DAY 1: UK to Cairo
Depart London on your scheduled flight to Cairo. On arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel in the heart of Cairo, Egypt’s lively capital. Enjoy the remainder of the day free to unwind or explore the neighbourhood around the hotel.

DAY 2: Cairo B/L
Visit the Egyptian Museum and wander the treasure trove of artefacts under its roof, including Tutankhamen’s gleaming golden mask. The mask is one of the most beautiful and well-preserved of all the Egyptian temples, uncovered from its sand burial in the 1860s. Enter through the massive gateways of the temple, guarded by huge granite statues of Horus, and explore the halls and chambers of this colossal ode to the gods. Return to your ship for a day at leisure to relax or explore at your own pace, perhaps taking a morning at the Beautifully Preserved Luxor Temple and explore the interior, statues and carvings of this religious site. Return to your ship for your internal flight, time to unwind or explore the neighbourhood around the hotel.

DAY 3: Cairo to Luxor B/D
Following an early breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight from Cairo to Luxor. Dock in Edfu in the early hours of the morning, in time for breakfast and a visit to the impressive Temple of Horus, the second largest temple in Egypt and well known as the most beautiful and well-preserved of all the Egyptian temples, uncovered from its sand burial in the 1860s. Enter through the massive gateways of the temple, guarded by huge granite statues of Horus, and explore the halls and chambers of this colossal ode to the gods. Return to your ship for a day of sightseeing for an evening at leisure.

DAY 4: Nile River Cruise B/L/D
This morning, drive to the west bank of Luxor, where the great temples of Ancient Egypt’s royalty are guarded by the massive twin statues of the Colossi of Memnon. Pass these gatekeepers of the valley then continue on to the Temple of Hatshepsut, a magnificent memorial temple built into the cliffs of this sacred valley. After time to explore this wonder, return to your vessel and sail onward to Edfu, a scenic cruise that allows you to take in life on the shores of the Nile. Pass through the Esna lock and sail through the night.

DAY 5: Nile River Cruise B/L/D
Dock in Edfu in the early hours of the morning, in time for breakfast and a visit to the impressive Temple of Horus, the second largest temple in Egypt and well known as the most beautiful and well-preserved of all the Egyptian temples, uncovered from its sand burial in the 1860s. Enter through the massive gateways of the temple, guarded by huge granite statues of Horus, and explore the halls and chambers of this colossal ode to the gods. Return to your ship for a day of sightseeing for an evening at leisure.

DAY 6: Nile River Cruise B/L/D
Arrive in Aswan this morning and disembark for a chance to tour this colourful riverside city, nestled between water and desert. Start with a visit to the gigantic Aswan High Dam; the construction of this source of hydro-electricity required the movement of a number of nearby monuments to protect them from flooding. Continue on to the Unfinished Obelisk, a massive slab of granite that was carved but never erected, though it retains its status as the world’s largest ancient obelisk. Travel to the river island of Agilkia and take in the splendid Temples of Philae, built by the cult of Isis in honour of the Egyptian goddess of health and marriage. Make your way back to your vessel, remaining for the night in the tranquil waters off Aswan.

DAY 7: Nile River Cruise B/L/D
Enjoy a morning at leisure to relax or explore at your own pace, perhaps taking in the rock-cut Tombs of the Nobles which are nestled in the foothills and consist of more than 400 tombs belonging to nobles from the 6th dynasty to the Graeco-Roman period or why not embrace the views from the hilltop Aga Khan Mausoleum or the fragrant spices, woven baskets and colourful robes of the city’s souk. Alternatively opt to visit Abu Simbel (at a fee), a series of temples intricately cut into a rocky cliff overlooking the Nile. After lunch, enjoy a unique sailing experience as you breathe in fresh river breezes during a ride on
a felucca, a traditional wooden sailing boat which carries you to the botanical gardens of Kitchener’s Island. Wander among palm fronds and exotic, brightly coloured blooms in this tranquil setting, returning to your ship for an overnight stay in Aswan.

**DAY 8: Nile River Cruise B/L/D**

After breakfast, a free morning allows for your last shopping excursions or explorations in Aswan. After lunch, weigh anchor and sail north to Kom Ombo where you’ll disembark for a trip to the impressive Temple of Kom Ombo. The temple is unique as it is dedicated to both Sobek, god of crocodiles, and Horus, god of the sky, with separate gateways and chapels for each god. The amazingly detailed etchings and carvings on the columns and walls of these temples are one of its most incredible features and a walk through the interior takes you into elaborately decorated chambers and passageways. In the early evening, depart for Edfu, arriving late tonight for your overnight stay.

