

*Karma*  
KARNAK  
LUXOR, EGYPT

YOUR COMPLETE  
**Travel Guide**

WE CREATE... EXPERIENCES



4 nights | 5 days • Luxor → Aswan

## Luxor to Aswan Voyage

Departure Thursday, check-in from 2:00 PM.  
Sail south through Edfu, Kom Ombo, arriving Aswan.  
Recommended tours up to US\$265 per person.  
Depart Monday morning.  
Includes all meals and on-board entertainment.



3 nights | 4 days • Aswan → Luxor

## Aswan to Luxor Voyage

Departure Monday, check-in from 1:00 PM.  
Sail north through Kom Ombo, Edfu, arriving Luxor.  
Recommended tours up to US\$230 per person.  
Depart Thursday morning.  
Includes all meals and on-board entertainment.

# Getting Here

## REACHING KARMA KARNAK AND SAILING THE NILE



RECOMMENDED — CAIRO STOPOVER

## A Night or Two in Cairo

Before or after your Nile cruise, we strongly recommend spending one to two nights in Cairo. Egypt's capital sits just a short domestic flight from both Luxor and Aswan, and is home to some of the most extraordinary ancient wonders in the world. Karma Concierge can assist with Cairo hotel bookings, airport transfers, and guided tour arrangements.

Contact your regional team before travel.



### The Pyramids of Giza

The last surviving wonder of the ancient world — an unmissable experience just outside Cairo.



### Grand Egyptian Museum

The world's largest archaeological museum, home to Tutankhamun's treasures and thousands of ancient artefacts.



### The Great Sphinx

The iconic limestone guardian of the Giza plateau, standing beside the pyramids.



### Islamic Cairo & Khan el-Khalili

Historic medieval mosques, the Citadel, and one of the Middle East's most vibrant bazaars.

# Flying from the United Kingdom

London Heathrow (LHR) is the primary departure point  
Fly to Luxor (LXR) or Cairo (CAI) then onward

## YOUR GATEWAY

Your embarkation point depends on which cruise you're joining. Luxor to Aswan guests board in Luxor — fly into Luxor (LXR) directly, or into Cairo (CAI) and connect via a short domestic flight. Aswan to Luxor guests board in Aswan — fly into Cairo (CAI) and connect to Aswan (ASW) domestically (~1.5 hrs). A Cairo stopover before either cruise is highly recommended. Karma Karnak's dock is a short transfer from both Luxor and Aswan airports.



<b>LONDON → LUXOR (DIRECT)</b>	-5-6 hrs
✈️ TUI Airways — LHR / Gatwick to LXR. Seasonal charter; check availability	Direct
✈️ EasyJet / Thomson — seasonal charter options from UK regional airports	Direct

<b>LONDON → CAIRO → LUXOR</b>	-8-10 hrs total
✈️ EgyptAir — LHR direct to Cairo (CAI), daily. Then CAI-LXR domestic (~1 hr)	via Cairo
✈️ British Airways — LHR-CAI codeshare options	via Cairo

<b>LONDON → OTHER CONNECTIONS</b>	-9-12 hrs total
✈️ Turkish Airlines — LHR via Istanbul (IST) to Cairo or Luxor	via Istanbul
✈️ Lufthansa / Swiss — via Frankfurt or Zurich connecting to EgyptAir	connecting

