

In the Footsteps of Agatha Christie



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Agatha Christie in Egypt



A Teenage Agatha in Cairo's Glittering Winter

Contrary to popular belief, Agatha Christie's visit to Egypt with her husband was not her first. She had previously visited the country as a seventeen-year-old girl, accompanying her mother for a three-month stay in Cairo. They stayed at the elegant Gezira Palace Hotel, known today as the Cairo Marriott. That winter was filled with dazzling social life: polo matches on green lawns, lively dances at the Gezira Sporting Club, and endless evenings under the stars. While her mother encouraged her to visit the nearby Egyptian Museum, the young Agatha was far more captivated by the whirl of society than by the ancient stones.



Secrets of the Automobile Club

She is said to have frequented the Royal Automobile Club — a true symbol of Egypt's royal era, reserved for the aristocracy and foreign elite. Founded in the early 20th century, it was the second automobile club in the world after London. Kings, diplomats, and society's cream passed through its grand dining hall, where chandeliers sparkled above the elegant tables. It was precisely the sort of place that Agatha Christie might have woven into one of her stories — a setting steeped in elegance, whispers, and intrigue.

Return to Egypt: Where Mystery Meets the Nile

Two decades later, Egypt returned to her life — this time with her husband, the archaeologist Max Mallowan. In Aswan, she settled into the Old Cataract Hotel, gazing across the Nile towards Elephantine Island. It was here that she began one of her most famous works, *Death on the Nile*. Her fascination with Egypt's past had now fully blossomed, nurtured by her travels and friendships with leading archaeologists. In Luxor, she wandered among the great temples, took tea with Howard Carter at his home on the West Bank (today the Marsam Hotel), or lingered on the terrace of the venerable Winter Palace, where explorers and travellers gathered to trade their tales



11 Days Best of Egypt in Agatha Christie's Footsteps

11 DAYS FROM

\$4,036

Minimum 4



Sail & Rail

The Tour

Day 1: London–Cairo
Day 2: Cairo
Day 3: Cairo
Day 4: Cairo–Aswan
Day 5: Aswan
Day 6: Aswan
Day 7: Aswan – Dahabiya Sailing
Day 8: Dahabiya Sailing
Day 9: Luxor
Day 10: Luxor
Day 11: Luxor–London



OVERVIEW

Just as Agatha Christie found inspiration and personal transformation in Egypt, you too might seize this opportunity on an 11-day unique journey from Cairo to Aswan and Luxor, tracing her steps along the timeless Nile while embracing authenticity and sustainability.

You will have the rare opportunity to stay in historic hotels once graced by Christie herself and to connect closely with the local community, far from the crowds of large tourist boats. Your itinerary includes a two-night voyage on a traditional dahabiya from Aswan to Luxor, where the small vessel and limited time on the river leave only a minimal footprint, reducing carbon emissions to the lowest possible level.

Unavoidable emissions are measured with the Heliopolis University Carbon Footprint Centre and offset through the Egyptian Biodynamic Association, supporting farmers reclaiming desert land. This way, you follow Agatha Christie's footsteps with a clear mind and light heart, enjoying the romance of the Nile, the echo of history, and the knowledge that your journey benefits both culture and the environment.



ITINERARY

Day 1 – Arrival in Cairo

On arrival in Cairo, our representative will greet you, assist with airport formalities, and transfer you to the Marriott Hotel – once the Gezira Palace, where Agatha Christie herself stayed at the age of seventeen. The remainder of the day is free to relax. Overnight in Cairo.

Day 2 – Pyramids to Royal Elegance

After breakfast, visit the legendary Pyramids of Giza, the enigmatic Sphinx, and the Valley Temple. Enjoy lunch with breathtaking pyramid views before continuing to the Grand Egyptian Museum, home to unparalleled treasures, including the iconic collection of Tutankhamun.

In the evening, delight in an exclusive dinner at the Royal Automobile Club – the second of its kind after London – where it is said that Agatha Christie once dined with her mother. Savour a fine meal accompanied by the enchanting sounds of live violin music performed beside your table, creating an unforgettable evening of elegance and charm.



DEPARTURE : FRIDAY

Day 3 – Citadel, Bazaar & Nile Dinner

Today begins with visits to the Hanging Church and the Citadel of Saladin, followed by a stroll through the vibrant Khan el Khalili bazaar. Lunch is served at the renowned Naguib Mahfouz Restaurant, named after Egypt's Nobel Prize-winning novelist.

