Pyramids and Nile Cruise Christmas Tour by Train

Price Starting From: \$1200

9 Days Egypt Cairo, Luxor and Aswan

Join us for a 9-day Cairo and Christmas Nile Cruise by Train, an exciting package from our Egypt tours designed to celebrate Christmas in Egypt in 2024/2025. Spend nine unforgettable days traveling by train and exploring some of Cairo's most stunning locations, including the Sakkara archaeological site, the Great Pyramids, the Sphinx, the Egyptian Museum, and Coptic Cairo. Then, embark on our Egypt Nile cruise tours to Aswan and Luxor, where you'll witness the splendor of the Nile River. We promise an unforgettable journey!

Why not experience Christmas in one of the world's most enchanting countries? Egypt is just as stunning as any other travel destination, boasting a rich history that spans over 7,000 years. During your Egypt Christmas tours, you'll have the chance to visit some of Cairo's most iconic attractions, such as the Great Pyramids of Giza, along with its Coptic and Islamic monuments. Our Egypt luxury tours ensure you'll immerse yourself in one of the world's most magnificent civilizations within just 9 days!

Our Egypt Christmas Tours provide additional information on what to explore in Egypt during the festive season. Greetings from the captivating land of Egypt.

Overview

Inclusion

- Personalized meet-and-greet service at the airport by Cairo Top Tours representatives.
- Accommodation for 3 nights at Cairo Pyramids Hotel, including breakfast.
- 4 nights on a 5-star Nile River Cruise, with all meals provided.
- 2 nights on a sleeper train from Cairo to Luxor and from Aswan to Cairo.
- Private, air-conditioned transportation for all transfers and tours.
- Exclusive private tours throughout Cairo and during the Christmas season.
- Complimentary bottled water and soft drinks with all travel packages.
- Entry tickets to all sites listed in the itinerary.
- Snack stops available upon request.
- Lunches featuring Egyptian cuisine at top-rated restaurants during the tours.
- English-speaking Egyptologist guide for all sightseeing activities.
- Meals at hotels and on the Nile River Cruise as per the itinerary.
- Shopping excursions in Cairo available upon request.
- All taxes and service charges included.

Exclusion

- International airfare.
- \$25 entry visa for Egypt, obtainable at Cairo airport.

- Optional day tours in Cairo, Luxor, or Aswan.
- Tips are not included in the tour packages.
- Drinks during meals are not included.
- Prices apply only during the peak Christmas and New Year season.

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Cairo

Upon landing in Egypt, you will be warmly welcomed by a <u>Cairo Top Tours</u> representative at <u>Cairo International Airport</u>, holding a sign with your name.

You will then be transported to your hotel in a private, air-conditioned vehicle. At the Cairo Pyramids Hotel or a similar venue, your Cairo Top Tours guide will assist with a hassle-free check-in and go over your Egypt Christmas and New Year Tours itinerary, confirming pick-up times for each excursion. A welcome drink will be served upon your arrival.

Take some time to unwind and get ready for the exciting Christmas tours ahead!

Overnight stay in Cairo.

Day 2: Pyramids & Cairo Tour\ Travel by Train

Start your day with a hearty breakfast at your Cairo hotel, and get ready for a day filled with luxury and exploration.

Meet your Egyptologist guide on our <u>Egypt Travel Packages</u> and set off to the Giza Plateau, where you'll marvel at the ancient <u>Giza pyramids</u> of Cheops, Chephren, and Mycerinus. These iconic structures, with the Great Pyramid of Cheops being one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, are sure to leave you in awe. Don't miss the Great Sphinx, a colossal statue with the head of a pharaoh and the body of a lion. Explore the Valley Temple of Chephren, a site integral to the king's mummification process.

For lunch, enjoy a meal at a local restaurant before heading to the Egyptian Museum in Tahrir Square. The museum houses an unparalleled collection of Egyptian antiquities, including the complete treasures of the boy king, Tutankhamun.

Continue your adventure in Coptic Cairo, where you'll visit the Roman fortress of Babylon, the Hanging Church, the Church of St. Sergius (the holy family church), and the Ben Ezra Synagogue. These historical sites provide a deep dive into Cairo's rich Christian heritage.

Next, venture into Islamic Cairo, where you can explore the bustling Khan El Khalili bazaar, the world's oldest market. Enjoy some shopping and perhaps a cup of tea at a local café, soaking in the vibrant atmosphere of this historic area.

After a full day of sightseeing, you'll be transferred to the Giza train station for your overnight journey to Luxor. Enjoy dinner and breakfast on board in your private compartment.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 3: Luxor-Luxor East Bank Tours

Enjoy breakfast on the train before arriving in Luxor.

