



— 2026 —

EGYPT & MOROCCO

WITH NILE RIVER CRUISE

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Tour Length: 28 Days **Tour Departs:** 18 October 2026 **Tour Ends:** 14 November 2026

OVERVIEW:

We are very excited to be coming back to Egypt. Combined with Morocco, this tour will have us exploring some of the remarkable Ancient Wonders of the world.

Egypt: Embark on an unforgettable journey through the heart of ancient civilization. From the timeless majesty of the Pyramids of Giza and the enigmatic Sphinx to the vibrant bazaars of Cairo, this tour offers a perfect blend of history, culture, and adventure. Sail the legendary Nile River on a deluxe cruise, stopping at iconic temples like Karnak and Luxor, and explore the Valley of the Kings where pharaohs once lay in golden splendour. Along the way, our knowledgeable guides bring history to life with stories of gods, queens, and empires past. With luxury accommodation, seamless transportation, and insider access to Egypt's most treasured sites, this tour is your gateway to an ancient world reborn.

- The Great Pyramids
- 4-Night Nile River Cruise
- New Grand Egyptian Museum
- Aswan and Abu Simbel

Morocco: We spend 10 days exploring Morocco's most iconic cities and charming coastal towns. From the cosmopolitan buzz of Casablanca to the tranquil blue alleys of Chefchaouen, the spiritual depths of Fez, the magical streets of Marrakech, and the Atlantic breeze of Essaouira — this tour blends history, culture, colour, and coastal charm into one unforgettable experience.

- Casablanca, including visit to Hassan II Mosque
- Chefchaouen (the blue city) - one of the prettiest towns in Morocco

TOUR COST PER PERSON

Share Twin or Double Room
NZD \$28,500.00pp

Total Cost with Single Supp.
NZD \$37,700.00pp

- Fez - The oldest city in Morocco, known for its gastronomy, trade & traditional crafts
- Marrakech - known for its incredible architecture. Including visits to Koutobia Minaret and the Saadi Tombs
- 2-nights Essaouira - Known as the 'Wind City of Africa', with excellent beaches, great food and vibrant culture



Note, for those that wish – there is the option to exclude Morocco. Pricing below. You would fly home from Cairo on Monday 02 November, via Dubai, arriving Auckland mid-morning Wednesday 04 November.

Share Twin or Double Room
NZD \$22,500.00pp

Total Cost with Single Supp.
NZD \$29,750.00pp



TOUR COSTS

Included:

- Economy Class Air Travel from Auckland
- Upgrade to Premium Economy or Business Class Air Travel available at additional cost
- First Class hotel accommodation
- Accommodation in river-view staterooms with large window on Nile Cruise
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Prepaid airport/government taxes, security and fuel surcharges (as at 01/09/25)
- Sightseeing & entrance fees as indicated in the itinerary
- English speaking local hosts/guides in each country
- Tips/gratuities to guides, drivers & staff
- Baggage handling of one (1) piece per person - where possible
- Fully escorted by a Maher Tours Leader

Excluded:

- Any meals and sightseeing tours not specifically mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel insurance – advice and assistance offered
- Visa fees – advice and assistance offered
- Items of a personal nature such as drinks, room service, laundry, telephone charges etc.

Booking Conditions:

Initial Deposit - Due at time of booking

- NZD \$3,000.00 per person

Second Deposit - Due Thursday 16 April 2026

- NZD \$3,000.00 per person

Final Payment - Due Friday 17 July 2026

- Balance

To register for this tour please contact us at 0800 500 518 or tours@mahertours.co.nz



DAY TO DAY ITINERARY

Sunday 18 October

Home – Dubai

We commence the tour with an overnight flight to Dubai.

