Magical Egypt Christmas & New Year Tour

Price Starting From: \$1140

8 Days, 7 Nights Cairo, Luxor and Aswan Egypt Cairo, Luxor and Aswan

Experience the best of Egypt with tailor-made Egypt travel packages, including the 8-day/7-night "Cairo and the Nile by Air" tour. Experience the wonders of Egypt as you journey through stunning landscapes and visit the famous cities of Cairo, Luxor, and Aswan. Cairo is a living area that showcases its fascinating history through Pharaonic, Islamic, and Christian monuments that reflect the essence of human civilization. This tour offers the perfect amount of history, culture, and breathtaking beauty, making your trip truly unforgettable.

Overview

Inclusion

- A warm welcome at the airport from **Cairo Top Tours** representatives.
- 3-night stay at Cairo Pyramids Hotel with breakfast included.
- 4-night stay on the luxurious 5-star Steigenberger MS Minerva Nile Cruise, sailing from Aswan to Luxor.
- Domestic flights between Cairo, Aswan, and Luxor for a smooth travel experience.
- Entrance tickets to all the must-see attractions and museums in Cairo, Luxor, and Aswan.
- **Delicious lunches** at quality restaurants during your Egypt tours.
- Snack stops available upon request.
- Comfortable private transport in a non-smoking, air-conditioned vehicle for all transfers and tours.
- Private guided sightseeing tours in Cairo, Luxor, and Aswan for a more personalized experience.
- Complimentary bottled water and soft drinks during your tours in Cairo, Luxor, and Aswan.
- Expert local tour guide for all excursions (multilingual guides available upon request).
- All meals as per the itinerary, whether at the Cairo hotel or onboard your Nile Cruise.
- Optional shopping tours in Cairo, Aswan, and Luxor upon request.
- All taxes and service charges included—no hidden fees!

Exclusion

- **International airfare** is not part of the package.
- Entry visa to Egypt must be arranged separately.
- Tips for guides, drivers, and staff are not included.
- Additional excursions and optional day tours are available at an extra cost.
- Drinks during meals are not covered.
- Tour pricing applies specifically to the Christmas and New Year peak season.

Itinerary

Day 1 - Arrival to Cairo

Upon arrival at <u>Cairo International Airport</u>, our tour leader and private driver will be waiting for you with a sign with your name.

You will be transferred to your hotel by an air-conditioned private vehicle to check in your hotel (Le Meridian pyramids resort) in Giza.

Upon arrival at the hotel, you will be served a welcome drink and our representative will help you with check in procedures and will revise your itinerary for the **8 days on Cairo and Christmas Nile Cruise by Flight** and make sure all your pick-up times for your Egypt day tours are confirmed.

Overnight in Cairo.

Day 2 - Pyramids, Egyptian Museum and Old Cairo Tour

Have breakfast at your hotel in Cairo.

Your Egyptologist guide will pick you up from the hotel lobby to begin your Cairo day tours.

You will be transferred to the Giza Plateau and visit the Great Pyramid of Cheops, the Pyramid of King Chephren the 3rd ruler of the 4th dynasty and the Pyramid of King Mycerinus.

We will also take you and drive to <u>The Great Sphinx</u>, which represents the guardian of the necropolis. Our last stop in Giza will be at the <u>Valley Temple</u> of king Chephren, which is built from Aswan granite for the <u>mummification</u> of the king, the colonnade of the temple consists of 16 pillars in the shape of the T-letter in the English alphabet.

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Continue your <u>Cairo trips</u> by visiting <u>The Egyptian Museum</u>, which contains a huge collection of ancient Egyptian statues and artifacts, and the only royal treasure that was found intact is the treasures of <u>the golden</u> pharaoh <u>Tutankhamen</u> whose tomb in the <u>Valley</u> of the <u>Kings</u> was unearthed in 1922.

Then you will enjoy <u>Coptic Cairo Tour</u> to visit <u>the Roman fortress of Babylon</u> and the so-called <u>Hanging Church</u> suspended above the ancient towers of the fortress. After that, you will see <u>the church of Abu Serga</u> built above the cavern where the holy family stayed for about three months and the well from which the holy family was drinking, as well as <u>Ben Ezra Synagogue</u>, said to be the site where the basket of baby Moses was found.

