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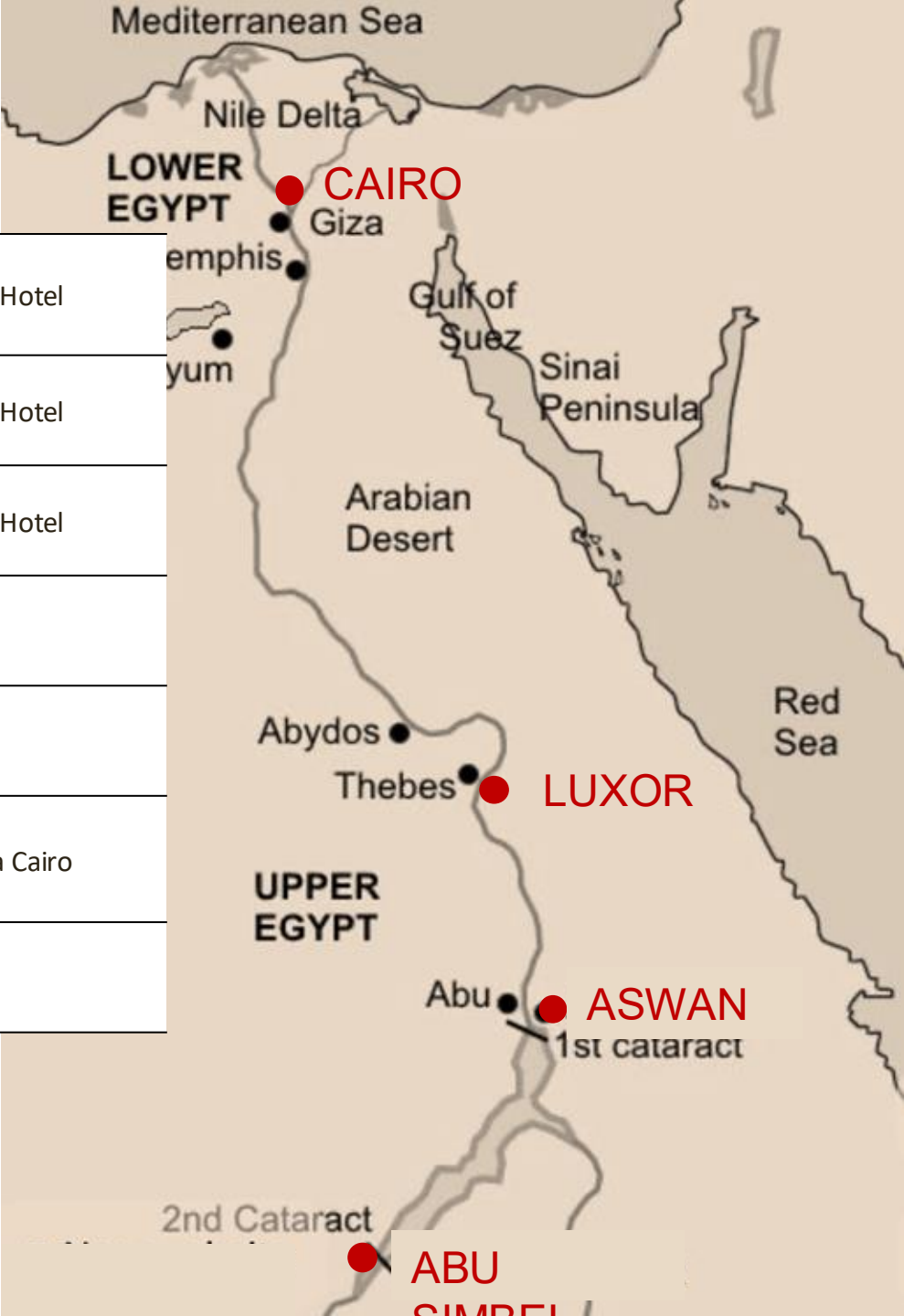
A Journey Through the Origins of Architecture

CAIRO · LUXOR · THE NILE · ASWAN

TOP 400 · 28 PARTICIPANTS · NOVEMBER 2027

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

21 NOV	CAIRO	Flight Brussels → Cairo 15:20 – 20:45 Arrival · Transfer · Check in · Welcome reception	Sheraton Cairo Hotel
22 NOV	CAIRO	Islamic Cairo · Coptic quarter · Khan El-Khalili Downtown Cairo	Sheraton Cairo Hotel
23 NOV	CAIRO	Grand Egyptian Museum Giza Plateau & Sphinx	Sheraton Cairo Hotel
24 NOV	LUXOR	Flight Cairo → Luxor Karnak & Luxor Temple + Embarkation	Sunboat III
24–27 NOV	NILE CRUISE	Embark river cruise Luxor (exclusive charter) Edfu · Kom Ombo	Sunboat III
28 NOV	ASWAN	Disembark river cruise in Aswan Flight Aswan → Abu Simbel → Cairo Final evening at Waldorf Astoria	Waldorf Astoria Cairo
29 NOV		Flight Cairo → Brussels 09:50 - 13:35	—



