# Cairo, Oases, and Nile cruise Tour

**Price Starting From: \$1410** 

13 Days /12 Nights Egypt Cairo, Oases, Luxor, Aswan

Go on a new adventure in Egypt, and be ready to discover Egypt, starting from living a good real experience in Cairo and exploring the best attractions in Cairo. You will start seeing the Egyptian oases from Bahariya, reach El Kharga Oasis, and discover the hidden gems of temples and treasures of the Egyptian desert. After this, live a different time in Luxor and Aswan, chilling out with the vibes of the Great Nile River sailing between the two beautiful cities.

# Overview Inclusion

Get the privilege of Meeting and being escorted by our tour leaders at airports

Assistance service by Cairo Top Tours representatives during all our Egypt tour packages.

private air-conditioned vehicles to be in your service during your vacation.

3 nights of accommodation at the Cairo Pyramids Hotel, including bed and breakfast.

1 night of accommodation in Bahariya on half board.

1 night of accommodation in White Desert camping on a full board basis.

1 night of accommodation in Dakhla Oasis including breakfast and dinner.

1 night of accommodation for camping in Kharga Oasis including 3 meals per day.

1 night of accommodation in a sleeper train on a half-board basis.

4 nights of accommodation on a 5-star Nile cruise on a full board basis. (Steigenberger MS Minerva Nile cruise ship or similar).

All the needed camping equipment for the White Desert.

cost of the entrance fees and tickets to all places mentioned.

4x4 jeeps during your transfers within the oases.

All excursions in Egypt are privately guided.

Snack stops on request.

All meals are mentioned as indicated in the itinerary for every day.

Free Cairo shopping tours if you have free time during your tour.

Bottled water and soft drinks on all Egypt tours.

All service charges and taxes are included.

#### Exclusion

The booking and the cost of international air tickets.

fees of the entry visa to Egypt.

cost of the offered drinks at meal times.

Tips are not included in our Desert Adventure Safari Egypt tours.

Tour price does not apply to peak seasons such as Christmas tours to Egypt, New Year, or Easter tours to Egypt.

#### **Itinerary**

## Day 1: starting of our service

Welcome to Egypt.

Our representative at the airport will be waiting for you to assist you after your flight arrival at Cairo International Airport or Sphinx Airport. After finishing the visa entry procedure to Egypt, you will be transferred with your driver and tour leader to your hotel to relax from your long flight in your comfortable hotel.

Enjoy your welcome drink

overnight in Cairo Hotel

## Day 2: Discover Cairo

Enjoy your first morning in Cairo with the Cairo Top Tours professional team who will accompany you from your hotel lobby to start your tour to learn more about Cairo attractions.

Our first stop will be the Egyptian Museum, which is a huge museum in the downtown of Cairo. The Egyptian rulers through the ages planned to build a museum to include Egyptian valuable artifacts and keep it safe, and finally they succeeded in building the Egyptian Museum, which embraces a huge number of priceless pieces from Egyptian history. The Museum is very famous for the most expensive piece in the world, which is the Golden Mask of Tutankhamun, besides the cartonnage mask covered with gold leaf for Yuya and Tiya.

Moreover, inside the Museum, you will watch many incredible statues of the Egyptian gods from the myths of Egyptian history. When you enter the museum, you will see the biggest carved statue of the family of King Amenhotep III and his beloved wife Tiye.

It's time for more and bigger discoveries about the Egyptian civilization; you will be transferred to see the Giza plateau where you can see the Great Pyramids of Kufu, Chephren, and Menkaure. You will explore why these great kings thought about building these massive tombs and the beliefs and secrets of the resurrection of the god's representatives as the kings believed they were.

You will see the wonders of the world and the art of architecture in building the pyramid from thousands of stones that weigh tons. You can also go inside the pyramid to see how it looks and the internal chambers inside it.

Then, let's see the temple of mummification, which was one of the most important temples in Egypt, where the priests and scientists gathered to prepare the body of the dead king to be immortal through the process of mummification, which is a mysterious secret till now.

