

# Schedule for Cairo

*Monday, March 31, 2025*

**10:00am – 4:00pm**      **BRAND G HOSPITALITY DESK** – at the AMA Waterways Desk, St. Regis Cairo

**Dinner**                      Dinner is on your own tonight.

*Tuesday, April 1, 2025*

**6:00am – 11:00am**      **BREAKFAST IS INCLUDED AT YOUR LEISURE**  
**Breakfast**                      La Zisa Restaurant, St. Regis Cairo

**MEET IN HOTEL LOBBY** - meet your guides for the tour. Everyone will be assigned a specific color group, and your guide will have a flag of that same color when you meet them in the lobby. You will stay with this same guide and color group throughout the Egypt tour.

**Touring**                      **EGYPTIAN MUSEUM & KING TUT’S TREASURES**  
Uncover a wealth of antiquities as you explore Cairo’s exquisite Egyptian Museum. The oldest archaeological museum in the Middle East, it was inaugurated over 100 years ago and offers more than 120,000 artifacts on display. Its unique collection of Pharaonic art includes mummies, sarcophagi and jewelry as well as the priceless treasures of Tutankhamen, the Boy King.

**SALADIN’S CITADEL AND THE ALABASTER MOSQUE**  
Visit the Mosque of Muhammad Ali – also known as the Alabaster Mosque – which majestically sits on the summit of the Citadel of Saladin's courtyard. Its exceptionally high minarets, beautifully designed interior with stained glass windows, and oversized courtyard make this one of the most visited houses of worship in the city. Plus, take in the breathtaking view of the Pyramids of Giza from across the city. Inside the Mosque, marvel at a splendid array of lamps suspended from the intricately decorated ceiling and learn more about the history of this exquisite site.

**Lunch**                      **LOCAL LUNCH**  
Prepare yourself for a palate-pleasing included lunchtime experience at a high-end restaurant in Cairo featuring both regional and international cuisine. This meal will introduce you to the locally-sourced ingredients, spices and unique flavors associated with Egyptian gastronomy.

**Dinner**                      **WELCOME DINNER**  
Meet your fellow travelers for the Welcome Reception at the St. Regis Cairo

*Wednesday April 2, 2025*

**6:00am – 11:00am**      **BREAKFAST IS INCLUDED AT YOUR LEISURE**  
**Breakfast**                      La Zisa Restaurant, St. Regis Cairo

**Touring**                      **GREAT SITES OF ANCIENT MEMPHIS**  
Discover the monuments at Egypt’s UNESCO-designated ancient capital of Memphis. Together with your knowledgeable Egyptologist, you will visit the huge statue of Ramses II, the Alabaster Sphinx and the necropolis of Sakkara – site of the famous step pyramid of King Zoser, the oldest pyramid on earth. You’ll then venture to the

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Great Sphinx and the world renowned Giza complex, which consists of three large pyramids built between 2589 BC and 2504 BC. Prepare to be amazed as you expound upon the great mystery of how these iconic structures were built so many centuries ago.

### GRAND EGYPTIAN MUSEUM

Explore the Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM), Egypt's latest architectural masterpiece near the Giza Pyramids. Now partially open, the museum invites you to preview its grand halls and select galleries, offering a taste of the extraordinary collection.

#### Lunch

#### LUNCH AT MENA HOUSE

Enjoy a lovely lunch at the famous Mena House, a historic palatial hotel, based in the shadow of the great Pyramids of Giza.

#### Touring

#### SPHINX AND GREAT PYRAMIDS

After lunch venture to the Great Sphinx and the world-renowned Giza complex, which consists of three large pyramids built between 2589 BC and 2504 BC. Prepare to be amazed as you expound upon the great mystery of how these iconic structures were built so many centuries ago.