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3 NIGHTS
DAY 1-3

CAIRO

City of a Thousand Minarets — Gateway to the Pharaohs

☀ 06:25 🌙 16:55 °C 15–24°C

THE CITY

Cairo is where antiquity meets modernity in breathtaking scale. Home to 22 million people, the city pulses with energy around its legendary monuments — the Pyramids of Giza rising above the desert plateau, the enigmatic Sphinx, and the Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM), one of the world's largest archaeological museums, purpose-built to house the treasures of the pharaohs.

For architects, Cairo is a revelation: five millennia of built environment compressed into one extraordinary city — from mudbrick mastabas to Mamluk minarets, from Ottoman palaces to modernist riverfront.

ARCHITECTURE

- The GEM houses artefacts spanning 3,000 years of pharaonic civilisation.
- Ibn Tulun mosque (876 AD) - the oldest intact mosque in Cairo
- The Citadel is a layered laboratory of Islamic fortification spanning six centuries.
- The Art Deco neighborhoods recently revalued
- Heliopolis and the influence of Edouard Empain

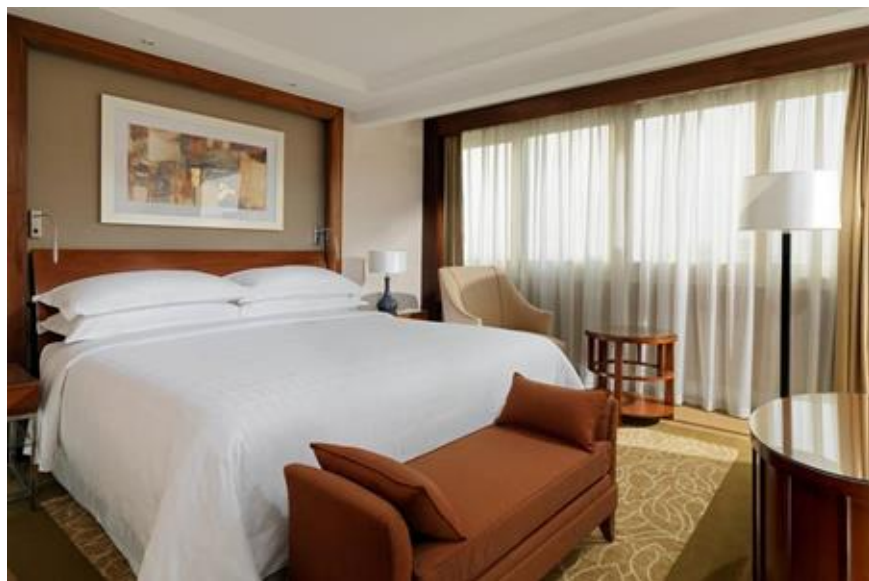
HIGHLIGHTS

- Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM) — 100,000+ artefacts
- Giza Plateau — Pyramids & the Great Sphinx
- Islamic Cairo — Citadel, Ibn Tulun, Al-Azhar
- Coptic Cairo — oldest Christian quarter in the world
- Khan El-Khalili souk & Fatimid old city
- Gezirah Island & the Zamalek neighbourhood

HOTEL

Sheraton Cairo Hotel — Gezirah Island

Nile views · Central location · Group-friendly capacity





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4 NIGHTS
DAY 4-8

THE NILE

SUNBOAT III · Exclusive Charter · Luxor → Aswan

☀ 06:15 🌙 17:00 °C 14–28°C

THE VESSEL

The Sunboat III is a luxury traditional Nile sailing vessel, exclusively chartered for our group. Smaller and more intimate than a standard Nile cruise ship, the ship was the preferred mode of Nile travel of European aristocrats and Egyptologists in the 19th century — and has lost none of its magic.

Sailing from Luxor to Aswan over four nights, the boat follows the ancient current through landscapes that have barely changed in three thousand years — palm groves, desert cliffs, feluccas, and the timeless rhythm of the great river.

ARCHITECTURE

Edfu's Temple of Horus is the best-preserved Ptolemaic temple in Egypt — a 2,200-year-old building where the construction logic is entirely legible. Kom Ombo's unique dual symmetry reflects an architectural brief unlike any other in antiquity: two gods, two axes, one shared hall.

