# **13 Days Desert Safari and Nile Cruise Tour Package**

#### **Price Starting From : \$0**

13 Days / 12 Nights Cairo, Oases, Luxor, and Aswan Egypt

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With our 13-Day Desert Safari and <u>Nile Cruise Tour Package</u> from our carefully crafted <u>Egypt Travel</u> packages, you will experience a captivating adventure that immerses you in Egypt's diverse landscapes, rich history, and cultural treasures during our <u>Egypt Tours</u>. This meticulously designed tour combines the thrill of desert exploration with the serene beauty of a Nile River cruise. Explore the marvels of Cairo on our <u>Egypt</u> <u>Day Tours</u>, starting with a visit to the awe-inspiring Pyramids of Giza, including the Great Pyramid and the enigmatic Sphinx. Discover the ancient treasures at the Egyptian Museum, home to an extensive collection of artifacts, including those from King Tutankhamun's tomb.

Bid farewell to Cairo as you embark on a thrilling Egyptian desert safari tour into the Sahara. Your journey will take you to the majestic White Desert, where you'll camp beneath the starry skies. then return to civilization as you travel to Luxor to board your Nile cruise ship. Sail along the tranquil waters of the Nile, visiting the Valley of the Kings, Karnak Temple, Luxor Temple, and other archaeological wonders on the East and West Banks of Luxor.

#### Overview

Inclusion

- Meeting and escort by our Tour Leaders at Airports Assistance by Cairo Top Tours Representatives
- All Transports are organized by Private Air Conditioned Car
- Accommodation at Cairo Pyramids Hotel 3 Nights Including Bed & Breakfast
- Accommodation for 1 Night in Bahariya on Half Board
- Accommodation for 1 Night in White Desert Camping on a Full Board basis
- Accommodation for 1 Night in Dakhla Oasis including Breakfast and Dinner
- Accommodation for 1 Night in Kharga Oasis Camping including 3 Meals
- Accommodation for 1 Night in a Sleeping Train on a Full Board basis
- Accommodation for 4 Nights in 5 Star Nile Cruise on a Full Board basis. (Steigenberger MS Minerva Nile or similar)
- All Camping Equipment in the White Desert
- Entrance Fees and Tickets to all places mentioned
- All Transports within the Oases are 4x4 Jeeps. All Excursions in Egypt are Private
- Snack stops on request. All meals are as specified in the itinerary
- Shopping Tours in Cairo.Bottled Water and Refreshments during all Egypt Excursions
- All Service Charges and Taxes Included

#### Exclusion

- International Airfare
- Entry Visa to Egypt.Drinks During Meals
- Tipping Not Included in Our Egypt "Desert Adventure Safari" Tours

• Tour Cost Not Included in Peak Seasons Such as Christmas Tours to Egypt, New Year or Easter Tours to Egypt

Itinerary

#### Day 1 : Arrive in Cairo

Cairo Top Tours tour manager will be expecting your flight to meet you upon arrival at <u>Cairo International</u> <u>Airport</u>, You will be transferred to your hotel by a luxurious private vehicle, then our representative will help you with your check-in and confirm the pickup times for your Desert Safari tours in Egypt. Then, Overnight in Cairo

A welcome drink will be served at the hotel

## Day 2: Giza Pyramids - Cairo Sightseeing Tours

After your tasty breakfast, you will be escorted to visit the <u>Giza Plateau</u> to see the Great Pyramid of King Cheops, the Pyramid of Chephren, and Mycerinus, all of which were built during the fourth dynasty between 2589 and 2504 B.C.

The famous <u>Sphinx</u> is your next stop, This incredible statue with the head of a man and the body of a lion symbolizes strength and wisdom, and the <u>Valley Temple</u> was used for the purification of the mummy of the king. You will continue your tour to see the artifacts and the gold treasures of the boy pharaoh Tutankhamun in <u>the Egyptian Museum</u>. The Egyptian Museum is one of the largest and most famous international museums, located in the heart of the Egyptian capital, Cairo, on the northern side of Tahrir Square.

Then you will be transported to enjoy an informative <u>Coptic Cairo</u> tour. Coptic Cairo is located in the Masr Al-Qadima neighborhood, in an important archaeological area. It is close to the <u>Amr Ibn Al-Aas Mosque</u> and the Ben Ezra Synagogue and includes several churches. Start your sightseeing in Old Cairo by <u>the Roman</u> <u>fortress of Babylon</u> and the <u>Hanging Church</u>, an ancient church, and the holy Virgin Mary's Coptic Orthodox Church, Also you will get to see the <u>church of St Sergius and Bacchus</u> or the Cavern Church.