In the evening, board a private dahabiya for a special dinner cruise on the Nile, with Cairo's sparkling skyline reflected in the water.

B-L-Dinner Nile Cruise



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Day 4 – Palace Charm & Romance of the Rails

The morning is free to enjoy the historic Cairo Marriott, once the lavish Gezira Palace. Wander its gardens or take tea in the elegant halls once walked by Agatha Christie.

Lunch is served at the exclusive Gezira Sporting Club, another of Christie's haunts. In the evening, transfer to the station for your overnight journey aboard the sleeper train to Aswan — once the classic way to travel through Egypt. Dinner is served on board as the desert night unfolds. **B-L-D**



Day 5 – Felucca Breezes & Island Temples

Arrive in Aswan at sunrise and check in to your hotel. Later, embark on a traditional felucca sail around Aswan's islands, where the gentle breeze and calm waters offer a serene perspective of the city. You will visit **Elephantine Island**, a place closely connected to Christie's life — her husband, Max Mallowan, worked here as an archaeologist, and Agatha herself spent long hours exploring the island.

For dinner, enjoy an authentic experience at **King Jamaica**, a small, family-run Nubian restaurant. With a focus on traditional, home-cooked flavours and warm hospitality, the meal allows you to connect with the local community. By dining here, you also support local Nubian families, making your evening a meaningful part of your cultural journey.

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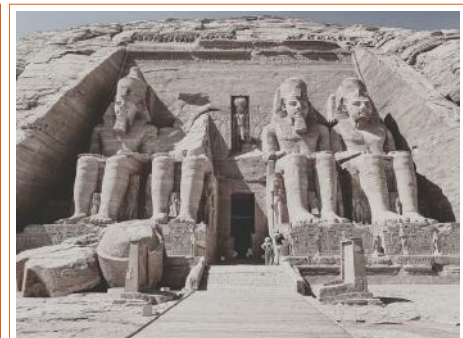
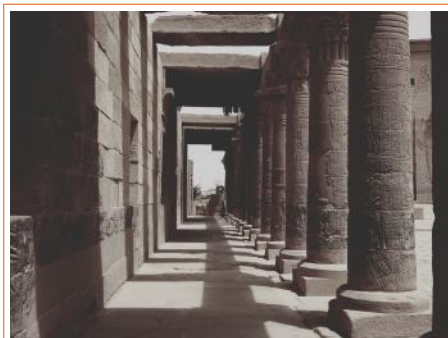
Day 6 – Abu Simbel, Philae & Agatha's Legacy

After breakfast, you have the option to take an excursion south to the majestic rock-cut temples of **Abu Simbel**. Carved out of solid rock during the reign of Ramses II, these temples are not only a marvel of ancient Egyptian engineering but also a testament to the pharaoh's power and devotion. Walking among the colossal statues and intricately carved reliefs, you can almost hear echoes of history whispering through the stone—an unforgettable experience that brings the grandeur of ancient Egypt vividly to life.

In the evening, return to Aswan to visit the **Temple of Philae**, dedicated to Isis. As the sun sets, golden light reflects on the Nile, creating a serene, almost magical atmosphere that brings the ancient temple vividly to life.

To conclude the day, enjoy afternoon tea & Snacks on the terrace of the legendary **Old Cataract Hotel**, one of Egypt's most iconic hotels and a place where Agatha Christie herself stayed during her time in Aswan. Sipping tea while gazing out at the Nile, you are immersed in the elegance and sophistication of a bygone era

B & Tea time



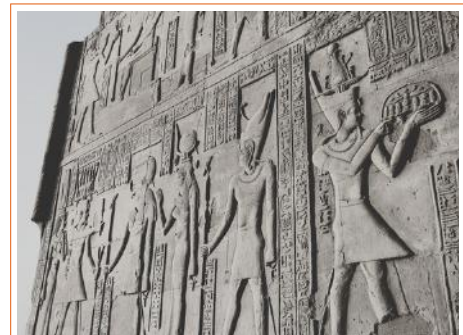
Day 7 – Sailing Towards Kom Ombo

This morning, step aboard your private dahabiya, a traditional Nile sailing vessel, and begin a leisurely journey northwards along the river towards Kom Ombo. As the sails catch the breeze, enjoy the timeless scenery of the Nile: lush green fields stretch along the banks, farmers tend their crops, and daily life unfolds much as it has for centuries.

