

Jesus Mary and Joseph Ministries

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**8DAYS (4 NIGHTS CAIRO + 3 NIGHTS NILE
CRUISE)**

**(PROGRAM 1) \$1,150.00 per person in
double room**

2016 special prices minimum 2 people

Friday Day 1: ARRIVAL TO CAIRO

Arrival to Cairo airport, our representative will meet and assist you before the passport control in the airport. Then you will be transferred by a private A/C car to your hotel. Overnight in Cairo

**Saturday Day 2: CAIRO / WADI EL NATRUN
/ PYRAMIDS / CAIRO**

After breakfast we will follow the steps of the Holy Family. We will start our day by the visit of WADI EL NATROUN: The holy family arrived at Wadi El-Natroun (Natroun Valley) after crossing the Rosetta branch of the Nile to the western Delta, and heading south into Wadi El-Natroun (then called Al Asqet) in the Western Desert of Egypt.

In the earliest decades of Christianity, the desert expanses of Wadi El-Natroun became the site of anchoretic settlement and, later, of many monasteries. It is said that Jesus blessed the desert in view of these future settlements. In 1986 there were about 320 monks occupying the four Wadi 'n-Natrun monasteries.

Afternoon, visit to **the pyramids of Giza and the sphinx**, the most famous and last of the original Seven Wonders of the World. Back to the hotel, dinner and overnight.

**Sunday Day 3: MOSTOROD / MATAREYAH
/ ZEITOUN / OLD CAIRO / MAADI**

After breakfast, a full day dedicated to visit the major stops of the Holy Family in Cairo starting with:

MOSTOROD: only about 7 miles north west of Cairo Mostorod which later received the name Al-Mahmma. 'Al-Mahmma' means 'the Bathing place' a name given to the town because the Virgin Mary bathed the Christ Child and washed His clothes there. It is worthy to note that, eventually, on their way back to Palestine, the Holy Family stopped once more at Mostorod and, this time, caused a spring to gush from the earth, which still flows forth to the present day. After Mostorod we will start our visit to:

MATAREYAH / ZEITOUN: In Matareyah, a tree stands to this day, still regularly visited, called 'Mary's Tree', for the Family is believed to have rested in its shade. Here, too, the Infant Jesus caused water to flow from a spring. He blessed it, drank from it and Mary washed His clothes in it. She poured the washing water on to the ground, and from that spot, a fragrant balsam plant blossomed. Besides the healing and pain-soothing properties of this balm, its essence is used in the preparation of the scents and perfumes of which the holy Chrism is composed. Matareyah has made international headlines in recent times when on April 2, 1968 an apparition of Mary above the cupola of St. Mary Church in Zeitoun was witnessed by thousands of Christians and Muslims alike. In the afternoon we will visit:

OLD CAIRO AND MAADI: Continuing their way southwards, the Holy family passed the Fortress of Babylon at Old Cairo. Next, the Holy Family moved south, reaching the modern Cairo suburb of Maadi, which, in earliest pharaonic times, was an outlying district of Memphis, the capital of Egypt at that time.

Joseph became acquainted with the sailors of the Nile boats and the Holy Family was invited to be taken south to Upper Egypt. The monks of the Dair al-Muharraq (The Monastery of the Blessed Virgin) assume that the Holy Family could afford the travels because of the gold they received from the Wise Men of the East (Mt. 2:11). The historic church built upon the spot from which they embarked, also dedicated to the Blessed Mother, is further identified by the denominative, 'Al-Adaweya', the Virgin's Church 'of the Ferry'. (In fact, the name of

that now modern suburb, Maady, derives from the Arabic word, which means 'the crossing point').

The stone steps leading down to the River's bank, and believed to have been used by the Holy Family are accessible to pilgrims through the Church courtyard.

An event of miraculous import occurred on Friday the 3rd of the Coptic month of Baramhat - the 12th of March - 1976 A.D. A Holy Bible of unknown origin was carried by the lapping ripples of the Nile to the bank below the Church. It was open to the page of Isaiah 19: 25 declaring:

"Blessed be Egypt My people"

The Bible is now behind glass in the Sanctuary of the Church for all to see.



Back to the hotel, dinner and overnight.

Monday Day 4: CAIRO / ASWAN

After breakfast, we will start our full day visiting the **Egyptian Museum** of antiquities. On display is a rare collection of 5000 years of art the largest most precious collection of Egyptian art in the world. Over 250,000 genuine artifacts are presented, including an exhibit dedicated to the Tutankhamen collection of treasures, gold, and jewelry, as it was enclosed in his tomb for over 3,500 years before it was discovered in the 1920s when his tomb was excavated

Afternoon, transfer to Cairo airport and flight to Aswan. Arrival, meet and assist at Aswan airport.



Transfer to the Nile cruise, dinner and overnight.

Tuesday Day 5: ASWAN / EDFU / KOM

OMBO

Full board. We will start by visiting Aswan: the High Dam and the Philae temple. Navigation to Kom Ombo. Visit the Temple of Kom Ombo dedicated to the gods Sobek and Haroeris. Continue to Edfu. Upon arrival visit of the Edfu temple dedicated to the god Horus. Cruise to Esna to pass through the lock.

Wednesday Day 6: ESNA / LUXOR

Full board. After passing the Esna lock navigation towards Luxor. Visit the **Necropolis of Thebes** and the **West Bank:** Valley of the Kings and Queens, funeral temple of Hatshepsut, known as Deir el Bahari, and Colossi of Memnon. After lunch, visit to the temples of Karnak and Luxor.



Thursday Day 7: LUXOR / CAIRO

Breakfast and disembarkation. Transfer to airport for flight to Cairo. Arrival and transfer to hotel, Free afternoon. Overnight.

Friday Day 8: CAIRO / ... Breakfast. Transfer to Cairo Airport. Departure.

Included in package:

Representative to Greet you at airport and assist with passport control
Private A/C car
4 nights 5 Star Hotel overlooking the Pyramids with Breakfast and Dinner
3 Nights FULL BOARD Cruise Ship
Transportation to the Temples including car, horse and buggy and sail ship.
Flight Cairo to Aswan and Luxor to Cairo

Not included:

Insurance
Flight from US to Cairo
\$25.00 Visa Fee (cash at the airport)

PACKAGE ONE: \$1,150.00 PER PERSON TO ARRIVE IN CAIRO ON FRIDAY

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