

## **EGYPT EXTENSION**

### **17/04/2024 (WED) - DEAD SEA (Israel Side) / TEL AVIV / CAIRO (flight)**

Buffet breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast we will depart the hotel around 10:00am and drive to Tel Aviv airport for our flight to Cairo. Arrival at Cairo airport, meeting with our English-speaking assistant. Transfer to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

### **18/04/2024 (THU) – CAIRO / ASWAN (flight)**

Buffet breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Cairo Airport to travel to Aswan. Upon arrival we will visit the Temple of Philae and the High Dam of Aswan. Built by Ramses II as a testimony of his power in the Nubian land, the cave temples of Abou Simbel. The beauty of the place and the harmony of the buildings have inspired writers and artists and have the nickname "Pearl of the Nile". To save them from the waters of the Nile that they would be completely submerged after the construction of the High Dam in Aswan. The Egyptian island of Philae was the centre for worship of the goddess Isis and attracted pilgrims from all over the ancient world. The original island is now completely submerged under the waters of Lake Nasser. But in a spectacular rescue operation, the great temples and monuments of Philae were pulled out of the water and re-erected on a nearby island, now renamed Philae. The largest and most important temple on Philae is the great Temple of Isis, which is oriented south to north. It was entered on the south through the Hall of Nectanebo. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Aswan. (B,D)

### **19/04/2024 (FRI) – ASWAN AbOu SIMBEL / ASWAN (boarding on the cruise)**

Buffet breakfast at the hotel Early morning transfer by bus to Abou Simbel to visit temple of Abou Simbel, return back to Aswan to board on the cruise, lunch on board. Dinner and overnight on board. (B,L,D)

### **20/04/2024 (SAT) – ASWAN / KOM OMBO / EDFU / LUXOR (on the cruise)**

Buffet breakfast at the hotel Sailing to Kom Ombo, visit the Temple of the two Gods' Horus and Sobek at Kom Ombo. Sail to Edfu. Upon arrival in Edfu visit the Temple of Edfu dedicated to the god Horus; Built during the Ptolemaic age, the temple of Edfu is the best preserved of all Egypt, and is the classic example of the Egyptian temple, where all the components, from the pylon at the entrance to the sanctuary, are perfectly legible. The reliefs on the walls depict important moments in the religious life of the ancient Egyptians, the ritual foundation of the struggle of Horus, the god to whom the temple is dedicated, against Seth, the murderer of Osiris god and symbol of the forces of chaos and disorder. Sailing to Luxor, dinner and overnight on board. (B,D).

### **21/04/2024 (SUN) – LUXOR**

Buffet breakfast on board. In the morning visit the Valley of the Kings on the west bank of the Nile; proceed to the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, and on the way back, the last stop at the Colossi of Memnon, the two famous statues at the entrance of the temple of Amenhotep III. At the end of the visit back on board. Dinner and overnight on board. (B,D)

### **22/04/2024 (MON) – LUXOR / CAIRO (flight)**

Buffet breakfast on board. Disembarkation after breakfast, and visit the Monumental Complex of Karnak and Luxor Temple. Luxor is the modern name of the ancient Uaset called

Thebes by the Greeks, the beautiful capital during the New Kingdom and the seat of the two temples of Luxor and Karnak. The temple of Luxor, a jewel of Egypt, was built by Amenhotep III and completed by Ramses II. At the appropriate time, transfer to Luxor airport where we will catch the flight to Cairo. Upon arrival, dinner and overnight at Cairo. (B, D).

### **23/04/2024 (TUE) – CAIRO**

Buffet breakfast at the hotel Morning visit Sakkara, the home of Egypt's oldest pyramid, constructed in around 2,650 BC. Admire this incredible structure as you learn how it was built for the Pharaoh Djoser, and enjoy time to explore at leisure. Visit the Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx, an archaeological site on the Giza Plateau, on the outskirts of Cairo, Egypt. This complex of ancient monuments includes the three pyramid complexes known as the Great Pyramids, the massive sculpture known as the Great Sphinx, several cemeteries, a workers' village and an industrial complex. Transfer to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D).

### **24/04/2024 (WED) - CAIRO**

Buffet breakfast at the hotel After breakfast visit the famous civilization Museum contains the world's most extensive collection of pharaonic antiquities. Then Visit Coptic Church a part of Old Cairo which encompasses the Babylon Fortress, the Hanging Church, the Greek Church of St. George and many other Coptic churches and historical sites. It is believed that the Holy Family visited this area and stayed at the site of Saints Sergius and Bacchus Church (Abu Serga). Coptic Cairo was a stronghold for Christianity in Egypt until the Islamic era, though most of the current buildings of the churches in Coptic Cairo were built after the Muslim conquest of Egypt. Then Proceed for Visit of Saladin Citadel of Cairo, a medieval Islamic fortification located on Mokattam hill near the centre of Cairo. Transfer to hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D).

### **25/04/2024 (THU) – CAIRO / DEPARTURE**

Buffet breakfast at the hotel. Check-out and at the appropriate time, transfer to the Cairo airport for flight to Sydney. (B, D)