## Pyramids, Nile Cruise, and Sharm El Sheikh Christmas Unique Trip

**Price Starting From: \$0** 

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

Our 12-Day Pyramids, Nile Cruise, and Sharm El Sheikh Christmas Tour are considered one of our special Christmas Holidays. during our Egypt Tours in this Package, you will visit some of the country's most famous tourist attractions, like the pyramids and the Nile River. Plus, you can relax on a beautiful beach in Sharm El Sheikh. It's the perfect way to celebrate the holiday season!

Whether you're looking to explore some of the most stunning sites in Egypt during the Christmas season or just want to have a festive adventure in general, our amazing Egypt Travel Packages will have you immersed in all the festive atmosphere you could hope for. From touring the awe-inspiring pyramids of Cairo to cruising the Nile River and exploring the stunning Sharm El Sheikh, our trips are sure to be a memorable experience.

Egypt has a long history because it's located in a very special place - it's on the edge of many different continents and has a long border with Sudan. This has allowed Egypt to have its own unique culture and to be close to a lot of different parts of the world. After becoming independent in 1952, Egypt continued to be a major player in the world. It was a major part of both the Arab and Islamic worlds.

## Overview Inclusion

- At airports and hotels, Cairo Top Tours representatives will meet and greet guests.
- Bed and breakfast lodging for 4 nights at the Cairo Pyramids Hotel
- 3 Nights of lodging with full board on a 5-star cruise
- Bed and breakfast lodging for four nights in Sharm el-Sheikh
- Tickets for domestic, round-trip flights are included as shown in the schedule.
- All of the places featured in our Egypt trips require an admission fee.
- Gourmet lunches as specified in the comprehensive Cairo day tour schedule
- Private, air-conditioned vehicles are used for all transportation in Egypt, including to and from airports, accommodations, and on trips.
- Water bottle and soft drinks.
- During Egypt Day Tours, accredited English-speaking Egyptologists
- Meals at hotels and the Nile Cruise listed in the itinerary above
- Cairo shopping tours can be requested.
- Your Egypt tours Packages from USA are fully reimbursed for all applicable taxes and service fees.

#### **Exclusion**

- Ticket for a global flight
- Egypt's entry visa is required.
- Drinks are served with meals.
- Tipping and gratitude are not included in the cost of your Sharm El Sheikh Christmas Vacation, Nile Cruise, or Pyramids tour.

- Any extracurricular excursions in Cairo or another city
- The tour costing only applies during Egypt's busiest holiday season around Christmas and New Year's.

#### **Itinerary**

### Day 1: Arrival in Cairo

At <u>Cairo International Airport</u>, Cairo Top Tours will be waiting for you with a signboard bearing your names. It's time to unwind after a lengthy flight! You'll be driven to your accommodations in a private vehicle with air conditioning. Your representative will assist you with a quick check-in at the hotel and go over the 12-day schedule for the Pyramids, Nile Cruise, and Sharm El-Sheikh Christmas Tours with you to confirm and approve pick-up times for each tour.

Cairo overnight stay

Welcome beverage

#### Day 2: Pyramids and Saqqara Trip

After enjoying a delicious breakfast at your hotel in Cairo, your dedicated tour guide will meet you to kick off your Cairo Day tour. The first stop will be the renowned Giza Pyramids, where you will be in awe of the Great Pyramid of Cheops. This magnificent structure is the only remaining monument of the seven manmade wonders of the ancient world. You'll also have the chance to see the pyramids of Chephren and Mycerinus, descendants of Cheops, as well as the Great Sphinx and the Valley Temple, which was used for mummification. During the tour, you'll be able to capture stunning panoramic views and take memorable photos. If you're interested, you can even opt for a camel ride around the Giza Pyramids.

