A Special Christmas Holiday Trip to Cairo, Luxor, and Aswan

Price Starting From: \$0

10 Days Cairo, Luxor, and Aswan Egypt

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Enjoy our amazing 10-day Christmas ttip that takes you on an adventure through Cairo, Luxor, and Aswan, where you will discover some of Egypt's most iconic monuments. The Egypt trip includes visits to the Giza Pyramids, the Great Egyptian Museum, and Islamic Cairo. You will also take a luxury tour to Luxor, where you'll visit the impressive Luxor Temple and Karnak Temple, dedicated to the gods Amun, Mut, and Khonso.

Cairo is a bustling city with so much to see and do, but with Cairo top tours, you'll get to experience its festive atmosphere and explore all its historic sites through their Egypt day tours in just 10 days.

Overview Inclusion

- At the airport, employees of Cairo Top Tours will meet and greet you.
- Five nights of your lodging at the Cairo Pyramids Hotel, including breakfast.
- Your lodging for 4 nights on a full-board, 5-star Nile cruise traveling from Luxor to Aswan
- Domestic flights are available from Aswan and Cairo to Luxor.
- Museum and historical site admission costs
- The lunches that are offered on Cairo Day Tours will be in high-quality restaurants.
- A private, non-smoking, air-conditioned vehicle is used for all transportation to and from the airport, the hotel, and during the tours.
- All sightseeing excursions in Cairo or on the Nile Cruise must be booked in private.
- During all of our <u>Egypt travel packages</u>, if we have enough time in Cairo, we'll pause to grab a soft drink at a neighborhood cafe.
- You will have an English-speaking tour guide with you at all times.
- Every meal is provided in the hotels, as is the Nile cruise mentioned in the itinerary above.
- Egypt Day Tours offers shopping tours in Cairo, if you're interested.
- The cost of the tour includes all taxes and service fees.

Exclusion

- Ticket for a global flight
- Entry visa to Egypt At the airport, \$25 is required.
- Drinks are served with meals.
- During your Egypt Christmas Tours, Tipping is not included for the driver, tour guide, or cruise crew.
- The tour fee is only charged over Christmas and New Year's, when demand is at its highest.

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive in Cairo, Egypt

Upon your arrival at <u>Cairo International Airport</u>, you will be warmly welcomed by your tour leader, who will be holding a sign with your name on it. They will be ready to assist you with all the necessary procedures as you kick off your journey. You will then be transported to your hotel in a private, non-smoking, airconditioned deluxe vehicle.

Upon arrival at the hotel, the tour manager will be there to ensure a smooth check-in process. They will also review your Egypt travel package itinerary with you and confirm the pick-up times for each tour. As a nice touch, you will also be offered a welcome drink to make you feel even more at home.

You will spend your first night in Cairo, where you can rest and prepare for the exciting adventures ahead.

Day 2: Giza Pyramids, Saqqara, and Memphis

After a good night's rest at your Cairo hotel, your tour guide will meet you in the lobby to start your <u>Cairo</u> <u>day tour</u>. You will be accompanied by a personal driver who will take you to the Giza Pyramids, where you will see the Great Pyramid of Cheops as well as the pyramids of Chephren and Mycerinus. You will also visit the Great Sphinx and the Valley Temple of King Chephren.

Next, your guide will take you to a high panorama to enjoy a 15-minute camel ride at the Giza Pyramids, giving you the opportunity to take unforgettable photos with the Bedouins. Afterward, you will stop for lunch at a good-quality restaurant before continuing your Cairo day tour to the Step Pyramid Complex of King Zoser in Saqqara. This complex is considered the oldest man-made building entirely made out of stone in the world, with its Djoser Pyramid.

You will also have the option to enter the <u>pyramid of Teti</u>, which has the most spectacular interior among all accessible pyramids (no extra ticket required), and visit the <u>tombs of the nobles</u> in Saqqara to enjoy daily life scenes in ancient Egypt, with all its activities inscribed and painted on the walls and corridors of the tombs.

