## 13-day tour to Cairo, Nile cruise, and the Oases

#### **Price Starting From : \$1410**

13 days Egypt Cairo

Be ready for a very unique tour that will enable you to discover all of Egypt. You will have an integral vacation and one of the top Egypt travel packages to see the best of Egypt. Your vacation will start to see the best of Cairo Day tours to see the Great Giza Pyramids and the Egyptian Museum. Your tour will continue to see the treasures of Upper Egypt of Luxor and Aswan while having a relaxing time on a nice and 5 starts Nile cruise.

Your next destination will be very exciting, where you will start exploring the oases of the western desert. The Egyptian oases from the Bahariya oasis to the Kharga oases will give you an extraordinary time seeing the nature embracing the treasures of the ancient Egyptians and Egyptian rulers. Book your trip and let the Cairo Top Tours professional team prepare carefully for all your tour details.

#### Overview

Inclusion

- Special assistance by <u>Cairo Top Tours</u> representatives at the airports.
- Including the cost of entrance tickets during the tours in Egypt.
- on a bed & breakfast basis, accommodation in Cairo Pyramids Hotel for 3 nights.
- Half-board basis accommodation in the Bahariya oasis for 1 night
- 1-night full board <u>camping in the White Desert</u> including all required camping equipment.
- 1 night stay in Dakhla Oasis, including dinner and breakfast.
- 1 night stay in Kharga oasis camping on full board.
- 4 nights' stay aboard Egypt Nile River Cruise boat , including all meals.
- 1 night stay on a sleeping train from Aswan to Cairo on a half-board basis.
- Sleeping bags, camel blankets, and spacious, well-ventilated tents are included for camping.
- Clean, private air-conditioned vehicles during all our Egypt Tours Packages.
- Jeep 4-wheel drive for Transportation inside the Oases.
- Tours in Cairo, the oasis, and during the Nile Cruise tours are privately guided tours.
- Free Bottled water and a soft drink during all our Egypt Day Tours and Packages.
- A tour guide is provided by Cairo Top Tours.
- Available Stops for snacks upon request.
- All taxes and service charges are included.

#### Exclusion

- Cost of an International flight to Egypt.
- A visa cost is required to enter Egypt.
- Served drinks during your meals.
- Tipping is not included in the prices
- Prices may vary due to the peak seasons, like Egypt Xmas tours and Egypt Easter tours.

#### Itinerary

#### Day 1 : Arrive in Cairo

Once your plan lands in Cairo International Airport, you will get special service from our representative at the airport to enter and finish the procedures of the entrance to Egypt easily. Our representative will lead you to meet your tour leader, who will organize and confirm your itinerary and your pick-up times. After being transferred to your hotel, enjoy an easy and fast check-in to your hotel.

#### Day 2: See the Giza Pyramids and the Egyptian Museum

You will see your first destination after your tour guide meets you at your hotel and starts the way to the Giza pyramids plateau. When you are getting closer to the area of the pyramids, you will see massive pyramids standing on a huge plateau, creating an incredible scene. Firstly, you will see the Great Pyramid of King Khufu, the second pyramid of the famous king Chephren, and the third pyramid of Menkaure, the younger king. When you get closer and closer, you will find that the pyramids are bigger than you imagine, which will make you wonder how these constructions of the rocks were gathered without any modern equipment and technologies. Historians believe that the pyramids had a white color that shone with the sun's rays, but it has been taken and used in the construction of Old Cairo.

Then we will see a statue of a mythical massive Egyptian carved creature with the massive body of a great carved lion, reflecting the power of the Egyptians and their pioneering mentality that is embodied in the human head for the lion's body, creating the fascinating and massive temple of the great Sphinx in history. The great sphinx statue represents a silent, strong guardian for the Egyptian treasures, secrets, possessions, and the Royal Pyramids of Giza. Secondly, you will see the Valley Temple of the Temple of Mummification, which aims to prepare the dead body of the king before putting it in the pyramid. The temple consists of many rooms for the mummification process, tools that are used in the process, oils, and the perfumes needed for mummification.

Our day tour has not ended, there's a huge treasure in the middle of Tahrir Square to be seen, which is the Egyptian Museum: It's the first museum to be dedicated to the ancient Egyptian civilization. It includes more than 170 thousand pieces from the history of Egypt, but not all of them are displayed because of the large number compared to the space of the Museum. In addition, it's the only place that has embraced the mummies of the ancient Egyptians for more than a hundred years until transferring them to the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization in a fascinating parade.

At the end of the tour, your car will transfer you to your hotel to rest.

