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### Day 1: Arrival in Cairo

Upon your arrival at Cairo International Airport, a Cairo Top Tours representative will warmly welcome you and arrange a smooth transfer to your Cairo hotel. They will assist you with the check-in process. Before embarking on your exciting 9-day Cairo and Egypt desert safari adventure, you'll have the opportunity to review and confirm all pick-up times. Additionally, you can choose to enhance your experience by adding optional excursions during your stay. Get ready to explore the wonders of Egypt

Welcome Drink

#### Day 2: Giza Pyramids Tour, Saqqara Necropolis, Memphis City

Indulge in a delightful breakfast at your hotel before meeting our representative in the lobby for an exciting day of Cairo tours. Embark on a journey to the awe-inspiring Giza Pyramids, marveling at the colossal structures that stand as a testament to the ancient achievements of Egypt's great kings and rulers over 4500 years ago. Explore the Great Pyramid of Cheops, built with over 2.3 million limestone blocks, reaching a staggering 146 meters in height. Enjoy panoramic views of the three pyramids, including those of <u>Chephren</u> and Mycerinus.

Take an optional camel ride and encounter the enigmatic Great Sphinx, believed to be crafted for King Chephren's funerary complex. Step into the Valley Temple, where the mummification process took place during ancient burial rituals.

Next, venture to Saqqara, where the <u>Step Pyramid</u> of King Djoser, the first pyramid made entirely of stone, stands. Delve into the burial chamber of King Teti's pyramid and visit the tomb of Kagemni, the vizier of justice during King Teti's reign.

Journey to the ancient city of <u>Memphis</u>, now known as Mit Rahina, where an open-air museum showcases the alabaster sphinx and the grand statue of King Ramses II, a prominent figure from Egypt's New Kingdom.

Savor a delicious lunch at a quality restaurant with a picturesque view of the pyramids and the Sphinx before returning to your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

### Day 3: Egyptian Museum, Coptic Cairo Tour, Khan El-Khalili

Begin your day with a delightful breakfast before embarking on an enchanting Cairo excursion. The adventure starts with a fascinating 2-hour tour of the renowned Egyptian Museum, housing a remarkable collection of over 120,000 ancient Egyptian artifacts. Marvel at the exhibits, including the impressive collection of King Tutankhamun and the funerary treasures of his great grandparents, Yuya and Tuya.

Next, head to Coptic Cairo, where you'll visit the <u>Hanging Church</u>, gracefully suspended between two Roman fortress towers, and the historic Church of St. Sergius, a place of refuge for the Virgin Mary and her son. Explore the Synagogue of Ben Ezra, believed to have a connection to Moses' story.

After a delicious lunch, venture into the oldest part of Cairo during medieval times, <u>Khan El Khalili Bazaar</u>. Stroll through its charming alleys, soak in the captivating Islamic architecture, and enjoy a unique shopping experience. Discover monumental Islamic buildings as you explore the bustling marketplace.

At the end of the day, return to your hotel, having experienced the rich history and vibrant culture of Cairo.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### Day 4: Cairo to Alexandria Day Tour

Indulge in a delectable breakfast at your hotel and get ready to embark on a captivating day tour to Alexandria from Cairo, a city steeped in history and legend. Accompanied by a knowledgeable English-speaking Egyptologist, you'll travel comfortably by air-conditioned car on a 2.5-hour drive, with a refreshing stop along the way.

Upon arriving in Alexandria, founded by Alexander the Great in 332 B.C., your adventure begins with a visit to <u>Pompey's Pillar</u>, an impressive monument celebrating the triumph of Roman Emperor Diocletian. Next, explore the fascinating <u>Catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa</u>, renowned as one of the largest Roman burial sites.

Enjoy a scenic drive along the seaside, leading you to the <u>Citadel of Qaitbay</u>, a majestic fortress constructed on the ruins of the legendary Lighthouse of Alexandria—one of the ancient Seven Wonders of the World.

Continue your tour with a visit to the Bibliotheca of Alexandria, a restoration of the ancient library that once stood as the crest of knowledge and science during the reign of Ptolemy I in the 3rd century B.C.