Then it's time to see the fabulous statue of the Great Sphinx, the guardian of the treasures of the pyramids and its tombs. It's a huge statue that you can take many pictures with, creating unforgettable memories. The statue symbolizes the clever mentality and the improvement of the methodology of thinking of the ancient Egyptians, and the lion's body symbolizes the power, courage, and authority of the Egyptian kingdom in the past ages.

Let's move to see attractions from different eras of history and move to the Old Cairo area. Old Cairo is considered a vintage treasure where you can see the historical Egyptian churches; each one of them has a story with enchanting Coptic art. For example, the Hanging Church of the Virgin Mary, is one of the most beautiful churches in Egypt, and has a great history. The church is standing above the ruins of the towers of the Babylon fortress, including fabulous icons and artistic wooden formations.

Another Coptic church with priceless positions in the hearts of Egyptians and people from around the world is Abu Serga. The church was built upon a cavern that was one of the shelters for the Holy family of Jesus, the Virgin Mary, and Joseph during their flight to Egypt.

Our final stop will be for Ben Ezra Synagogue, which has a long story starting as a Coptic church sold to one of the Jews and has been renamed to Ben Ezra synagogue. The synagogue embraces documents and books narrating the history and the life of Jews in Egypt, which is very valuable concerning its history and truth.

Finally, we will go back to the hotel to rest and spend the night.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

## Day 3: start your tour from Cairo to Bahariya

Your tour leader and tour guide will be waiting for you in the early morning to start discovering the gems of the Egyptian desert by moving to Bahriya oasis, seeing the beautiful road, and enjoying your time. When you arrive at Bahariya oasis, start the unique adventure by seeing:

The Museum of the Golden Mummies: It is considered the largest Greco-Roman tomb in Egypt that dates back to the Greco-Roman era, seeing almost two hundred and fifty golden mummies for the aristocratic nobles who lived in the Bahariya Oases during the Greco-Roman period. The mummies which have been discovered have very distinctive characteristics such as masks and chests made of gold and carved with the Hieroglyphic inscriptions.

Then, we will move to the temple of Alexander the Great, where you will see the great Alexander making offerings to the god Amun, who is one of the most important gods in ancient Egypt. This temple also glorifies the memory of the passing of Alexander the Great through the Bahriya oasis, going to visit the temple of predictions in the Siwa oasis. The next temple will be Muftela temple: It is a temple consisting of four cabins, which are located near the village of Al Qasr, near Al Bawiti. The area was named Ain al-Muftala due to its proximity to a water spring called Ain al-Muftala, located to the north-east. The construction of these shrines was supervised by the priest Shaban Khonsu.

It is not the end of the day, enjoy your delicious lunch and be ready to go on an exceptional experience by 4\*4 cars to the black desert and enjoy seeing the unique desert. Finally, after your long adventure, go back to your hotel to relax and stay tuned for the next day

Overnight in Bahriya Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and dinner

### Day 4: Explore the white desert

Enjoy your delicious breakfast, and be ready with your swimming suit to swim in Salt Lake to enjoy the calm and cool vibes and the physical benefits of the natural water of the springs in Bahriya Oasis. After swimming, you will see the white desert, which is known by this name because it is covered with a white color. It is a very unique desert from any other place in the world because of its exceptional natural formations, like mushroom and chicken rocks in the heart of the desert without any human effort.

It is time to see the Black Desert; it has gained this name because of the black color that covers all of its mountains, hills, and sands as a result of ancient weathering and rock erosion. Moreover, we will see the Valley of El Haize and Crystal Mountain, which is a mountain covered with crystal, and makes you amazed by the scene of the crystal sand and rocks. It gives you an iconic view of the most unique mountain in the world by having more than twelve types of crystal covering all of the mountain.

Then, let's move to the Valley of Agabat, or the Valley of Wonders, which is known by this name for what is embraced inside it from the wonders of nature, as you have entered another planet, not the earth. After seeing this beautiful view, let's enjoy the starry nights and camp under the clear sky to enjoy the tranquility with your companions without any interruption. Enjoy the dinner of the Bedouin life.

Meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

## Day 5: The time for Frafra Oasis

In the morning, enjoy your delicious breakfast in your camp and get ready to visit the Farafra oasis. Farafra oasis is known as the magical land due to its fascinating nature; The oasis is considered the smallest and the most fertile oasis in the Egyptian western desert. It is located 170 Kilometers from the south of the Bahariya oasis. It is like a heaven on earth that is rich with palms, olive trees, natural lakes, natural springs, and Sulphur Hot Springs.

The oasis also includes one of the most famous springs of Setah, which is six kilometers to the west of Farafra oasis. When you visit the oasis, you will see the remains of a Mud-brick palace called Qasr El Farafra. Now, it is the time to see the enchanting museum of the famous artist Badr's Museum, seeing how the art is embodying the ancient life in the oasis. Upon your entrance to the museum, you will see statues of mud embodying the ancient games and life in the oasis, the main aim of the museum is keeping the traditions of the oasis and preventing it from disappearing.

Enjoy your delicious lunch made by the local citizens of the oasis, and then you will be transferred to explore El Dakhla oasis. Our first destination in Dakhla oasis is the Place of El Dakhla or the old town of El Qasr which is a ruins of an old palace from the Roman period. The streets of the palace were divided into neighborhoods that could be closed at night with gates called 'darabat', similar to the medieval city of Mut. The narrow streets of the palace have not changed since then.

Our next destination will be the tombs of El Muzwaqaa, which is one of the most significant and beautiful archaeological and historical areas, the tombs that date back to the Egyptian kings and queens during the Roman period. In addition, these tombs are characterized by several decorative paintings, colorful plaques, and vivid religious inscriptions. Now, let's relax and enjoy the beauty of the oasis.

You will spend some free time to relax after seeing these enchanting destinations with the blue sky, starry night, and the fresh air of the green trees. Relax in your hotel and stay prepared for the next adventure for tomorrow.

Overnight in Dakhla hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.

## Day 6: Discover El Kharga oasis

Enjoy your breakfast for today, and get ready to explore another enchanting oasis in the Egyptian desert, which is El Kharga Oasis. It is the capital of the Egyptian government of the New Valley, it also has fascinating artifacts, natural springs, and attractions.

The oasis has a warm climate even in the winter. Your first stop will be El Labkha Palace, which is located in the area of El Labkha. It is named after the Ficus tree in the area, where Ficus, ethyl, and acacia, most of which have been growing since the days of the pharaohs. Lapkha Castle was built in a strategic location, it was garrisoned to guard the intersection of two important ancient routes from the north and west. The palace has a great scene when you look at it with its very high walls made of mud brick, reaching twelve meters, with four high rounded towers.

Then we will visit one of the ancient Christian tombs, which is the tomb of Bagwat; it is divided into 263 individual tombs and tombs for families. When you see it, you will know more about the Coptic and Egyptian art. When you ask yourself, why were there these tombs in the desert? Our tour guide will explain to you the age of the Roman persecution of Christianity. Therefore, the Christians escaped to live a secure life and bury their dead away from the hands of the Roman authorities. The tombs still have fabulous scenes painted with a colorful method on them without any change.

Our next destination will be the Paris Oasis, where you will enjoy your lunch before moving to the Temple of Dush. The Dush temple is one of the great temples whose walls are made of limestone for the walls and fences, and the rest of the temple is made of mud bricks.

Finally, enjoy your night with the calm vibes and the clear starry night of El Dakhla Oasis.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, and dinner

## Day 7: From Kharga oasis to the East bank of Luxor

In the early morning, have your delicious breakfast and be ready to be transferred to the city of history, Luxor. After enjoying the tranquility and the peace of the Egyptian desert and the oases, stay tuned for another level of adventure by floating on a five-star Nile cruise that will take you on a journey through the Nile River from Luxor to Aswan. The city of Luxor is a very rich city with history due to the large number of artifacts and temples in this city. You will learn more about the history and secrets of Egyptian civilization with your private guide.