By the afternoon, you arrive at the striking Temple of Kom Ombo, a rare riverside sanctuary dedicated to two deities — Sobek, the crocodile god, and Horus, the falcon god. Its unusual twin design and riverside setting make it one of Egypt's most intriguing monuments, where every carving tells a story of devotion, power, and myth.

As the sun begins to dip, return to your dahabiya and continue downstream towards Edfu. Overnight on board,

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Day 8- Dawn at Edfu & Sailing Through Time to Luxor

At the first light of dawn, step ashore to explore the magnificent **Temple of Edfu**, one of Egypt's most well-preserved temples, dedicated to Horus the falcon god. Its towering walls and intricate carvings offer a rare glimpse into ancient rituals and the grandeur of Egypt's religious architecture.

After your visit, return to your dahabiya and continue sailing north along the Nile. Along the way, pass through the historic **Esna Lock**, a fascinating engineering feature where the river level is gently adjusted, allowing your boat to descend smoothly to the waters of Lower Egypt — a quiet yet dramatic moment that connects past and present. By evening, you arrive in **Luxor**, the heart of ancient Thebes. Overnight on board your dahabiya.

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Day 9 – Secrets of Kings & Agatha's Shadows

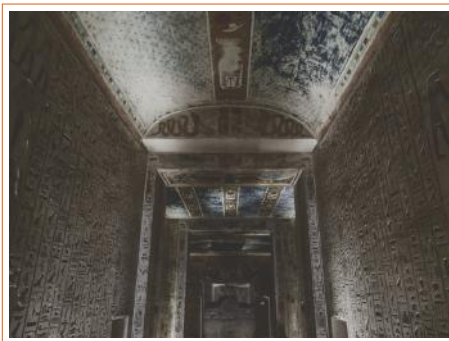
After breakfast, your journey begins on Luxor's West Bank, where the **Valley of the Kings** awaits — the final resting place of Egypt's greatest pharaohs, adorned with stunning murals and intricate hieroglyphs that tell tales of gods, kings, and the journey to the afterlife. Step into the heart of ancient Egyptian civilisation and feel the grandeur of history beneath your feet.

Next, visit the remarkable **Temple of Hatshepsut**, a funerary temple rising majestically from the cliffs. Its tranquil terraces and grand courtyards offer moments of reflection, while the sweeping desert backdrop provides the perfect setting for unforgettable photographs. Before returning to your hotel, savour a unique lunch at the historic **Marsam Hotel**, established in 1922 and once home to Howard Carter, the discoverer of Tutankhamun's tomb and friend of Agatha Christie. This is no ordinary meal — it is a journey through history, infused with the spirit of discovery and the timeless grandeur of ancient Egypt.

As the sun begins to dip, you'll be transported back in time to the terrace of the **Old Winter Palace** for afternoon tea. Imagine the scene as **Agatha Christie** once did — sipping tea with savouries, overlooking the Nile, watching the golden and crimson light dance on the river's surface, surrounded by the whispers of explorers and archaeologists who once graced the same terrace.

As night falls, a guided visit to Luxor Temple reveals the magical transformation of this ancient monument. Illuminated under the night sky, the colossal statues and towering pylons evoke the grandeur of a civilisation that has fascinated the world for millennia.

B-L & Sunset Tea



Day 10 – Luxor: Morning with the Gods

As the first light of dawn brushes the Nile, you make your way to the **Temple of Karnak**, one of the most magnificent and historically rich sites in all of Egypt. Arriving at sunrise means you can experience the temple almost entirely to yourself, before the crowds gather. The early morning light casts long shadows across the vast hypostyle hall, where towering columns rise like a forest of stone, each carved with hieroglyphs that recount the feats of pharaohs and the devotion of ancient priests. Every step through the colossal courtyards and ceremonial avenues seems to echo with centuries of history and sacred rituals.

After this awe-inspiring visit, return to your hotel for a leisurely breakfast, letting the grandeur of Karnak settle into memory while enjoying the calm of the morning. The rest of the day is yours to savour at your own pace. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon exploring Luxor's streets, browsing local crafts, or relaxing by your hotel pool, soaking up the Nile's rhythm and the warm sun.

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Day 11 – Farewell Egypt

After a final breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight back to London. Carry with you memories woven along Agatha Christie's footsteps: the glittering lights of Cairo's Automobile Club, the quiet elegance of the Old Winter Palace terrace in Luxor, the whispering colonnades of Karnak at sunrise, and the gentle sway of the dahabiya along the Nile. Each step along this journey — from bustling bazaars to serene river evenings — holds a hint of mystery, charm, and timeless wonder that will linger long after you leave. or **Extend your stay in Hurghada /Luxor**

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Where You'll Stay ?

