

Egypt & the Nile LGBTQ+ Adventure

November 9–20, 2026 | 12 Days

Cairo → Aswan → Nile Cruise → Luxor → Alexandria → Cairo

 Exclusive to California Gay Adventures (CGA) Members

 Planned & Hosted by Pride Adventures

 Operated on the Ground by G Adventures

 Group Size: 24 Travelers

Welcome to Egypt

Welcome to one of the most extraordinary adventures ever offered to the **California Gay Adventures (CGA) community** — a sweeping journey through Egypt’s ancient wonders, living history, and timeless Nile landscapes.

This special departure is **exclusively for CGA members**, thoughtfully designed and hosted by **Pride Adventures** and expertly operated on the ground by **G Adventures**, one of the world’s most respected small-group tour companies. When CGA asks for something special, we deliver — and this journey is a perfect example: iconic sites, upgraded accommodations, expert storytelling, and the deep connection that comes from traveling together as chosen family.

From standing before the Great Pyramids to sailing the Nile at sunset, this is a journey shaped not only by the places we visit, but by the community we share it with.

November is one of the very best times to explore Egypt, offering warm sunny days, cooler evenings, and ideal conditions for sightseeing.

What to Expect

This is an **upgraded-comfort cultural adventure**, designed for curious, engaged travelers.

- **Activity level:** Light to moderate
- **Walking:** Typically 1–3 miles per day (1.5–5 km), often on uneven stone surfaces
- **Weather:**
 - Daytime: 75–85°F (24–29°C)
 - Evenings: 55–65°F (13–18°C)

- **Pace:** Balanced — guided highlights paired with time to relax, reflect, and connect

Group Size & Travel Style

This journey welcomes **24 CGA members**, making it slightly larger than most Pride Adventures group trips. Thanks to careful planning and strong on-the-ground support from G Adventures, we're able to maintain a smooth, well-paced experience.

At times, the group may **divide into smaller sub-groups** for certain activities, site visits, or meals. This allows for easier logistics at busy locations and a more enjoyable experience overall, while still preserving the strong sense of community that defines CGA trips.



Accommodations

All accommodations are selected for comfort, quality, and excellent location, and reflect **upgraded standards chosen specifically for this CGA departure by Pride Adventures**.

- **Cairo:** Safir Hotel Cairo ★★★★★
- **Aswan:** Mövenpick Resort Aswan ★★★★★
- **Nile Cruise:** Iberotel Crown Empress ★★★★★
- **Luxor:** Sonesta St. George Hotel Luxor ★★★★★
- **Alexandria:** Metropole Hotel ★★★★★ (historic Belle Époque hotel, est. 1902)

Important Accommodation Note

While we've shared the official **G Adventures Tour Dossier** for reference, this **CGA departure has been upgraded by Pride Adventures**, particularly when it comes to hotel selections.

- The **hotels listed in this Pride Adventures Trip Guide are the correct and intended accommodations**
- The G Adventures dossier may not exactly match this guide
- All accommodations remain **subject to change** due to availability or operational needs

If changes occur, they are made for good reason and typically involve a comparable property or an upgrade. Any updates will be communicated clearly.



Daily Itinerary

Day 1 – Monday, November 9 | Arrival in Cairo

Welcome to Egypt! Arrive in Cairo at any time and enjoy a private transfer to your hotel (up to **1 hour / ~60 minutes**, traffic dependent).

Arrival Timing

Our **Welcome Meeting** is typically held between **6:00–7:00 pm**, followed by our **hosted Welcome Dinner**.

To ensure a relaxed and enjoyable first evening together, we **strongly recommend arriving by 3:00 pm**. This allows time to clear the airport, transfer to the hotel, check in, and refresh before meeting the group.

Overnight: Safir Hotel Cairo

Meals: Welcome Dinner

Transport: Private airport transfer

Day 2 – Tuesday, November 10 | Cairo → Aswan

After breakfast, we fly south to Aswan, a graceful Nile-side city shaped by Nubian culture and river life. After check-in, the afternoon is free to explore the Corniche, browse local markets, or relax at the hotel.

An optional guided visit to **Philae Temple**, beautifully relocated and reached by boat, offers a serene and memorable introduction to Egypt's sacred architecture.

Overnight: Mövenpick Resort Aswan

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Transport: Flight Cairo → Aswan (~1 hr 15 min)

Day 3 – Wednesday, November 11 | Abu Simbel & Nile Cruise

An early departure carries us across the desert to **Abu Simbel**, where the monumental temples of Ramses II rise dramatically from the sands. Your Egyptologist brings the site to life with stories of devotion, power, and the modern engineering effort that saved these temples from flooding.

Returning to Aswan, we board our **three-night Nile cruise**, settling into our floating home as the next chapter of the journey begins.

Overnight: Nile Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Transport: Private coach (~6.5 hours total)

Day 4 – Thursday, November 12 | Kom Ombo & Cruising the Nile

Wake to the gentle rhythm of the Nile. Late morning, step ashore at **Kom Ombo Temple**, uniquely dedicated to two gods — Sobek the crocodile and Horus the falcon. Explore its detailed reliefs and the small crocodile museum before returning to the ship.

The afternoon is yours to relax on deck as golden light dances across the river.

Overnight: Nile Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 – Friday, November 13 | Sailing Toward Luxor

A full day of classic Nile scenery. Watch village life unfold along the riverbanks, enjoy conversations with fellow CGA travelers, or simply embrace the unhurried pace of river travel as we sail toward Luxor.