After enjoying a delicious lunch at another good-quality restaurant, you will proceed to <u>Memphis</u> to visit the open-air museum, which is only 20 minutes away from Saqqara. The museum houses an exhibition of statues and artifacts that remain from the ancient capital of the pharaohs, including <u>the alabaster sphinx</u> made out of an eighty-ton block of marble and the gigantic fallen statue of Ramses II.

Once the tour is finished, you will be transferred back to your hotel to spend the night. Breakfast and lunch will be included in the tour package.

Day 3: The Egyptian Museum, Coptic, and Islamic Cairo Trip

Your knowledgeable guide from Cairo Top Tours will pick you up from your hotel to begin the Tour. The first stop will be at <u>The Egyptian Museum</u>, where you will embark on a journey through the rich history of ancient Egypt. You will witness the largest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts, with over 160,000 masterpieces on display. Your expert tour guide will fully explain the highlights, including the treasures of

King <u>Tutankhamen</u>, which are the only royal treasure discovered intact and consist of a huge collection of gold and jewelry that were hidden under the sand for over three thousand years until the tomb was excavated in 1922 and moved to Cairo and The Egyptian Museum.

Next, your tour guide will take you to visit <u>Salah El Din Citadel</u> and the Alabaster Mosque of Mohamed Ali inside. This mosque is a unique example of Ottoman architecture in Cairo, as its design is copied from the famous Blue Mosque of Istanbul. The Citadel is considered the center of the Egyptian government, as it was established by Salah El Din until the reign of King Farouk during the first half of the past century.

You will stop for a local lunch meal at a good-quality restaurant before starting your Coptic Cairo tour. You will visit the ancient Roman fortress of Babylon and be amazed by The Hanging Church, one of the highlights of old Cairo. You will also visit the church of St. Sergius, which is also known as the Cavern Church. It was built above the crypt, where the holy family stayed for nearly three months, and the well from which they drank water. Finally, you will visit Ben Ezra Synagogue, which is believed to be the site of the pharaoh's palace where the basket of Moses was picked up from the Nile.

Your Cairo sightseeing tours will continue with a visit to <u>Islamic Cairo</u>, where you will explore the various relics of medieval Cairo, including old walls, mosques, madrasas, and gates of the city during the Middle Ages. The old stone-paved streets date back to the 10th century. Your walk will end by having tea at Fishawy, the oldest cafe in Khan El Khalili, Cairo's old bazaar.

Breakfast and lunch will be included in the tour package.

Day 4: Fly to Luxor/East Bank of Luxor Trip

After checking out of your hotel in Giza, you will be transferred to Cairo International Airport to catch a domestic flight to Luxor, the tourism capital of Egypt. Upon arrival, you will be met and assisted by our representative, who will drive you for almost 30 minutes to embark on your deluxe Egypt Nile Cruise tours, where you will experience the magic of the eternal river and explore its interesting monuments and history. You will check in and take a break in your cabin, then enjoy your lunch served on board the Nile cruise. Afterward, you will start exploring the city of Luxor to see its highlights.

On the first day, your Luxor East Bank tour will begin with the complex of Karnak Temple, built over two millennia to be a natural museum of ancient Egyptian art, a blueprint of the power and glory of a golden era, and a mine of historical information. You will then head to the Luxor Temple, which is another measure of the greatness of the New Kingdom Pharaohs. After the tour, you will be brought back to the ship to relax and have a leisurely evening before your lovely dinner meal is served in the boat's restaurant. You can enjoy tranquility and peace of mind on the first night of your Nile cruise in Luxor.

There is also a possible optional tour to the sound and light show at Karnak temple. Your tour package will include a welcome drink, lunch, and dinner served on the Nile cruise.

