## Cairo, Nile Cruise, and the Oasis Christmas Tours

**Price Starting From: \$1510** 

13 Days / 12 Nights Egypt Cairo, White Desert, Bahariya Oasis, Aswan, Luxor

Experience the enchantment of Egypt during the festive season with our 13-Day Cairo, Nile Cruise, Fayoum, and Oasis Christmas Egypt Travel Package. Immerse yourself in the rich history of Cairo as you explore significant Islamic and Coptic monuments, soaking up the vibrant atmosphere of the city. Embark on a captivating Nile cruise from Luxor to Aswan, where you'll witness the awe-inspiring temples and tombs that line the riverbanks. Sail in, indulge in breathtaking views, and immerse yourself in the timeless beauty of ancient Egypt. Discover the natural wonders of Al Fayoum, where you can unwind and rejuvenate amidst the picturesque landscapes of Wadi El-Rayan. Marvel at the cascading waterfalls and embrace the tranquility of this Oasis paradise.

To add a touch of adventure to your <u>Egypt trip</u>, venture into the mesmerizing White and <u>Black Deserts</u> and experience the surreal beauty of these unique landscapes. Witness the rolling sand dunes, dramatic rock formations, and the captivating contrast of white and black hues.

# Overview Inclusion

Being met and assisted by Cairo Top Tours representatives at the airports and hotels.

All the entrance tickets to the multiple archeological sites and museums during the tours in Egypt.

your accommodation in Cairo Pyramids Hotel for 3 nights on a bed and breakfast basis.

Accommodation in Bahariya Oasis for 1 night on a half-board basis.

1-night full board camping in the White Desert including all needed camping equipment.

Your accommodation in Dakhla oasis for 1 night including dinner and breakfast.

Your accommodation for 1 night in Kharga oasis camping on full board.

Your accommodation for 4 nights aboard a Nile River Cruise boat includes all meals.

Your accommodation for 1 night on a sleeping train from Aswan to Cairo on a half-board basis.

Camping equipment like sleeping bags, camel blankets, and spacious well-ventilated tents are included.

Transportation service by private air-conditioned vehicles during all our Egypt Travel Packages.

Transportation inside the Oases by jeep 4-wheel drive.

Tours in Cairo, the oasis, and during the Nile Cruise tours are privately guided tours.

Bottles of mineral water and soft drinks during all our Egypt Day Tours and Packages.

A Professional Egyptologist tour guide is provided by Cairo Top Tours.

Meals in hotels, Nile cruise, and the oasis as mentioned in the itinerary.

Shopping tours in Cairo.

Stops for snacks upon request.

All taxes and service charges are included within the prices of the 13 Days Cairo, Nile Cruise, and the Oasis Christmas Tours.

#### **Exclusion**

International flight tickets to Egypt.

Visa to enter Egypt.

Beverage during meals.

Tipping is not included in the prices of your Xmas Tours in Egypt.

**Itinerary** 

#### Day 1: Arrive Cairo, Egypt

Our Cairo Top Tours representative will meet you as you arrive at the Cairo International Airport luggage belt and will be carrying a sign with 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 help you check in as soon as possible and revise your 13 Days Cairo, Nile Cruise, and the Oasis Christmas Tours itinerary with you to ensure the pick-up times for each day of your Egypt Day Tours.

Overnight in Cairo

Welcome Drink

# Day 2: Giza Pyramids, Egyptian Museum, Coptic Cairo, Khan El Khalili

Take your gourmet breakfast at your hotel in the early morning, then get ready to be accompanied by your tour guide to the Giza Plateau and enjoy the tour to the Giza Pyramids of Cheops, built over 4500 years ago by the hands of 100,000 men and it is considered the largest between the 3 Pyramids of Giza. Behind it, you will see the pyramids of his son Chephren and the grandson pyramid of King Mycerinus, The Great Sphinx made by king Chephren to be the guardian of the necropolis, and the only remaining Valley Temple which is part of Chephren's pyramid complex in Giza at the end of your Giza pyramids tour.

You will go to the oldest part of Cairo to enjoy an amazing Coptic Cairo tour and visit the Hanging Church, which was built above the ruins of the old Roman fortress of Babylon, the church of St. Sergius or Abu Serga church, in addition to Ben Ezra Synagogue, which was a Coptic church before it was converted into a Jewish synagogue in 882 A.D.

