

# HEINE LEGACY TOUR

# ANCIENT WONDERS OF EGYPT

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# NILE RIVER CRUISE

February 18 – March 05, 2006 (16 days)

CAIRO – ALEXANDRIA – EL ALAMEIN – LUXOR – ESNA – EDFU – KOM OMBO – ASWAN

- Day 01**  
**Feb 18, Sat:** CANADA – CAIRO  
Departure for Egypt.
- Day 02**  
**Feb 19, Sun:** ARRIVE CAIRO  
Arrival and transfer to our hotel resort, close to the Pyramids - check in and dinner. (D)
- Day 03**  
**Feb 20, Mon:** CAIRO  
City Tour with all the main sites of this exciting city, from the famous Egyptian Museum (which houses a magnificent collection of pharaonic relics ) to the Citadel of Salaheldin and the Mohamed Ali Mosque. Enjoy a walk through the oldest 'mall' of Cairo, the Khan el Khalili Bazaar where you can bargain for exotic treasures. Today you will see the many faces of Cairo, fascinating and haunting. (B,D)
- Day 04**  
**Feb 21, Tue:** CAIRO  
On today's excursion we travel to the famous Giza plateau with the splendid pyramids (the only one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World still intact) and the timeless Sphinx – we then continue to see the Pyramids at Memphis and Sakkara, all the time feeling the presence of the Sahara desert. Return in the afternoon to our hotel, with time to enjoy the facilities or reflect on the history of many thousand years laid out before you. (B,D)
- Day 05**  
**Feb 22, Wed:** CAIRO – ALEXANDRIA  
Today we travel to Alexandria, on the Mediterranean Sea – upon arrival we will get to experience parts of the Greco-Roman past as we visit the museum – then we check into our hotel, beautifully located in the Montazah Royal Gardens with a view of the Royal Palace of the former Egyptians – enjoy the views of the bay and the beach. (B,D)
- Day 06**  
**Feb 23, Thu:** ALEXANDRIA  
The city founded by Alexander the Great is the country's largest port, famous for its rich Greco-Roman heritage, and its legendary history as the capital during the time of Cleopatra. We explore the famous catacombs Kom El Shuqafa, Pompey's pillar, and the beautiful Montazah Gardens facing the Sea... of course we'll also drive by the new Library of Alexandria. There is some time this afternoon to explore this magnificent city on your own. (B,D)
- Day 07**  
**Feb 24, Fri:** ALEXANDRIA  
After a visit to the Qaitbay Fortress you may wish to stay in town (which tempts you to explore further with the Mediterranean Sea on its doorstep, its special atmosphere, and an alluring combination of modern and ancient sites) or join us on our visit to El Alamein, site of the famous WWII battle– the museum and the drive through desert along the way make for a memorable day. (B,D)
- Day 08**  
**Feb 25, Sat:** ALEXANDRIA – CAIRO – LUXOR  
Today we return to Cairo where we board a flight to Luxor – after settling on our **first class** Nile Cruise ship we visit the great Luxor Temple before embarking our cruise tonight. (B,D)
- Day 09**  
**Feb 26, Sun:** LUXOR – ESNA  
A day of comfortable cruising. Enjoy the scenery of the luscious valley of the Nile; the incredible array of colors reach from the waters of the Nile through the green belt which hugs the shores, to the desert and the brilliant sky. We arrive late afternoon in Esna. (B,L,D)

**Day 10**

**Feb 27, Mon: ESNA – EDFU – KOM OMBO**

In Edfu we take a horse-drawn carriage ride to the temple dedicated to the God Horus, built in the Ptolemaic period. We return to the ship for lunch, and head for Kom Ombo, where we go ashore to visit the Sobek Temple with its beautiful murals and reliefs. (B,L,D)

**Day 11**

**Feb 28, Tue: KOM OMBO – ASWAN**

Today we arrive in Aswan and visit the high dam, granite quarries, the beautiful Philae Temple and the unfinished obelisk. After lunch we take a boat trip in a typical Felucca, passing Elephantine Island and view the botanical gardens (rare exotic plants and trees ) on Kitchener Island. (B,L,D)

**Day 12**

**Mar 01, Wed: ASWAN – EDFU**

Today you have a chance to take an optional excursion to Abu Simbel. After lunch the ship sails downstream again towards Edfu. (B,L,D)

**Day 13**

**Mar 02, Thu: EDFU – ESNA – LUXOR**

Sit back and enjoy the amenities of our wonderful ship as we cruise along one of the world’s most astoundingly historic rivers, passing villages and agricultural areas. Not many rivers in the world rival the Nile in mystic atmosphere. 5000 years of civilizations along its banks have left legacies of kingdoms; remarkable cultural and scientific achievements to inspire generations of adventurers, archaeologists, writers and artists. You are walking in the footsteps of Cleopatra, Alexander the Great, Joseph, Moses, Napoleon and innumerable other figures of history and legend. (B,L,D)

**Day 14**

**Mar 03, Fri: LUXOR**

We begin today on the West Bank (Thebes) of the Nile, as we visit the famous Memnon Colossi, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut and the spectacular tombs in the Valley of the Kings. We return to our ship for lunch and in the afternoon enjoy the East Bank with the temples of Karnak, the temple of Amon with the 134 huge columns, and statue of Ramses II. (B,L,D)

**Day 15,**

**Mar 04, Sat: LUXOR – CAIRO**

It is time to disembark, as we fly back to Cairo today where we check into our hotel again. Enjoy the afternoon with an opportunity to do a final round of shopping sightseeing, and this evening we will enjoy a Egyptian Folklore Show. (B,D)

**Day 16**

**Mar 05, Sun: CAIRO - CANADA**

Transfer to the airport and flight home. (B)

**INCLUDED:**

- Air fare Canada – Cairo – Canada; Cairo – Luxor – Cairo
- Private bus for all transfers, touring etc. prior to cruise and after cruise
- English speaking guide for pre and post tour
- Accommodation in 5 star hotels in Cairo and Alexandria
- Breakfasts (B) and dinners (D) during travel “on land” pre- and post-cruise
- 7 nights aboard the sumptuous M.S. Universe, or a similar ship.
- All meals aboard ship (breakfast, lunch, dinner)
- All excursions during the Nile Cruise (except optional excursion to Abu Simbel)
- Taxes and service charges

**NOT INCLUDED:**

- Departure taxes
- Insurance
- Lunches pre- and post-cruise
- Tips for staff on the ship as well as for guides and drivers

**COST:** per person in Canadian funds based on 2 people sharing:

<b>From Vancouver</b>	<b>\$ 3990</b>
<b>From Toronto</b>	<b>\$ 3830</b>
<b>Single Supplement</b>	<b>\$ 750</b>