Next, we'll head to the <u>Saqqara Necropolis</u>, home to the Step Pyramid Complex. This complex is notable for being the first building in the world constructed entirely out of stone. You'll have the opportunity to explore the Djoser <u>Step Pyramid</u> and marvel at its architectural significance. Additionally, the tour includes a visit to the pyramid of Teti, known for its magnificent interior, and the Tombs of the Nobles at Saqqara. These tombs provide a glimpse into the daily life and activities of ancient Egypt, with their walls and corridors adorned with inscriptions and paintings that have survived for over 4,000 years.

After a satisfying lunch, our journey continues to <u>Memphis</u>, the former capital of the pharaohs for a millennium. This city held immense religious and cultural importance during the three thousand years of ancient Egyptian civilization. At the open-air museum in Memphis, you'll discover the famous alabaster sphinx, the second-largest sphinx made from an 80-ton block of marble. Additionally, you'll see the colossal broken statue of Ramses II, an impressive sight that reflects the grandeur of ancient Egypt.

As the day comes to a close, you'll return to your hotel in Cairo for a well-deserved rest and overnight stay.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and dinner.

#### Day 3: Fly to Aswan - Aswan Tours

Early in the morning, check out and make your way to Cairo International Airport. traveling to <u>Aswan</u> by air. Your transfer to the Cruise will be met by one of our local staff members. Before noon, we will set sail, and you can eat on the boat. Begin your <u>Aswan day tours</u> by visiting <u>the High Dam</u>, which was inaugurated in 1971, and the <u>Philae Temple</u>, which was constructed on an amazing island. After that, we'll set sail for Kom Ombo. After taking your afternoon tea, visit the temple that is shared by the two gods Sobek and Haroeris. In order to see the most beautiful temples in Egypt, we will sail towards <u>Edfu</u>. On the cruise ship, your meal will be served. Enjoy a disco Party at the conclusion of the day.

### Day 4: Edfu Temple Tour

After breakfast is served on board your deluxe Nile cruise, we'll visit Edfu's Temple of Horus, which is the most beautiful structure honoring Horus, the falcon-headed god of the sky and monarchy who was worshipped in ancient Egypt. You will next cross the lock and set sail for <u>Luxor</u>. You can now take pleasure in your afternoon tea and meals onboard. You'll go to the Galabya celebration.

Spend the night in Luxor.

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner

#### Day 5: Luxor Nile Cruise Tour

After enjoying a delightful breakfast on board the boat, you'll embark on the West Bank of Luxor tour. The first stop is the renowned Valley of the Kings, where you'll have the extraordinary opportunity to explore the tombs of various dynasties from the New Kingdom. Step inside these ancient tombs and witness the intricate artwork and burial chambers that were created for pharaohs and nobles.

Next, you'll visit the impressive Temple of Deir el-Bahari, also known as the Temple of Hatshepsut. This temple is a marvel of ancient Egyptian architecture, with its terraces and colonnades blending harmoniously with the surrounding cliffs. Learn about the fascinating history of Queen Hatshepsut, one of Egypt's most powerful female rulers.

Continuing the tour on the East Bank of Luxor, you'll visit the majestic <u>Karnak Temple</u> complex. This vast temple was constructed by numerous kings and served as the sacred seat of Amun-Re, the sun god in ancient Egyptian mythology. Marvel at the grandeur of the colossal columns, intricately carved reliefs, and hypostyle hall, which is one of the largest religious structures ever built.

Afterward, you'll explore the <u>Luxor Temple</u>, where you'll be captivated by the expansive courtyard, towering columns, and the magnificent granite statues of Ramses the Great. This temple is a testament to the grand architectural achievements of ancient Egypt.

On your return journey, a stop will be made at the <u>Colossi of Memnon</u>, two colossal sitting statues representing Amenhotep III. These statues, facing the Nile, are an impressive sight and serve as a reminder of the past glory of this ancient civilization.

Enjoy a delicious lunch on board the Nile Cruise as you reflect on the wonders of the <u>Luxor day tour</u>. In the evening, indulge in afternoon tea and spend the night on board, savoring the memories of your extraordinary experiences in Luxor.

Optional activity: You may choose to embark on a hot air balloon ride in Luxor, providing a breathtaking aerial view of the city and its ancient landmarks.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and dinner.

