# Cairo and Nile Cruise Trip in 9 Days

**Price Starting From: \$1200** 

9 Days9 Days Cairo, Luxor and Aswan Egypt Cairo, Luxor and Aswan

The nine-day holiday train cruise across Cairo and the Nile during Cairo and Nile Cruise tour in 9 Days Egypt's Christmas period belongs to our fascinating 2024-2025 holiday offerings. Visitors must experience the Great Pyramids together with the Sphinx and Egyptian Museum and Saqqara excavations and Coptic mediaeval architecture in Cairo. From aboard your ship, you can experience one of the Nile's spectacular wonders while you sail through the route toward Luxor and Aswan.

### Overview

#### Inclusion

- Assistance and reception from Cairo Top Tours representatives upon your arrival at airports.
- 3 hotel nights at Cairo Pyramids Hotel with bed and breakfast accommodation based on your selected category.
- 4 nights aboard a 5-star luxurious Nile cruise ship under full board room services.
- 2 nights on a sleeper train, including a full train board with double sleeper beds for maximum comfort.
- Private airport transfers for all customers.
- Vehicles available for transfers between hotels, airports, and sightseeing locations.
- All activities under the Cairo and Christmas season tours operate as private departures.
- Complimentary bottled water and soft drinks during all Egypt travel packages.
- Admission fees for all sightseeing places as listed in the itinerary are included.
- Snack stops available upon request.
- Delicious Egyptian lunch meals served at top-quality restaurants throughout the sightseeing tours.
- Expert Egyptologists with fluent English skills guide all sightseeing tours.
- Meals provided as per the itinerary, both at hotels and aboard the Nile cruise boats.
- Shopping excursions in Cairo organised upon customer demand.
- Taxes and service fees are included.

#### **Exclusion**

- International flight tickets.
- Optional Egypt Day Tours in Cairo, Luxor, or Aswan.
- Tipping is excluded from any trips to Cairo and other sites.
- Beverages during meals.
- Tour cost only applies during the peak season of Christmas, and New Year.

#### **Itinerary**

## Day 1: Arrival to Cairo

At your arrival at Cairo International Airport, you will find a representative from Cairo Top Tours holding up a sign to identify you. After reaching the airport, your representative will lead you to your private car equipped with modern air conditioning for your transfer to the hotel. Once you arrive at the Cairo Pyramids Hotel or another designated accommodation, your guide will problem-solve check-in procedures and review your Egypt Christmas and New Year Tours itinerary to verify all scheduled departure times. Your arrival will start with the welcoming drink offered to you. Spend your remaining day before our amazing Egyptian Christmas journey getting fully relaxed.

## Day 2: Pyramids & Cairo Tour / Train

Your Cairo hotel provides an enjoyable breakfast before starting your elegant Egypt journey. A professional Egyptologist guide will show you the Giza Plateau to view the remarkable 4,500-year-old Great Pyramid of Cheops alongside the Pyramids of King Chephren and King Mycerinus. Your tour also includes a visit to the Great Sphinx and Valley Temple of King Chephren for a glimpse into ancient mummification processes. After eating a delightful meal at a neighbourhood restaurant, you will move forward to see the Egyptian Museum in Tahrir Square. At this world-famous museum, visitors can see a monumental collection featuring the rare treasure trove from King Tutankhamun. Coptic Cairo features as your next stop to see the Babylon Fortress built by Romans as well as three primary churches: the Hanging Church, Holy Family Church, and Ben Ezra Synagogue. Visitors find captivating information about Cairo's Christian and Jewish history through its significant historical sites. The evening will end with a walking tour through Islamic Cairo's vibrant Khan El Khalili bazaar, which remains one of the world's oldest markets. Spend your day exploring this historical district where you can both shop and unwind at local tea houses among the area's forward-thinking charm. After dinner you will be driven to Giza train station, where you will board a sleeper train to Luxor. Catering staff will prepare your meals during the daytime and morning while you unwind in your enclosed train compartment.

