

Egypt Optional Extension

Biblical Egypt, Early Christianity & the Pyramids - 4 Days / 3 Nights

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Extension Highlights

Pyramids of Giza • Great Sphinx • Grand Egyptian Museum • Coptic Cairo • Hanging Church • Church of Saints Sergius & Bacchus • Holy Family Tradition

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Day 1 – Tel Aviv • Cairo

Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for the flight to Cairo, Egypt.

Upon arrival, meet your local representative and guide and transfer to the hotel. Depending on flight schedules, enjoy an orientation drive through Cairo, one of the great historic cities of the Middle East.

Day 2 – Giza Pyramids • Sphinx • Grand Egyptian Museum

After breakfast, travel to the Giza Plateau to explore the extraordinary Pyramids of Giza, built more than 4,500 years ago as monumental tombs for the pharaohs.

See the Great Pyramid of Khufu, the pyramids of Khafre and Menkaure, and the iconic Great Sphinx.

Continue to the Grand Egyptian Museum, home to an extraordinary collection illustrating thousands of years of ancient Egyptian civilization.

The day's visits provide important historical context for understanding the world of ancient Egypt that forms the backdrop to many Old Testament narratives.

Return to the hotel for dinner.

Dinner & Overnight: Cairo

Day 3 – Coptic Cairo • Holy Family Tradition • Historic Cairo

Today focus on Egypt's rich Christian heritage.

Visit Coptic Cairo, one of the most important centers of Christianity in Egypt. Explore the Hanging Church, one of Cairo's oldest and most significant Coptic churches, and other important sites within the historic Christian quarter.

Visit the Church of Saints Sergius and Bacchus (Abu Serga), traditionally associated with the Holy Family's flight into Egypt and believed by Christian tradition to have been built above a place where Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus found refuge.

Learn about the history of Egypt's ancient Coptic Christian community, whose roots reach back to the earliest centuries of Christianity.

Depending on time, continue into Historic Cairo to experience another side of this remarkable city and its centuries of religious and cultural history.

Conclude the extension with a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 4 – Cairo • Departure Home

After breakfast, transfer to Cairo Airport for your return flight to the United States.

