovators in escorted travel, we continually explore and design original tour experiences.