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Day 1: Arrive Cairo, Egypt

Our tour leader will be eagerly waiting for you at <u>Cairo International Airport</u>, holding a sign with your name. They are there to help you with all the necessary procedures to start your exciting vacation in Egypt. After arriving at the airport, you'll travel to your hotel in a comfortable air-conditioned vehicle.

Once you reach the hotel, our friendly tour leader from Cairo Top Tours will be by your side to ensure a hassle-free check-in process. They will go through your Egypt Travel Packages' itinerary with you, making sure you know the pick-up times for each tour.

Enjoy your overnight stay in Cairo

Day 2: Giza Pyramids / Saqqara / Memphis

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel, and then get ready for an exciting day of Cairo Day Tours.

Your friendly tour guide will be with you as you head to the Giza pyramids. You'll see the impressive Great Pyramid of <u>Cheops</u>, as well as the pyramids of Chephren and Mycerinus. Next, you'll visit the Great Sphinx, which has the head of a Pharaoh and the body of a lion, symbolizing the king's power and intelligence. After that, you'll explore the Valley Temple of king Chephren, where his body was mummified before being laid to rest. Your guide will explain the fascinating process of mummification in ancient Egypt.

Time for lunch! You'll take a break and enjoy a delicious meal at a good restaurant. Once you're refueled, it's off to visit the Step Pyramid of King Zoser in Sakkara, which is the oldest man-made stone building in the world (Djoser Pyramid). You'll also see the pyramid of Teti, known for its stunning interior among all the accessible pyramids in Egypt. Additionally, you'll explore Kagemni tomb, one of the tombs of the nobles at Sakkara, and get a glimpse of ancient Egyptian daily life scenes depicted on the walls.

Next stop is Memphis, just 20 minutes away from Saqqara. In <u>Memphis</u>, you'll visit an open-air museum with statues and artifacts from the ancient capital of the pharaohs. Notable pieces include the alabaster sphinx made from a massive block of marble and the huge statue of Ramses II.

After an amazing day of exploring, you'll be transferred back to your hotel for a restful overnight stay.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 3: Tour to The Egyptian Museum, Coptic and Islamic Cairo

- Pick-up: Expert tour guide picks you up from your hotel.
- **Egyptian Museum**: Explore the <u>Egyptian Museum</u> of antiquities with over 250,000 ancient Egyptian artifacts displayed. Highlights include King Tutankhamen's treasures, a vast collection of gold and jewelry discovered intact in 1922.
- Old Cairo Tour: Visit the <u>Citadel of Salah El Din</u> and the Alabaster Mosque of Mohamed Ali, a stunning example of Ottoman architecture in Cairo.
- Lunch: Enjoy a quality lunch at a local restaurant.
- Coptic Cairo: Begin the Coptic Cairo tour at the ancient Roman fortress of Babylon. Visit the Hanging Church, a prominent landmark in old Cairo. Explore the Church of St Sergius, where the Holy Family stayed for three months, and see the well from which they drank water. Visit Ben Ezra Synagogue, believed to be the place where Moses was found in the Nile.
- **Islamic Cairo**: Explore medieval Cairo and its relics, including old walls, mosques, madrasas, and gates dating back to the 10th century.
- Tea at Fishawy: Conclude the tour with tea at Fishawy, the oldest café in Khan El Khalili, the old bazaar.
- Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 4: Cairo to Luxor / East Bank of Luxor Tour

On this day, you'll travel to Luxor! In the morning, after checking out from your hotel in Giza, you'll head to Cairo Airport for a short domestic flight to Luxor, the tourism capital of Egypt. When you arrive in Luxor, our representative will be there to meet and assist you.

From Luxor Airport, we'll take a pleasant 30-minute drive to the Nile River Cruise, where you'll experience the enchanting magic of the eternal river and explore its fascinating historical sites. After checking in and resting in your cabin, you'll enjoy a delicious lunch served on board the cruise.

Next, we'll start exploring the highlights of Luxor, beginning with the East Bank tour. Our first stop is the <u>Karnak temples</u>, an incredible complex built over thousands of years, showcasing ancient Egyptian art and history. Then, we'll visit the temple of Luxor, a testament to the greatness of the New Kingdom Pharaohs. After the tour, you can relax on the cruise, enjoying a leisurely evening before a lovely dinner is served in the boat's restaurant. It's a perfect time to experience tranquility and peace of mind on your first night of the Nile River Cruise in Luxor.