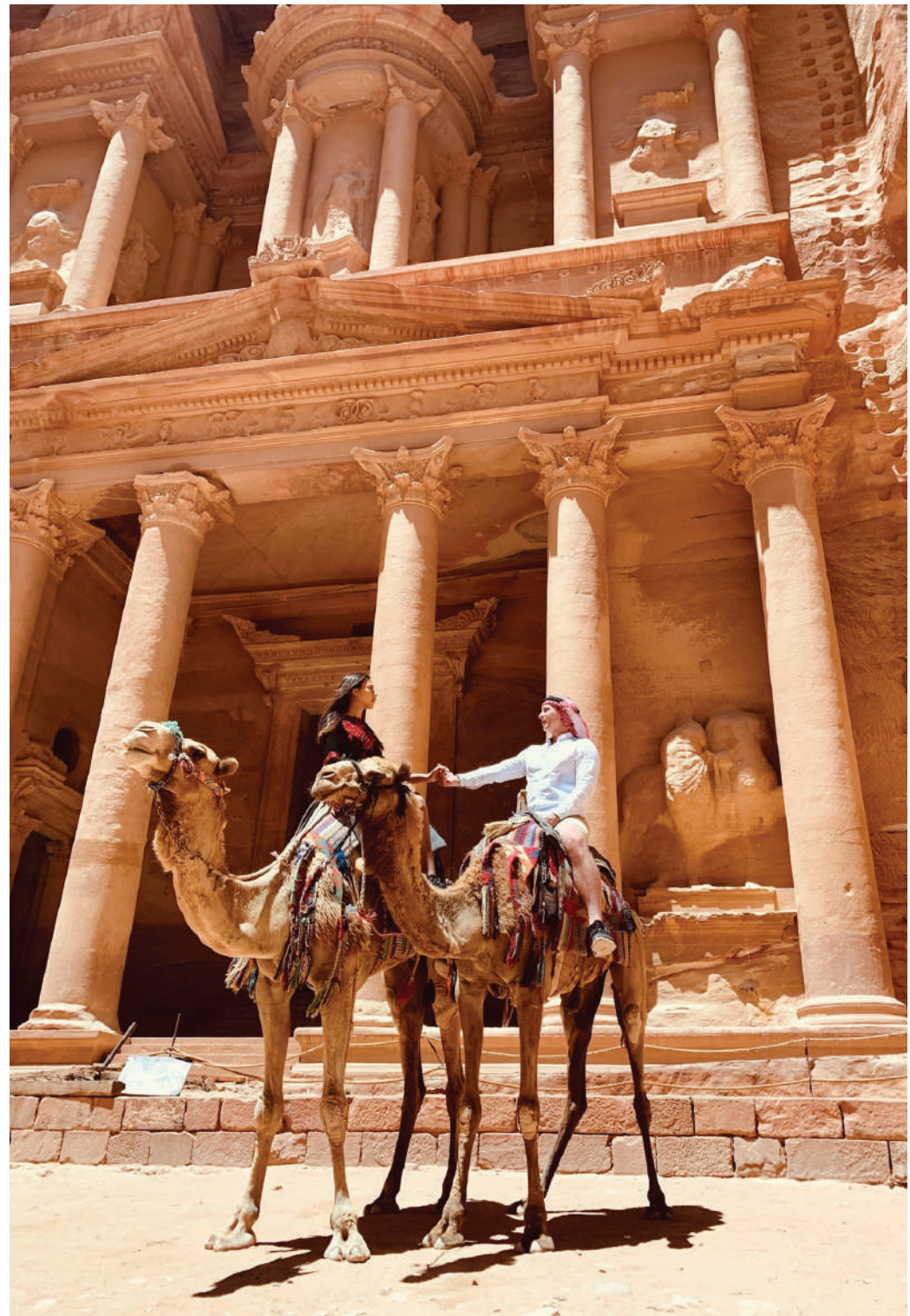
<b>CAIRO → LUXOR OR ASWAN (DOMESTIC)</b>	-1-1.5 hrs
✈️ EgyptAir — multiple daily CAI-LXR and CAI-ASW flights. Book ahead	Domestic
✈️ Nile Air — CAI-LXR and CAI-ASW. Budget-friendly domestic option	Domestic

### RECOMMENDED ROUTE

EgyptAir direct from London Heathrow to Cairo (-5 hours) is the most seamless option. From Cairo, connect domestically to Luxor (-1 hr) if joining the Luxor to Aswan cruise, or to Aswan (-1.5 hrs) if joining the Aswan to Luxor cruise. Turkish Airlines via Istanbul is a strong alternative with competitive fares and good timings.

### MIDDLE EAST TRANSIT POINTS

Routes transiting Dubai or Doha are available from the UK but may be subject to disruption given current regional conditions. We recommend booking via Cairo direct or Istanbul as preferred alternatives, and advise checking the latest UK Foreign Office travel guidance before confirming your routing.



