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SMALL GROUP JOURNEY

The Secret Oasis & Hidden Tombs

“Salt-rock desert lodges, hyper-saline lakes, and a premium Nile cruise”

10

DAYS

3

PRIVATE CHARTER FLIGHTS

9

NIGHTS LUXURY

1

HOT AIR BALLOON

FROM

\$10,900

PER PERSON

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Overview

Crafted specifically for sophisticated world travelers and history enthusiasts who crave raw desert isolation alongside classic river luxury. This circuit ventures off the beaten path to contrast the newly excavated tomb chambers of Saqqara with the remote, salt-rock architecture of the far western Siwa Oasis, before joining a premium cruise to explore the ancient river temples of Upper Egypt.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Private access into newly excavated noble tombs at Saqqara, not open to the general public, with extraordinarily preserved wall paintings
- Private charter flight deep into the Western Desert to the remote, salt-rock eco-lodge of Adrère Amellal in Siwa Oasis
- Standing at the Oracle Temple of Alexander the Great, where the conqueror was declared the son of Amun in 331 BC
- Ultra-luxury Nile cruise aboard the Sonesta Star Goddess through Luxor, Kom Ombo, and Aswan
- Single malt whiskies served at sunset on a private platform overlooking the Step Pyramid of Djoser — the oldest colossal stone building in history
- Floating effortlessly in a crystal-clear, hyper-saline desert lake beside a luxury breakfast spread of fresh olives, dates and Siwan bread
- Hot air balloon flight over the Siwa basin's olive groves and shimmering salt pans at dawn
- Open-air dinner around a fire pit on a panoramic terrace overlooking the First Cataract of the Nile

Salt-rock desert lodges, hyper-saline lakes, and a premium Nile cruise

The Itinerary

01

CAIRO

Day 1 | Arrival in Cairo & Cosmopolitan Grandeur

VIP tarmac handling at Cairo International Airport, then a private guide transfer to Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza. If arriving before 4:00 PM, a private guided tour of Islamic Cairo, the Mosque of Muhammad Ali, and the bustling Khan el-Khalili bazaar. The day culminates in an exclusive welcome dinner overlooking the illuminated Nile, where you meet your private Egyptologist guide and pilot for a briefing on the journey ahead.

- Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza
- Dinner

02

CAIRO

Day 2 | Saqqara Necropolis Exploration

A dedicated day exploring the Saqqara Necropolis, standing before the Step Pyramid of Djoser — the oldest colossal stone building in history, designed by Imhotep over 4,600 years ago. Private access into newly excavated noble tombs not open to the general public, their wall paintings preserved in extraordinary condition. In the late afternoon, single malt whiskies and premium wines are served on a private platform overlooking the desert dunes of Saqqara, with the Step Pyramid silhouetted against the setting sun.

- Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza
- Breakfast, Dinner

03

SIWA OASIS

Day 3 | Charter Flight to the Secret Oasis

A private charter flight west to the remote Siwa Oasis near the Libyan border, with dramatic aerial views of the Sahara's shifting dunes before descending into lush green palm groves. You check into the ultra-luxury eco-lodge Adrère Amellal, carved entirely from salt-rock and clay. The afternoon is yours to relax in profound isolation — a refreshing dip in a natural spring or a walk through the palm groves. Dinner at the lodge features traditional Siwan cuisine.

- Adrère Amellal
- Breakfast, Dinner

04

SIWA OASIS

Day 4 | Shali Fortress & Cleo's Spring

You explore the ancient ruins of the Shali Fortress, a mud-brick citadel built from kershef, eroded over centuries into hauntingly beautiful sculptural forms. You also visit the Oracle Temple of Alexander the Great, where he was declared the son of Amun in 331 BC. A luxury breakfast spread with fresh olives, dates and Siwan bread is set up on the shores of a crystal-clear, hyper-saline desert lake, where you float effortlessly in the mineral-rich waters surrounded by the Great Sand Sea.

