8 Days Cairo and Nile Cruise Tour by Flight during Christmas

Price Starting From: \$1140

8 Days, 7 Nights Egypt Cairo, Luxor and Aswan

Experience the enchantment of Egypt this holiday season with our 8-day Cairo and Nile Cruise Tour by air! Begin your journey by exploring the historical wonders of Cairo, including the iconic Giza Pyramids and the rich heritage of Islamic Cairo. Then, embark on a serene Nile cruise from Aswan to Luxor, uncovering ancient temples and monuments along the way.

Spend Christmas on an extraordinary adventure through Egypt, starting in Cairo, where you'll visit renowned landmarks and soak up the vibrant city atmosphere. Next, fly to Luxor to discover its breathtaking sites and savor the delights of a Nile cruise and local cuisine. Conclude your tour with a memorable night back in Cairo.

For those who want to dance to classic Arabic retro hits and celebrate the season in style, Cairo's Christmas disco nights are the perfect choice. This Egypt Christmas Tour package offers an unforgettable holiday experience in the captivating land of Egypt. Enjoy your trip and create lasting memories!

Overview

Inclusion

- Cairo Top Tours representatives will provide meet-and-greet services at the airports.
- Accommodation for 3 nights at Cairo Pyramids Hotel with bed and breakfast included.
- A full 4-night stay aboard the 5-star Steigenberger MS Minerva Nile Cruise, sailing from Aswan to Luxor.
- Domestic flights from Cairo to Aswan and from Luxor back to Cairo.
- Entrance tickets to all the listed sites and museums in Cairo, Luxor, and Aswan.
- Delicious lunch at a quality restaurant during the Egypt tours.
- Snack stops available upon request.
- All transportation to/from the airport, hotel, and during tours via a private, non-smoking, air-conditioned vehicle.
- Private sightseeing tours in Cairo, Luxor, and Aswan during the Nile cruise.
- Bottled water and soft drinks during the Christmas tours in Cairo, Aswan, and Luxor.
- Local tour guide for all excursions (guides available in other languages upon request).
- Meals as outlined in the Egypt Travel Package itineraries, both in the Cairo hotel and on the Nile cruise.
- Shopping tours in Cairo, Aswan, and Luxor are available upon request.
- All service charges and taxes for the 8-day Cairo and Christmas Nile Cruise by flight.

Exclusion

• International airfare tickets are not included.

- Entry visa fees are required for Egypt Xmas Tours.
- Tipping for guides and staff is not included in the tour price.
- Additional excursions and optional Egypt Day Tours are available at extra cost.
- Beverages during meals are not provided.
- Tour pricing applies specifically during peak seasons like Christmas and New Year.

Itinerary

Day 1 - Arrive to Cairo

Upon your arrival at <u>Cairo International Airport</u>, our tour leader and dedicated driver will greet you holding a personalized sign.

You'll be comfortably transported to your hotel, the Great Pyramid Inn, or a similar in <u>Giza</u>, in a private, airconditioned vehicle.

Upon reaching the hotel, enjoy a refreshing welcome drink as our representative assists you with check-in and ensures your 8-day Cairo and Christmas Nile Cruise by Flight itinerary is reviewed, confirming all pick-up times for your Egypt day tours.

Overnight in Cairo.

Day 2: Giza Pyramids, Egyptian Museum and Old Cairo Tour

Start your day with breakfast at your hotel in Cairo.

Your knowledgeable Egyptologist guide will meet you in the hotel lobby to kick off your exciting <u>Cairo day</u> tours.

You'll head to the <u>Giza Pyramids</u> to explore the ancient wonders including the Great Pyramid of Cheops, the Pyramid of King Chephren, and the Pyramid of King Mycerinus.

Next, venture to the Great Sphinx, a majestic figure guarding the necropolis. Conclude your visit to the Valley Temple of King Chephren, constructed from Aswan granite for the king's mummification, featuring a colonnade with 16 T-shaped pillars.

Continue your Cairo adventure with a visit to The Egyptian Museum, renowned for its vast collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts, including the exquisite treasures of Pharaoh Tutankhamen, discovered intact in his Valley of the Kings tomb in 1922.

Embark on a Coptic Cairo Tour to discover the Roman fortress of Babylon, the Hanging Church perched above its ancient towers, the historic Abu Serga Church built atop the cave where the Holy Family sought refuge, and the Ben Ezra Synagogue, believed to mark the spot where baby Moses was found.