# Flying from Europe

Most European cities connect directly to Cairo or via Istanbul.  
Short total journey times.

## YOUR GATEWAY

Your embarkation point depends on which cruise you're joining. Luxor to Aswan guests board in Luxor — fly into Cairo (CAI) for a recommended stopover, then connect to Luxor (LXR) domestically (~1 hr), or fly direct to Luxor via seasonal charter. Aswan to Luxor guests board in Aswan — fly into Cairo (CAI) and connect to Aswan (ASW) domestically (~1.5 hrs). Karma Karnak's dock is a short transfer from both airports.

### GERMANY (FRANKFURT / MUNICH)

~4-5 hrs to Cairo

✈️ EgyptAir — FRA direct to CAI. Multiple weekly

Direct

✈️ Lufthansa — FRA/MUC via connecting hubs to CAI or LXR

connecting

✈️ Turkish Airlines — FRA/MUC via Istanbul to CAI or LXR

via Istanbul



## NETHERLANDS / SCANDINAVIA

-4-6 hrs total

✈️ KLM — AMS with connections via Cairo

connecting

✈️ Turkish Airlines — wide Scandinavian network via IST to CAI

via Istanbul

✈️ TUI / Thomas Cook — seasonal charter direct to Luxor or Hurghada

charter

## FRANCE (PARIS CDG)

-4-5 hrs to Cairo

✈️ EgyptAir — CDG direct to CAI.  
Regular schedule

Direct

✈️ Air France — CDG with connections via Cairo hubs

connecting

✈️ Turkish Airlines — CDG via Istanbul to CAI

via Istanbul

## ITALY / SPAIN / SWITZERLAND

-3-5 hrs to Cairo

✈️ EgyptAir — Rome (FCO) and Milan (MXP) to Cairo direct

Direct

✈️ Turkish Airlines — BCN / ZRH / FCO via Istanbul to Egypt

via Istanbul

✈️ Seasonal charters from Italian and Spanish airports to Luxor / Hurghada

charter



### RECOMMENDED ROUTE

EgyptAir direct to Cairo is the most convenient option from most European capitals — typically 3–5 hours. Turkish Airlines via Istanbul is a strong alternative with excellent European coverage. From Cairo, connect domestically to Luxor (~1 hr) if joining the Luxor to Aswan cruise, or to Aswan (~1.5 hrs) if joining the Aswan to Luxor cruise.

### MIDDLE EAST TRANSIT POINTS

Routes via Dubai or Doha exist from many European cities but may be subject to disruption given current regional conditions. We recommend EgyptAir direct or Turkish Airlines via Istanbul as preferred alternatives, and advise checking your government's travel guidance before confirming your routing.



# Flying from Australia

Connect via Singapore or Kuala Lumpur for the most reliable routing to Cairo

## YOUR GATEWAY

Fly into Cairo International Airport (CAI) — the most practical entry point — then connect domestically to your embarkation city. Luxor to Aswan guests connect to Luxor (LXR, -1 hr); Aswan to Luxor guests connect to Aswan (ASW, -1.5 hrs). Given the longer journey from Australia, we strongly recommend a Cairo stopover of one to two nights. Karma Concierge can assist with accommodation and tour arrangements.

