# Christmas Trips featuring Pyramids, Nile Cruise, and Sharm El Sheikh.

**Price Starting From: \$0** 

12 Days / 11 Nights Cairo, Luxor, Aswan, Sharm El Sheikh Egypt

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Celebrate an unforgettable Christmas in Egypt with our exclusive <u>Egypt trips</u>. Embrace the festive spirit as you embark on a 12-day journey that includes exploring the iconic pyramids and cruising <u>the majestic Nile River</u>. End your adventure in the tranquil beauty of Sharm El Sheikh's pristine beaches, the perfect way to relax and enjoy the holiday season. Immerse yourself in the magic of Egypt's most famous tourist attractions while experiencing the joyful ambiance of Christmas. Whether you seek stunning sites or a festive adventure, our holiday tours promise a truly memorable and enchanting experience for this special time of year.

## Overview Inclusion

- Accommodation for 4 nights in Cairo Pyramids Hotel on bed & breakfast.
- 3 nights of lodging on a 5-star cruise with full board.
- Bed and breakfast lodging for four nights in Sharm El Sheikh.

  Tickets for domestic, round-trip flights are included as shown in the itinerary.
- All of the places featured in our Egypt trips require an admission cost.
- Private air-conditioned vehicles are used for all transportation in Egypt, including to and from airports, accommodations, and on trips.
- There are no public tours offered in Cairo or during the Egypt Nile Cruise Tours.
- water bottle and soft drinks.
- Upon request, stops to get munchies.
- During Egypt Day Tours, accredited English-speaking Egyptologists.

#### **Exclusion**

- International flight tickets
- Visa to enter Egypt.
- Beverage during meals.
- Tipping or gratitudes are not included in the prices
- Any optional tours in Cairo or any other city.

#### **Itinerary**

#### **Day 1: Arrival Cairo**

As you arrive at <u>Cairo International Airport</u>, our friendly team will be waiting for you, ready to provide a warm welcome with a personalized signboard. Relax and leave the transportation to us, you'll be chauffeured in comfort to your hotel by an exclusive air-conditioned vehicle.

Upon arrival at the hotel, our dedicated representative will ensure a seamless check-in process. You'll have the opportunity to go over your exciting 12-day Pyramids, Nile Cruise, and Sharm El Sheikh Christmas Tours itinerary, where we'll work together to finalize pick-up times for all your upcoming tours. Overnight in Cairo.

Welcome Drink

#### Day 2: Pyramids and Saqqara Tour

After a delightful breakfast at your Cairo hotel, your personal tour guide will meet you to embark on your Cairo Day Tours to the renowned Giza Plateau. Witness the Great Pyramid of Cheops, the sole remaining wonder of the ancient world, alongside the pyramids of <a href="Chephren">Chephren</a> and Mycerinus, descendants of Cheops and Snefru, the founder of ancient Egypt's 4th dynasty.

Explore the imposing Great Sphinx and the mummification temple, also known as the Valley Temple, situated facing the majestic statue.

During the Giza pyramids tour, take in the breathtaking panoramic views for picture-perfect moments. For an optional activity, enjoy a camel ride in the Giza Pyramids, adding to the adventure.

Next, we'll head to the <u>Saqqara Necropolis</u> to explore the remarkable Step Pyramid Complex, a pioneering stone building and the first of its kind worldwide, known as Djoser Step Pyramid.

Our tour includes entry to the pyramid of Teti, boasting a magnificent interior that stands out among all accessible pyramids. You'll also have the opportunity to visit the Tombs of the Nobles at Saqqara, designed for the husbands of two daughters of King Teti. Immerse yourself in the daily life of ancient Egypt as you observe inscriptions and paintings on the walls and corridors of these 4000-year-old tombs.

Following lunch, prepare for our visit to <u>Memphis</u>, the historic capital of the pharaohs, reigning for a millennium. This significant religious and cultural center played a crucial role throughout the three thousand years of ancient Egyptian civilization. At the open-air museum, marvel at the renowned alabaster sphinx, the second-largest of its kind, crafted from an impressive 80-ton block of marble. Witness the immense, broken statue of Ramses the Second as well. Afterward, we'll return to your Cairo hotel for a restful overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch. Dinner

#### Day 3: Fly to Aswan, Aswan Tours, Kom Ombo Temple

Begin your day by checking out early in the morning and heading to Cairo International Airport for your flight to Aswan. Upon arrival, our friendly local representatives will greet you and transfer you to the Cruise. Before lunch, you'll embark on the boat and savor a delicious meal onboard. Get ready to explore Aswan's wonders with a visit to the High Dam, constructed in 1971, and the awe-inspiring Philae temple situated on a fascinating island. Later, we'll set sail to Kom Ombo, where you can enjoy a delightful afternoon tea. Take in the fascinating temple shared by the gods Sobek and Haroeris. The cruise continues to Edfu, where you'll encounter some of Egypt's most captivating temples. Your dinner will be served onboard the boat, followed by an enjoyable disco party to wrap up the day. Rest comfortably overnight in Edfu.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch. Dinner

#### Day 4: Edfu Temple

Indulge in a delicious breakfast served on your best <u>Nile Cruise</u> before heading to explore the awe-inspiring Temple of Horus in Edfu. This magnificent monument is dedicated to the revered god Horus, the falcon god of the sky and protector of ancient Egyptian kings. Afterward, we'll sail to Luxor, crossing the lock along the way. Treat yourself to a delightful afternoon tea and savor a sumptuous dinner onboard. Later, join the lively Galabya party for a fun-filled evening.