CRUISE PROGRAMME

DAY 4 (24 NOV) Board in Luxor · Welcome lunch · Karnak (evening)

DAY 5 (25 NOV) Sailing south · Esna Lock · Edfu — Temple of Horus

DAY 6 (26 NOV) Sailing · Kom Ombo — the double temple · Evening under the stars on the sun deck

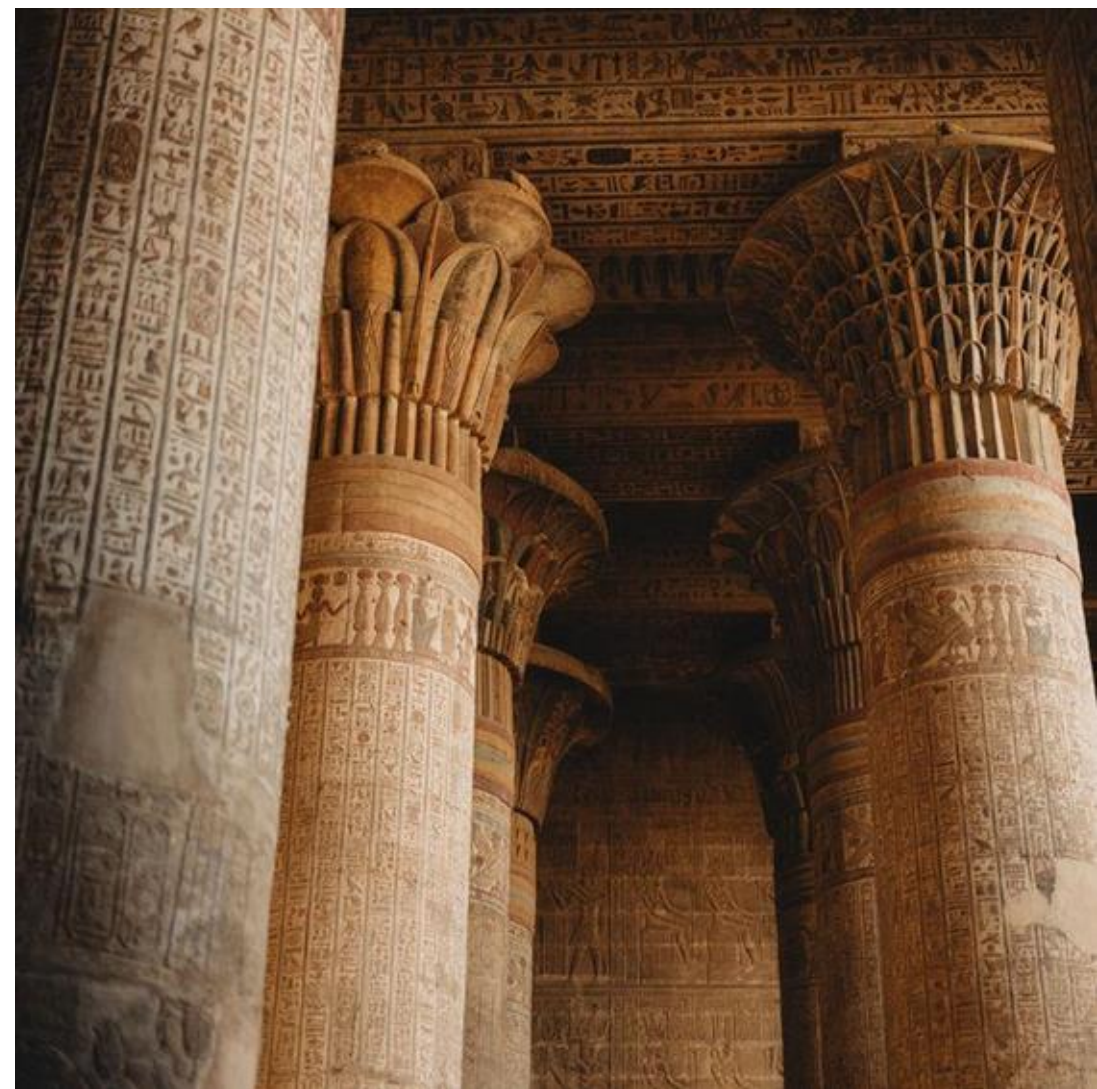
DAY 7 (27 NOV) Approach Aswan · Sunset on the First Cataract

DAY 8 (28 NOV) Disembark in Aswan · Philae Temple

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14 CABINS

Exclusive charter · Full board · All visits & specialist guides included



03

DAYTOUR
DAY 8

ASWAN & ABU SIMBEL

Nubia · The First Cataract · Temples of Ramesses II

☀ 06:10 🌙 17:00 °C 15–28°C

THE CITY

The southernmost major city in Egypt, Aswan is a quieter, more intimate destination — a place where the Nile narrows and the desert presses close. The granite quarries that supplied the ancient world, the island-temple of Philae, and the timeless Nubian villages make this an unforgettable final chapter.

