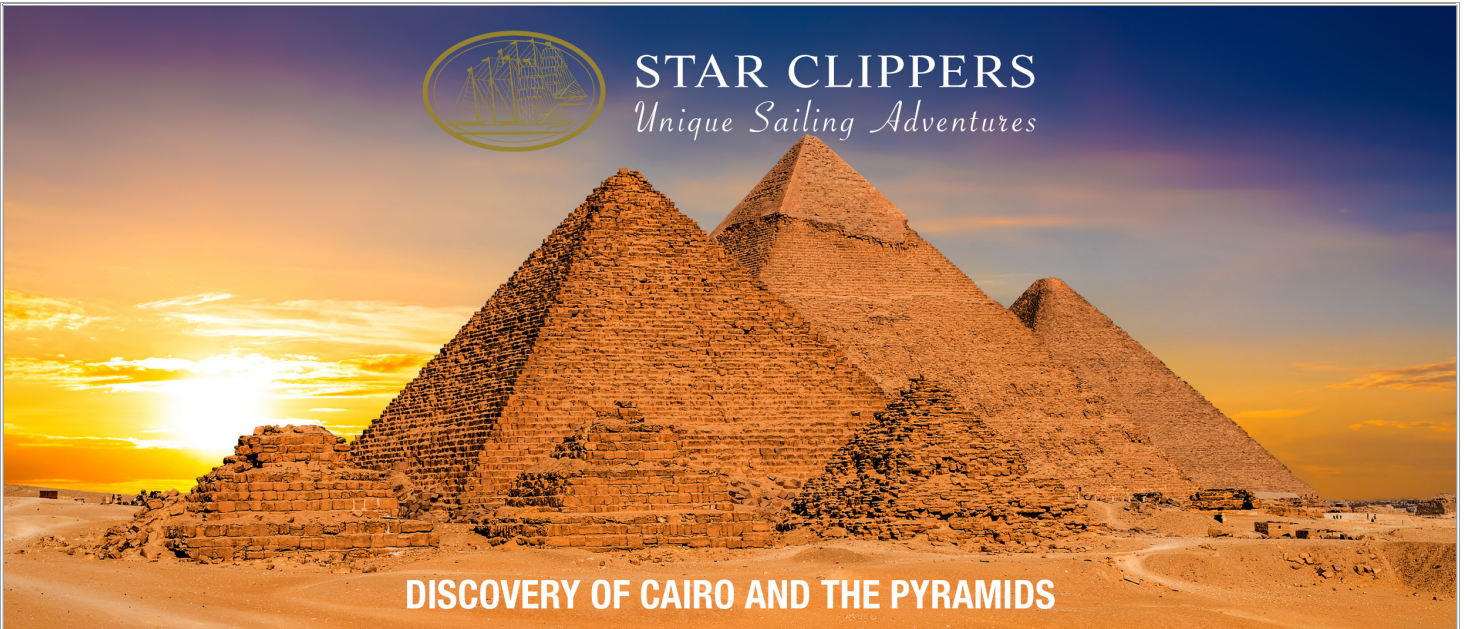




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DISCOVERY OF CAIRO AND THE PYRAMIDS

CAIRO AND THE PYRAMIDS OF GIZA June 21st to 22nd, 2024 (2 days/1 night)

Price per person in double room: 467 GBP

Price per person in single room: 571 GBP

Day 1, Friday, 21st of June 2024 - Port Said to Cairo

Upon disembarking the ship at Port Said, you will be met and depart for the three-hour drive to Cairo. Upon arrival to Cairo, you will be visiting **The Citadel and Mohamed Ali Mosque**. It is also referred to as the Alabaster Mosque due to the extensive use of that stone on some of the exterior walls and other surfaces. The mosque, the largest such structure built during the first half of the 19th century, is more impressive at a distance than close-up. Though its artistic merit is questionable, the mosque is an unparalleled contribution to the Cairo skyline. Situated on the summit of the Citadel high atop the Citadel grounds, its great dome and towering minarets are the first features that catch your eye at the fortress.

Next, lunch will be served at deluxe restaurant in the heart of the city before visiting the **Egyptian museum of antiquities** located in Tahrir square, the present museum building was built in 1900, in the neo classical style by the French architect Marcel Bourgeon. The museum exhibited collections now exceed 12000 objects range from prehistoric era to the Greco Roman period. The museum consists of two floors, The museum's ground floor follows the history of ancient Egypt, the second floor consist of thousands of smaller items from the span of Egyptian history. One of the most important rooms in the Egyptian museum is located on the second floor and which include the **Treasure of Tutankhamun** the boy-king who ruled Egypt for nine years, although the real power was in the firm hands of others. Beyond his famous treasures, and his god-like golden mask, Tutankhamun appears as a shadowy figure in Egyptian history. The pharaoh is indeed gone, but the mightiness of his treasures still fascinates us to this very day.

Check in at your 5 stars hotel.

This evening you will enjoy the spectacular **Sound and Light show at the Pyramids' area**.

After the show dinner will be served at your hotel. Overnight in Cairo.

Day 2, Saturday, 22nd of June 2024 - Cairo to Alexandria

After a buffet breakfast at the hotel, you will check-out and depart for the **visit of Sakkara**.

The Step Pyramid of Sakkara overlooks Zoser's mortuary complex. Dating from 2700 BC, the Step Pyramid is the oldest stone structure in the world and was designed by Imhotep for King Djoser. In addition to Djoser's Step Pyramid, there are another 16 pyramids on the site in various states of preservation or decay. Sakkara is also home to an impressive number of mastaba tombs. Because the necropolis was lost beneath the sands for much of the past two millennia, many of the mastaba tombs have been superbly preserved, with both their structures and lavish internal decorations intact.

Following Sakkara visit, you will be visiting **the Great Pyramids of Giza**, which are considered the most famous of Egypt's attractions and the only monuments left of the ancient wonders. The three main Pyramids at Giza were built as tombs by Cheops, his son Chephren, and Chephren's son Mykiernus to preserve each of the pharaohs' mummified body for eternity. For centuries, these unique structures have intrigued the world while surviving the rise and fall of great dynasties.

Southeast of the great Pyramid stands **the Sphinx** carved out of solid rock around 2650 BC. Steeped in legend and superstition, the sphinx was a monument either to the sun god Ra or to Pharaoh Chephren. It has the head of a man and the body of a lion. The monument faces east, probably to greet the rising sun and the return of life each day.

Next, lunch will be served at one of the deluxe restaurants.

After a quick shopping stop, a three-hour drive will take you to Alexandria and your awaiting ship.

Your program includes:

- 1 night accommodation at a 5* hotel in Cairo.
- Entrance fees to all sites mentioned in the program.
- Breakfast, two lunches and one dinner.
- Beverage package during meals (bottled water, tea and coffee).
- Local English-speaking guide Egyptologist.
- Transportation by air-conditioned coach equipped with WC.
- High security arrangements for the group.

Your program does not include:

- Tips for the driver and local guide.
- Personal expenses.
- All other services not mentioned in the program.

Please note :

- The local currency is the Egyptian pound.
- Expected weather: sunny and very hot.
- Protect yourself from the sun: wear hat, sunglasses and bring sunscreen.
- This tour involves extended walking.
- We advise you to wear comfortable clothing and shoes.
- For the visit of Mohamed Ali Mosque, shoes must be removed before entering. No shorts are allowed for men and women. Women are required to cover their head and shoulders. We recommend bringing your own scarf.
- The order of the visits may be reversed.

This shore excursion can only be pre-booked and will not be available onboard.

For information and reservations, please contact our reservation department or your travel agent.