

# 12 Days Christmas Holiday to Cairo, White desert with Nile Cruise

**Price Starting From: \$0** 

12 Days Egypt Cairo, Luxor and Aswan

Start a magical **12-day Christmas tour in Cairo, White Desert, and Nile Cruise** that combines the rich history of Cairo, the ethereal beauty of the White Desert, and the serene waters of the Nile. This holiday tour is a perfect blend of ancient wonders, natural marvels, and festive celebrations.

If you're interested in exploring ancient Egyptian sites like the Great Sphinx and the <u>Giza Pyramids</u>, consider joining one of our tailor-made <u>Egypt tours</u>. You'll get to see some of the most famous sights in all of Egypt with our <u>Egypt travel packages</u>, and you'll be able to enjoy top-notch accommodations and amazing experiences along the way.

After taking one of our exhilarating Egypt Christmas tours, you'll board a Nile cruise from Luxor to Aswan, where you'll see some of Egypt's most beautiful temples and significant sites. You'll also have the chance to learn more about Egypt's attractions while traveling there on one of our Christmas excursions.

### Overview Inclusion

- Meeting and greeting services by our representatives at the airports upon arrival and during your departure.
- Your accommodation for 8 nights in <u>Cairo Pyramids Hotel</u> including your breakfast. (Cairo pyramids hotel or similar).
- Your accommodation for 3 nights onboard 5 stars deluxe Egypt Nile cruise tours on a full board basis. (Blue shadow) or similar.
- Entrance fees to the sites and temples as mentioned in the Cairo, Nile Cruise Tour itinerary.
- An authorized English-speaking tour guide during all of our <u>Egypt tours</u>.
- Transportation services are done by a nonsmoking deluxe vehicle.
- Internal round-trip flight from Cairo to Aswan and back from Luxor to Cairo.
- All Cairo Day Tours, Luxor & Aswan are strictly private tours.
- Free bottled water and soft drinks during our <u>Egypt Day Tours</u>.
- Meals as mentioned in the detailed itinerary of the 12Days Cairo, Nile Cruise & white desert Tours.
- Stops for snacks upon request.
- Shopping Tours in Cairo, Luxor, Aswan (Upon request).
- All the taxes and service charges of your Egypt tours are covered within the tour price.

#### **Exclusion**

- International flight tickets.
- Egypt entry visa.
- Beverage during meals.
- Tipping to the driver, guides, or Nile cruise crew.
- Tour price doesn't apply during peak seasons like Christmas, New Year, or during <u>Egypt Easter</u> tours.
- any additional tours in Egypt that are not mentioned in our program

#### <u>Itinerary</u>

### Day 1: Arrive Cairo, Egypt

We'll be waiting for you at <u>Cairo International Airport</u> with a sign bearing your name. Our luxurious, air-conditioned car will take you to your lodging, and when you arrive, our tour guide will help you check in without any problems. He'll also go over the itinerary for your journey with you, so you can be sure of the pick-up times for each of the different trips.

Overnight at Cairo's hotel

### Day 2: Giza Pyramids / Saqqara / Memphis

Before departing for your Cairo day tours to the Giza Pyramids, <u>Memphis</u>, and <u>Saqqara</u>, make sure to have breakfast at the hotel. This will help you to have a relaxing and productive day.

Our experienced tour guide will take you to the Giza pyramids, where you can see the Great Pyramid of Cheops, the pyramids of Chephren and Mycerinus, and the <u>Great Sphinx</u>. Once there, you'll see the impressive statue of a lion, which symbolizes the power and strength of the Pharaoh.

The royal body of King Chephren was carefully mummified here before burial. Your guide will go over each step of the mummification process with you, so you can learn all about it.

After a delicious lunch at a luxurious restaurant, you'll be taken to see the <u>Step Pyramid</u> of King Zoser, which is thought to be the oldest man-made structure made entirely of stone in the entire world. You'll also see the Kagemni tomb, one of the illustrious tombs at Sakkara that belonged to King Teti's son-in-law, and the Teti pyramid, which has the most spectacular interior of all the Egyptian pyramids that are accessible. You may see scenes from ancient Egyptian life at these locations, complete with all of its activities recorded and painted on the tombs' walls and corridors.

We'll take you to Memphis, which is only 20 minutes away from Saqqara, where you can visit an outdoor museum filled with antiquities from the former pharaohs' city. There's an enormous statue of Ramses II and the alabaster sphinx, which was built from an eighty-ton marble block.