Overnight: Nile Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 – Saturday, November 14 | Luxor West Bank & Community Connection

Disembark and cross the Nile to Luxor's West Bank. Explore the **Valley of the Kings**, the dramatic **Temple of Hatshepsut**, and the towering **Colossi of Memnon**.

Later, connect with the local community during our visit to the **Planeterra Funtasia Project**, followed by a **home-hosted lunch** that offers a warm and personal taste of Egyptian hospitality.

Overnight: Sonesta St. George Hotel Luxor

Meals: Breakfast, Home-Hosted Lunch

Day 7 – Sunday, November 15 | Karnak & Luxor Temples

This morning, walk beneath the towering columns of **Karnak Temple**, one of the largest religious complexes ever built. Continue to **Luxor Temple**, beautifully situated in the heart of the modern city.

The afternoon is free — relax by the pool, visit the Luxor Museum, explore local shops, or opt for an in-depth West Bank excursion.

Overnight: Sonesta St. George Hotel Luxor

Meals: Breakfast

Day 8 – Monday, November 16 | Luxor → Cairo → Alexandria

Fly back to Cairo and continue by private coach to **Wadi Natrun**, one of the world's oldest Christian monastic regions. A resident monk offers insight into centuries-old traditions before we continue north.

Arrive in **Alexandria** by late afternoon and enjoy a relaxed evening along the Corniche.

Overnight: Metropole Hotel Alexandria

Meals: Breakfast

Day 9 – Tuesday, November 17 | Alexandria

Discover Alexandria's layered history at the **Catacombs of Kom el-Shoqafa**, **Pompey's Pillar**, and the striking modern **Library of Alexandria**, inspired by the ancient world's greatest center of knowledge.

The afternoon is free to explore cafés, seaside promenades, or enjoy fresh Mediterranean seafood.

Overnight: Metropole Hotel Alexandria

Meals: Breakfast

Day 10 – Wednesday, November 18 | Alexandria → Cairo

Return to Cairo and visit the legendary **Egyptian Museum**, home to one of the world's most significant collections of antiquities. Later, wander the lively lanes of **Khan el-Khalili Bazaar**.

Overnight: Safir Hotel Cairo

Meals: Breakfast

Day 11 – Thursday, November 19 | Pyramids of Giza & Farewell Dinner

Stand before the **Great Pyramids and the Sphinx**, icons that continue to inspire awe across millennia. Your guide weaves together history, mythology, and modern discoveries.

This evening, we gather for our **hosted Farewell Dinner**, celebrating an extraordinary CGA journey curated by Pride Adventures and shared in community.

Overnight: Safir Hotel Cairo

Meals: Breakfast, Farewell Dinner

Day 12 – Friday, November 20 | Departure

After breakfast, private transfers take you to Cairo International Airport for onward flights or post-trip arrangements.

Meals: Breakfast

Optional Pre-Trip Extension: Jordan

November 1–8, 2026 | 8 Days

For travelers looking to extend their Middle East journey, an **optional pre-trip extension to Jordan** is available prior to our Egypt & the Nile adventure.

Running **November 1–8, 2026**, this remarkable experience is **open to Pride Adventures and California Gay Adventures (CGA) travelers and communities**, and offers an unforgettable exploration of one of the region's most welcoming and awe-inspiring destinations.

Highlights include the ancient rose-red city of **Petra**, the dramatic desert landscapes of **Wadi Rum**, immersive cultural encounters, and time to float effortlessly in the mineral-rich waters of the **Dead Sea**. The journey blends history, nature, and meaningful local connection — setting the stage beautifully for the Egypt experience that follows.

This Jordan program is **curated by Pride Adventures** and **operated by G Adventures** as part of their **National Geographic Journeys** collection, providing expert guiding, deeper storytelling, and thoughtfully designed experiences throughout.

Travelers joining both trips will enjoy a smooth transition from Jordan to Egypt, creating an extraordinary **two-country, back-to-back adventure** through the heart of the ancient world.

Full Jordan Pre-Trip Details:

<https://prideadventures.com/trips/8-days-in-jordan-with-pride-lgbtq-national-geographic-journey/>

Helpful Planning Note

For travelers combining **Jordan + Egypt**, we recommend considering a **post-night in Cairo** after the Egypt program if your schedule allows. This provides a more relaxed return home and additional time to enjoy the **Grand Egyptian Museum**.

Contact Pride Adventures for availability, logistics, and guidance on combining both trips.

Packing List & Travel Preparation

Egypt in November is warm and dry — pack light, breathable layers.

Baggage Allowance (Domestic Flights)

- **Checked:** 20 kg (≈ **44 lbs**)
- **Carry-on:** 7 kg (≈ **15 lbs**)

Laundry is available at most hotels and aboard the cruise.

Responsible Travel

This journey supports **Planeterra**, empowering local communities through tourism. In Luxor, we visit the **Funtasia Project**, where youth build life skills through creativity and education.

Pride Adventures, in partnership with CGA and G Adventures, also supports **Trees for Days**, planting one tree for each day you travel — ensuring our adventures give back to the planet.

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Final Notes

Travel insurance is required. Please wait to book international flights until the trip is confirmed. All official updates will be shared via Pride Adventures communications and the CGA community channels.

We can't wait to explore Egypt with you —
together, as CGA, with Pride Adventures behind the scenes and the Nile ahead of us. 🌈