Monday 19 October

Dubai (D)

We arrive in Dubai early this morning and after clearing Customs and Immigration formalities, we are met and transferred to our hotel for a two-night stay. There is time to rest up after the flight until mid-afternoon where we meet up to enjoy a visit to Dubai Miracle Garden. Each season, as the weather begins to cool at the onset of winter, the gates reopen. With more than 150 million flowers in full bloom, this 72,000-sq-m paradise has flowered into one of the region's most picturesque, sweet-scented destinations for more than a decade now. There is time for exploration at the garden, before we return to the hotel for dinner this evening.

Tuesday 20 October

Dubai – Cairo (B,D)

We start our day with a visit to the Museum of the Future. One of Dubai's most famous landmarks, the museum takes pride of place along the city's superhighway, Sheikh Zayed Road. Founded by the Dubai Future Foundation and launched on 22 February 2022, the museum explores how society could evolve in the coming decades using science and technology. Termed a 'living museum', it incorporates elements of traditional exhibitions, immersive theatre and themed attractions, so visitors can look beyond the present and towards the future's limitless possibilities. Visitors have the chance to engage with this game-changing technology. Each floor of the museum is designed like an expansive, interactive movie set, brought to life by expert storytellers, technologists and visionary artists. Early afternoon, we return to the airport for our mid-afternoon flight

to Cairo. We arrive early evening, and check into our hotel, the Marriott Mena House Hotel, set in palm-fringed gardens with spectacular views of the pyramids. After settling in we enjoy a welcome drink and dinner.

Wednesday 21 October

Cairo (B,L,D)

We visit the most iconic of Egyptian sites this morning - the Pyramids and Sphinx at Giza. Here we will see the great pyramid built by Cheops, containing more than 2.3 million cubic metres of stone. Our guide will help navigate the Giza Plateau complex and enrich your discovery. After our visit, we enjoy lunch before returning to our hotel for time at leisure.

Thursday 22 October

Cairo (B,L,D)

This morning, we visit the New Grand Egyptian Museum. Constructed to be the world's largest museum exhibiting only one civilization, the Grand Egyptian Museum will display incredible artefacts of "the ancient Egyptian civilisation" from prehistoric times through until the Greco-Roman period. The museum proudly houses the treasures of Tutankhamun, often referred to as the "Boy King". There are more than 250,000 pieces and artifacts from King Tutankhamun's tomb, and treasures hidden for thousands of years. After our visit, we enjoy lunch before returning to our hotel for time at leisure. This evening, we enjoy a walking tour of the famous Mamluk Ottoman street of Moez - a 1 km long pedestrian street, and to quote the UN, it has "the greatest concentration of medieval architectural treasures in the Islamic world". We explore the Khan El Khalili Bazaar, followed by dinner in an authentic local restaurant.

Friday 23 October

Cairo (B,L,D)

This morning, we visit Sakkara, one of the most exciting historical and archaeological areas in all of Egypt. Dominated by the

famous Step Pyramid of Djoser, this was the first pyramid to be built in ancient Egypt - preceding those at Giza by many centuries. We will also have the opportunity to visit the Tombs of the Nobles, Imhotep Museum, and the tomb of Mastaba of Ti. This grand and detailed private tomb is not only Old Kingdom art at its best but also one of our main sources of knowledge about life in Old Kingdom Egypt. Its owner, Ti, was overseer of the Abu Sir pyramids and sun temples (among other things) during the 5th dynasty. In fact, the superb quality of his tomb is in keeping with his nickname, Ti the Rich. After lunch, we will proceed to Memphis, the ancient capital of Egypt, where you will see the colossal statue of Ramses II and the Great Alabaster Sphinx. Enjoy dinner is at the hotel this evening.

Saturday 24 October

Cairo - Luxor (B,L,D)

We check out late morning and after a light lunch we head to the airport to join our early afternoon flight to Luxor. On arrival, we are transferred to our hotel - The Sonesta St George, overlooking the Nile, offering wonderful views from the hotel swimming pool and bar. This evening, we visit the Luxor Temple. The Luxor and Karnak temples are two incredible "open air museums" linked by the 2.7km long Avenue of Sphinxes, originally lined with over 1,000 sphinx statues.