# Day 3: Arrival to Luxor-Luxor East Bank Tours

Upon reaching Luxor, your meeting with a Cairo Top Tours representative will ensure your convenient arrival, followed by breakfast on the train as your final greeting service. After meeting a Cairo Top Tours representative, you will embark on the luxurious 5-star MS Royal Lily Nile Cruise. Mainly settling into your accommodations, you will start feasting on a yummy lunch before beginning your East Bank of Luxor sightseeing tours. The very beginning of your tour starts at Karnak Temple, which remains the largest religious structure constructed by humans throughout history. Moving on after Karnak Temple, you'll discover the splendid Luxor Temple, which stands as a stellar example of ancient Egyptian architectural excellence. After your East Bank tour ends, you will head back to the cruise ship to witness the breathtaking sunset display over the Nile River. Your first evening aboard the MS Royal Lily Nile Cruise includes an enjoyable evening dinner with evening entertainment programs that complete your initial journey.

# Day 4: Sightseeing tour to the West Bank of Luxor and sailing to Edfu

Start your morning with breakfast at an irresistible buffet before your expert guide takes you to see the West Bank attractions of Luxor. The impressive Colossi of Memnon stands at your first stop through Luxor's West Bank. Memnon depicts Pharaoh Amenhotep III in this pair of ancient statues that command great respect. The ancient site of the Valley of the Kings allows visitors to explore more than 60 New Kingdom pharaoh tombs that hold Tutankhamun and Ramses II alongside others. Kingdom pharaohs engraved their vaults in Theban cliffs before filling them with vibrant artworks and buried treasures to assist their survival in the afterlife. The Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at El Deir El Bahari stands as a remarkable tribute to humankind's first recorded female ruler while you carry on visiting. You will subsequently take a delicious lunch aboard the ship while it moves toward Edfu before returning to the cruise ship after completion of your tour. You can enjoy serenity while looking at the Nile through tea time on the boat. A music and dance performance after dinner will entertain you along with a delicious evening meal.

### Fifth day: Edfu Temple & Kom Ombo Temple

Before beginning your Aswan day tours, spend time enjoying a pleasant breakfast start to your day. The Ptolemaic Temple of Edfu stands in excellent condition, and you can visit this shrine to Horus through rides in horse-drawn carriages. Your exploration of the temple will end when you return by carriage to your cruise ship at Aswan as your voyage takes you through Kom Ombo. When your cruise ship reaches Kom Ombo, you will step off to explore the opulent Temple of Kom Ombo, which honours Sobek, the crocodile god, and Haroeris. Following the temple tour, your tour guide will lead you to the await of the MS Royal Lily Nile Cruise for lunch service. The vessel will continue its voyage to Aswan following its afternoon stop. You will stay in Aswan overnight after evening dinner service on board the ship.

## Sixth Day: Tours in Aswan

Begin your morning with breakfast as you watch the Nile River's lovely scenery from your location. Your visits in Aswan should start with touring the High Dam, which stands as Egypt's prominent development achievement. The temples of Philae, dedicated to Goddess Isis, follow the stunning temple next on the tour route. Ptolemy II Philadelphus built the temple at its island location in 280 B.C. during his rule. Today this sacred structure requires a boat trip across the water to access it. At Aswan's granite quarries, you can view an enormous unfinished obelisk believed to be Queen Hatshepsut's order while you explore these quarries next on your tour. Visitors at this site can discover the ancient methods ancient Egyptians used to extract granite blocks. You will return to your Nile River cruise to relish a wonderful dinner followed by an evening aboard this magical river vessel.

## Seventh day: Your Train back to Cairo

Breakfast will start your day before leaving the MS Royal Lily Nile cruise. Spend your free day in Aswan as you please by either independent exploration or joining one of our award-winning optional tours among a variety of exciting choices including the temples carved into the mountain at Abu Simbel. For your relaxation, perhaps join either visits to the Nubian Village or explore the Nile by Felucca boat. Your guide from Cairo Top Tours will safely bring you to the Aswan railway station, where you will board the sleeper train that will take you back to Cairo. Travellers will receive a light dinner during the train journey while they can unwind in their personal cabin space through the night.

# Eighth day: Back to Cairo

Guests will receive a light breakfast on board the train until reaching Giza railway station. Your 'Cairo Top Tours' guide will greet you at the airport, followed by hands-on help in securing prompt check-in at your hotel. Our tour offers exceptional optional Cairo excursions that you can experience after hotel check-in.

# Ninth day: Final Departure \ The End of your Egypt Christmas holidays all inclusive.

You will receive breakfast at your hotel starting at 8 am. Our optional Cairo day tours are available to join, or you can just relax during this part of the program. We will transfer you to Cairo International Airport for your departure when your travel time comes.

Included Meals: Breakfast