The last site you will view in Old Cairo is the <u>Ben Ezra Synagogue</u>, one of the oldest historical sites appreciated by the Egyptian Jews. After lunch, you will be transferred to see Islamic Cairo and <u>Khan El</u> <u>Khalili bazaar</u>. which is an area in the Al-Hussein neighborhood, which is one of the most important markets very famous during most of the Islamic Cairo trips, and considered Cairo's oldest bazaar.

Back to your hotel and overnight in Cairo. Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### Day 3: Cairo - Bahariya Oasis

Check out from your hotel in Cairo at 06:00 AM after having your daily breakfast, then you will meet your professional guide to start your <u>Egypt Desert Safari Trips</u> by a deluxe vehicle to the <u>Bahariya Oasis</u>, The road takes about 4 hours from Cairo. You will visit the <u>Valley of Golden Mummies</u> whose mummies are coated in gold, the <u>Tombs of the Nobles</u> and administrator of Bahariya Oasis during the 26th dynasty, the <u>Temple of</u>

<u>Alexander the Great</u> which on his walls, Alexander the Great ( a great ruler who has established such a great world empire including Egypt) is depicted presenting the offerings to the god Amun-Re, one of the most important Egyptian deities who had been worshiped in the Bahariya Oasis during the Greco-Roman era.

Perhaps the foundation of this temple is a memorial to the journey of Alexander the Great in Bahariya Oasis on his way to the <u>Temple of the Oracle</u> in the Siwa Oasis. then the Temple of Meftella which is located near the <u>village of Al-Qasr</u> near Bawiti. This area was named Meftella due to its nearness a spring called Meftella is located to the northeast of the cemeteries.

Have your delicious lunch served by the bedouins in the Bedouin house before going to your hotel to enjoy relaxing by the pool, You will climb <u>the Black Mountain</u> Before sunset by a 4WD Jeep to see the ruins on top, "<u>the English House</u>" to enjoy the panoramic view of Bahariya Oasis during sunset.

Overnight in Bahariya.

Included Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

## Day 4: White Desert - Black Desert

Prepare for an awe-inspiring day as we venture deeper into Egypt's desert landscapes. After breakfast, we depart for the captivating <u>White Desert</u>, famous for its surreal chalk rock formations that resemble otherworldly sculptures.

Following our exploration of the White Desert, we continue our desert odyssey to the enigmatic <u>Black Desert</u>. Here, the stark contrast of the black volcanic rocks against the surrounding golden sands creates a dramatic feeling. then head to <u>the Valley of El Haize</u> to the southernmost village of Bahariya with its extraordinary breeze, Stop to see the quartz crystals at <u>Crystal Mountain</u>. You can collect some sparkling quartz crystals as souvenirs or simply bask in the serenity of the desert surroundings.

Continuing to the magnificent <u>Valley of Agabat</u>, which is a place of magical beauty, you will start camping in the White Desert and enjoy the beauty of the white limestone formations in the area, like the rabbit and mushroom formations. After that, you will have your Bedouin-style dinner in the desert.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.

#### Day 5: Farafra Oasis - Dakhla Oasis

After breakfast in Farafra, we bid farewell to this serene desert haven and hit the road toward <u>Dakhla Oasis</u>. En route, you'll have the chance to marvel at the ever-changing desert landscapes, from endless sand dunes to rugged mountain ranges.

Upon arrival in Dakhla Oasis, you'll immediately sense a shift in scenery. Dakhla is a lush paradise in the midst of the desert, with palm groves, hot springs, and charming mud-brick villages. Our guided tour will introduce you to the rich history and unique culture of this oasis, including visits to ancient Islamic and Coptic sites.

Then visit some of Egypt's most beautiful rock-cut tombs at the Roman burial ground Muzzawaqa. Have lunch then visit the old Islamic Village of Al Qasr the town was built from its Roman ruins and has narrow

covered streets that date back to the 12th century A.D, old houses arranged in a very interesting narrow ally, an old oil press, wheat grinder, old court, prison, school, and an Ayyubide mosque.

in the afternoon relax by the pool then visit the lush Dakhla to enjoy its clear blue sky and golden sand dunes then enjoy the sunset on the Edge of the Great Sand Sea while having a tasty Bedouin tea.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.

## Day 6: Kharga Oasis

Our expedition continues as we journey to the <u>Kharga Oasis</u>, the third-largest oasis in Egypt and a hidden gem in the heart of the desert. After a leisurely breakfast in Dakhla Oasis, we set out on a scenic drive to reach Kharga Oasis. Along the way, you'll be captivated by the ever-shifting desert panoramas, where rolling sand dunes meet endless horizons.