Sunday 25 October

Luxor (B,L,D)

Today is free at leisure, or you may choose to join an optional excursion to the Dendera Temple complex. Dendera is considered one of the most beautiful and best-preserved temples in Egypt and is dedicated to Hathor, the goddess of love, beauty, music, joy, and motherhood, and the wife of the falcon-headed sky god Horus. During the visit, you'll also have the opportunity to see the small Temple of Isis, which is enclosed within the Dendera Temple complex. This is a five hour trip excursion and is an additional cost of \$240 per person. After lunch, enjoy free time at

leisure to explore the city, stroll along the Luxor Corniche, or browse the local markets.

Monday 26 October

Luxor - Join Nile River Cruise (B,L,D)

This morning, we visit the Museum of Luxor, a museum featuring items found beneath the Luxor Temple, and from the tomb of King Tut. Also on exhibit is a re-assembled wall from the Temple of Aten. You will also visit the Karnak temple. It is believed to be the second-most-visited historical site in Egypt; only the Giza pyramid complex receives more visits. Early this afternoon we board our cruise ship to begin our 4-night cruise on the life-giving waters of the Nile. Each cabin has a Nile view. Cabins include TV, Telephone, Satellite channels, Safety deposit box, and hairdryer. The upper deck includes a swimming pool, spa and deck chairs to relax and watch the life along the Nile slip by.

Tuesday 27 October

Luxor – Edfu (B,L,D)

Today cross to the West Bank of the Nile to the Valley of the Kings. Part of the ancient city of Thebes, this area was the burial site of almost all the pharaohs of the 18th, 19th, and 20th dynasties (1539–1075 BCE). Later, continue to the Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut and haunting Colossi of Memnon, which is known to make an eerie wailing sound. Today your tour will also include entrance into the Boy King Tutankhamun Tomb. (no photos permitted). Later, visit the fascinating Howard Carter's house. Neglected for a long time, the house has now been restored to its former state by the famous Egyptologist and Archaeologist Dr Zahi Hawass and now offers a fascinating insight into the life of Howard Carter against an amazing 1920 backdrop.

Wednesday 28 October

Edfu – Aswan (B,L,D)

Another unforgettable day beckons as we visit Edfu Temple. This temple,



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the best preserved in all of Egypt, was completed during the reign of Cleopatra and has provided much knowledge of ancient Egypt. Afternoon visit to the Kom Ombo Temple known for its murals, bas relief, fine Nile views and fascinating mummified crocodiles! Later sail to Aswan.

Thursday 29 October

Aswan (B,L,D)

After breakfast on our boat, we visit the Aswan Dams at the end of Lake Nasser, the re-sited Temple of Philae dedicated to the Goddess Isis and the granite quarries. Delight in the serenity of an afternoon sail on a traditional Felucca around Kitchener Island. Also known as Nubatana or Botanical Island, this charming island paradise was irrigated and planted with a vast collection of tropical trees, many from as far away as India.

Friday 30 October

Aswan – Abu Simbel – Aswan (B,L,D)

Sadly, we disembark this morning after breakfast, however we join a tour to Abu Simbel. Abu Simbel is the site of one of the greatest engineering feats by UNESCO. It was built to save Egyptian monuments from the waters of Lake Nasser, the artificial lake created behind the Aswan High Dam that wiped out the Kingdom of Nubia. On this tour which includes return flights, we will see the great temple of Ramses II, with its four massive seated figures of the youthful Ramses, carved into the side of the cliff, to resemble a temple pylon and rising to 32m. Now they are supported on an artificial domed structure, which you will be able to enter. Later today we transfer to our hotel, the historic Old Cataract Hotel, where Dame Agatha Christie penned Death on the Nile. We spend two nights here.

Saturday 31 October

Aswan (B,D)

Today is at your leisure. Explore the city further or simply relax and enjoy

the facilities of the legendary hotel.

Sunday 01 November

Aswan – Cairo (B,D)

We depart to Cairo early afternoon where we will stay overnight at a hotel in the Heliopolis area close to the airport.