Take a rest while having your lunch served in an oriental restaurant. After that, we will resume Cairo day tours to the Egyptian Museum, which was opened in 1902 as the first antiquities museum in Cairo. The museum houses artifacts from all periods in the history of Egypt between great statues and huge sarcophagi to the tiniest accessories used by ancient Egyptians especially the golden collection of King Tutankhamun.

Finally, you will be taken to the oldest bazaar in Cairo for an unusual Cairo walking tour experience in the market of Khan El Khalili which is one of the most visited sites during the Islamic Cairo trips.

You will be transferred back to the hotel and overnight in Cairo.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### Day 3: Cairo to Bahariya Oasis

Around 06:00 AM, take your breakfast and check out to begin your Egypt Desert Safari Trips, you will meet our tour guide to accompany you by a modern air-conditioned vehicle to Bahariya Oasis about 4 hours drive from Cairo. Upon arrival, visit the Museum of Golden Mummies, the Tombs of the Nobles or regional rulers of the oasis in ancient times, the Temple of Alexander the Great in Bahariya Oasis 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.

Your lunch 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.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 4: White Desert and Black Desert

In the early morning, have your breakfast before visiting the wondrous salt lake to enjoy the views and take very nice pictures. Experience 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 crystal 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.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 5: Farafra Oasis, Dakhla Oasis

Have your daily breakfast made by the locals and the traditional 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 Dakhla Oasis is famous for.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 6: Kharga Oasis

Today, you will visit Kharga Oasis. Enjoy your breakfast and get ready to start your tour at Dakhla Oasis by visiting Qasr El Labkha, a Roman fortress on the old caravan route the famous 40 days road attached to Egypt with Sudan (Darb El Arbein), and the Kharga museum. After that, visit the Roman Temple of Hibis and Nadura from the 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.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 7: Kharga to Luxor, East Bank Tours

Have your breakfast in the middle of the golden sand dunes, then you will be transferred by an air-conditioned vehicle to Luxor, about 6 hour's drive. Upon arrival to Luxor embark on your 5 stars Egypt Nile River Cruise.

Your lunch will be served aboard the Nile cruise ship, start Luxor day tours, and especially the East Bank of Luxor tour as you will visit Karnak Temple which is one of the biggest man-made temples in the entire world, and the great temple of King Amenhotep III, the popular Luxor temple that was built by many

kings of ancient Egypt.

Enjoy your tasty dinner, and overnight in Luxor.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### **Day 8: Luxor West Bank Tours**

aboard the Nile river cruise, you will enjoy your tasty breakfast overlooking the Nile to continue your Luxor excursions. Begin the west bank of Luxor tour to the two colossal statues of Amenhotep III renowned as the Colossi of Memnon, and then visit the Valley of the Kings, 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.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 9: Edfu and Kom Ombo Temple

In the early morning, your breakfast will be served aboard the Nile Cruise boat then you will visit the well-preserved Ptolemaic temple dedicated to Horus, the falcon-headed god of the sky, Edfu Temple. Sail to Kom Ombo to see the unique Temple of Kom Ombo built for the worship of the crocodile God Sobek. Your lunch will be served on board then continue sailing to Aswan.

Enjoy your dinner in the evening and overnight aboard your Egypt Nile River Cruise.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 10: Aswan Sightseeing Tours

After having your delicious breakfast aboard the Nile cruise, start Aswan day tours as we will head to the famous High Dam an engineering marvel and the most important project in modern Egypt, the awesome Temple of Philae 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 aboard your Nile Cruise ship and overnight in Aswan.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 11: Disembarkation, Transfer to Cairo by Train

Take your breakfast then check out from your Nile River Cruise boat. You will have free time at leisure in Aswan or you can enjoy an optional tour to visit Abu Simbel from Aswan by Land. You will be transported to the Aswan railway station for departure to Cairo by Sleeping Train. Your dinner will be served overnight on the train.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

#### Day 12: Arrive Cairo

Your breakfast will be served aboard the train and then arrive at the Giza train station. Cairo Top tours tour leader will meet and transfer you to your hotel. You will do an early check-in if possible. and you can enjoy one of our optional Cairo day tours or Cairo half-day tours.

Overnight in Cairo.

Meals: Breakfast

### Day 13 : Final Departure

On the closing day of your Egypt Christmas Tours, Take your breakfast at your hotel. Enjoy one of our Cairo day trips. After that, our tour leader will pick you up and transfer you to Cairo International Airport for departure after you enjoyed your 13 Days Christmas Tours to Cairo, Nile Cruise, and the Oasis.

Meals: Breakfast