You'll be greeted by the oasis's serene and fertile landscapes. Explore the lush palm groves, ancient temples, and charming villages that make Kharga a true desert oasis. Our expert guides will lead you through the rich history and cultural heritage of this oasis, highlighting its role as a vital stop on ancient trade routes.

You'll have the opportunity to visit the <u>Temple of Hibis</u>, an exceptionally well-preserved ancient structure, and the Kharga Cultural Heritage Museum, which offers insights into the oasis's history and traditions.

As the day unfolds, immerse yourself in the tranquil atmosphere of Kharga Oasis, enjoy local cuisine, and interact with the welcoming locals who call this oasis home.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 7: Kharga - Luxor - East Bank Tours

After breakfast in Kharga, we embark on a scenic drive back to <u>Luxor</u>. Along the way, you'll have one last chance to absorb the beauty of Egypt's vast desert landscapes, perhaps reflecting on the unforgettable experiences you've had in the oases.

Marvel at the colossal statues, grand avenues, and intricately carved hieroglyphs that make <u>Karnak Temple</u> one of the most impressive religious complexes in the world. the day turns to dusk, <u>Luxor Temple</u> comes to life in a mystical light. Wander through this temple dedicated to the sun god Amun-Ra and witness its grandeur.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### Day 8: Luxor West Bank Tours

Today, our quest for Egypt's ancient wonders takes us to the enchanting <u>Luxor West Bank</u>, a treasure trove of history and archaeology waiting to be unveiled. After a hearty breakfast, we venture to the Luxor West Bank, where the vast necropolis of the pharaohs awaits your exploration.

Descend into the royal burial ground of <u>Valley of the Kings</u>. Explore intricately decorated tombs, including that of Tutankhamun, and learn about the religious beliefs and rituals of ancient Egypt.

Visit the Mortuary <u>Temple of Queen Hatshepsut</u>, a marvel of ancient architecture carved into the cliffs of the Theban Mountains. Learn about the fascinating history of this powerful female pharaoh.

Gaze upon the towering statues of Amenhotep III "<u>Colossi of Memnon</u>" and contemplate the grandeur of Egypt's past as you take in these colossal statues.

After a morning of archaeological wonder, we break for lunch at a local restaurant. then sail to Edfu enjoying.

Overnight aboard Nile Cruise. Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

After a delicious breakfast on board, we arrive in Edfu, where the grand <u>Edfu Temple</u> of Horus awaits. Dedicated to the falcon-headed god Horus, this well-preserved temple offers a glimpse into the religious and architectural provess of ancient Egypt.

Our cruise then takes us to <u>Kom Ombo</u>, known for its unique double temple dedicated to two deities: Sobek, the crocodile god, and Horus, the falcon god. Discover the duality of ancient Egyptian beliefs as you explore the twin sanctuaries, each with its own captivating history and significance.

As we sail along the majestic Nile River, take in the breathtaking scenery of the riverbanks, where life unfolds much as it did in antiquity. You can relax on the sun deck, enjoy the ever-changing landscapes, or engage in onboard activities and entertainment.

As the day comes to a close, enjoy a delightful dinner on board the cruise ship while drifting along the tranquil Nile. A delicious onboard dinner will be served overnight aboard your deluxe Nile Cruise.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 10: Aswan Sightseeing

Meet up with your guide after breakfast to enjoy <u>Aswan sightseeing tours</u> to the amazing <u>High Dam</u>, which is at the northern border between Egypt and Sudan and is considered by many an engineering marvel and one of the most important projects in the modern history of Egypt.

Next, we will take you to the awesome <u>Philae Temple</u> constructed in Greek and Roman times, dedicated to the Goddess Isis goddess of healing and magic, and it is located on an island. Take the motorboat ride to reach the temple and enjoy your sightseeing to learn about one of the greatest temples in Egypt. At last, you will be transferred to see the largest known Obelisk within the granite quarries at Aswan, <u>The Unfinished</u> <u>Obelisk</u> is known to be one of the largest Obelisks in Egypt.

You will have dinner and spend the last night aboard the deluxe Nile Cruise. Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 11: Disembarkation / Cairo

Have your breakfast then get off the board then you will have free time in Aswan on your own or enjoy an Optional Tour to visit <u>Abu Simbel Temples</u> which serves as a lasting monument to the king and his queen Nefertari from Aswan by land. You will be transferred to Aswan train station for departure to Cairo by sleeping train. Dinner and overnight on the train.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

### Day 12 : Back to Cairo

You will have your breakfast aboard the train while going to the Giza train station. You will be met and assisted by our representative and then accompanied to the hotel. Early check-in if possible will be arranged.

Overnight in Cairo.

#### Day 13: Final Departure

Before your flight, you will have breakfast in Cairo, then our tour leader will meet you and transfer you to Cairo International Airport.

Meals: Breakfast