Upon your arrival, a representative from Cairo Top Tours will greet you and assist with your transfer to the luxurious 5-star MS Royal Lily Nile Cruise. After lunch on board, you'll embark on your first adventure, starting with a tour of Luxor's East Bank.

Begin by exploring the vast Karnak Temple complex, the largest religious site ever built by man. Then, visit the stunning Luxor Temple, which showcases the grandeur of ancient Egyptian architecture.

After completing your tour of Luxor's East Bank, return to the cruise ship to witness a breathtaking sunset over the Nile. This tranquil experience is the perfect prelude to a delicious dinner on board, accompanied by lively entertainment to cap off your first day on the Nile River cruise.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 4: Sightseeing tour to the West Bank of Luxor and sailing to Edfu

Begin your day with a delightful breakfast buffet before setting out on an exploration of Luxor's West Bank. Your certified guide will lead you to the grand statues known as the <u>Colossi of Memnon</u>, representing Pharaoh Amenophis III. Next, venture into the Valley of the Kings, home to over 60 royal tombs carved into the mountainside, including those of famous pharaohs like Tutankhamun and Ramses II.

These tombs, adorned with intricate paintings and vibrant colors, were once filled with treasures the pharaohs believed would accompany them into the afterlife.

Continue to the magnificent <u>Temple of Queen Hatshepsut</u>, a stunning structure built by her renowned architect. Hatshepsut was the first recorded female ruler, and her temple, also known as El Deir El Bahari, stands as a testament to her reign.

After your morning of exploration, return to the cruise ship for a delicious lunch as you set sail towards Edfu. Enjoy the picturesque views of the Nile during tea time.

In the evening, savor a delightful dinner on board, followed by a lively music and dance show for your entertainment.

Overnight stay on the Nile Cruise.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.

Day5: Edfu Temple & Kom Ombo Temple

Start your day with a delicious breakfast before embarking on your Aswan adventures. You'll travel by horse-drawn carriage to the impressive Ptolemaic Temple of Horus in Edfu, dedicated to the falcon god. After exploring the well-preserved temple, the carriage will return you to the cruise ship to continue your journey towards Aswan.

Your next stop will be Kom Ombo, where you will disembark to visit the unique Temple of Kom Ombo, dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek and the falcon god Haroeris. After the tour, your guide will escort you back to the MS Royal Lily Nile Cruise for lunch on board.

In the afternoon, the cruise will set sail towards Aswan.

Enjoy dinner on the ship in the evening and settle in for an overnight stay in Aswan.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.

Day 6: Tours in Aswan

Savour a delightful breakfast while admiring the scenic views of the Nile. Your Aswan tour begins with a visit to the renowned High Dam, one of Egypt's most significant development projects. Next, you'll head to the stunning Philae Temple, dedicated to the goddess Isis and constructed around 280 B.C. during the reign of Ptolemy II Philadelphus. This temple is beautifully located on an island, accessible via a picturesque boat ride.

The tour continues to Aswan's granite quarries, where you'll see the largest known obelisk, the Unfinished Obelisk. Likely commissioned by Queen Hatshepsut, it provides insight into the ancient techniques used to carve massive granite structures.

After the day's explorations, you'll return to your Nile River Cruise for a fine dinner and spend your final night aboard this enchanting vessel.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.

Day 7: Transfer back to Cairo

Enjoy a delicious breakfast before disembarking from your MS Royal Lily Nile cruise. Spend the day exploring Aswan at your leisure, or choose from optional excursions such as a visit to the awe-inspiring Abu Simbel temples, dedicated to Ramses II and his queen Nefertari, both carved from the mountain rock. Other options include a tour of the Nubian Village or a relaxing felucca ride on the Nile.

In the evening, your Cairo Top Tours guide will accompany you to the Aswan train station, where you will board the Sleeper Train back to Cairo. A light dinner will be served in your private compartment as you travel overnight.

Included Meals: Breakfast and Dinner.

Day 8: Back to Cairo

A light breakfast will be served on the train before you arrive at the Giza railway station. A Cairo Top Tours guide will meet you and escort you to your hotel, ensuring an early check-in. You can spend the rest of the day at your leisure, perhaps choosing from a range of our top optional Cairo excursions.

Included Meals: Breakfast.

Day 9: Final Departure

Your breakfast will be served at around 8 am at your Cairo hotel. You have the option to join one of our additional Cairo day tours or simply relax until it's time for your flight. Later, you will be transferred to Cairo International Airport for your departure.

Included Meals: Breakfast.