Abu Simbel, 280 km south by air (45 min), is Ramesses II's supreme statement of power — four colossal statues cut into a mountainside, and the UNESCO miracle of their relocation in the 1960s.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Philae Temple — Temple of Isis (island setting)
- Unfinished Obelisk — quarry & ancient craft visit
- Aswan Botanical Garden — Kitchener's Island
- Abu Simbel ★ — Temples of Ramesses II (optional)

ARCHITECTURE

- Abu Simbel's 1960s UNESCO relocation — cutting and reassembling the entire mountain temple to save it from the Aswan reservoir — is one of the greatest feats of architectural engineering in the 20th century. A profound counterpoint to the ancient originals.



04

1 NIGHT
DAY 8

CAIRO

Farewell evening at the Waldorf Astoria — Heliopolis

☀ 06:30 🌙 16:55 °C 15–23°C

THE EVENING

After the morning at Abu Simbel, the group flies back via Aswan to Cairo and lands at the end of the afternoon on Sunday 28 November. A short transfer brings us to Heliopolis and the Waldorf Astoria — the brand's very first address in Africa.

Time to refresh after a full day, before we gather one last time for a farewell dinner in style: an elegant evening to toast the Nile, the temples and nine days of shared discoveries.

ARCHITECTURE

Heliopolis is the garden city founded in 1905 by Belgian industrialist Baron Édouard Empain — a planned suburb with its own “Heliopolis style”, blending Moorish arcades with European urbanism. His Hindu-inspired Baron Empain Palace and the Basilica lie minutes from the hotel: a Belgian signature on Cairo's skyline, and a fitting final note.

THE EVENING AT A GLANCE

28 NOV · LATE AFTERNOON

Arrival Cairo Airport · assistance & short transfer

CHECK-IN

Deluxe rooms at the Waldorf Astoria · time to refresh

EVENING

Farewell dinner in style, drinks included

29 NOV · MORNING

Breakfast · transfer · flight 09:50 to Brussels

HOTEL

Waldorf Astoria Cairo Heliopolis

Deluxe rooms · conveniently located near the airport

WHY EGYPT?

Egypt didn't just inspire architecture. Egypt invented it.

5,000

YEARS OF BUILT HERITAGE

From mudbrick mastaba to granite colossus — Egypt spans the full arc of human construction. The pyramids are not just monuments; they are engineering problems of the first order, solved with extraordinary precision.

100+

SIGNIFICANT SITES

Accessible in one itinerary: the GEM, Karnak, Valley of the Kings, Edfu, Kom Ombo, Philae, Abu Simbel. A density of architectural heritage unmatched anywhere on earth.

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SCALES OF WONDER

From the intimate precision of a painted tomb to the cosmic geometry of the pyramids and the layered urban density of Islamic Cairo — Egypt operates at every architectural scale simultaneously.



8 NIGHTS
21–29 NOV

PRICE & CONDITIONS

Per person in double cabin · basis 28 participants · 21–29 November 2027

PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE

€ 5,972

basis 28 participants · 14 double cabins on board

Based on an exchange rate of 1 USD = 0.87 EUR and current airfares. All rates subject to reconfirmation at the time of booking.

INCLUDED

- International flights Brussels – Cairo – Brussels in economy class
- Domestic flights Cairo – Luxor and Aswan – Abu Simbel – Aswan – Cairo
- 3 nights Sheraton Cairo & 1 night Waldorf Astoria, with breakfast
- 4 nights Sunboat III in exclusive charter, full board
- Meals as per programme, incl. welcome reception & farewell dinner
- Non alcoholic drinks throughout the trip
- Private English-speaking Egyptologist & all entrance fees
- Tombs of Tutankhamun & Seti I in the Valley of the Kings
- All transfers by private coach, portorage & mineral water
- Blu Andes tour leader throughout, travel documents & luggage tags
- All gratuities & Egypt entry visa

NOT INCLUDED

- Travel insurance (cancellation & assistance)
- Drinks package (alcoholic drinks) & personal expenses
- Upgrade to premium or business class (on request)
- Optional activities and anything not listed as included