Enjoy lunch at a quality restaurant with Nile views, then proceed to Islamic Cairo to explore Khan El Khalili, Egypt's oldest bazaar, bustling with vibrant shops and stalls.

Finally, return to Le Meridien Pyramids Resort for a relaxing evening.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 3: Flight from Cairo to Luxor - Luxor sightseeing

Enjoy breakfast at your Giza hotel before checking out. Your tour manager will accompany you to Cairo International Airport for your flight to Aswan, where you'll be greeted by our representative and embark on the luxurious Steigenberger MS Minerva Nile Cruise.

After settling into your cabin and enjoying lunch onboard, meet your guide in the lobby for an unforgettable Luxor day tour. Begin at the sprawling Temple of Karnak, an expansive complex dedicated to the Theban Trinity (Amun, Mut, and Khonsu). Continue to the Temple of Luxor on the East Bank, beautifully illuminated at night.

Savour a delicious dinner onboard the Egypt Nile River Cruise and spend your first night in Luxor, surrounded by the tranquil waters of the eternal river.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.

Day 4: West Bank of Luxor & Edfu

You will have a hearty breakfast on the Nile cruise boat, then embark on a tour of Luxor's West Bank. Cross the Nile to visit the imposing Colossi of Memnon, colossal statues of Amenhotep III. Next, explore the Valley of the Kings, the ancient burial ground of New Kingdom Pharaohs, including the famed Tutankhamun and Ramses II, designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Continue to Hatshepsut's Temple, known as El Deir El Bahari, an architectural marvel crafted by Senmout for Queen Hatshepsut, Egypt's first female ruler on record.

Consider an optional Hot Air Balloon Ride for panoramic views.

Enjoy a delightful lunch as the ship sails towards Edfu, taking in the scenic vistas along the way. Later, savor dinner aboard the cruise ship and partake in a musical show and entertainment. Spend your second night on the tranquil waters of the Nile in Edfu.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.

Day 5: Edfu and Kom Ombo Temples

Start your day with a delicious breakfast on your Egypt Nile River Cruise. Afterward, accompanied by your guide, disembark to explore the remarkably preserved Ptolemaic Temple dedicated to the falcon God Horus, known as the Temple of Edfu. Return to the cruise, which continues its journey south towards Kom Ombo.

Upon arrival, disembark once more to visit the captivating <u>Temple of Kom Ombo</u>, dedicated to the crocodile God Sobek and the falcon God Horaeris. After ample time at the temple, return to the ship for a delightful lunch as it sails to its final destination in Aswan.

Enjoy dinner and spend the night aboard the Steigenberger MS Minerva Nile Cruise in Aswan.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.

Day 6: Arrival to Aswan \ Aswan Tours

Enjoy a hearty breakfast buffet aboard the Nile cruise before embarking on your guided sightseeing tour of Aswan. Your first stop will be at the renowned <u>High Dam</u>, an impressive feat of engineering and one of the largest dams globally. From there, take a scenic boat ride to the magnificent Philae Temple, the last bastion of ancient Egyptian religious worship even after the advent of Christianity, nestled on a picturesque island in the Nile River.

Next, visit the granite quarries of <u>Aswan</u> to marvel at the largest known Obelisk, believed to have been commissioned by the renowned Queen Hatshepsut. Left unfinished, this Obelisk provides insight into the monumental efforts required to extract such massive stones from the quarry.

After a fascinating day exploring Aswan, return to your luxurious Egypt Nile River Cruise. Enjoy a delightful dinner onboard as you spend your final night on the tranquil waters of Aswan.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.

Day 7: Back to Cairo

On your final day in Aswan, conclude your journey aboard the Steigenberger MS Minerva Nile Cruise with a delightful oriental breakfast onboard. After disembarking, our airport representative will escort you to Aswan Airport for your return flight to Cairo.

Upon arrival at <u>Cairo International Airport</u>, you will receive meet-and-assist services before our tour leader accompanies you to your hotel in Giza.

Stay overnight at your Cairo hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast.

Day 8 : Final departure

Enjoy your final breakfast at the hotel. Spend the morning leisurely, or opt for one of our additional <u>Cairo</u> <u>excursions</u>. Later, prepare for your transfer to Cairo International Airport for your departure from Egypt. This marks the end of one of the most unforgettable <u>Egypt Christmas tours</u> you've experienced.

Meals: Breakfast.