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Day 1: Arrival in Cairo - Sound and Light Show in the Giza Pyramids

Upon your arrival at <u>Cairo International Airport</u>, our representative will be waiting for you, holding a signboard with your name on it. They will accompany you to your hotel in a comfortable, private, airconditioned vehicle. We understand the importance of timely pick-ups, so we will revise your 7-day Cairo, Luxor, and Aswan Christmas Trip itinerary to ensure that all pick-up times are suitable for you.

As part of your Egypt travel package, imagine witnessing one of the world's most magnificent spectacles. The Laser-Data Show by the Giza Pyramids is a mesmerizing Sound and Light Show that takes place at night, with the narration provided by the voice of the Great Sphinx itself. Don't miss out on this unforgettable experience!

After a day filled with exploration and adventure, you will spend the night at your hotel in Cairo. As a warm welcome, you will be offered a refreshing welcome drink upon your arrival.

Day 2: Giza Pyramids, Saqqara Necropolis, and Memphis City Tours

After enjoying a delicious buffet breakfast at your hotel, you will meet your personal tour guide to embark on your <u>Cairo day tours</u>. Your first stop will be the Giza pyramids, where you'll explore the magnificent structures of Cheops (the Great Pyramid, 4,500 years old), Chephren (the second pyramid built 20 years later), and Mycerinus (the third pyramid). These pyramids were built by the ancient Pharaohs of Egypt, who believed in an afterlife and constructed these monumental structures to accompany them spiritually. You'll also visit the Sphinx, a mythical creature with a lion's body and a human head, and the Valley Temple, constructed with limestone, granite, and alabaster.

Continuing your Cairo day tours, you'll be transferred to the Step Pyramid of King Djoser in Saqqara. This pyramid, built during the 3rd dynasty, is considered the oldest stone building in the world and is made up of stacked mastabas, or steps. Saqqara is located around 27 kilometers southwest of Cairo and is a significant archaeological site. Here, you'll have the opportunity to explore the Mastaba tombs of the Nobles and witness the evolution of burial tombs throughout ancient Egyptian history.

Following your exploration, you'll enjoy a delicious lunch at an elegant restaurant. Afterward, you'll be transferred to Memphis City, the ancient capital of Egypt's Old Kingdom. In Memphis, you'll encounter the imposing statue of Ramses II and the magnificent Alabaster Sphinx, the second-largest sphinx after the Great Sphinx in Giza. Memphis was established by King Menes, who united the northern and southern kingdoms and initiated the 1st dynasty approximately 5,100 years ago.

Once you've completed your Saqqara and Memphis day trip, you will be transferred back to your hotel in Cairo.

You will spend the night at your hotel in Cairo.

Meals included: breakfast and lunch.

Day 3: The Egyptian Museum - Coptic and Islamic Cairo Tours

After enjoying a satisfying breakfast provided by your hotel, you will embark on a tour of <u>Coptic Cairo</u>. Your first stop will be the ancient Roman fortress of Babylon, constructed by Emperor Trajan approximately 2,000 years ago. You'll also visit <u>the Hanging Church</u>, which dates back to the third century, and the Church of St. Sergius, where the Holy Family is believed to have stayed. The tour will conclude with a visit to <u>Ben Ezra Synagogue</u>, the oldest synagogue in the area.

Next, you'll pass through Cairo Downtown to visit the Egyptian Museum, home to the largest collection of Egyptian antiquities worldwide. Here, you'll have the opportunity to view the renowned golden artifacts of the child King Tutankhamun and explore the extensive collection of Egyptian treasures.

Following your museum visit, you'll indulge in a delicious lunch. The tour will then proceed to the <u>Salah El Din Citadel</u>, where you'll visit the striking Mohamed Ali Mosque and enjoy panoramic views of Islamic Cairo and modern landmarks such as the Cairo Tower.

Concluding your Cairo excursions, you'll continue to explore <u>Islamic Cairo</u> and spend some time shopping in the historic and vibrant <u>Khan El Khalili</u> market, known for its unique shops and bustling atmosphere.

Finally, you'll be transferred back to your hotel in Cairo, where you'll spend the night.

Meals included: breakfast and lunch.

Day 4: Fly to Luxor - Luxor Sightseeing Tour

After checking out of your hotel in Cairo, your Egypt Travel Packages will proceed. You will be accompanied by your personal driver and guide, who will escort you to Cairo Airport for your flight to Luxor. Upon arrival at Luxor International Airport, your Luxor adventure will begin.

You will start your exploration on the west bank of Luxor. Your first stop will be the <u>Valley of the Kings</u>, where you will have the opportunity to marvel at the ancient tombs of pharaohs. The valley is renowned for its rich archaeological significance and the beautifully decorated burial chambers.

Next, your tour guide and driver will take you to the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, also known as the Temple of Deir el-Bahari. This impressive mortuary temple features a unique architectural design and tells the story of one of Egypt's most remarkable female pharaohs.

Continuing your tours, you will visit the <u>Colossi of Memnon</u>, two massive statues depicting the pharaoh Amenhotep III. These statues once guarded the entrance to a now-vanished temple.

You will then enjoy a delicious lunch at a restaurant with a Nile view. Afterward, your <u>Luxor day tours</u> will take you to the East Bank of Luxor, where you will visit the <u>Karnak Temple</u>. This vast temple complex is considered one of the largest religious sites ever built and served as a significant center of worship and administration during the New Kingdom era.

Finally, you will be transferred to your hotel in Luxor for check-in. You will spend the night at your hotel, immersing yourself in the historic ambiance of Luxor.

Meals included: breakfast and lunch.

Day 5: Edfu and Kom Ombo Temples in Aswan

You will be treated to a delicious breakfast served in the main restaurant of your hotel. Following breakfast, you will embark on a tour to visit the <u>Edfu Temple</u>. This temple was dedicated to the ancient Egyptian god Horus and is renowned for being one of the best-preserved cult temples in the region.

After exploring Edfu Temple, your driver will take you north, allowing you to enjoy the breathtaking views of the magnificent Nile River and its lush green banks. Along the way, you will make a stop to visit the historical Kom Ombo Temple. This temple is situated on a high hill overlooking the Nile and has a unique double entrance. It is dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek, the god of fertility and the creator of the world in ancient Egyptian religion, as well as Haroeris, the ancient falcon-headed Horus.

After your visit to Kom Ombo Temple, our representative will accompany you to your hotel in Aswan, where you will be staying.

Meals included: breakfast and lunch.

Day 6: Aswan Day Tours - Back to Cairo

After enjoying a delightful breakfast, your Egyptologist guide from Cairo Top Tours will accompany you on your <u>Aswan day tours</u>. Your first stop will be the remarkable <u>High Dam</u>, an incredible structure built to regulate the flow of the Nile River. The dam plays a crucial role in water management by controlling floodwaters and maximizing irrigation benefits. Additionally, it serves as a significant source of hydroelectric power.

Next, you will visit the awe-inspiring <u>Philae Temple</u>. Situated on an island, this temple is dedicated to the goddess Isis and is considered one of the most magnificent temples in Egypt. It covers a substantial portion of the island and showcases remarkable ancient Egyptian architecture and religious symbolism.

Following your tour of Aswan, you will be transferred to <u>Aswan Airport</u> to catch your flight back to Cairo. You will spend the night at your hotel in Cairo.

Meals included: breakfast and lunch.

Day 7: Time of Departure

On the final day of your Egypt trip during Christmas, enjoy your last breakfast at the hotel. Afterward, a representative from Cairo Top Tours will meet you to assist with your departure. You will be transferred to Cairo International Airport for your onward journey.

Meals included: Breakfast.