Savor a delicious seafood lunch at a top-quality restaurant before checking in at your hotel in Alexandria for a restful overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### Day 5: Alexandria to Alamein, Siwa Oasis

After a hearty breakfast and check-out from the hotel, we embark on a scenic 7-hour drive to Siwa Oasis, a breathtaking desert paradise. We make a stop at Alamein, immersing ourselves in El Alamein tours, and exploring the Military Museum and the Commonwealth <u>Alamein Cemetery</u>, which holds the history of the significant World War II battle in the region.

Continuing our journey, we reach the charming city of <u>Marsa Matrouh</u>, where we savor a delicious lunch at a delightful restaurant. We then proceed towards the captivating <u>Siwa Oasis</u>. Upon arrival, we settle into an eco-lodge and take a relaxing dip in one of Egypt's most tranquil natural hot water springs, soothing our muscles after the day's long drive.

Finally, we return to our hotel for a restful overnight stay, ready to explore the mesmerizing beauty of Siwa Oasis.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### Day 6: Siwa Sightseeing

Start your day with a delightful Egyptian cuisine breakfast at the Eco-lodge before embarking on an enchanting tour of Siwa Oasis. Explore the ancient ruins of the Shali Fortress, once a refuge for the Siwan people during foreign raids. Next, visit the <u>Temple of The Oracle</u> at Aghurmi Village, dating back to the 26th dynasty, and the partially ruined Temple of Um Ubeyda, dedicated to the worship of God Amun Ra.

Immerse yourself in Siwan heritage with a visit to the <u>Siwa House Museum</u>, delving into the oasis's rich history. Savor a delicious lunch at a beautiful restaurant in the Oasis.

In the afternoon, unwind at Cleopatra Spring, a famous hot water spring believed to be used by <u>Queen</u> <u>Cleopatra</u> herself. Enjoy a relaxing swim in the sparkling waters. Later, transfer to Fitnas Island for a captivating sunset experience.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### Day 7: Egypt Desert Safari Tour to the Great Sand Sea

Enjoy a delightful breakfast at the hotel before embarking on your thrilling 2nd-day Siwa Oasis Desert Safari. Accompanied by an accredited Egyptologist, you'll venture into the Great Sand Sea in a 4x4 vehicle.

Explore the <u>Mountain of the Dead</u>, marveling at the ancient tombs of oasis rulers before journeying through beautiful sand dunes to discover fossils from the Cambrian era, featuring aged corals.

Witness the wonders of a serene desert lake, where you might be lucky enough to spot graceful flamingo birds swimming in its cool waters. Experience the exhilaration of sandboarding down the dunes, offering an exciting twist on snowboarding.

Afterward, relax and unwind at <u>Bir Wahid</u> hot spring, and relax your muscles. As the day concludes, enjoy another mesmerizing sunset in the heart of the Great Sand Sea while savoring traditional Bedouin tea.

Return to the eco-lodge in Siwa for a comfortable overnight stay, cherishing the memories of your desert adventure.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### Day 8: Back to Cairo

Start your day with a breakfast box as you depart from Siwa Oasis, heading back to Cairo via Marsa Matrouh. Upon reaching Cairo, you'll be transferred to your hotel for an overnight stay.

If the journey concludes earlier than expected, seize the opportunity to enjoy the vibrant nightlife of Cairo by booking one of the most exciting things to do in Cairo by Night. Consider experiencing the magic of a Nile cruise dinner, where you'll savor delicious cuisine while being entertained by captivating shows on a boat cruising along the iconic Nile River.

Meals: Breakfast

## **Day 9: Final Departure**

As your memorable Egypt desert safari trip comes to an end, we hope you relished the incredible Egypt Day Tours and the diverse experiences throughout the 9-day Cairo and Siwa Desert Safari itinerary. On this final day, after breakfast, you will be transferred to Cairo International Airport for your return journey home.

We wish you safe travels and hope you carry cherished memories of your time in Egypt and its enchanting landscapes.

Meals: Breakfast