

Cairo, Oases and Nile Cruise Tour Package

Price Starting From: \$1410

13 Days /12 Nights Egypt Cairo, Oases, Luxor, Aswan

Egypt, the land of ancient wonders, beckons travellers with its captivating blend of iconic landmarks and breathtaking natural landscapes. Visitors to this enchanting country can embark on a journey that combines the grandeur of Cairo, the mystique of the Nile Valley, and the allure of the Egyptian deserts.

Undoubtedly, the Great Pyramid of Khufu in Giza stands as one of the most famous landmarks, drawing visitors from around the world. However, Egypt offers so much more beyond this iconic structure. Explorers, travellers, and bloggers can delve deeper into the country's rich history and culture by joining Egypt trips and tours that showcase a diverse array of attractions.

From the bustling streets of Cairo to the serene oases of the Western Desert, Egypt's offerings are truly captivating. In Cairo, visitors can immerse themselves in the Coptic quarter, where the presence of the Holy Family during their flight from King Herod's persecution has left a lasting spiritual legacy. The Egyptian Museum, a treasure trove of ancient artefacts, further enriches the cultural experience.

Beyond the capital, the Egypt Desert Tours open up a world of adventure and exploration. The oases of Dakhla, Farafra, and Kharga offer a unique blend of historical significance and natural beauty, inviting visitors to delve into the enchantment of the Egyptian deserts. Watching the stars over a campfire, a highlight of these Western desert tours creates an unforgettable connection with the timeless landscapes.

Egypt's diverse attractions, from the grandeur of the Nile Valley to the enigmatic oases, ensure that every traveller can embark on a journey tailored to their interests. Egypt Attractions' comprehensive travel packages provide the opportunity to experience the most famous landmarks, immerse oneself in the country's rich heritage, and uncover the captivating wonders of the Egyptian deserts.

Overview Inclusion

Meeting and escort by our tour leaders at airports

Assistance by Cairo Top Tours representatives during all our Egypt tour packages.

All transfers are organized by private air-conditioned vehicles.

Accommodation at Cairo Pyramids Hotel for 3 nights including bed and breakfast.

Accommodation for 1 night in Bahariya on half board.

Accommodation for 1 night in White Desert camping on a full board basis.

Accommodation for 1 night in Dakhla Oasis including breakfast and dinner.

Accommodation for 1 night camping in Kharga Oasis including 3 meals per day.

Accommodation for 1 night in a sleeper train on a half-board basis.

Accommodation for 4 nights on a 5-star Nile cruise on a full board basis. (Steigenberger MS Minerva Nile cruise ship or similar).

All camping equipment for camping in the White Desert.

Entrance fees and tickets to all places mentioned.

All transfers within the oases are done by 4x4 jeeps.

All excursions in Egypt are privately guided.

Snack stops on request.

All meals as indicated in the itinerary.

Cairo shopping tours.

Bottled water and soft drinks on all Egypt tours.

All service charges and taxes included.

Exclusion

international air tickets.

Entry visa to Egypt.

Drinks at meal times.

Tips are not included in our Desert Adventure Safari Egypt tours.

Tour price does not apply to peak seasons such as Christmas tours to Egypt, New Year, or Easter tours to Egypt.

<u>Itinerary</u>

Day 1: Arrive Cairo - Start your Cairo, Oases and Nile Cruise Tour Package

YOU ARE WELCOME TO EGYPT

Cairo Top Tours tour manager will be expecting your flight to meet you upon arrival at <u>Cairo</u> <u>International Airport</u>, you will be transferred to your hotel by a luxurious private vehicle, then our representative will help you with your check-in and confirm the pickup times for your Desert Safari tours in Egypt. Then, Overnight in Cairo

A welcome drink will be served at the hotel

Day 2: Giza Pyramids - Cairo Sightseeing Tours

After your tasty breakfast, you will be escorted to visit the <u>Giza Plateau</u> to see the Great Pyramid of King <u>Cheops</u>, the Pyramid of <u>Chephren</u>, and <u>Mycerinus</u>, all of which were built during the <u>fourth dynasty</u> between 2589 and 2504 B.C, you will have all the information provided by your licensed Egyptologist in front of the great pyramid to know how it was built and what is the main purpose for these huge structures before being brought up the high plateau to have a scenery over the whole necropolis, now it is a great possibility to enjoy <u>camel riding in Giza Pyramids</u> which is an optional activity that can be booked easily on spot.

The famous <u>Sphinx</u> is your next stop, this incredible statue with the head of a man and a body of a lion symbolizes strength and wisdom, and the Valley Temple was used for the purification of the

mummy of the king -(mostly King Chephren according to studies)- before its burial facing the great statue. You will continue your tour to see the artifacts and the gold treasures of the boy pharaoh Tutankhamun in the Egyptian Museum. The Egyptian Museum is one of the largest and most famous international museums, located in the heart of the Egyptian capital, Cairo, on the northern side of Tahrir Square.

Then you will be transported to enjoy an informative <u>Coptic Cairo tour</u>. <u>Coptic Cairo</u> is located in the Masr Al-Qadima neighborhood, in an important archaeological area. It is close to the Amr Ibn Al-Aas Mosque and the Jewish Temple of Ezra and includes several churches. Start your sightseeing in Old Cairo by the <u>Roman fortress of Babylon</u> and <u>the Hanging Church</u>, an ancient church, and is the holy Virgin Mary's Coptic Orthodox Church, also you will get to see the <u>church of St Sergius and Bacchus</u> or the Cavern Church.

