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Day 1: Arrive Cairo, Egypt

When you arrive at <u>Cairo International Airport</u>, our friendly tour leader from Cairo Top Tours will be there to greet you. They will take you to your hotel in Cairo in a comfortable air-conditioned vehicle and assist you with a smooth check-in process. The tour leader will also review your Egypt Tours Packages itinerary to ensure that all the pick-up times are correct. After settling in at the hotel, you can rest for the night and prepare for tomorrow's exciting trip to the Pyramids of Egypt. As a nice gesture, you'll receive a Welcome Drink at the hotel upon your arrival.

Day 2: Pyramids and Sphinx Excursion

On the second day of your 12-day tour in Egypt, start your day with a delicious breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast, you'll meet your friendly Egyptologist guide in the hotel lobby. Get ready for an exciting adventure as you visit the Giza pyramids and the Sphinx. The Sphinx looks like the son of King Khufu, known as King Chephren, who owned the second biggest pyramid.

During your tour of the Giza Pyramids, you'll be amazed by the most magnificent of the seven man-made wonders of the ancient world. These incredible structures were built 4500 years ago to honor the great Pharaohs Cheops, <u>Chephren</u>, and Mycerinus. Mycerinus built the third-largest pyramid in the Giza Necropolis, marking a remarkable time of architectural brilliance.

For lunch, you'll enjoy delicious food at a nice local restaurant. After a day full of exploration, you'll return to your hotel in Cairo to spend the night.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 3: Alexandria Trip

After having breakfast, we will continue our trip in a comfortable air-conditioned vehicle for about a 2-hour drive to Alexandria, a beautiful city on the Mediterranean Sea. It was founded by Alexander the Great, a famous ruler from ancient times. Alexandria used to be one of the biggest and most stunning cities in Egypt.

During the day tour in Alexandria, you'll see fascinating Greco-Roman era sites and catacombs, the ruins of a Roman temple complex, and <u>Pompey's Pillar</u>, a tall ancient column. You'll also visit the <u>Citadel of Qaitbay</u>, a large fortress built in the 15th century on the Mediterranean coast. This is the same location where the

famous lighthouse called Pharos, which was one of the seven man-made wonders of the world, used to stand.

Another exciting place you'll visit is the modern <u>Bibliotheca of Alexandria</u>, a significant cultural center in Egypt. To satisfy your appetite, you'll enjoy delicious and fresh seafood at a high-quality restaurant. After the day's adventures, you'll head to your hotel in Alexandria to spend the night.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 4: Alexandria to Cairo - Egyptian Museum - Train to Aswan

After having your breakfast, we'll take you back to Cairo to continue your amazing Cairo day tours. First, we'll visit the great Egyptian Museum in downtown Cairo. It's a special place that holds the largest and most unique collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts from all around the world. You'll get to see the treasures of the golden pharaoh Tutankhamun, which were discovered in 1922 in Luxor's Valley of the Kings. These treasures are in excellent condition and are truly fascinating.

The Egyptian Museum was built in 1898 thanks to the efforts of the famous French scientist Auguste Mariette, and it officially opened in 1902.

Before we head to the train station, we'll have a delightful lunch at a nice local restaurant. Then, we'll board the sleeping train that will take us to Aswan, where you'll have a compartment to rest and spend the night.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5: Arrive Aswan - Aswan Excursions

After having breakfast on the train, we will arrive at Aswan, one of the most beautiful cities in Egypt. Aswan offers a unique view of the Nile river and a chance to explore the fascinating Egyptian history. Today's Aswan day tour will take us to some interesting sites.

First, we'll visit the Aswan <u>High Dam</u>, which was built in 1960 to protect Egypt from the annual floods. It's an impressive engineering feat.

Next, we'll explore the <u>Philae Temple</u>, an ancient temple with incredible scenes and inscriptions that have been preserved for thousands of years. These carvings tell us about the power and advancement of our ancestors.

After the tour, we'll take you to your hotel in Aswan for check-in, where you'll spend the night.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 6: Abu Simbel Temples

After breakfast, get ready for an unforgettable experience as we visit the <u>Abu Simbel Temples</u>. These amazing twin temples were built during the time of Ramesses II in the 13th century B.C. They were carved right into the mountainside during the 19th dynasty. The temples were dedicated to King Ramesses II and his <u>queen Nefertari</u>. They also celebrate the king's victory at the Battle of Kadesh. The huge rock relief figures on the external walls have become famous symbols of these temples.

