Q What are the main differences between Exquisite Egypt and Essential Egypt?

A Hotel and Nile Cruise luxury (5-star vs 4-star), max group size (15 vs 22), 1 additional night, and an additional flight to replace driving to Abu Simbel.

Exquisite Egypt

- 15 guests max
- 14 days/13 nights
- 3 single rooms available
- 5-star hotels and cruise

Essential Egypt

- 25 guests max
- 13 days/12 nights
- 6 single rooms available
- 4-star hotels and cruise

Hotels & Nile Cruise Ships

Giza

Four Seasons at the First Residence
- directly on the Nile River

JAZ Pyramids Resort, Giza

Luxor

Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa
- directly on the Nile River

Opal Legacy Luxor
- boutique hotel in the "fields" of Luxor, removed from the city

Cruise

M/S Royal Serenade
- 22 cabins total
- 2 upgraded cabins available
- 355 square foot cabins
- Less common departure day means fewer tourists at sites along the Nile

M/S Nile Palace
- 68 cabins total
- 215 square foot cabins

Cairo

Le Meridien, Cairo Airport

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Transportation (Fly vs Drive)

Flights from Aswan to Abu Simbel to Cairo in one day
- 45-minute flight from Aswan to Abu Simbel
- Flight from Abu Simbel directly back to Cairo (90-minutes)

Aswan to Abu Simbel by private bus
- 3-4 hour drive in each direction (depart Aswan in morning, return same afternoon)
- More time at Abu Simbel without flight time restrictions
- Flight from Aswan directly back to Cairo the next day (90-minutes)

Inclusions

Included:
- Tomb of Seti I in Luxor
- Entry into Great Pyramid or Menkhaure, dependent on pyramid openings

Not included but optional
- Tomb of Seti I in Luxor ($60 USD)
- Entry into Great Pyramid or Menkhaure, dependent on pyramid openings ($25 USD)

January 3–16, 2027
$10,000 per person
Single Supplement $2,899

January 17–29, 2027
$6,500 per person
Single Supplement $965