Day 5: West Bank of Luxor - Edfu Tour

After enjoying a hearty breakfast in the elegant dining area of the Nile Cruise, you will begin your <u>Luxor Day Tours</u> to the west bank. You will disembark from the boat today to visit two of the most famous attractions in Egypt: the rock-carved tombs of the New Kingdom Pharaohs in the Valley of the Kings and the Temple of

Queen Hatshepsut, or El-Dier El Bahari Temple, which you can reach by mini train.

After this unforgettable experience of the <u>west bank of Luxor tours</u>, you will be transported back to the cruise for lunch while the ship moves to Esna to cross the lock. You can watch the amazing scenery of the beautiful Nile Valley during tea time on the upper deck of the cruiser. Upon arrival in <u>Edfu</u>, a delicious oriental dinner will be served on board, and you can enjoy the belly dancing and musical show on the quiet waters of the Nile. You will spend the night on the Nile cruise in Edfu.

The tour package will include breakfast, lunch, and dinner, all served on board the Nile cruise.

Day 6: Edfu and Kom Ombo Temples

You will wake up to another healthy breakfast on board the Egypt Nile River Cruise to continue your Egypt tours. When the cruise stops at Edfu, which is included in the <u>Aswan day tours</u>, you will take a horse carriage to visit the famous <u>Temple of Edfu</u>, dedicated to the worship of the falcon <u>God Horus</u>. After the visit, all passengers will return to the ship to start sailing down the Nile to the site of Kom Ombo. On arrival, you will disembark for an amazing visit to the <u>Kom Ombo Temple</u>, which was built to honor two god:, the crocodile god Sobek and one of the forms of Horus worshipped in Kom Ombo, called Haroeris.

After the visit, you will return to the Nile Cruise, which will start sailing towards Aswan as you enjoy your tea. Dinner will be served in the evening, and you can enjoy the entertainment and another comfortable night's rest on the water of the Nile.

The tour package will include breakfast, lunch, and dinner, all served on board the Nile cruise.

Day 7: Aswan Sightseeing Trip

After enjoying your morning breakfast on board the cruise, you will get ready to explore the attractions in Aswan. You will be escorted to visit the High Dam of Aswan, followed by a visit to the biggest Unfinished Obelisk in Egypt, left unfinished in the granite quarries in Aswan. After exploring these historical sites, you will be taken back to the Nile Cruise to enjoy a good-quality lunch served on board while admiring the captivating views of the Nile, the naturally preserved islands, and all kinds of visiting birds fluttering above the city. You can also enjoy the beauty of these views during tea time on the spacious sundeck.

You can spend the rest of the day at leisure, whether sunbathing on the upper deck, dipping in the swimming pool, relaxing in your own cabin, or enjoying a massage at the modern spa that the boat provides.

In the evening, a splendid dinner will be served on board, and you will spend your last night on the Nile cruise in <u>Aswan</u>. There is also a possible optional tour to the sound and light show at <u>Philae Temple</u>, and you can check the price by clicking the provided link.

The tour package will include breakfast, lunch, and dinner served on board the Nile cruise.

Day 8: Disembarkation - Fly Back to Cairo

After finishing your final delicious breakfast on the Nile Cruise, check out. Next, bid farewell to your friends before being driven in a contemporary vehicle to the <u>Aswan International Airport</u> for your journey back to Cairo. Our tour guide will meet you at the Cairo International Airport and assist you in getting to your hotel for the night.

Meals included: breakfast

Day 9: Free Day in Cairo - (Optional Alexandria Trip)

In addition to an optional day trip to <u>Alexandria</u>, the pride of the Mediterranean Sea, with its renowned <u>Citadel Of Qaitbey</u>, built in the 15th century, today is a free day in Cairo. <u>Alexander the Great</u>, the Great Pharaoh of Egypt, constructed Alexandria, as evidenced by its Greco-Roman structures, including <u>Pompey's Pillar</u> and the Roman Catacombs of Kom El-Shoqafa.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 10: The Final Departure

After breakfast for your final departure, your knowledgeable tour guide will transport you in an air-conditioned vehicle to Cairo International Airport.

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