In 1968, a Polish archaeologist led a rescue mission to move the entire complex to a man-made mount to protect it. This was a remarkable feat of preservation.

After this exciting trip to Abu Simbel, we'll take you back to your hotel in Aswan, where you'll spend the night.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 7: Aswan to Luxor - Luxor Temple

Welcome to Luxor, a fantastic place known as the greatest open-air museum and the capital of Egypt's New Kingdom golden age! After enjoying a lovely breakfast at your hotel in Aswan, we'll transfer you to Luxor to begin your exciting Luxor day tours.

Our first stop will be the majestic Temple of Luxor, located on the east bank of the Nile River. This temple was built by King Amunhotep III during the 18th Dynasty (New Kingdom) and later completed by Ramesses II during the 19th Dynasty. The <u>Luxor Temple</u> was dedicated to the renewal of sovereignty, and it is believed that many Egyptian kings were crowned here. Some people say that even Alexander the Great claimed to have been crowned here, although there isn't solid evidence to confirm his visit to this southern part of Egypt.

After exploring the temple, we'll take you to your hotel in Luxor for check-in, where you'll spend the night.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 8: Karnak Temple - Luxor West Bank - Transfer to Hurghada by Land

After having breakfast at your hotel in Luxor, you'll meet your licensed tour guide and personal driver to continue our Egypt Travel Packages with an enjoyable tour of the East Bank of Luxor.

First, we'll visit the magnificent <u>Karnak temples</u>, a remarkable example of Egypt's historical grandeur. These temples were built over many centuries, starting from the Middle Kingdom and extending through the Greco-Roman period. Many pharaohs contributed to their construction.

Next, we'll explore the west bank of Luxor. Our first stop will be the <u>Hatshepsut Temple in Deir Al-Bahari</u>. This temple was made of limestone to honor Queen Hatshepsut from the 18th Dynasty. It was built both as a memorial for her accomplishments and as a funerary temple and shrine for Amun Ra.

We'll also visit the Valley of the Kings, a famous burial site of many ancient Egyptian pharaohs. Lastly, we'll see the Colossi of Memnon, which are two impressive statues.

After the tours, we'll travel to Hurghada by land, which will take about a 3-hour drive. You'll spend the night at your hotel in Hurghada.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9: Submarine Excursion in Hurghada

After enjoying your delicious breakfast, get ready for an exciting and unique <u>Hurghada day tour</u>. We will take a special underwater trip on the <u>Sindbad Submarine</u> for two hours. This amazing submarine can carry up to forty-four passengers and is the only one of its kind in the Middle East.

During this tour, we will go underwater to explore the fascinating marine life and beautiful coral reefs of the <u>Red Sea</u>. You'll be able to see a variety of colorful fish species and other marine creatures in their natural habitat. The submarine will go as deep as 22 meters below sea level, allowing you to have a fantastic view without the need for scuba diving.

After the submarine adventure, we'll transfer you back to your hotel in Hurghada.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10: Free Day in Hurghada

Today is a leisure day in Hurghada! After a delicious breakfast at your hotel, you have the freedom to spend the day as you like. You can relax and enjoy the hotel facilities, take a stroll along the beautiful beaches, or explore the city on your own.

If you're interested, you also have the option to join one of our exciting Hurghada day tours. There are various activities and tours to choose from, depending on your interests, such as snorkeling, desert safaris, or exploring nearby islands.

After a day filled with your preferred activities, you'll return to your hotel in Hurghada for the night.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11: Hurghada - Back to Cairo

After breakfast, we'll take you to Hurghada Airport for your flight back to Cairo International Airport. Once you arrive in Cairo, you'll have plenty of choices for how to spend the rest of the day.

You can opt for a Cairo shopping tour at Khan El Khalili Bazaar, which is one of the oldest markets in the Middle East. It's a great place to explore and shop for unique souvenirs. Alternatively, you may choose to have a delightful Nile cruise dinner aboard a sailing restaurant. While enjoying the dinner, you'll also be entertained with a special dance show.

For those interested in history, there's an interesting option to take a <u>Coptic Cairo tour</u>, which can be arranged with the help of your personal tour manager.

At the end of the day, you'll return to your hotel in Cairo for the night.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 12: Final Departure

After breakfast, it's time for your departure. We will arrange transportation to take you to Cairo International Airport for your final flight.

We sincerely hope that you had a wonderful time during your 12-day journey exploring Cairo, Alexandria, the Nile, and Hurghada. We are delighted to have been part of your travel experience.

Safe travels, and we hope to welcome you back to Egypt again in the future!

Meals included: Breakfast