- Adrère Amellal
- Breakfast, Dinner

05

LUXOR

Day 5 | Desert Flight to Upper Egypt

Rising before dawn, you board a hot air balloon or private scenic charter to glide silently over the olive groves, palm canopies, and shimmering salt pans of the Siwa basin. After landing, a celebratory champagne toast and gourmet brunch follow. In the afternoon, a private charter flight carries you directly across the country to Luxor. Upon arrival, you board your luxury Nile cruise ship, the Sonesta Star Goddess, welcomed with chilled champagne.

- Sonesta Star Goddess (Nile Cruise)
- Breakfast, Dinner

06

LUXOR

Day 6 | The West Bank & Luxor Temple

You cross to the West Bank to explore the Temple of Hatshepsut, carved into the cliffs of Deir el-Bahri, and the towering Colossi of Memnon. You also visit the Valley of the Kings, exploring the royal tombs of the New Kingdom pharaohs. In the evening, you visit Luxor Temple, dedicated to Amun-Ra, beautifully illuminated at night with its grand columns glowing in golden light.

- Sonesta Star Goddess (Nile Cruise)
- Breakfast, Dinner

DAY BY DAY (CONTINUED)

07

KOM OMBO

Day 7 | Sailing to Kom Ombo

You relax on the sun deck as the ship sails upriver, watching the timeless landscape of feluccas, water buffalo, and farmers along the banks. In the afternoon, you dock for a private tour of the Kom Ombo Temple, dedicated to Sobek and Haroeris. You explore the fascinating collection of mummified crocodiles and the ancient medical instruments depicted on the temple walls. Dinner is served as you continue sailing toward Aswan.

- Sonesta Star Goddess (Nile Cruise)
- Breakfast, Dinner

08

ASWAN

Day 8 | The Cataracts of Aswan

You arrive in Aswan, set against the dramatic backdrop of the Nile cataracts. In the afternoon, a private sailing cruise on a traditional felucca around Kitchener's Island, gliding past lush botanical gardens. The day culminates in a majestic open-air dinner around a central fire pit on a panoramic stone terrace overlooking the First Cataract of the Nile, the sound of rushing water and brilliant desert stars above.

- Sonesta Star Goddess (Nile Cruise)
- Breakfast, Dinner

09

ASWAN

Day 9 | Exclusive Siwan Amazigh Heritage Tour

A deeply respectful cultural immersion day spent privately with elders of the indigenous Amazigh (Siwan) heritage, learning about the Siwi Berber language and traditional silver jewelry crafting passed down through generations of desert nomads. The highlight is a private performance of historic desert folk music. The day concludes with a celebratory multi-course farewell dinner on board paired with vintage wines.

- Sonesta Star Goddess (Nile Cruise)
- Breakfast, Dinner

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ASWAN

Day 10 | Return to Cairo & Complementary Spa Day

A relaxed luxury breakfast on deck watching the Nile flow gently by. You check out and board your private charter aircraft back to Cairo, where you are transferred to your city hotel for a complementary spa session. Your airport transfer for the connecting international flight home is timed precisely to your departure schedule.

- Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza
- Breakfast

INVESTMENT

Pricing & Inclusions

PER PERSON SHARING

\$12,800

SINGLE TRAVELLER SUPPLEMENT

On Request

Pricing is an estimate and subject to confirmation based on season, group size, and final accommodation selection. Speak to us for an accurate quote.

SEASONAL PRICING

Jan – May	SHOULDER SEASON	\$13,450
Cool, comfortable touring weather		
May – Sep	BEST VALUE	\$10,900
Summer heat — lowest rates of the year		
Sep – Dec	PEAK SEASON	\$14,100
Cooling down, peak touring season returns		

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- » VIP tarmac reception & private guide transfers
- » 9 nights luxury accommodation
- » All meals — Full Board throughout
- » Private internal charter flights (Cairo–Siwa–Luxor–Aswan)
- » Private Egyptologist guide throughout
- » Private access to newly excavated Saqqara tombs
- » Hyper-saline desert lake experience, Siwa
- » Hot air balloon flight over Siwa basin
- » All sundowner & open-air dining experiences
- » Complementary spa session, Cairo
- » All park & site entry fees
- » Travel insurance facilitated on your behalf (adjusted in your quote if you are already covered)
- » Visa processing assistance & fees

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International flights to/from Cairo
- Gratuities for guides & staff
- Premium imported alcohol brands
- Items of a personal nature

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