

# Best Cairo and Nile Cruise Luxury Tour

**Price Starting From : \$1350**

10 Days and 9 Nights

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Cairo, Luxor, Aswan, Alexandria

Everyday

## What are the best travel packages that combine the entertainment and cultural aspects?

If you're thinking of visiting Cairo's most important landmarks and enjoying a cruise on the Nile, all you have to do is book the Enjoyable Cairo and Nile Cruise Luxury Tour. Cairo Top Tours is one of the most famous Egyptian tourism companies that organizes many of the best Egypt luxury tours throughout Egypt. You'll see the greatest archaeological sites along the banks of the Nile while cruising on the world's most luxurious cruises.

You'll find all kinds of travel packages, which will help you spend the perfect vacation in this ancient country when you check out our Egypt Travel Packages, which we carefully curate to ensure a brilliant travel experience for you and your family. Cairo Top Tours offers a wonderful selection of Egypt tours ideal for visiting many of Egypt's charming tourist cities, such as Alexandria, Cairo, Luxor, and Aswan.

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[Inclusion](#)

We provide you with a special meet-and-assist service at the airport.

You will spend 5 comfortable nights at the Kempinski Nile Hotel Garden City Cairo or a similar hotel, including breakfast.

On a full-board basis, you will spend 4 nights on a 5-star Nile cruise, such as the stunning Steinberger MS Minerva Nile Cruise.

We include the cost of your domestic flight tickets from Cairo to Luxor and from Aswan to Cairo.

A private expert tour guide will accompany you during your visit to the most famous archeological sites.

Your wonderful sightseeing tours in Cairo, Alexandria, Luxor, and Aswan are private.

We will buy the tickets to all the mentioned sites in the itinerary.

We will book exclusive private and air-conditioned vehicles for all your transfers.

All your delicious meals at the hotels, on Nile cruises, and during Egypt tours will be served as mentioned in the itinerary.

We will buy bottles of mineral water for hydration during your tours.

You will enjoy the best Shopping tours in Cairo (upon request)

You will have the choice to stop to rest or have some snacks.

### Exclusion

You will pay the price of your international flight tickets.

You should buy your entry visa to Egypt.

If you need any drinks during the meals, you will pay for them.

Tipping for the members of the staff is not included.

### Itinerary

## **Day 1: Your first day of your luxury vacation in Egypt:**

Today, you will arrive at Cairo International Airport. Our professional and expert representative will be waiting for you to assist you with all necessary procedures at the airport, ensuring a smooth and speedy exit from the airport. A Cairo Top Tours expert representative will be holding a special sign bearing your name and our famous company logo.

He will assist you in reaching your tour leader, who will be responsible for transporting you in an air-conditioned vehicle to your luxurious and distinguished hotel. He will assist you in completing all check-in procedures at the hotel, allowing you to enjoy some rest after a long flight.

## **Day 2: Exploration Trip to the Greatest Giza Pyramids, the Saqqara Tombs, and Memphis:**

Today, after a delicious breakfast at your hotel, you will begin your wonderful tour of the most important archaeological sites in Cairo and Giza. You will meet one of Egypt's best tour guides from the Cairo Top Tours team at your hotel. Your tour will start your adventure by exploring the impressive city of Memphis, the capital of ancient Great Egypt. This city was a precious historical gem that had a unique geographical location on the borders of Cairo Governorate. This famous city was founded around 3100 BC by the powerful King Menes. Memphis was known in ancient times as the 'White Wall' or 'Inb-Hajj' for its magnificent temples dedicated to the famous King Ptah, the Lord of Arts and Crafts.

The delicate alabaster Great Sphinx of Memphis is the largest admirable single statue ever discovered in ancient Egypt, weighing approximately 80 tons. It is believed to depict the famous King Amenhotep II or King Ramesses II and symbolizes power and wisdom. You will see the dazzling statue of Ramses II, which was discovered with great difficulty in 1820 by the Italian explorer Giovanni Battista Caviglia, who dug a deep hole in the ruins of the massive ancient temple to find this statue.