Following in the footsteps of Agatha Christie, we have carefully selected accommodations to ensure a comfortable and memorable stay. While the Old Cataract and Old Winter Palace offer exceptional luxury, we have created two package options to suit different preferences.

Handpicked Accommodations for the Silver Package

In **Cairo**, we selected the **Cairo Marriott**, formerly known as the Gezira Palace during the royal era, where **Agatha Christie** stayed with her mother at the age of seventeen. The hotel is located very close to the **Gezira Sporting Club**, where she used to play **polo**.

In **Aswan**, we chose the **Nub Inn**, a charming Nubian hotel situated on the opposite bank from the **Old Cataract Hotel**, where **Agatha Christie** also stayed. The hotel is authentically owned by a local Nubian who formerly served as General Manager of the Marriott Hotels ensuring high-quality service and a chance to engage with the local culture at the Nubian Village .

For the river cruise, guests will enjoy staying aboard the **Merit Dahabiya**, the same choice for both the Silver and Golden packages.

In Luxor, we selected the historic **Marsam Hotel**, established in 1922 and now owned by the descendants of Abdel Rasoul, the young assistant who helped Howard Carter discover Tutankhamun's tomb, one of the greatest archaeological discoveries in history. The hotel is currently managed under German supervision, with the family continuing to preserve its historic legacy.



Premium Accommodation for the Golden Package

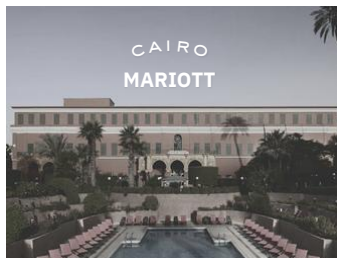
Experience timeless luxury and history with the Golden Package, staying in iconic hotels along the Nile.

In **Cairo**, enjoy a stay at the **Cairo Marriott** in a **Deluxe Nile View Room with Balcony**. Formerly known as the Gezira Palace, this historic hotel is where Agatha Christie once stayed, adding a touch of literary heritage to your visit.

In **Aswan**, stay at the legendary **Old Cataract Hotel** in a **Palace Luxury Room** with Balcony and **Garden View**, the very HOTEL where **Agatha Christie** resided. You will also stay at the **Old Winter Palace**, where she often enjoyed tea with friends Howard Carter — a place steeped in the charm and inspiration that shaped her famous novel **Death on the Nile**.

In Luxor, relax at the **Palace Hotel** in a **Superior Room and Garden View**, as for Nile sailing Sharing the same **Merit Dahabiya**.

This package combines historic elegance, luxurious comfort, and a journey through the settings that inspired one of the world's most beloved mystery novels, offering an unforgettable experience along the Nile.



Included:

- 3 nights Cairo Marriott,
- 1 night Sleeper Train (Elite)
- 2 nights Aswan (Old Cataract/Nub Inn)
- 2 nights Merit Dahabiya
- 2 nights Luxor (Old Winter Palace/Marsam)

Ground Service

- Visa Entry, VIP airport meet & greet
- All transfers and sightseeing as per the itinerary
- All entrance fees and guiding as per the itinerary.
- Meal plan as per itinerary
- (10 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners)
- (2 gala dinners, 2 sunset teas with snacks)

Not Included:

- International Flight
- Travel Insurance
- Tipping (\$ 15-25 per day)
- Optional sightseeing

Silver Package Starting Price: \$4,036

Per person (based on dual occupancy)

Golden Package Starting Price: \$5,656

Per person (based on dual occupancy)

Tour Terms

- Minimum Group Size: 4 participants
- Maximum Group size: 12 participants
- If Minimum Not Met:
- META will notify you 40–90 days before departure
- Clients may choose to:
- Proceed with the tour by paying the difference to cover the shortfall
- Cancel the booking with no cancellation fees

For more pricing details, click Online

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Why This Policy Works for You

Transparency

Clear terms mean you and your clients always know what to expect.

Confidence

Clients can book early, assured they won't face penalties if the minimum group isn't met.

Flexibility

They can choose to travel privately by covering the difference or cancel without loss.

Ease of Selling

Fair, simple terms build trust, encourage early bookings, and make selling easier.



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