Upon your arrival to Luxor, you will see the Karnak temple, it also has another name, Abit soit, or the most distinctive place. It was dedicated to worship one of the great Egyptian gods: Amun. The temple was the headquarters for the authority and power, as the Egyptian priests of the temple were participating in issuing the political decisions.

Then we will be transferred to our next stop, our next stop will be the Luxor temple. It is a huge temple connected to Karnak temple by a pathway bordered on either side by sphinxes and ram-headed sphinxes. The temple was the most significant one to hold religious events inside it, like moving the goddesses Amun, his wife Mut, and their son, the moon god Khonsu, from their temples in Karnak, in a majestic procession to the Luxor Temple. In addition, King Tutankhamun completed the inscriptions of the temple of Luxor. Amenhotep III ordered the construction of this temple to prove his legitimacy to be the chosen one for the Egyptian throne, and he also aimed to another reason to satisfy the priests who were serving the god Amun.

It is a great time that you shouldn't miss the opportunity to see both great temples of Luxor. You can also any extra temples that you prefer to see in your day. Finally, you will be transferred to your five-star Nile cruise to relax.

Meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner

### Day 8: It is the time to discover the West Bank

Enjoy your morning time on your luxury Nile cruise and have your breakfast to be ready to discover the best of Luxor on the west bank with your certified tour guide who will accompany you to visit the following sites:

Our first destination will be the Colossi of Memnon, when you see it, you will find two massive, enchanting temples, but you should discover the Greek myth behind these two temples. The temples were for the king Amenhotep the Third, who was the first king to build huge constructions. The hugeness of the temples reflects the power of the temples and how the king was able to make miracles. The temple embodies the king sitting and there are inscriptions on the side of his body for his mother and his wife, representing his appreciation to the women's rule in his life.

Then, let's move to the El-Dier El Bahari, or the temple of the great queen Hatshepsut. The walls of the temple have beautiful scenes consisting of scenes of rituals, religious festivals, as well as the transport of obelisks from quarries to the Karnak Temple. The most significant scenes of the walls of the temple express the journey of Queen Hatshepsut to Bont, showing what the Egyptians have brought to Egypt from animals and wealth. The temple is very distinctive in the methodology of its construction; therefore, it is not like any other temple.

Our final stop for today will be the Valley of Kings, which is one of the most attractive sites for people from around the world. The Valley of the Kings is a valley inside the mountains where you will find the tombs and the treasures of the Egyptian kings and nobles from the aristocracy. The decision to choose this place to bury the Egyptian kings is taken carefully because the god of the sun dies in the west. The secluded nature of this valley is another reason for choosing this location to bury the kings to protect their mummies and their valuable possessions to avoid thieves. You can also see the great kings' tombs, and you can enter any one of

them, like Seti I or Tutankhamun's tomb.

Finally, you will be transferred to your Nile cruise to rest and be prepared for Aswan City.

Overnight on the Nile cruise

Meals: breakfast, lunch, and dinner

### Day9: Visit Kom-Ombo and Edfu

In the morning, after enjoying your open buffet breakfast, get ready to go with your Nile cruise and your tour guide to visit Edfu temple. It is one of the largest museums in Egypt after the great temple of Karnak, which will make you be amused by its construction size.

It is also considered one of the well-preserved temples in Egypt. When you enter the temple, you will see fascinating inscriptions on its walls that tell information about the language, mythology, and religion of Egypt.

Moreover, inscribed temple construction texts provide many details about the process of building it. The Edfu temple was one of many temples built during the Ptolemaic Kingdom, including other enchanting Egyptian temples like the temple complex of Dendera, Esna, Kom Ombo, and Philae that you can see during your Nile cruise Tour with Cairo Top Tours.

During the Christian ages, some of them defaced numerous carved reliefs on the walls of the temples. In fact, after these events, Edfu temple is one of the best well-preserved temples in Egypt that you can visit through Aswan Day Tours.