You will visit the old-standing city of Saqqara. It is considered an open book that tells the story of ancient Egyptian civilization across different eras. It is the only necropolis in all of Egypt that houses diverse tombs from the beginning of Egyptian history to its end. It also houses relics from the famous Greek and Roman eras, as well as tombs filled with intricate landscapes and unique colored inscriptions.

The ancient Egyptians began establishing Saqqara more than 3,000 years ago. This period is considered the most glorious era of the Old Kingdom, when the first and most important revolution in the art of construction and architecture occurred when the brilliant engineer Imhotep constructed the dazzling funerary complex of King Djoser from stone instead of brick. He thus became the first person to construct a building entirely of stone. Saqqara contains approximately 30 pyramids, 15 of which are dedicated to the king, while the rest are religious pyramids or pyramids for queens, in addition to the magnificent Nile tombs.

You will visit the massive Pyramids of Giza, which still hold many secrets and mysteries. One of the surprising things is that the temperature inside the pyramid remains moderate, at around 20 degrees Celsius, even though the temperature outside is extremely high. Seismic activity has been observed to decrease significantly near important pyramid research areas, with a significant decrease in continental weather. You will see the dazzling Great Sphinx, perched on a high hill between the pyramids of Khufu and Khafre in the Giza Pyramids area. It faces the ancient Nile River to the east, like a legendary guardian, protecting the tombs of Egypt's three great pharaohs. Many historical studies estimate the Great Sphinx's age at approximately 4,500 years BC, making it one of the oldest stone statues in ancient human history.

You will see the Valley Temple of King Khafre, whose facade features two delicate statues of King Khafre. At the beginning of the entrance is a hole covered in glass and surrounded by solid iron, due to the belief that if you place a coin inside and make a wish, it will come true. This pit contained 6 beautiful statues that are currently in the Egyptian Museum. The statue is of King Khafre, surrounded by 5 other statues that express the precision and skill of the ancient Egyptian sculptor. The pit was known as the temple's hiding place to protect it from looting and theft.

After the guide finishes his detailed explanation of all these important archaeological sites, we will return you to your luxury hotel again.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## **Day 3: Travel to Luxor by Air-Explore Karnak and Luxor Temples:**

You will wake up early in the morning, refreshed and ready for breakfast before departing for Cairo International Airport with your tour leader to board your flight to Luxor. Upon arrival at Luxor Airport, you will be met by a Cairo Top Tours professional and friendly representative who will assist you in meeting your expert tour guide.

You will visit the stunning Karnak Temple, which is an exceptional archaeological site. In addition to its great religious and political significance, it also houses numerous artifacts that will amaze you. You will see the famous sacred scarab, which, despite being presented thousands of years ago as a gift from the famous King Amenhotep III to his wife, Queen Tiye, remains one of the most important secrets of ancient Egyptian civilization. This dazzling scarab is located next to the magnificent sacred lake at Karnak. Tourists are keen not to miss the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to circle around the special sacred scarab in front of the lake in seven traditional holy laps, bringing good luck and fulfilling wishes. The scarab was called "Khepri" in hieroglyphics, meaning "renewing itself every day." The ancient Egyptians believed that behind the sun's disk lay a large scarab, moving it during sunrise and sunset. It was an important and famous symbol of ancient Egyptian sun worship.

You will visit the impressive and beautiful Luxor Temple, which was built to worship Amun-Ra. Upon entering the temple, you will see the massive edifice built by Ramses II, which houses two colossal statues of him seated. In front of the temple, you will find two towering obelisks, one of which still stands, while the

other was stolen and moved to the famous Place de la Concorde in Paris. After this imposing and vast edifice, you will find the distinguished courtyard of Ramses II, surrounded on three sides by rows of beautiful columns in the shape of a bundle of papyrus.