Rest comfortably overnight in Luxor.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch. Dinner

#### Day 5: Luxor Nile Cruise Tours

Start your day with a delightful breakfast onboard the boat. Begin your Luxor tour on the west bank by exploring the fascinating <u>Valley of the Kings</u>, where you can venture inside tombs from various dynasties during the new kingdom. Next, visit the impressive Temple of Deir El Bahari.

Continue your exploration on the east bank with a visit to the grand <u>Karnak Temple</u> complex, once considered the throne of the solar disk deity, Amun-Re, in ancient Egyptian religion. Then, marvel at the splendor of Luxor Temple, featuring a captivating courtyard, colossal columns, and granite statues of Ramses the Great.

On the return journey, don't miss the opportunity to see the <u>Colossi of Memnon</u>, two colossal sitting statues representing Amenhotep III, facing the Nile. Enjoy a delicious lunch onboard the Nile Cruise, and spend the night reflecting on the wonders of the Luxor day tours.

Afternoon tea and a comfortable overnight stay await you in Luxor.

(Additional option: Hot air balloon ride in Luxor)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch. Dinner

#### Day 6: Luxor to Sharm El Sheikh by Flight

After savoring a delicious breakfast, prepare for disembarkation. Our tour leader will transfer you to Luxor Airport for a flight to Sharm El Sheikh, continuing your Egypt Xmas Tours. Upon arriving at Sharm El Sheikh Airport, you'll check in at your hotel in Sharm El Sheikh and enjoy a comfortable overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast

## Day 7: Sharm El Sheikh Optional Tour to Ras Mohammed National Park

Today, you have the option to enjoy a leisurely day in Sharm El Sheikh or join our exciting optional tour of Ras Mohammed National Park. This remarkable nature reserve covers 480 square kilometers and serves as both a terrestrial and aquatic protected area. Located at the meeting point of the Gulf of Suez and the Gulf of Aqaba in the southern tip of Sinai, it offers stunning landscapes and abundant marine life.

Spend the night in Sharm El Sheikh, and enjoy meals comprising breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

### Day 8: Sharm El Sheikh Optional Quad Bike Adventure

Enjoy a tranquil and leisurely morning at your own pace. Alternatively, you can opt for an exciting adventure by joining our optional tour at 2:00 pm. Our team will pick you up from your hotel and take you to the Quad Bike Centre, a short 15-minute drive away. After receiving brief safety instructions and driving guidelines, embark on an exhilarating Quad Bike adventure in the mesmerizing Sharm desert. Traverse the sandy dunes of the Sinai desert and marvel at the breathtaking views.

In the evening, you have free time to relax and unwind. Spend the night at the hotel, and enjoy your meals consisting of breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

## Day 9: Sharm El Sheikh Optional Tour to St. Catherine Monastery

Enjoy a leisurely day in Sharm El Sheikh or join our optional tour to The Monastery of St. Catherine. This historic site is nestled at the heart of Sinai, near the foot of <u>Gebel Musa</u>, also known as Mount Sinai, where Moses is said to have received the Ten Commandments. The monastery, owned and operated by the Greek Orthodox Church, is surrounded by beautiful gardens and cypress trees.

Inside, you'll find a treasure trove of ancient manuscripts, making it the world's second-largest collection of illuminated manuscripts after the Vatican. Marvel at the renowned Burning Bush and discover a wealth of exquisite artworks, including priceless icons, intricately carved doors, captivating wall paintings, and other

religious ornaments.

Enjoy a relaxing night in Sharm El Sheikh, and relish your meals of breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

#### Day 10: Fly Back to Cairo

Indulge in a delightful breakfast at your hotel in Sharm El Sheikh before heading to Sharm El Sheikh Airport for your flight back to Cairo. Enjoy a comfortable overnight stay in Cairo.

Meals: Breakfast

### Day 11: Egyptian Museum, Coptic, and Islamic Cairo Trips

After a delightful breakfast at your Cairo hotel, join your private tour guide to explore the world-famous Egyptian Museum. This iconic museum houses the largest collection of Egyptian antiquities globally, including the remarkable Treasures of the golden pharaoh Tutankhamun. An essential part of our Christmas Tours in Egypt.

Our next stop is the <u>Citadel of Saladin</u>, where you'll explore the impressive Mohamed Ali Alabaster Mosque and enjoy a breathtaking panoramic view of Cairo's ancient Islamic district. Admire the timeless beauty of mosques, minarets, and domes, some dating back hundreds of years, and others over a thousand years old.

Next, continue with the <u>Coptic Cairo tour</u>, exploring the historic Roman fortress of Babylon. Visit the Hanging Church perched atop ancient towers and the church of St. Sergius, where the holy family sought refuge for nearly three months. Discover the Ben Ezra Synagogue, believed to be the site where Moses was found in a basket along the Nile.

Following lunch, we will embark on an enriching journey through Islamic Cairo. Explore the ancient city's historic walls and barriers, with its charming old streets that have existed since the 10th century. Our delightful walk culminates with a well-deserved tea break at <u>Fishawy's</u>, the oldest cafe in <u>Khan El Khalili</u>, Cairo's ancient bazaar. As the day draws to a close, return to your hotel in Cairo for an overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### Day 12: Final Departure

On the final day of your 12 Days Pyramids, Nile Cruise, and Sharm El Sheikh Christmas Tours, savor your last breakfast at the hotel. Our representative will then pick you up and transfer you to Cairo International Airport for your departure.

Meals: Breakfast