After your journey come to a close, you will be driven back to your hotel for overnight.

## Day 3: Tour to The Egyptian Museum, old Cairo and khan el khalili

You will be picked up from your hotel by a knowledgeable tour guide to begin the tour of Coptic Cairo and the Egyptian museum. You'll be taken to the Egyptian antiquities museum. Explore during Cairo day tours the intriguing history of ancient Egypt while viewing the largest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts now on display. Your Egyptologist tour guide will go over all the highlights, including King Tutankhamun's treasures the sole preserved royal items. A huge collection of gold and jewelry had been buried under the sand for more than three thousand years prior to the tomb's excavation in 1 BC.

You will first stop for lunch at a respected restaurant before starting your well-known and often-taken Coptic Cairo tour. You will be amazed by <a href="The Hanging Church">The Hanging Church</a>, one of the prominent sights in old Cairo. You should also visit the Church of St. Sergius, sometimes referred to as the Cavern Church, which was constructed above the crypt where the Holy Family spent around three months living and drinking from the spring. Your last destination will be the Ben Ezra Synagogue. According to legend, Moses retrieved the basket from the Nile at the pharaoh's palace from this location.

Continue your exploration of the numerous medieval Cairo artifacts, such as the old walls, mosques, and Islamic Cairo excursions, by joining one of our Cairo Sightseeing Tours. The city's ancient stone-paved alleys, along with its 10th-century madrasas, sails, and gates, are still in existence today. To round off the stroll, tea is provided in Fishawy's Oldest Cafe in <a href="Khalili">Khan El Khalili</a>'s old market. then drive you back to our Cairo hotel.

### Day 4 : Cairo Citadel & Cairo Tower Tour

Your tour guide will take you on a tour of Old Cairo after breakfast. The Alabaster Mosque of Mohamed Ali, which is a rare example of Ottoman architecture in Cairo because it was influenced by Istanbul's renowned Blue Mosque, and <a href="the Citadel of Salah El Din">the Citadel of Salah El Din</a> can also be found there. It is recognised as the seat of Egyptian government because the Citadel was built there during the reigns of Salah El Din and King Farouk in the early 20th century.

Our next trip will be to <u>The Cairo tower</u>, a free-standing concrete skyscraper in Cairo, Egypt, where we will learn more about the country. It is currently Cairo's highest mountain. With a height of 187 metres, it has remained the tallest structure in Egypt and North Africa for almost 50 years. From up there, you can view the Saladin Citadel, the Nile, and all of Cairo. From 1910 to 1971, it was recognised as the tallest building in Africa. The surroundings and the experience are both fantastic. After that, go back to your hotel and spend the night there.

# Day 5: Tour to Manial Mohamed Ali Palace, Abdeen Palace and Baron Palace.

In order to begin our stunning and exclusive journey to <u>Baron Palace</u>, your tour guide will pick you up from your accommodation. In recognition of Edward Empain's contributions to the construction of the Paris subway, the French monarch bestowed upon him the title of baron when he landed in Egypt. He

specified in his will that he should be buried in Egypt. He suggested building a brand-new town called Heliopolis there, which is Greek for "city of the sun." Many fairy tales are based on the terrifying Baron Empain Palace, which you may find there.

Following that, you'll be taken to <u>Abdeen Palace</u>, which is regarded as one of the most opulent palaces in the world due to its elaborately decorated clocks, paintings, and interior design. These clocks are dotted throughout the halls and wings of the palace and are frequently ornately decorated with pure gold.

The Manial Castle Museum of Prince Mohamed Ali, also known as <u>Mohammed Ali's palace</u>, is a distinctive royal house where you can observe a variety of civilizations, including Islamic and European cultures from various times, all in one location. There are wonderful locations to capture priceless images as a souvenir. You'll be driven back to your hotel later on.

### Day 6: Cairo to Luxor / East Bank of Luxor Tour

You will relocate to Luxor on this day! After being picked up from your accommodation in Cairo, you will be driven to the airport, where you will board a domestic flight to Luxor, the country's tourism hub. Our representative will meet you there, help you, and transport you to your Nile cruise ship in an air-conditioned vehicle.

Before starting the East Bank of Luxor tour, your tour guide will take you to the spectacular Karnak Temple, which is devoted to the sun-God Amun-Ra, Goddess Mut, and their son the moon god Khonso. The beautiful Luxor Temple, one of the most well-known temples, will be your next stop. It was constructed on the East Bank of the eternal river during the new kingdom era.

