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# Day 1: Arrive in Cairo, Check-In

Upon your arrival at <u>Cairo International Airport</u>, your tour leader from Cairo Top Tours will be there to greet you and assist you with your luggage. They will then take you to your hotel for check-in. During this time, they will review your itinerary for the 7-day Cairo, Alexandria, and Marsa Matrouh Christmas Tours and answer any questions you may have. Additionally, you'll be offered a welcome drink to make you feel more comfortable and refreshed after your journey.

### Day 2: Giza Pyramids, Memphis, and Saqqara

After enjoying a delicious buffet breakfast at your hotel, your Egyptologist guide will meet you to start your tour to the <u>Giza Pyramids</u>, the necropolis of the old kingdom pharaohs of the 4th dynasty. You'll see the huge Pyramid of Cheops, established in 2500 B.C., and the queen's pyramids beside it. You'll also have the opportunity to take a private car to get a better view of the three pyramids of the kings Cheops, Chephren, and Mycerinus from the Giza Plateau. Additionally, a camel ride in the Sahara desert, the most sacred place according to ancient Egyptian religion, will be available for an extra charge.

Next, you'll enter the Valley Temple, or mummification temple, and witness the Great Sphinx, which was made for King Chephren as a figure of a man-headed lion.

Afterward, you'll move to the open-air museum in Memphis, the oldest capital of Egypt, where you'll see the alabaster sphinx and lots of statues and artifacts, along with the colossal statue of Ramses II. You'll then enjoy lunch at a good-quality restaurant before heading to the <a href="Saqqara Necropolis">Saqqara Necropolis</a> to witness the first stone structure in history, <a href="the Step Pyramid">the Step Pyramid</a> of King Djoser, built by the famous architect Imhotep. You'll also see the Pyramid of Teti and enter one of the tombs of the nobles in Saqqara, which belongs to the son-in-law of King Teti of the 6th dynasty. The tomb is full of hunting and offering scenes, with various kinds of animals and birds depicted.

After finishing your excursions in Cairo, you'll be transported back to your hotel.

Breakfast and lunch are included in the tour package.

### Day 3: Cairo to Alexandria - Alexandria Day Tours

After having breakfast in Alexandria, you'll be accompanied by your accredited tour guide to explore the city, which was founded in 332 B.C. by <u>Alexander the Great</u> and was considered the most beautiful city in the world for centuries.

Your first stop will be the Roman ruins, starting with <u>Pompey's Pillar</u>, followed by the Catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa, which were once Egyptian nobles' tombs and later used by the public. You'll be amazed by the style of art that blends Pharaonic and Roman influences.

Next, you'll visit the Citadel of Qaitbay, which is constructed upon the base of the ancient Lighthouse Pharos, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, which is now demolished.

Afterward, you'll enjoy a tasty fresh seafood lunch in one of the fanciest restaurants overlooking the harbor of Alexandria. Following lunch, you'll visit the modern <u>Bibliotheca of Alexandria</u> to see one of the most beautiful architectural marvels in modern history.

Finally, you'll be transferred to your hotel for check-in and an overnight stay.

Breakfast and lunch are included in the tour package.

#### Day 4: Alexandria to Marsa Matrouh Trip

After breakfast, head out on your tour of El Alamein to visit the site where two major World War II battles took place between the Axis and Allied forces. Stop by the Military Museum to learn more about the battles, then go to the Alamein Commonwealth Cemetery of WWII.

Next, drive to the beautiful Mediterranean city of Marsa Matrouh, where you'll have a delicious Egyptian lunch. Spend some free time relaxing on the beach, then check into your hotel for the night.

#### Day 5: A Free Day at Marsa Matrouh

Enjoy a delicious breakfast offered at the hotel in Marsa Matrouh before relaxing for the rest of the day.

Meals Included: Breakfast

### Day 6: Back to Cairo - Cairo Day Tour

After breakfast, your private, air-conditioned vehicle will take you back to Cairo.

First up is a Cairo city tour starting at <u>the Egyptian Museum</u> in Tahrir Square. The museum houses over 120,000 artifacts spanning Egypt's history. You'll be amazed by King <u>Tutankhamun</u>'s treasure of golden pieces.

Next, head to <u>Old Cairo</u> to begin your Coptic Cairo tour. Visit the 1st-century Roman fortress of Babylon, towering over the <u>Hanging Church</u> of Saint Mary. Then see the cave church of Abu Serga and the <u>Ben Ezra Synagogue</u> before enjoying lunch.

After lunch, you'll be taken to your hotel to stay overnight.

# **Day 7: The Final Departure**

Your tour guide will help you at the hotel and the airport after your 7-day Cairo, <u>Alexandria</u>, and Marsa Matrouh Christmas Tours transfer to the airport following your lavish breakfast buffet at the hotel.

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Meals Included: Breakfast