After enjoying this exceptional tour, we will return you to the cruise for a delicious dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## **Day 4: The Most Important Visits on the West Bank of Luxor:**

Today is your chance to explore the most important temples on the West Bank in the enchanting city of Luxor. After having your yummy breakfast, your expert tour guide from the Cairo Top Tours team will be waiting for you to start this fantastic tour. You will visit the dazzling Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, which was built by the queen to commemorate her reign, which represented the pinnacle of prosperity and flourishing in the Pharaonic civilization. The temple consists of three vast floors arranged in succession on open terraces, built entirely of limestone in the heart of the mountain. The temple walls also have many picturesque inscriptions depicting the naval expeditions sent by Queen Hatshepsut to the famous Land of Punt for trade and the import of the original incense from that land.

You will visit the famous Valley of the Kings, which is also known as the Great West or the stunning Theban Necropolis. It seems that the pharaohs chose this site to commemorate their kings and their great achievements. The choice of this site may be due to the unique pyramidal shape of the mountain, which rises approximately 300 meters. These tombs are located between massive limestone hills in the desert, covered with traces of dry channels dating back thousands of years. The site includes 64 impressive tombs carved into the solid rock, including one in the form of a small room and one comprising 120 rooms, all of which are engraved with the most magnificent murals you will ever see.

You will see the two Colossi of Memnon, belonging to the famous King Amenhotep III. In ancient times, a massive ancient funerary temple of King Amenhotep III stood in front of them. The statues, which were struck by a massive earthquake, once emitted a singing sound, causing cracks and fissures to form within them. The famous Roman Emperor Hadrian and his wife spent several days near the statues, listening to their singing, according to accounts from that era. Many prominent figures and historians were keen to inscribe their names on the statues. The names of eight famous Egyptian rulers from the Roman era are inscribed on the two statues.

After this unparalleled tour, we will return to the cruise to enjoy your freshly prepared dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## **Day 5: Enjoyable Tour to the impressive Temples of Edfu and Kom Ombo**

You will have a fresh breakfast on board your magnificent Nile cruise and start your tour immediately with your vastly experienced tour guide, who will take you today to visit the old-standing temples of Kom Ombo and Edfu. The well-known and great myth of the Temple of Edfu tells of the fierce battle and fierce struggle between the famous god Horus and the oppressive god Set. Horus stood up against injustice, defying his uncle Set, the god of chaos and evil. Isis and many of Horus's followers helped him regain the throne of his

father, Osiris, and light triumphed over darkness. All the ancient Egyptian inhabitants of Edfu came to this temple to celebrate Horus's victory in his war against Set and his marriage to the goddess Hathor, a symbol of motherhood and fertility, in an annual ritual held within the sacred temple.

You will visit the unparalleled Temple of Kom Ombo. This exceptional temple was built during the famous Roman era and features unique antique Roman decorations and beautiful design. The temple walls are distinguished by their vibrant colors and the beauty of the pharaonic figures depicted on them. The spectacular Temple of Kom Ombo was built over several important and major eras. The main and biggest part of this admirable temple was built during the reign of the powerful and renowned Emperor Ptolemy VI Philometor, while it was further decorated and embellished in the Roman occupation era, during the reign of the Great Emperor Tiberius. This explains why it shares the same characteristics as other ancient Egyptian Ptolemaic temples, whether in terms of design, architecture, or decoration.

When your guide has completed his detailed explanation of the history of these distinguished temples, we will return you to the cruise for dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## **Day 6: Best Aswan Sightseeing Tour**

After enjoying the breathtaking sunrise along the banks of the Nile, you'll have a delicious breakfast. Your expert tour guide will take you to Aswan's top attractions. You'll visit the enchanting Philae Temple, which is also known as the wonderful Palace of Anas al-Wujud. The island has been home to many important religions and civilizations. The name "Philae" is derived from the well-known Greek word "philo," meaning love, and its walls tell many stories of the past. Philae Temple is not only an important and major source of inspiration for true and powerful love stories, such as Isis and Osiris, but it has also witnessed the major changes and significant challenges Egypt has undergone over the ages. When Christianity entered Egypt, 12 disciples visited the temple, spreading Christianity throughout Egypt and making numerous changes to the temple, even transforming it into a church. During the French occupation of Egypt, some French soldiers fled to Aswan, hiding in the temple and inscribing on its walls, in French, their arrival in Aswan and Nubia.