#### Dinner

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*Thursday, April 3, 2025*

#### 6:00am – 11:00am

#### Breakfast

#### BREAKFAST IS INCLUDED AT YOUR LEISURE

La Zisa Restaurant, St. Regis Cairo

#### Touring

#### COPTIC CAIRO

This morning you will explore the old part of the city, which includes Coptic Cairo, where the Hanging Church and Ben Ezra Synagogue are located. This area of Old Cairo was once considered the Roman stronghold of Babylon and encompasses several religious sites including the Hanging Church with its colorful mosaic and the grand Greek Church of St. George.

#### Travel

#### FLIGHT TO LUXOR FROM CAIRO

Later this morning, transfer to Cairo airport for your short flight to Luxor where you will embark the beautiful AmaLilia. Your flight will take you to the south of Luxor—formerly known as Thebes, the capital city of the New Kingdom of Upper Egypt. Luxor, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is home to two astonishing temples—Karnak and Luxor. Luxor is also your gateway to many of Egypt's vast treasures that you'll discover throughout your Nile River Valley cruise.

#### Cruise

#### EMBARKATION

After the airport, you will be transferred to the river boat and you will be welcomed aboard by the crew.

#### Dinner

Enjoy a welcome dinner onboard the AmaLilia.

*Friday, April 4, 2025*

#### Breakfast

Enjoy breakfast onboard the AmaLilia.

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### Touring

#### THE VALLEY OF THE KINGS INCLUDING SPECIAL ACCESS TO SETI I AND KING TUTANKHAMUN

Visit the tombs of ancient Egypt in the Valley of the Kings— one of the most famous archaeological sites in the world. First, step inside the colorful Tomb of Seti 1, one of the most decorated and impressive tombs in the country. Seti was the father of Ramesses II and ruled Egypt from 1290 BCE to 1279 BCE. Next, head to the spectacular rock-cut tombs located on the west bank of Luxor, including that of the enigmatic King Tutankhamun, whose mummified remains are still here on display. Following your time honoring the legacy of King Tut, venture to Deir el-Bahri to see the Temple of Hatshepsut, one of Egypt’s most successful pharaohs and its first female ruler.

Please Note:

As of spring 2024, Queen Nefertari’s Tomb has been temporarily closed with no official reopening date. Until reopening, the equally impressive Seti I tomb will be visited as an alternative.

### Lunch

Enjoy lunch onboard the AmaLilia.

### Cruising

#### CRUISE TO EDFU

Spend your afternoon cruising to Edfu, renowned for its fascinating Temple of Horus. Enjoy the passing scenery from the beautiful sundeck while attending a brief cooking class hosted by the ship’s Head Chef, who will pass on their secrets of preparing authentic and delicious Egyptian cuisine. Following the demonstration, you may take a relaxing dip in the sundeck pool while watching the Nile River views glide by, treat yourself to a massage or nail service, or simply relax in your stateroom.

### Dinner

Enjoy dinner aboard the AmaLilia.

### *Saturday, April 5, 2025*

### Breakfast

Enjoy breakfast onboard the AmaLilia.

### Touring

#### TEMPLE OF HORUS

Embark on an adventure to one of Egypt’s most remarkably preserved temples. Dedicated to Horus, the falcon-headed god, this temple built in 230 BC is the second largest in Egypt and has been named a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The sandstone walls of the temple feature hieroglyphics that display compelling details about the religion and language of the country’s Greco-Roman period. Expansive chambers await your discovery inside as you learn more about Horus and the history of this fascinating site.

### Lunch

Enjoy lunch onboard the AmaLilia.

### Cruising

#### CRUISE TO ASWAN

After visiting Edfu, relax on board and take in the Nile River’s timeless landscapes as the ship continues onward to Aswan.

### Dinner

Enjoy dinner onboard the AmaLilia.

### *Sunday, April 6, 2025*

### Breakfast

Enjoy breakfast onboard the AmaLilia.

