Trip to Cairo and Nile Cruise from Luxor

Price Starting From: \$1410

13 Days / 12 Nights Cairo Egypt Cairo

Book a tour that takes you through both the famous Cairo points of interest while also allowing you to experience a peaceful Nile River cruise from Luxor. The tour includes visits to the renowned Giza Pyramids with the Sphinx plus the exhibitions at the Egyptian Museum within Cairo. A scenic Nile cruise takes travellers to Karnak before stopping at Luxor Temple, then Edfu Temple, and Kom Ombo Temple. Travelling to Aswan lets visitors see Philae Temple together with the High Dam. The awesome combination of historical sites and cultural riches during this Nile cruise adventure brings visitors amazing leisure along the magnificent river.

Overview

Inclusion

- Meet and assist service at airports and hotels by **Cairo Top Tours** representatives.
- Entry tickets to all sites mentioned in the itinerary.
- Accommodation:
 - o 3 nights at Cairo Pyramids Hotel (bed & breakfast).
 - o 1 night in **Bahariya Oasis** (half board).
 - o 1 night camping in the White Desert (full board, including all camping equipment).
 - o 1 night in **Dakhla Oasis** (dinner & breakfast).
 - o 1 night camping in Kharga Oasis (full board).
 - o 4 nights aboard a **Nile Cruise** (all meals included).
 - o 1 night on a sleeping train from Aswan to Cairo (half board).
- Camping gear: Sleeping bags, camel blankets, and spacious ventilated tents.
- Transportation:
 - o Private air-conditioned vehicles for all tours.
 - 4x4 jeeps for Oasis tours.
- Guided tours:
 - Private tours in Cairo, the Oases, and along the Nile Cruise.
 - Expert English-speaking tour guide.
- Extras:
 - o Bottled water and soft drinks during tours.
 - o Meals as specified in the itinerary.
 - o Snack stops upon request.
 - All taxes and service charges included.

Exclusion

- International flight tickets to Egypt.
- Egypt entry visa.
- Beverages during meals.

- **Tipping** is not included in the tour price.
- Prices do not apply during peak seasons such as Christmas and Easter tours.

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive to Cairo Airport

Welcome to Cairo, Egypt

Cairo Top Tours tour leader will be expecting you upon arrival at the <u>Cairo International Airport</u> luggage belt, and he will be holding a signboard bearing your name and the company's logo. Then you will be transferred by your personal driver and a private air-conditioned vehicle to your hotel in Cairo. At the hotel, your tour leader will assist you in check-in as soon as possible and revise your Egypt tour itinerary with you to ensure the pick-up times for each day of your Egypt Day Tours.

Spend the night in Cairo.

Welcome Drink will be served for you!

Day 2: Pyramids and the highlights of Cairo Tour

Day 3 : Cairo to Bahariya Oasis

Around 06:00 AM, take your breakfast and check out to start your Egypt Desert Safari Trips, you will meet Cairo Top Tours Egyptologist guide to accompany you by a modern air-conditioned vehicle to Bahariya Oasis about 4 hours drive from Cairo. Upon arrival, visit the valley of Golden Mummies, the Tombs of the Nobles or regional rulers of the oasis in ancient times, the temple of Alexander The Great who built the beautiful city of Alexandria, and the Temple of Muftella dedicated to God Bis one of the famous gods of ancient Egypt to be worshipped in the desert places as the god of entertainment and pleasure.

Delicious lunch meals will be served in a Bedouin-style restaurant, after that we will go to the hotel to check in and spend the afternoon freely.

You will start ascending the black mountain by a 4-wheel drive before the sunset to see the ruins on top of the mountain, "the English House" enjoying the picturesque view of Bahariya Oasis during sunset.

Overnight in Bahariya.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4: White & Black Desert

In the early morning, have your breakfast before visiting the extraordinary salt lake to enjoy the views and take very nice pictures. Enjoy the golden sand dunes and learn how to climb the palm trees just like the locals

so, pick the freshest fruit of the season while walking around the beautiful gardens. Start the adventure to the White Desert, our 1st stop will be at The Black Desert, a region of volcano-shaped mountains covered with large quantities of volcanic rocks, and the Valley of El Haize to the south of Bawiti and Bahariya. We will stop for you to see the quartz in the Crystal Mountain area and then we will spend a few minutes in the charming Valley of Agabat. Spend the night watching the beautiful moon and the stars while camping in the White Desert between the stunning white limestone and chalk formations of the western desert.

Bedouin dinner in the Desert.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5: Farafra & Dakhla Oases

Have your daily breakfast made by the locals and the popular morning tea-mint. Then, we will head to the oasis of Farafra, in Farafra you can enjoy the sulfur hot water spring of Bir Setah or (Setah Well), and you will also visit the local artist Badr's unique mud brick museum. Visit the old town of Al Qasr and drive from Farafa to Dakhla for about 3 hours to visit the Roman Temple of Deir El Hagar in the middle of the desert and half-buried by the sand dunes. The temple dates back to the 26th dynasty and was accomplished by the legendary Roman Emperors. Visit some of Egypt's most beautiful rock-cut tombs at the Roman burial ground of El Muzawwaqqa.

After taking your lunch, visit the old Islamic Village of Al Qasr dates back to the twelfth century A.D, to see the ancient houses organized in very interesting narrow alleys, the old oil press, the old wheat grinder, the old court, the medieval prison as well as an old school and an Ayyubid mosque.

Spend the afternoon relaxing by the pool-like hot spring then visit the verdant Dakhla farms which are full of golden sand dunes and the clear blue sky above, to enjoy the sunset on the Edge of the Great Sand Sea with a tasty Bedouin tea.

Spend the night in Dakhla at Desert lodge hotel on top of the cliff seeing the green village and the beautiful rose mountains that <u>Dakhla Oasis</u> is famous for.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6: Kharga Oasis

Today, you will visit Kharga Oasis. 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 the Western Desert Oases. 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 Isis 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 air-conditioned vehicle to <u>Luxor</u>, about 6 hours drive. Upon arrival to Luxor embark on your 5 stars <u>Egypt Nile</u> River Cruise.

Your tasty lunch will be served aboard the Nile cruise ship, start <u>Luxor day tours</u> and especially the <u>East 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 temple of El Deir El Bahary, 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 well-preserved 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 <u>Aswan</u>.

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, the Unfinished Obelisk.

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

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11: Disembarkation / Cairo

After your breakfast you should complete the check-out procedures at your Nile Cruise. The free time in Aswan is available to visitors while an optional tour to Abu Simbel through land transportation remains an available option during the day. Proceed to Aswan Railway Station for a sleeping train journey to Cairo while receiving dinner on board.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 12: Arrive Cairo

Enjoy breakfast on the train before arriving at **Giza Train Station**. Our representative will meet you and transfer you to your hotel. Early check-in will be arranged if possible. You can also choose to join one of our **optional Cairo Day Tours** or **Half-Day Tours**.

Overnight in Cairo. Meals: Breakfast

Day 13: Final Departure

On the final day of your **Egypt Classic Tour**, enjoy breakfast at your hotel. Afterward, take part in one of our **Cairo Day Tours** before our tour leader transfers you to **Cairo International Airport** for your departure.

Meals: Breakfast