#### Day 3: from Cairo to discover the Bahriya oasis

Be ready for a unique adventure in the oasis of Bahariya by starting your day with your tour guide, who will be responsible for explaining all the details and the information about the Bahariya oasis for you. Bahariya is one of the Egyptian oases between Egypt and Libya in the western Desert. It's a depression of the desert surrounded by naturally beautiful geological formations. After you enjoy seeing and discovering the path to the oasis for 4 hours, upon your arrival, you will start seeing one of the most significant discoveries in the western desert of the Valley of the Golden Mummies. The valley is not a usual discovery; it's a massive sparkling treasure of 250 mummies characterized by the Golden masks. Some mummies are featured with glorious inscriptions and colourful decorations.

Your guide will take you with your local guide to see the beautiful temple of Alexander the Great, which is one of the proofs about the visit to Siwa, passing the Bahriya oasis. The Alexander built this temple on the original style of the Egyptian temples to gain the sympathy of the Egyptian people to enhance his rule to Egypt. The position of the temple in ancient Egyptian society reflects the acceptance of the Egyptians of the great king Alexander as a saviour from the rule and the injustice of the Persians. Our next destination will be Muftella temple, which is one of the multi-age temples in Egypt that has witnessed the Roman and Ptolemaic ages. When you see its walls, you will find the names of the modern dynasties' kings written on them. This temple's existence reflects how important the Bahariya oasis is as a religious centre inside the desert.

It's time to have some rest and to take your meal from the local cuisine of the oasis to be ready for the next adventure. Get ready to climb the Black Mountain near the Black desert which is very attractive for lovers of Egypt desert safari tours during a visit Egypt. The reason for its name is the volcanic and mineral that are inside its sand's components.

### Day4 : Discover the white desert

Have an unprecedented morning in the Bahriya oasis, between nature and enjoy your organic healthy breakfast from the goods of the oasis. Start your tour with your guide to the Salt Lake, where you can see the fascinating scenes of the blue natural water, whose source is the heart of the earth. The water of these natural lakes has extraordinary characteristics that are refreshing to your body and refreshing your soul.

Your first place to be visited will be the valley of Haize, which is one of the beautiful valleys in the Bahariya oasis. The valley is characterized by the underground water, which was the source of life for ancient Egyptians for farming and living. Visitors don't miss visiting the valley of El Haize to see the natural beauty.

Moreover, you will see fantastic geological formations by the hands of nature in the Crystal Mountain, which is rich with transparent and semi-transparent pure crystals, creating a fascinating scene for the mountain like it has been covered with glass when the sun rays hit it.

Then, you will move from this area to see the next destination of the Valley of Al Agabat, or the Valley of Wonders. When you see it, you will feel like you have been transferred to another world by seeing a dune covered with white sand. The valley is famous and rich with extraordinary natural formations, creating a beautiful painting from nature, and relaxing for your soul.

## Day 5 : See Farfra and Dakhla oasis

After spending a calm night, enrich your morning with a delicious breakfast and be ready to see the Farfra oasis. On the way, you will have the opportunity to see and swim in Setah well, or what is known in the Arabic language as Ber Setah. The well is surrounded by beautiful green trees and palms.

The well is characterized and distinctive by its warm water, which is rich with sulfur and natural minerals for the health of the skin and bones. In the Farfra oasis, you will see the unique Museum of Mud bricks, which is a simple and unique icon made in the simple traditional Egyptian style from very natural components and natural mud bricks made by the artist himself.

Furthermore, your way will take almost 3 hours by car to reach Dakhla Oasis, and your first stop in Dakhla oasis will be the old town of El Qasr. It's a full country built upon the ancient style with mud bricks, palm parts, and wooden pieces. Now, it's time to see the masterpiece of the heart of the Western Egyptian Desert of Deir El Hagar Temple, which reflects how deeply the influence of Egyptian civilization reached the desert heart. The temple has witnessed many strong Roman rulers like Nero and Tetas.

The exquisite temple is decorated with gorgeous scenes of the emperor's offering sacrifices to the Egyptian gods. Then, you will see one of the most significant places for the burials of the Romans of ancient Egypt of the Muzwaqqa tombs: It's very distinctive by its art and the inscriptions of this time and era reflecting the coherence between the Egyptian and Roman traditions to adapt to the society.

Finally, enjoy taking your lunch and visiting the old Islamic village of El Qasr, where you will see the very narrow streets and corridors covered with wood pieces made in a special way called Barrels to keep the place warm weather and avoid the strong sun rays of the desert.

In addition, you will see the traditional houses of Mud bricks and mosques still used today for praying. You will also see the ruins of castles and shelters reflecting the administrative importance of the village and how it was an integral. At the end of the tour, you will spend your night at the village and Dakhla oasis in one of the eco-lodges to rest and get ready for your next adventure.