### Touring

#### NUBIAN VILLAGE AND PHILAE TEMPLE VISIT

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Feel the wind on your face as you sail by motorboat to the colorful Nubian Village of Hessa. Meet the warm and friendly Nubian people who will welcome you to their village. Afterwards, explore the UNESCO-designated Philae Temple complex. The temple boasts one of the most stunningly restored and preserved hieroglyphs in Egypt, built between 380 BC and 362 BC and dedicated to the goddess Isis, the wife of Osiris and mother of Horus.

**Lunch** Enjoy lunch onboard the AmaLilia.

**Touring** **FELUCCA RIDE AROUND ELEPHANTINE ISLAND**  
Take a peaceful ride in a felucca, a traditional Egyptian sailboat, around the beautiful Elephantine Island, which locals say is home to legendary Egyptian god Khnum from ancient times. Enjoy great views of the oldest inhabited part of Aswan as you sail through Egyptian history. Located on the west bank of the Nile River in Upper Egypt, Elephantine flourished as an important trading center during the Pharaonic era. This island's name translates to "elephant" and "ivory" as it played an essential role in ivory trading.

**OPTIONAL TOUR: HIGH TEA AT OLD CATARACT**

Delight in an optional afternoon tea at the historic Old Cataract Hotel, a 19th-century Victorian Palace crafted in rose granite. Indulge in an authentic "high tea" experience and revel in the stunning views of your oasis, Aswan and Elephantine Island.

**Dinner** Enjoy dinner onboard the AmaLilia.

*Monday, April 7, 2025*

**Breakfast** Enjoy breakfast onboard the AmaLilia.

**Touring** **OPTIONAL TOUR: ABU SIMBEL EXCURSION**  
For those who have booked the Abu Simbel Excursion, they'll visit one of the world's most magnificent archaeological treasures. You'll take an early morning flight to Lake Nasser to the more than 3,000-year-old Abu Simbel, a UNESCO World Heritage Site dedicated to Ramses II, one of the most active of pharaohs, along with the smaller temple dedicated to his chief wife, Queen Nefertari. The front of the main temple has four gargantuan statues of Ramses II on his throne, each measuring nearly 70 feet high and discovered half buried in sand in 1813. Seize the day and be among an exclusive group of travelers to experience the wonders and delights of this ancient site.

**Lunch** Enjoy lunch onboard the AmaLilia.

**Cruising** **CRUISE TO KOM OMBO**  
From Aswan, sail through ancient Egyptian history as you cruise along the Nile River. Relax on the Sun Deck and enjoy the beautiful views as you make your way to Kom Ombo and its Great Temple.

**Touring** **GREAT TEMPLE OF KOM OMBO**  
Cruise to the Great Temple of Kom Ombo, where its soaring columns dramatically rise above the Nile River. Unique in Egypt, this temple is dedicated to two gods—the crocodile god, Sobek, sitting on the right; and the falcon-headed Haroeris, "The Good Doctor." Built during the Ptolemaic Dynasty from 180-47 BCE, this double temple is

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home to many well-preserved and fascinating reliefs including the unique Crocodile Museum with its display of 40 mummified crocodiles.

### Cruising

#### **CRUISE TO EDFU FROM KOM OMBO**

From Kom Ombo, enjoy an afternoon of scenic sailing to Edfu. Cruise down the Nile River where you can truly embrace the Egyptian culture and history while taking in the beautiful views.

### Dinner

Enjoy dinner onboard the AmaLilia.

*Tuesday, April 8, 2025*

### Breakfast

Enjoy breakfast onboard the AmaLilia.

### Touring

#### **CRUISE TO LUXOR FROM EDFU**

Spend your morning on board as you cruise back to Luxor. Feel the gentle breeze on the Sun Deck as you gaze at the beautiful Nile scenery.

