Day 1 - Arrive in Cairo
Welcome to Cairo, jewel of the Nile! Your private driver will greet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel, the Mena House Oberoi. The rest of the day is free for you to relax.

Day 2 - Giza Pyramids and the Sphinx
Ride camelback to the Giza plateau, where the amazing pyramids rise from the desert floor. In constructing the pyramids, consider the task of transporting and laying the three million two-ton blocks so perfectly in place. See the Solar Boat, found buried next to the Great Pyramid and believed to provide passage for the Pharaoh in the afterlife, and the mysterious Sphinx, to ponder the puzzle of its origin. This afternoon, travel to Memphis, ancient capital of Egypt. Sightseeing includes the mastaba (tomb) of Mereruka and Djoser's Step Pyramid, the oldest freestanding stone structure in the world.
Day 3 - Dahshur Pyramids
Today enjoy seldom-seen pyramid treasures of Egypt. The Red Pyramid is often overlooked, but is just as impressive as its Giza counterparts. It is thought to be the "training ground" for the Giza Pyramids, being older in origin. Another is the Bent Pyramid, called "the shining pyramid" because it still possesses some of its smooth outer casing. This evening, attend the Sound & Light Show overlooking the Sphinx and Giza Pyramids.

Day 4 - Alexandria
Set out across the desert to the Mediterranean seaport of Alexandria, founded in 331 BC by Alexander the Great. Visit the Alexandria National Museum of Antiquities and see Montazah Palace, the former summer residence of the royal family of Egypt. Tour the catacombs, dating from Roman times and filled with pharaonic art. Visit the Bibliotheca Alexandria, a modern reconstruction of one of the most celebrated centers of learning in human history. Your accommodations tonight are at the Helnan Palestine Hotel.

Day 5 – The Egyptian Museum
Return to Cairo and visit the Egyptian Museum. Guided by your Egyptologist, explore the enormous collection of over 100,000 artifacts, including the treasures of Tutankhamun's tomb, mummies ranging from the 18th to the 20th Dynasties, and wonderfully mysterious statues from ancient royal palaces. Accommodations tonight are at the Conrad Hotel.

Day 6 – Visit the Bazaar
Walk the streets of Old Cairo this morning to see the Mohammed Ali Mosque, the Ben Ezra Synagogue, and one of the old Coptic churches. Then enjoy a memorable shopping experience at the notorious bazaar of Khan El Khalili. Luncheon is included in the bazaar.

Day 7 – Fly to Luxor / Nile River Cruise
Fly south up the Nile Valley to Luxor, known in ancient times as Thebes, and step aboard a luxurious cruiser for a journey along the timeless Nile. Observe everyday life on the banks of the river as you sail the fine Oberoi Philae.

Day 8 – Nile River Cruise
Explore the Temple of Dendera, dedicated to the Egyptian god Hathor, to see hieroglyphics chronicling the reigns of several pharaohs. In the inner temple is a copy of the famous Dendera Zodiac. This afternoon your ship sails back to Luxor.
Day 9 – Karnak Temple at Luxor
This morning tour the massive Karnak Temple complex at Luxor. Pass through a series of three small temples and step into the architectural masterpiece of the Hypostyle Hall, once considered the ultimate house of worship. Then visit the smaller Temple of Luxor, built by Amenhotep III and Rameses II, buried under desert sand for centuries and therefore now well preserved. There is free time to wonder the markets of Luxor.

Day 10 – The Valley of the Kings and Queens
Enter the secluded Valleys of the Kings and Queens on the west bank of the Nile, across from Luxor. The valley is home to 64 pharaohs’ tombs plus those of queens and nobles. Visit the tomb of King Tutankhamun, discovered early last century and the only pharaonic tomb to remain unlooted over the millennia. See the colonnaded temple of Egypt’s only female pharaoh, Queen Hatshepsut, and the famed Colossi of Memnon.

Day 11 – Edfu and Kom Ombo
At Edfu visit the remarkably intact Temple of Horus, the falcon god. Later your ship calls at the Temple of Kom Ombo, consisting of two shrines - one for Sobek the crocodile god and the other for Horus the Elder, the god of war. Kom Ombo is beautiful at sunset when the light makes the stone especially colorful.

Day 12 - Aswan
In Aswan see one of the world’s greatest engineering feats, the Aswan High Dam. It created Lake Nasser, at over 500 miles long one of the world’s largest man-made lakes. Visit Philae Temple, which was moved to its current island to rescue it from the rising waters of Lake Nasser. It features two pylons displaying all the ancient deities of Isis and Osiris.

Day 13 – Abu Simbel –Back to Cairo
Disembark the ship and fly over Lake Nasser to magnificent Abu Simbel, a stunning Nubian temple site built to honor Rameses II and his wife, Nefertari. Originally carved into the stone cliffs in 1250 BC, the temple was also relocated due to the High Dam construction. Twice a year, the sun is able to penetrate to the innermost sanctuary, to the statues of Rameses II and Amon Ra, the sun god. Relax on the return flight to Cairo. Accommodations tonight are at the Concorde El Salam.

Day 14 – Depart Egypt
Depart Cairo for your return home. Saida, as-salam alaikoom!
Accommodations: Cairo

Mena House Oberoi

Mena House Hotel has a full-service spa, an outdoor pool, and a health club. Public areas are equipped with wireless Internet access (surcharges apply). This 5-star hotel features business amenities including a business center, secretarial services, and audiovisual equipment. Dining options at the hotel include 4 restaurants along with a bar/lounge. The staff can provide tour/ticket assistance, wedding services, and currency exchange. Additional amenities include a casino, multilingual staff, and a garden. For a surcharge, guests have access to a shuttle from the airport to the hotel (available on request). Guest parking is complimentary.
Accommodations: Alexandria

Helnan Palestine Hotel

Surrounded by 350 acres of lush gardens overlooking a Mediterranean cove, Helnan Palestine Hotel features an outdoor pool and private seafront terrace. All rooms have free internet access and balconies with sea views.

All the rooms of the Helnan Palestine are spacious and offer luxurious furnishings. They feature oriental carpeting, hot drink facility and a satellite TV. Some rooms look out on the historic Montaza Palace.

Palestine Hotel’s 2 restaurants and 3 bars offer a wide range of food and beverages, both indoors and outdoors. The nightclub provides night-time entertainment in a stylish setting.
The Helnan’s quiet, secluded location is only 7.5 miles from the bustle of central Alexandria and just steps from the sandy beach.

**Accommodations: Cairo**

Conrad Hotel
Set on the magnificent River Nile, the Conrad Cairo hotel is a stunning landmark in the heart of bustling downtown.

Conrad Cairo offers smart luxury, with elegant hotel dining and entertainment and easy access to Cairo city centre. The hotel also features an around-the-clock casino, beauty salon, boutiques and a 24-hour health club with heated outdoor swimming pool.

An award-winning event and business hotel, Conrad Cairo boasts multiple venues, including one of the city’s largest ballrooms. Accommodations include Presidential and Royal Suites with antique furnishings and private balconies with views of the Nile.

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**Accommodations: Cairo**

**Concorde El Salam Hotel Cairo**

The Concorde El Salam Hotel Cairo, located in the tranquil, up market suburb of Heliopolis, is a luxurious haven for those wishing to explore the fascinating historic and cultural sights of Cairo. Built in the style of a huge manor house, the elegant, palm tree lined entrance welcomes visitors from around the world. The handsome Georgian-inspired architecture of the hotel, with its gleaming white stucco exterior and
graceful classical columns is a favourite with travellers who appreciate its refined, discreet sense of style.

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