Monday 02 November

Cairo – Casablanca - Rabat (B,L,D)

This morning we board our flight to Casablanca, Morocco. After clearing Customs and Immigration formalities, we will enjoy a welcome lunch where you will try Moroccan specialities such as tagine, couscous and pastilla. This afternoon, we take an orientation tour of the city's highlights including a visit to Hassan II Mosque. We continue on along the Moroccan Atlantic Coast to the modern capital of Rabat where we will stay overnight.

Tuesday 03 November

Rabat – Chefchaouen (B,D)

This morning, we visit the Royal Palace and Hassan Tower before continuing our drive north to Chefchaouen. Nestled high in the Rif Mountains, Chefchaouen is famous for its buildings washed in bright shades of blue. We check in to our hotel late afternoon and there is time to freshen up prior to dinner.

Wednesday 04 November

Chefchaouen (B,L)

Enjoy a day to explore Chefchaouen, fondly known as one of the prettiest towns in Morocco. Discover Plaza Outa el-Hammam, the main square named for the number of hammams (public baths) which used to encircle it, we visit the Grand Mosque and tour the kasbah's garden, museum, and even some of its old prison cells. Ascend the path leading to the abandoned white Spanish Mosque and enjoy views over Chefchaouen. We return to the hotel in the afternoon and the rest of the day is at leisure.

Thursday 05 November

Chefchaouen - Fez (B,L,D)

We have a relaxed morning before we start our journey to Fez. In its heyday, Fez attracted scholars and philosophers, mathematicians and lawyers, astronomers and theologians and it's here in this walled city that you will find the oldest university in the world. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Fez will transport you back to medieval times. This evening, we enjoy a dinner of Moroccan specialties as well as folklore and belly dancing.

Friday 06 November

Fez (B,D)

On our guided tour of this "City of The Mind", we visit the Medina and the walled city of hidden courtyards, mosques and tiny workshops and the ancient bazaar. This afternoon is at leisure – maybe think about an optional visit to a Berber village.

Saturday 07 November

Fez – Marrakech (B,L,D)

Today we drive through the foothills of the Atlas Mountains, past mud walled villages and onto Marrakech for a two-night stay. Africa's most popular year-round sun resort, it was once the favourite spot of Winston Churchill.

Sunday 08 November

Marrakech (B)

On a guided tour this morning we see the Koutobia Minaret, visit the Saadi Tombs and explore the Medina with its many souks. The tour ends in Jemaa Square where acrobats, dancers and fortune tellers entertain you. This afternoon is at leisure.

Monday 09 November

Marrakech – Essaouira (B,L,D)

Today we travel west to the Atlantic coast and the former pirate's lair of Essaouira,

one of Morocco's most attractive coastal cities. Crenelated walls, special wind, houses with white and blue facades, Essaouira, the ancient Mogador is the "Bride of the Atlantic". It is one of those coastal cities where the unique atmosphere and water activities seamlessly blend. We enjoy two-nights in this beautiful city.

Tuesday 10 November

Essaouira (B,D)

Today is free for you to explore Essaouira. Head to the harbour and witness the daily auction in motion at the fish markets, browse the many shops and art galleries in the maze of alleyways and appreciate the Portuguese, French and Berber influence in the architecture.

Wednesday 11 November

Essaouira – Casablanca (B,L,D)

We journey back to Casablanca today. The afternoon is free on arrival, for you to further explore this seafront city, before we meet up for our final dinner together, before we start the journey home.

Thursday 12 November

Casablanca – Dubai (B)

A leisurely morning, before we make our way to the airport to join our early afternoon flight to Dubai. Arrival time is early morning on 03 April, and we have arranged hotel rooms, located inside the airport terminal. There is time for a few hours rest.

Friday 13 November

Dubai – Auckland (B)

Time for the last leg of our journey. Our flight departs at approx. 10.00am.

Saturday 14 November

Home

Arrive Auckland mid-morning.



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