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

After savoring your delicious breakfast, get ready to disembark. Your Egypt Christmas Tours will continue as you are driven to the <u>Luxor International Airport</u> for your trip to Sharm. You will check into your hotel in Sharm El Sheikh after arriving at the airport, where you will spend the night.

Dining: Breakfast

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

Now take advantage of your free day in Sharm El Sheikh or sign up for our optional trip to <u>Ras Mohammed National Park</u>, a haven for both terrestrial and aquatic wildlife. The 480-square-kilometer protected region is located at the southernmost point of Sinai, where the Gulf of Suez and the Gulf of Aqaba meet.

Spend the night in Sharm. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner

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

Enjoy a peaceful morning of free time. can go on a 2:00 p.m. optional excursion. Pickup from your accommodation and a 15-minute journey will take you to the Quad Bike Center. Start the quad bike trip in Sharm after receiving brief safety and operating instructions. Drive through the Sinai Desert's sand dunes to take in the breathtaking vistas. Free evening and hotel stay the following day.

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner

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

Spend a free day in Sharm or sign up for our optional tour to The Monastery of St. Catherine, which is situated in Sinai's historic center and is accessible by foot from Mount Sinai's Gebel Musa. This is where Moses received the Ten Commandments. The Greek Orthodox Church owns and operates the Saint Catherine monastery, which is surrounded by gardens and cypress trees. After the Vatican, this huge library is home to the second-largest collection of illuminated manuscripts in the world. The Burning Bush and several old

works of art, including priceless icons, exquisitely carved doors, lovely wall murals, and other magnificent religious embellishments, are visible.

Spend the night in Sharm.

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner

#### Day 10: Fly Back to Cairo

Enjoy a delicious breakfast at your Sharm El Sheikh hotel before heading to the airport to catch your flight back to Cairo. Cairo overnight stay.

Dining: Breakfast

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

After enjoying a delicious breakfast at your hotel in Cairo, your private tour guide will accompany you on your Cairo trip, starting with a visit to the Egyptian Museum. This remarkable museum houses the largest collection of Egyptian antiquities in the world, including the renowned treasures of the golden pharaoh Tutankhamun. You'll have the opportunity to marvel at ancient artifacts and learn about Egypt's rich history.

Next, you'll explore the <u>Salah El Din Citadel</u>, a historic fortress that offers panoramic views of Cairo's Islamic district. Inside the citadel, you'll visit the impressive Mohamed Ali <u>Alabaster Mosque</u>, known for its stunning architecture. From the citadel, you'll be able to appreciate the beauty of the surrounding area with its centuries-old mosques, minarets, and domes.

Continuing on your Cairo tour, you'll visit <u>Coptic Cairo</u>, where you'll encounter the ancient Roman fortress of Babylon. Here, you'll find <u>the Hanging Church</u>, suspended above the ancient towers, as well as the Church of St. Sergius, with its crypt, where the Holy Family is believed to have stayed for nearly three months. Additionally, you'll visit the Ben Ezra Synagogue, which has historical significance as the place where Moses was said to have been found in the Nile.

After a satisfying lunch, the tour proceeds to explore <u>Islamic Cairo</u>. You'll wander through the ancient streets and walls of this historic city, which date back to the 10th century. Immerse yourself in the rich heritage and architecture of this ancient area. The walk concludes with a tea break at Fishawy, the oldest café in <u>Khan El Khalili</u>, Cairo's famous old bazaar. Here, you can relax and soak in the vibrant atmosphere.

As the day comes to an end, you'll return to your hotel in Cairo for an overnight stay, reflecting on the captivating sights and experiences of the day.

Meals included: breakfast and lunch.

#### Day 12: Final Departure

When your 12-day tour of the Pyramids, the Nile, and Sharm El-Sheikh is over, a representative from our company will pick you up from your hotel after your final breakfast and take you to Cairo International Airport for your flight home.

Dining: Breakfast