If you're interested, there's an optional tour to the sound and light show at Karnak temple (additional cost).

Meals included: Welcome drink, Lunch, and Dinner.

Day 5: West Bank of Luxor/ Edfu

Start your day with a tasty breakfast in the elegant dining area of the Nile Cruise. Today's Luxor day tours will be fantastic! We'll begin by visiting two famous attractions in Egypt. First, we'll explore the <u>Valley of the Kings</u>, where you'll see the amazing rock-carved tombs of the New Kingdom Pharaohs. Then, we'll head to the Temple of <u>Queen Hatshepsut</u> or El-Dier El Bahari by a mini train.

After this memorable experience on the west bank of Luxor, we'll take you back to the cruise. While you enjoy lunch on board, the cruise ship will be moving towards Esna to cross the Lock. You can admire the beautiful scenery of the Nile Valley. As we arrive in Edfu, a delicious oriental dinner will be served on the cruise. You'll spend the night here, enjoying a belly dancing and musical show on the calm waters of the Nile.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.

Day 6: Edfu Temple and Kom Ombo Sightseeing

In the morning, you'll have breakfast on the Nile Cruise. Then, the boat will make a stop at <u>Edfu</u>, where you'll take a horse carriage ride to visit the famous Edfu temple dedicated to the falcon God Horus. Afterward, we'll return to the cruise and continue sailing down the Nile to the site of Kom Ombo.

Once we arrive at Kom Ombo, we'll disembark for an amazing visit to the Kom Ombo temple. This temple was built to honor two gods, the crocodile god Sobek and the falcon god Horus, also known as Haroeris.

We'll then head back to the Nile Cruise, which will continue its journey towards Aswan while you enjoy some tea. In the evening, dinner will be served, and you can enjoy the onboard entertainment before another comfortable night's rest on the peaceful waters of the river Nile.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.

Day 7: Aswan Sightseeing tour

Enjoy a lovely breakfast on the Nile Cruise as you prepare for the exciting Aswan day tours. First, we'll take you to see the impressive <u>High Dam</u> of Aswan, an incredible engineering feat. Next, we'll visit the biggest Unfinished Obelisk in Egypt, which remains unfinished in the granite quarries of Aswan.

After exploring these historical sites, we'll take you back to the Nile Cruise for a good quality lunch served on board. While you enjoy your meal, you can marvel at the fascinating views of the Nile River, the preserved islands, and various birds flying above the city. The spacious sundeck will also be a perfect spot to soak in the beauty of these views during tea time.

The rest of the day is yours to relax and enjoy leisure activities. You can sunbathe, take a dip in the swimming pool, unwind in your cabin, or indulge in a massage at the modern spa on the boat.

For dinner, a delicious meal will be served on board as you spend your last night of the Nile Cruise in Aswan.

If you're interested, there's an optional tour to the sound and light show at Philae temple (additional cost).

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.

Day 8: Disembarkation/ Fly Back to Cairo

After having a delicious breakfast on the Nile Cruise, it's time to check out. You'll say goodbye to your friends and get ready for your journey back to Cairo. Our modern vehicle will take you to <u>Aswan airport</u> for your flight.

Once you arrive at Cairo International Airport, our representative will be there to meet and assist you. They will then transfer you to your hotel for an overnight stay.

Meals included: Breakfast.

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

Today, you have a free day in Cairo, and there's an optional tour to Alexandria, a beautiful city on the Mediterranean Sea. In Alexandria, you can visit its famous Citadel, which was built by Qaitbay in the 15th Century. The city has a rich history and was founded by the Great Pharaoh Alexander the Great, as evident from its Greco-Roman monuments like the Roman Catacombs of Kom El-Shoqafa and Pompey's Pillar.

Meals included: Breakfast.

Day 10: Final Departure

After breakfast, our representative will transfer you back to Cairo International Airport for your final departure.

This concludes your 10-day Egypt Private Tour Package.

Meals included: Breakfast.