#### **KARNAK TEMPLE VISIT**

Explore the Temple of Karnak, the largest religious complex in Egypt and one of the greatest in the world, covering about 200 acres in a vast network of columns, hieroglyphics, obelisks, sphinxes and colossi—even a lake. Built over the course of 1,300 years, it is overwhelming. Eighty thousand laborers took part in its creation during the 19th dynasty alone. Despite its rich history, the temple lay hidden until the 19th century. The effort to restore it continues still. The Hypostyle Hall is a great architectural marvel and is filled with its roof blocks, supported by 134 colossal columns standing at 70 feet high, with 12 larger columns standing at 80 feet high lining the central aisle. It is still the largest room of any religious building in the world.

#### **PAPYRUS INSTITUTE VISIT**

Discover the art of papyrus making with a museum visit and learn how the ancient Egyptians used this special plant that flourished in the Egyptian Delta and Nile River Valley. Made from the aquatic papyrus plant, also known as paper plant, this unique writing material served many purposes in ancient times from sails, cloth, food and especially paper for important documents and texts.

### Lunch

Enjoy lunch onboard the AmaLilia.

### Touring

#### **LUXOR TEMPLE AND LUXOR MARKET VISIT**

After lunch, you will visit the Karnak Temple Complex, with its Temple of Amun-Ra, the largest religious building ever built, which is famed for its fascinating Hypostyle Hall. Following your visit, we will venture to the Temple of Luxor, which was constructed over hundreds of years by Amenhotep III, Ramses II, Tutankhamun and other pharaohs. After your temple visit, you may either return to the ship or browse for souvenirs in the vibrant Luxor Market, where a colorful array of spices, arts and crafts, textiles and jewelry.

### Dinner

Enjoy dinner onboard the AmaLilia.

*Wednesday, April 9, 2025*

### Breakfast

Enjoy breakfast onboard the AmaLilia.

### Touring

#### **CRUISE TO QENA**

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Enjoy relaxing time on board as you set sail to Qena where fascinating sites from ancient Egypt await.

### TEMPLE OF HATHOR

Venture to Dendera to visit the best-preserved temple in Egypt, the Temple of Hathor – the Goddess of Love, to whom the powers of joy, feminine love and motherhood were attributed. The temple was built by Ptolemy and a group of Romans who worshipped her. Don't miss the back of the temple where there is a relief depicting Cleopatra with Caesarion, her son by Julius Caesar, the Roman Emperor who brought us the months of July and August.

**Lunch** Enjoy lunch onboard the AmaLilia.

**Cruising** **CRUISE TO LUXOR FROM QENA**  
After a day of exploration and discovery in Qena, set sail back to Luxor where you can enjoy panoramic views of the remarkable landscape.

**Dinner** Enjoy dinner onboard the AmaLilia.

### *Thursday, April 10, 2025*

**Breakfast** Enjoy breakfast onboard the AmaLilia.

**Cruise** **DISEMBARKATION**  
Bid farewell to your ship and your crew in Luxor as you prepare for your onward journey.

### FLIGHT TO CAIRO FROM LUXOR

After disembarking the Ama ship early this morning, transfer to the Luxor airport for your flight to Cairo where you will continue your exploration of this historic city.

**Tour** **EXCLUSIVE ABDEEN PALACE PRIVATE TOUR**  
Built in the 19th century, Abdeen Presidential Palace is considered one of the most luxurious palaces in the world. Within its magnificent walls are multiple museums, including the Silver Museum; the Arms Museum; the Royal Family Museum; a Presidential Gifts Museum and a Historical Documents Museum, which is a relatively new addition. It is also one of the official residences and places of work for the President of Egypt. Following your exclusive private tour, you will be treated to a very special lunch at the palace.

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**Dinner** Dinner is on your own.

### *Friday, April 11, 2025*

**6:00am – 11:00am** **BREAKFAST IS INCLUDED AT YOUR LEISURE**  
**Breakfast** La Zisa Restaurant, St. Regis Cairo

**Airport Transfers** Transfers will be provided to the airport for your scheduled flight. Those travelling on to Jordan for the Add On will be transferred together.