### Day 6 : Kharga Oasis

Today, you will visit <u>Kharga Oasis</u>. Enjoy your breakfast and get prepared to begin your tour at Dakhla Oasis by visiting Qasr El Labkha, a Roman fortress on the old caravan route the famous 40 days road attaching Egypt with Sudan (DARB EL ARBEIN), and the Kharga Museum. After that, visit the Roman Temple of Hibis and Nadura from outside as well as Bagawat the oldest Christian cemetery all over the world with its chapels painted with biblical murals from the Old Testament still preserving their colors.

We will head to Baris Oasis, the smallest and the cutest of <u>the Western Desert Oases</u>. Visit the Temple of Dush standing in the middle of an entire flourishing settlement guarding the forty days road when it was functioning you still can see most of the details of this Roman settlement like the residential area with mudbrick houses, The fortress, the Temple which is devoted to <u>Isis</u> and Serapis.

Enjoy camping in the middle of the golden sand dunes in Kharga.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 7: Kharga \ Luxor ( East Bank )

Enjoy your breakfast in the middle of the golden sand dunes, then you will be transferred by an airconditioned vehicle to <u>Luxor</u>, about 6 hours drive. Upon arrival to Luxor embark on your 5 stars <u>Egypt Nile</u> <u>River Cruise</u>.

Your tasty lunch will be served aboard the Nile cruise ship, start <u>Luxor day tours</u> and especially the <u>East</u> <u>Bank of Luxor tour</u> as you will visit <u>Karnak Temple</u> which is one of the biggest man-made temples in the entire world, and the great temple of King Amenhotep III, the popular <u>Luxor temple</u> that was built by many kings of ancient Egypt.

Enjoy your tasty dinner, and overnight in Luxor.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 8:Luxor West Bank

Aboard the Nile river cruise, you will enjoy your savory breakfast viewing the Nile River to continue your Egypt Travel Packages. Begin the <u>west bank of Luxor tour</u> to the two colossal statues of Amenhotep III renowned as the <u>Colossi of Memnon</u>, and then visit <u>the Valley of the Kings</u>, the burial ground of 62 pharaohs of the New Kingdom including the famous king Tutankhamen and legendary King Ramses II, the tombs were cut from the mountain, decorated with fascinating paintings and filled in with treasures the Pharaohs were planning to enjoy in the afterlife. Make sure you will go to see the Temple of Hatshepsut well-known as the <u>temple of El Deir El Bahary</u>, the first female ruler in the history of Egypt.

Your lunch will be served on board while sailing to Edfu. Enjoy a leisurely dinner aboard the Nile cruise.

Overnight aboard your Nile Cruise.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 9: Edfu / Kom Ombo

In the early morning, your breakfast will be served aboard the <u>Nile Cruise</u> boat then you will visit the wellpreserved Ptolemaic temple devoted to the worship of Horus, the falcon-headed god of the sky, <u>Edfu Temple</u>. Sail to Kom Ombo to see the unique <u>Temple of Kom Ombo</u> built for the worship of the crocodile God Sobek. Your lunch will be served on board then continue sailing to Aswan.

Enjoy your dinner in the evening and overnight on board your Egypt Nile River Cruise.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 10: Aswan Sightseeing

After having your delightful breakfast aboard the Nile cruise, start <u>Aswan day tours</u> as we will head to the famous <u>High Dam</u> an engineering marvel and the most important project in modern Egypt, the awesome

<u>Temple of Philae</u> dedicated to Goddess Isis and beautifully situated on an island. We can reach the temple by a pleasant motorboat ride, then proceed to the largest known Obelisk within the granite quarries where most of the kings used these quarries to cut their needed stone blocks at Aswan, <u>the Unfinished Obelisk</u>.

Enjoy your dinner onboard your Egypt Nile River Cruise and overnight in Aswan.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 11: Disembarkation / Cairo

Take your breakfast then check out from your Egypt Nile River Cruise. You will have free time at leisure in Aswan or you can enjoy an optional tour to visit <u>Abu Simbel from Aswan by Land</u>. You will be transferred to the Aswan railway station for departure to Cairo by <u>Sleeping Train</u>. Your dinner will be served overnight on the train.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

#### Day 12: Arrive Cairo

Your breakfast will be served aboard the train and then arrive at the Giza train station. <u>Cairo Top tours</u> representative will meet and transfer you to your hotel. You will do an early check-in if possible. and you can enjoy one of our optional <u>Cairo day tours</u> or <u>Cairo half-day tour</u>.

Overnight in Cairo.

Included Meals: Breakfast

# Day 13 : Final Departure / the best of Egypt holidays all inclusive

On the closing day of your Egypt Classic Tours, Take your breakfast at your hotel. Enjoy one of our <u>Cairo</u> <u>Day tours</u>. After that, our tour leader will pick you up and transfer you to <u>Cairo International Airport</u> for departure.

Meals: Breakfast