Let's go back to our Nile cruise to enjoy your lunch and relax for a while, and let's visit another wonder of the Egyptian temples, the Ko-Ombo temple. It's one of the most famous temples throughout the Nile cruise tours between Luxor and Aswan. When you see the temple, you will be amazed by its columns with lotus shapes, and it is a double temple with several levels

Unique in the heights of its parts. The Ptolemies built this temple to honor the worship of the gods Sobek and Horus. the Great One, who each merged into a trinity of their own.

After seeing these beautiful temples and the real Egyptian art, it is time for relaxation to back to your Nile cruise to spend the night.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, and dinner

## Day 10: Discover the city of beauty of Aswan

Enjoy your splendid morning on your Nile cruise, with a calm atmosphere, watching the islands of Aswan, which are decorated with green colors and unique birds. The city of Aswan is a very unique city that combines nature and history: when you reach Aswan, you will be able to see the great works of the Egyptian pharaohs surrounded by the enchanting creation of God. Our first step to discover the works of the Egyptian pharaohs is to see:

The Unfinished Obelisk, carved from granite stones, is a strong proof for how the ancient Egyptians had the creativity and the art to create a work of art from stones to narrate the history after hundreds of years. The obelisk is not a usual piece of art, but it's a massive piece that weighs about 1168 tons from the Red granite. Hatshepsut ordered to put it in the temple of Karnak which is one of the best sites that you can visit during a Luxor Day Tour. The workers and the architects discover a huge crack in the body of the obelisk which is not able to be fixed. Therefore, they stopped working on it. After knowing and seeing this great work of art, we will go to visit the temple of Philae.

The Philae temple history dates back to the third century B.C. The temple has witnessed numerous kingdoms: The Greek ruling, the Roman ruling, and the Byzantine ruling, and each kingdom left its print on the walls of the temple. It is one of the biggest temples that had been built on the Philae Island. The temple was dedicated to Isis, who is the goddess of the motherhood and protection; as a result, the temple has a great scene showing Isis celebrating the birth of Horus, one of the important Egyptian gods in the ancient history of Egypt. Let's move to our next destination.

Our next stop will be The High Dam of Aswan, which is a massive project in Egypt and the Middle East. It was built during the reign of the Egyptian president Gamal Abd El Nasser. The High Dam is very significant for Egypt concerning its duties to keep Egypt's water inventory safe and produce the electricity that is needed for industry and lighting for the whole country. The high dam also protects Egypt from any potential excessive flow of the water of the Nile River, forming a great lake behind it, which is Lake Nasser which embraces the sailing of the best Dahabiyas in Egypt.

Finally, let's go back to our cruise to enjoy Aswan night vibes and the Nubian celebrations and shows.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, and dinner

## Day 11: Disembarkation time and back to Cairo

Have your last breakfast during the Nile cruise tour and prepare your luggage to check out. You can finish your tour in Aswan, or you can add one of the optional activities to your day before getting back to Cairo. You can go with your private guide and your comfortable car to visit the enchanting temples of Abu Simbel.

After finishing your tour, you will be transferred to the station of Aswan to take the next train to return to Cairo

Meals: Breakfast

## Day 12: Arrive in Cairo and a free day

After spending the night in your sleeping train after your joyful tour of Luxor and Aswan.

Upon your arrival, your car and your tour leader will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel in Cairo.

You can add activity to your day to enjoy the end of your tour: you can see the sunset in the heart of the Nile River on a traditional boat with Egyptian music, you can also see the different shows of Tanoura dance and listen to the Sufi music which is very distinctive artistic show, or you can see the sound and light show and have the experience of the Night vibes around the great pyramids of Giza.

Overnight in Cairo hotel

Meals: Breakfast

# Day 13: End of the tour

It is the time for saying goodbye to Cairo, after enjoying your morning time. Your car will be waiting for you to transfer you to the airport after checking out from the hotel.

Meals: breakfast