You will see one of the most beautiful and tallest obelisks in Egypt, the unfinished obelisk of Queen Hatshepsut. The ancient Egyptians called these massive stone obelisks "tekeno," meaning "piercing the sky." As many already know, ancient Egyptian obelisks were rectangular, pointed, four-sided columns with a pyramid at the top. These towering columns were placed on solid bases and were usually built to commemorate kings and queens or to honor the gods.

You will also visit the huge and important High Dam, which was built during the reign of the powerful and strict President Gamal Abdel Nasser. The High Dam protected Egypt from many serious disasters, such as drought and terrible famines, resulting from successive, low-revenue floods between 1979 and 1987. A huge amount of fresh Nile water, estimated at approximately 70 billion cubic meters, has been withdrawn from the High Dam reservoir to compensate for the massive annual deficit in the natural flow of the Nile River.

After you've finished enjoying the stunning beauty of Aswan, we'll take you back to the cruise for dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## **Day 7: Last Day on Board-Flight to Cairo**

Now it's time to check out of your amazing cruise, which has been the best five days of your life. You'll have the opportunity to enjoy a fresh and delicious breakfast, and then you will be transferred to Aswan Airport to get back to Cairo quickly. You can book an optional and additional tour to the great Abu Simbel Temples, which still amaze the world to this day. The phenomenon of the sun falling directly on the face of Ramses II was an engineering and astronomical mystery that the world has yet to explain.

Many expert archaeologists have attempted to explain the phenomenon scientifically. The first explanation links these two days to two important dates in the life of King Ramses II, the owner of the temple: the day of the blessed king's birth and the day of his coronation. He added that this view is countered by another, more widely accepted view among archaeologists, which is that these two days are associated with agriculture for the ancient Egyptians, a major concern for them. Therefore, the first date in February was associated with the start of the sowing season or fertile planting, and the second date in October with the start of the harvest season.

Upon arrival at Cairo International Airport, our expert tour leader and private driver will be waiting for you outside the airport to transfer you to your luxurious and comfortable hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## **Day 8: Wonderful tour of the Ancient Egyptian Museum and Cairo's most beautiful Christian and Islamic sites:**

You will wake up early in the morning for an energetic breakfast before beginning your tour of Cairo's most important tourist attractions. Your tour guide will accompany you to visit the dazzling Egyptian Museum in Tahrir Square. Despite more than 120 years since its opening, the Egyptian Museum continues to compete with other major modern museums, such as the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization and the Grand Egyptian Museum. This magnificent museum continues to fulfill its noble role and mission as a massive cultural, educational, and ancient civilizational landmark. It is the oldest existing Egyptian institution dedicated to preserving rare Egyptian and Pharaonic antiquities since its opening in 1902. Its rich and unique archaeological collections are an essential reference for all students of Egyptology and lovers of ancient Egyptian civilization.

You will also visit the famous Salah El Din Citadel, which was built on a high rocky hill of Mokattam Mountain. Its construction was supervised by the professional engineer Baha' al-Din Qaraqush. The northern section, known as the fortress or the ruling section, served as a military garrison for the citadel and its inhabitants against external attacks. Surrounded by walls on both the north and east sides, it includes towering round and square towers. The first was built during the reign of the powerful Saladin, while the second was built by al-Adil. The southwestern section of the citadel was carefully designated as a lavish palace and center of the government.

You will visit the breathtaking Muhammad Ali Mosque, which is full of mysteries. The mosque contains one of the most important secrets not known to many: a unique piece of marble engraved with the face of the beautiful Queen of England and an old drawing of the British Isles at the top of the dome. This commemorates her visit to the mosque in 1920 during the reign of Sultan Fuad, who proclaimed himself king in 1922.