**DAY 9: Nile River Cruise B/L/D**

Today offers a leisurely day of cruising as you depart Edfu bound for Luxor. Enjoy a day on board to soak in the sights on the river shores, lounge on the sun deck, take a dip in the swimming pool or relax on the deck with a cocktail. Round off a relaxing day of river cruising with tonight’s last dinner on board, marking the end of your awe-inspiring Egyptian journey.

**DAY 10: Luxor to the UK or extension B**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport in Luxor for your return flight via Cairo to the UK.
must have suitable travel insurance. It is important that you purchase travel insurance that suitably covers your participation in whatever activities you may undertake at the time that you make your booking. To assist you with this, we have arranged travel insurance in partnership with Holiday Extras. To arrange your travel insurance with Holiday Extras, please call 0800 781 4237 and quote ‘WK930’ for preferential rates. Please ensure you provide us with the name of your insurer, policy number and their 24 hour emergency contact number as soon as possible. Mercury Holidays will not be liable for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to take out suitable travel insurance from the date of booking.

Health and Vaccinations
It is your responsibility to check any health and vaccination requirements applicable to your booked arrangements. We can only provide general information about this. Health and hygiene facilities and disease risks vary from country to country. You should take health advice about your own needs as early as possible and in good time before your departure. Sources of information include; www.fco.gov.uk, www.travelhealthpro.org.uk, www.hpa.org.uk, your General Practitioner or a specialist clinic.

Physical Accessibility
This tour is accessible to most people with a good level of fitness and normal mobility. It involves climbing of steep stairs and getting on and off coaches. This tour is not suitable for anyone with walking difficulties. All our tours feature a “Tour Pace” to help find the right holiday for you. To travel on any of our tours requires unaided mobility and the ability to stroll around the sights, climb stairs and get on and off coaches and boats. Our tour paces are marked with dots out of 3, with the differences being as follows:
1 Dot the tour is Easy-Going
2 Dots the tour is Intermediate
3 Dots the tour is Advanced

Egypt the Majestic Nile is rated as 2 Dots meaning that the tour pace is Intermediate. A good level of fitness is required as you may be on your feet for approximately four hours in a day, though this will be interspersed with regular breaks and will vary from day to day. You will be walking around the sights, and may be getting on and off coaches, trains and boats and climbing steps which may be irregular. You will stay in a variety of hotels throughout the tour. Our guides will always endeavor to provide the highest level of service and assistance; however, they cannot be expected to cater for customers who are unfit to complete the itinerary.

Tour Guides
Your transfers will be with an English-Speaking Driver. During your excursion in Cairo, this will be with an English-Speaking Guide. On board your cruise you will have an English-Speaking guide who will accompany you during your included excursions. Your return airport transfers will be with an English-speaking driver.

Tipping
It is at your discretion to tip both your driver, guide and crew members. We would recommend to tip approximately £6 (120 Egyptian Pound) per person per day. This is a total of £30 (1,202 Egyptian Pound) per person to budget for tips on your trip. Tips will be collected at the beginning of your tour. Tips are accepted in the local currency.

Group Size
The minimum number of travellers in your group will be 1-2. If in the unlikely event there are less than 1-2 people booked on your tour date, we will endeavour to reduce any disruption to your holiday and try to operate your tour with lower passenger numbers. If we are not able to operate your departure date, then you may be asked to change to a different date and a full refund will be made available to you should this alternative not be suitable.

Currency Exchange
The currency in Egypt is the Egyptian pound. We recommend that you exchange your currency before you leave the UK. However, cash machines are available in all the major cities to withdraw money in the local currency. We recommend that you exchange your currency before you leave the UK. It is important that you budget carefully and ensure you have the right form of currency before you arrive in the country. Cash machines will also be available throughout the tour in order to withdraw money in your local currency.

Personal Expenses
You will need to take money with you to cover any personal purchases such as souvenirs, laundry, any meals not included in the itinerary as well as drinks and any additional snacks. Approximately £300-£400 per person will be sufficient for the tour. It is a good idea to try and maintain a supply of small notes and change in the local currency for tipping or small purchases.

Credit Card Information
As normal practice you will be asked for your credit card details on check-in at the hotel in order to cover any extras incurred during your stay. If you do not have a credit card you may be asked for a cash deposit. American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa are widely accepted in hotels.