**SYDNEY/MELBOURNE → SINGAPORE → CAIRO**

-20-22 hrs total

✈ Singapore Airlines — SYD/MEL-SIN daily, then SIN-CAI with EgyptAir connection

via Singapore

✈ Scoot — SYD/MEL-SIN (budget option), then connect to CAI

via Singapore



**BRISBANE / PERTH → CAIRO**

-17-19 hrs total

✈ Singapore Airlines — BNE/PER-SIN,  
then onward to CAI

via Singapore

✈ Malaysia Airlines — BNE-KUL-CAI.  
Competitive fares

via KL

**SYDNEY / MELBOURNE → KUALA LUMPUR →  
CAIRO**

-21-23 hrs total

✈ Malaysia Airlines — SYD/MEL-KUL,  
then KUL-CAI. Good value fares

via KL

✈ AirAsia X — SYD/MEL-KUL (budget),  
then connect to CAI

via KL

**CAIRO → LUXOR OR ASWAN (DOMESTIC)**

-1-1.5 hrs

✈ EgyptAir — multiple daily CAI-LXR and  
CAI-ASW departures. Book in advance

Domestic

✈ Nile Air — CAI-LXR and CAI-ASW.  
Budget domestic alternative

Domestic



### MIDDLE EAST TRANSIT POINTS

Routes via Dubai or Doha are available from most Australian cities but may be subject to disruption given current regional conditions. We recommend routing via Singapore or Kuala Lumpur as the preferred alternatives for Australian guests, and advise checking the Australian Government's Smartraveller advice before confirming your routing.

### AUSTRALIAN GUESTS — PLAN YOUR ARRIVAL

Given the significant travel time from Australia, we strongly recommend arriving in Egypt at least one day before your cruise departure. A Cairo stopover of one to two nights is ideal — it gives you time to recover from the journey and explore the pyramids before boarding in Luxor. Contact Karma Concierge for pre-cruise accommodation assistance and Cairo tour bookings.



# Flying from India

Direct and well-connected routes from major Indian cities.  
Shorter total journey than most regions.

## INDIA'S ADVANTAGE

India is one of the closest major markets to Egypt, with regular direct services from Delhi and Mumbai to Cairo. From Cairo, connect domestically to your embarkation city – Luxor to Aswan guests fly to Luxor (LXR, ~1 hr); Aswan to Luxor guests fly to Aswan (ASW, ~1.5 hrs). Total journey times are very manageable, making a Cairo stopover comfortably achievable.

### DELHI (DEL) → CAIRO

-6-7 hrs

✈️ EgyptAir – DEL-CAI direct. Regular schedule

Direct

✈️ Air India – DEL-CAI direct

Direct

### BANGALORE / CHENNAI → CAIRO

~7-9 hrs total

✈️ Air India Express – BLR/MAA connecting to CAI via Indian hub

connecting

✈️ IndiGo – BLR/MAA connecting options to CAI

connecting



### MUMBAI (BOM) → CAIRO

-5-6 hrs

✈️ EgyptAir — BOM-CAI direct. Multiple weekly

Direct

✈️ Air India — BOM-CAI direct

Direct

### CAIRO → LUXOR OR ASWAN (DOMESTIC)

-1-1.5 hrs

✈️ EgyptAir — multiple daily CAI-LXR and CAI-ASW flights. Book ahead for best fares

Domestic

✈️ Nile Air — CAI-LXR and CAI-ASW. Budget alternative

Domestic

### RECOMMENDED ROUTE FOR INDIA

EgyptAir and Air India both operate direct services from Delhi and Mumbai to Cairo — the most seamless and reliable option. Fly in a day early, explore Cairo's pyramids and the Grand Egyptian Museum, then take the short domestic flight onward: to Luxor (-1 hr) if joining the Luxor to Aswan cruise, or to Aswan (-1.5 hrs) if joining the Aswan to Luxor cruise.

### MIDDLE EAST TRANSIT POINTS

Connecting routes via Dubai or Doha are available from most Indian cities but may be subject to disruption given current regional conditions. With direct EgyptAir and Air India services available from Delhi and Mumbai, we recommend booking direct to Cairo where possible. Check the latest Indian government travel advisories before confirming your routing.



# Before You Fly — Checklist

Passport valid  
6+ months  
beyond travel



Visa on arrival at  
Egyptian airports  
(approx. US\$25)  
check current eligibility



Egyptian e-visa at  
[visa2egypt.gov.eg](http://visa2egypt.gov.eg)  
Apply before  
departure



**Modest clothing  
for temple visits,  
shoulders and  
knees covered**



Drink sealed bottled  
water only — including  
when brushing teeth



**No outside food  
or beverages in  
restaurant / lounge  
areas onboard**



Share flight itinerary  
with Karma Concierge  
≥30 days before travel



Notify Karma  
Concierge of dietary  
requirements  
≥14 days before



For personalised travel assistance, pre-cruise stays, and special requests.  
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