You will have a nutritious lunch to complete this enjoyable tour. You will visit the famous sacred Hanging Church, which houses three different holy sanctuaries on the eastern side: the right-hand sanctuary is named "Saint John the Baptist," and the left-hand divine sanctuary is named "Saint Mary George the Hero." The

middle one is named "Saint Mary the Virgin." You will also see a collection of column capitals featuring the Corinthian style, which is a well-known, beautifully decorated column style developed in ancient Greece. You will visit the beautiful Holy Church of Abu Serga, which contains the hidden cave where the Holy Family stayed in Egypt. This impressive church dates back to the 7th century AD, during the reign of the famous Umayyad Caliph Abd al-Aziz ibn Marwan. It is built in the distinctive basilica style, consisting of a large transverse hall opening onto the church hall, which is divided into three sections, the largest of which is the central one. The church is distinguished by its unique and beautiful architecture, built from burnt red brick. It also houses many valuable archaeological treasures, including the eastern marble church, designed by John the Armenian, as well as a valuable collection of icons, manuscripts, and precious textiles.

You will visit the Ben Ezra Synagogue, which was once a famous Coptic church. This opinion is based on the stories and rumors that it was originally a church named after the Archangel Michael. The Patriarch sold it to the Jews in 882 AD in order to collect a large sum of money or a measure of gold imposed on Christians during this period by Ahmad ibn Tulun.

After visiting these impressive holy sites, we will return you to your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast

## **Day 9: Tour to the most famous tourist attractions in the charming city of Alexandria:**

Today, you will enjoy an exciting tour of one of the most beautiful coastal cities in the world, Alexandria. You will have breakfast early in the morning, and we will immediately set off to enjoy our tour. You will visit the distinctive Pompey's Pillar, the greatest and most famous monument in the world, constructed from original Aswan pink granite. It is the only remaining relic of ancient Alexandria on earth and is considered one of the wonders of the Mediterranean, as it rises above a simple well with small corridors below it. It is one of the buildings suspended in the air, not built on solid concrete foundations. Strangely, the pillar has not been affected by any of the powerful earthquakes that struck Alexandria and destroyed everything.

You will visit the fortified Citadel of Qaitbay, which was one of the strongest fortresses in Egypt. It included boiling oil chutes to confront enemies, a magic mirror that reflected light at night to guide ships, and a magnificent statue of the sea god holding a luminous torch. Below them were 28 openings used for launching sharp arrows and guns. This vulnerable fortress is the oldest military fortress, which was built on the site of the old site of the majestic Lighthouse of Alexandria, one of the most famous Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

You will visit the mysterious Catacombs of Kom el-Shuqafa, known as the Catacombs, a description that arouses curiosity and fear. The tombs consist of three different underground floors, carved into the solid rock, and include a series of rooms and passageways used for burying the dead in ancient Greece. The famous Catacombs of Kom el-Shuqafa in Alexandria are among the most striking archaeological landmarks dating back to the ancient Roman era, specifically to the period between the first and second centuries AD. What distinguishes these tombs is the wonderful artistic interplay between Egyptian and Roman styles, reflecting the great cultural interaction that prevailed during that period.

You will visit the famous and impressive Library of Alexandria, which is one of the most distinguished and important libraries in the world. You will see the Museum of Precious Manuscripts located within the library. The museum contains a collection of precious manuscripts and priceless rare books, some dating back more than a thousand years, including the famous Qur'an of Ibn al-Bawwab and 16,000 rare books and talismans. At the end of the day, you will enjoy a delicious seafood lunch at one of the restaurants overlooking the sea.

and admire the beautiful traditional fishing boats.

After this enjoyable and unique tour, we will return you to your hotel in Cairo.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## **Day 10: The End of Your Luxury Tour in the Land of the Pharaohs:**

Today is your last day in Egypt, so enjoy your usual delicious breakfast at your luxury hotel and pack your bags to get ready for your return home, filled with wonderful memories made with the expert Cairo Top Tours team. Your friendly tour leader will transfer you to the spacious Cairo International Airport to catch your flight home.

Meals: Breakfast