You will take your lunch in a good quality Nile view restaurant, then you will continue your tour to <u>Islamic Cairo</u>, to spend some time at <u>Khan El Khalili</u>, the oldest bazaar in Egypt.

Finally, you will be dropped off at Le Meridian pyramids resort.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 - Flight from Cairo to Luxor \ Luxor sightseeing

Check out from your hotel in Giza after breakfast then your tour manager will accompany you to Cairo International Airport to take your flight to Aswan, there, you will meet our representative and embark on your enchanting Steigenberger MS Minerva Nile Cruise.

After the check-in you will spend some free time getting used to your cabin which you will enjoy for the next few days, you will relish your 1st lunch meal aboard the cruise, and you will meet your guide in the lobby to start your amazing <u>Luxor day tours</u> by visiting the magnificent <u>Temple of Karnak</u>, which covers a spacious area, resume your <u>Luxor East Bank Tours</u> to <u>the Temple of Luxor</u> dedicated to the Theban Trinity (Amun, <u>Mut</u>, and their son <u>Khonsu</u>) and beautifully lit in the night on the East Bank.

Your delicious dinner meal is going to be served onboard your <u>Egypt Nile River Cruise</u> and spend your first night in Luxor on the water of the eternal river.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.

Day 4: West Bank of Luxor - Edfu

After enjoying your breakfast aboard the Nile cruise boat, you will enjoy the west bank of Luxor tour and cross the Nile to visit the two colossal statues of Amenhotep III renowned as the Colossi of Memnon, and then visit the Valley of the Kings, the royal cemetery of the New Kingdom Pharaohs including famous Tutankhamen and legendary Ramses the second, the tombs in the valley of kings is considered a UNESCO heritage site. Continue the tour to visit Hatshepsut's Temple known as El Deir El Bahari, which was built by the famous architect Senmout for Queen Hatshepsut, the first female ruler in written history.

Optional Hot Air Balloon Ride

Take your wholesome lunch, while the ship is sailing to Edfu to continue your enjoyable Egypt Christmas and New Year tours and visit the fascinating views along the way. Another dinner will be served aboard the cruise ship, and then enjoy the musical show and entertainment. You will spend the second night on the water of the Nile in Edfu.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, and Dinner.

Day 5 - Visit to Edfu Temple and Kom Ombo Temple

Eat your breakfast aboard your Egypt Nile River Cruise, and then get off the boat escorted by your personal guide to visit the well-preserved Ptolemaic Temple dedicated to the falcon God Horus, the temple of Edfu. Back to the cruise that will continue sailing south towards Kom Ombo. On arrival to Kom Ombo, you will leave the cruise again to visit the captivating Temple of Kom Ombo dedicated to the crocodile God Sobek of the region and also to God Horaeris, after spending enough time at the temple you will be back to the ship to enjoy your lunch, then the boat will be heading to the last stop at Aswan.

Dinner and overnight served on board Steigenberger MS Minerva Nile Cruise at Aswan.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.

Day 6 - Arrival to Aswan \ Aswan sites

Your Nile cruise ship begins your day by offering a buffet breakfast, which leads to a private guided tour of Aswan highlights. The High Dam stands as your first destination because it represents one of the world's largest dams along with being an impressive engineering achievement. Travel to Philae Temple by boat for a fascinating encounter with the final temple that hosted Egyptian god worship even after Christian beliefs reached the area. The temple stands proudly as a beautiful structure on an island that lies within the water of the Nile River. Visit Aswan's granite quarries to view the Unfinished Obelisk, which was likely commissioned by Queen Hatshepsut. The massive structure shows the carving techniques of ancient Egyptian monument builders while staying at its extraction site. End your fascinating day at Aswan by coming back to your comfy Nile cruise for relaxation. Spend the night feasting on delicious food on board the vessel while cruising through the peaceful surroundings of Aswan. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.

Day 7: From Aswan to Cairo

The Steigenberger MS Minerva Nile Cruise serves an oriental breakfast to its passengers before their departure on the final day of their Aswan journey. Your Aswan Airport journey will begin once your representative conducts your transfer service to Aswan Airport, where you will board your flight to return to Cairo. Your arrival at Cairo International Airport welcomes you to a team-assisted journey, which will lead you to a hotel accommodation in Giza.

Overnight stay in Cairo.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 8 : Final departure

After breakfast at the hotel, you will go to Cairo Airport for your flight home.

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