Take in the stunning countryside as you have your first night's meal on board your Nile cruise ship, and see an enthralling folkloric show.

overnight at Luxor

### Day 7: West Bank of Luxor/ Edfu

If you wish to experience an exhilarating adventure, you can sign up for an optional early-morning hot-air balloon flight in Luxor.

Take advantage of the open buffet breakfast offered on board the Egypt Nile River Cruise early in the morning. When your private driver and Egyptologist tour guide pick you up to start your <u>West Bank of Luxor trip</u> to the Valley of the Kings, continue with your Luxor day tours. Once you reach <u>the Valley of the Kings</u>, you can go to <u>the Temple of Hatshepsut</u>, also known as the Temple of El Dier El Bahari, and the enormous colossal sculptures of King Amenhotep III, also known as the Colossi of Memnon. Additionally, a full explanation of how the royal tomb works will be provided.

Your Egyptologist tour guide will bring you back to the Nile Cruise after the excursion, where a sumptuous lunch will be served before the boat travels to Edfu.

After dinner, you'll spend the night in Edfu.

### Day 8: Edfu Temple and Kom Ombo Sightseeing

Breakfast is served first on the Nile river cruise ship, and it is made with fresh ingredients. After that, our representative will accompany you on a tour of the Edfu Temple of Horus, who was the protector of the monarchy and was frequently represented as a falcon-headed man with two gigantic wings. Horus was worshipped there as the god of royalty. After that, the boat will head for Aswan.

Before you arrive in Aswan, a delicious lunch will be served on board the cruise ship, and we'll stop in Kom Ombo, a small town with a lengthy history. Before travelling down the Nile to Aswan, your licenced Egyptologist guide will pick you up and take you to the Ptolemaic <u>Temple of Kom Ombo</u>, which was built to honour the crocodile gods Sobek and Haroeris.

You can watch the Nubian show in the evening after food is served on board. and overnight.

### **Day 9: Aswan Sightseeing tour**

Before you are transferred to enjoy Aswan day tours, which begin with a visit to the spectacular <u>High Dam</u> in Aswan, a hearty open-buffet breakfast will be served to you aboard the boat. This dam was built to control the flow of the Nile throughout the growing season, making it simple to preserve water and generate electricity. Now you will see <u>the Philae Temple</u>, one of the most intriguing temples built in the same architectural style as the Greco-Roman era and devoted to the worship of Goddess Isis. Visit the Granite Quarries' Unfinished Obelisk, which was possibly started for Queen Hatshepsut but never completed.

While enjoying your delectable lunch, you will continue your Nile Cruise into the evening. Aboard your Nile Cruise, where you will spend the night in the beautiful city of Aswan, dinner will also be provided.

### Day 10: Disembarkation/ Fly Back to Cairo

You can sign up for our morning excursion to <u>the Abu Simbel temples</u>. These magnificent temples were built by King Ramses II for himself and his beloved wife Queen Nefertari.

Before getting ready to leave your Nile cruise, take pleasure in one more dinner. After your Egypt Travel Packages, your tour guide will drive you to Aswan Airport.

### Day 11- Desert and Bahariya Oasis Day Trip

The journey begins at 6 in the morning with pickup from your Cairo hotel and travels through neighboring desert landscapes before leaving the city. The first stop of the day is the lovely <u>Bahariya Oasis</u>, which was once the main agricultural center of the Pharaonic Empire.

The abundance of dates and olives there is widely recognized. Explore the oasis with the assistance of your guide and take in the vast surroundings of shady palm palms and natural springs.

After lunch, take a trip to the Black Desert to take in the stunning sight of the area's jagged,

mountain-like domes that stand out against the surrounding sand. Once that is done, venture into the nearby Agabat valley, which has spectacular white cliff walls and yellow limestone rocks.

Continue to <u>Crystal Mountain</u>, a remarkably uncommon building made entirely of calcite crystal that glistens and shines in the Egyptian sun.

The next site is the White Desert, which got its name from the vast area of white sand that it has. A few sand dunes can be climbed for breathtaking views that never seem to end.

Return to Cairo, check into your hotel, and unwind for the duration of the evening.

### **Day 12 -Fainal Departure**

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

We arrive to the end of our 12-day private tour of Egypt.