Itinerary Changes
The order of events and sightseeing may vary according to local conditions or for operational purposes. The schedules of the domestic airlines in country are subject to frequent changes. For this reason, we have indicated approximate driving times. Our intention is to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however, order of events and sightseeing may vary according to local conditions.

FLIGHT INFORMATION
Your initial flight is to Cairo International Airport with EgyptAir, departing from London Heathrow Terminal 2. Your return flight is from Luxor International Airport, via Cairo, with EgyptAir.

IMPORTANT: Please note that final flight details will be confirmed on your e-ticket and final documentation which will be sent to you approximately 10 days before departure.

Baggage Allowance
Baggage allowance (per person): Each passenger is entitled to 1 piece of hold luggage with each bag not exceeding 23kg. Hand luggage: One piece not exceeding 8kg and with maximum total dimensions not exceeding 118 cm (55 cm x 40 cm x 23 cm). Should you wish to take additional luggage, you will need to pay extra at check-in. Please refer to the airline’s website for further details and the most up-to-date information.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

Weather can vary quite considerably throughout the year, so please familiarise yourself with the climate charts below.
TRIP OVERVIEW

Located on the banks of the Nile, Luxor is often called the world’s largest open-air museum and offers a wealth of temples, ruins and tombs. Explore the legacy of the Pharaohs with a 2-night add-on in this fascinating riverside city.

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information which you will require during your extension to Luxor.

Hotel Information
Luxor (2 nights on Bed & Breakfast)
Your stay in Luxor will take place at the 5★ Mercure Luxor Karnak Hotel on Bed & Breakfast
Experience the timeless beauty of the Nile amid the contemporary design of the Mercure Luxor Karnak hotel. Nestled in a shady garden on the river’s East bank, the hotel offers private terraces or balconies. Unwind with a plunge into the swimming pool overlooking the Nile. Savor barbecue dishes at the open-air Karnak grill or dine in the atmosphere of a pharaonic temple at Opet restaurant.
All rooms boast garden views and are fitted with air-conditioning, satellite TV, direct dial phone, minibar, safe and free WIFI.

Hotel address: El Zinia Gebly Street, Luxor, Egypt
Contact number: 0020 95 2378025

Any alternative hotels or board basis, plus duration will have been confirmed at booking. Please speak to our reservations department if you are unsure.

Tour guides
Your stay in Luxor is not escorted by a tour guide. All internal transfers are included.

Personal Expenses
You will need to take money with you to cover any personal purchases such as souvenirs, laundry, meals and any additional snacks or drinks you may wish to have.

Please note
This extension stay in Luxor will take place at the end of your main tour.

Average temperature: Luxor

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Please note: Final hotel and flight details will be confirmed on your e-ticket and final documentation which will be sent to you approximately 10 days before departure.

For any further enquiries or for more information call us on 0843 224 0723
TRIP OVERVIEW

The former fishing village of Hurghada has become a popular tourist resort, attracting sun-seekers who head to the shores of the Red Sea for excellent beaches, water sports and easy access to the nearby mountains and deserts. Enjoy a relaxing 4-night stay on the coast with this All-Inclusive add-on.

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information which you will require during your extension to Hurghada.

Hotel Information

Hurghada (4 nights on All-Inclusive)

Your stay in Hurghada will take place at the 4★ Mercure Hurghada Hotel on All-Inclusive. Stretching across the sands of the Red Sea, enjoy the pleasures of the 4-star Mercure Hurghada Hotel. The resort offers a private beach and provides the opportunity to explore some of the most spectacular coral reefs in the world. This All-Inclusive resort provides excellent facilities including an outdoor swimming pool, seven bars and restaurants and a spa. Well-appointed rooms offer excellent views in addition to air-conditioning, satellite TV and a safe.

Hotel address: Safaga road km 12, Hurghada, Egypt
Contact number: 0020 65 3484646

Any alternative hotels or board basis, plus duration will have been confirmed at booking. Please speak to our reservations department if you are unsure. Final confirmation of your hotel will be sent in a document approximately 10 days before you travel.

Tour guides

Your stay in Hurghada is not escorted by a tour guide. All internal transfers are included. You transfer will be by car and will take approximately 4 hours.

Personal Expenses

You will need to take money with you to cover any personal purchases such as souvenirs, laundry and any additional snacks or drinks you may wish to have.

Please note

This extension stay in Hurghada will take place at the end of your main tour.

Average temperature: Hurghada

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Please note: Final hotel and flight details will be confirmed on your e-ticket and final documentation which will be sent to you approximately 10 days before departure.

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