The last site you will view in Old Cairo is the <u>Ben Ezra Synagogue</u>, one of the oldest historical sites appreciated by the Egyptian Jews. After lunch, you will be transferred to see <u>Islamic Cairo</u> and <u>Khan El Khalili</u> bazaar. which is an area in the Al-Hussein neighborhood, which one of the most important markets very famous during most of the <u>Islamic Cairo trips</u>, and considered Cairo's oldest bazaar.

Back to your hotel and overnight in Cairo. Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 3: Cairo - Bahariya Oasis

Check out from your hotel in Cairo at 06:00 AM after having your daily breakfast, then you will meet your professional guide to start your Egypt Desert Safari Trips by a deluxe vehicle to the <u>Bahariya Oasis</u>, the road takes about 4 hours from Cairo. You will visit the <u>Museum of Golden Mummies</u> whose mummies are coated in gold, <u>the Tombs of the Nobles</u> and administrator of Bahariya Oasis during the <u>26th dynasty</u>, the <u>Temple of Alexander the Great</u> which on his walls, <u>Alexander the Great</u> (a great ruler who has established such a great world empire including Egypt) is depicted presenting the offerings to the god <u>Amun-Re</u>, one of the most important Egyptian deities who had been worshiped in the Bahariya Oasis during the Greco-Roman era.

Perhaps the foundation of this temple is a memorial to the journey of Alexander the Great in Bahariya Oasis on his way to the <u>Temple of the Oracle</u> in the Siwa Oasis. then the <u>Temple of Meftella</u> which is located near the village of Al-Qasr near Bawiti. This area was named Meftella due to its nearness a spring called Meftella is located to the northeast of the cemeteries.

Have your delicious lunch served by the bedouins in the Bedouin house before going to your hotel to enjoy relaxing by the pool, you will climb the Black Mountain Before sunset by a 4WD Jeep to see the ruins on top, "the English House" to enjoy the panoramic view of Bahariya Oasis during sunset. Overnight in Bahariya.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4: White Desert - Black Desert

Visit the salt lake and the sand dunes to savor the palm trees and fruits fields after having breakfast, then we will travel to the White Desert, 170 km to the south of Bahariya, It is called the white desert because it has a white color that covers most of its parts. Its total area is 3010 square kilometers.

The reserve is famous for its large chalky rock, and it contains many formations that were formed as a result of an occasional sandstorm. passing by the <u>Black Desert</u>, volcanic hills that exploded centuries ago and created the volcanic rocks, and the Valley of El Haize to the southernmost village of Bahariya with its extraordinary breeze, Stop to see the guartz crystal at <u>Crystal Mountain</u>.

Crystal Mountain is one of the most charming and beautiful areas in the heart of Farafra Oasis, New Valley Governorate, because of its unique crystal rocks, high environmental value, a magnificent view. The mountain and the rocks clustered around it were basically caves that sank and turned into limestone rocks, continuing to the magnificent Valley of Agabat which is a place of magical beauty. Then you will start camping in the White Desert and enjoy the beauty of the white limestone formations in the area like the rabbit and mushroom formations. After that, you will have your Bedouin-style dinner in the Desert.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.

Day 5: Farafra Oasis - Dakhla Oasis

A new, more wonderful day in the desert. You will be accompanied to <u>Farafra Oasis</u> after Breakfast at your camp in the desert. Farafra Oasis is a small oasis dating back to the Pharaonic era where Farafra was mentioned in ancient Egyptian documents, located about 170 km south of Bahariya oasis, about 360 km southwest of Marsa Matrouh, and from <u>Cairo</u> 627 km. you can take a dip in the hot water of Bir Setah hot spring as well as the local artist Badr's unique mud brick museum which is a modern art museum where you can see modern art artifacts.

Then Visit the old town of Al Qasr located north of the oasis of "Dakhla" in the heart of the Egyptian desert, one of the oldest ancient archaeological cities and was the meeting point of ancient transport. Then Drive from Farafa to Dakhla for about 3 hours to visit the Roman Temple of Deir El Hagar which is one of the smallest temples in Egypt. It is located about 15 km from Al Qasr and 47 km from the city of Mut, and dates back to the era of the Roman Emperors (Emperor Nero) and is built with sandstone and engraved on its walls pictures and inscriptions representing the Pharaonic creed were built for the worship of the god Amun, Mut and Khonsu.

Then visit some of Egypt's most beautiful rock-cut tombs at the Roman burial ground Muzzawaqa. Have lunch then visit the old Islamic Village of Al Qasr the town was built from its Roman ruins and has narrow covered streets that date back to the 12th century A.D, old houses arranged in a very interesting narrow ally, an old oil press, wheat grinder, old court, prison, school, and an Ayyubide mosque.

Now it is time for relaxation.

in the afternoon relax by the pool then visit the lush Dakhla to enjoy its clear blue sky and golden sand dunes then enjoy the sunset on the Edge of the Great Sand Sea while having a tasty Bedouin tea. Spend your night in Dakhla at Desert lodge atop the cliff viewing the verdant village embraced by the dunes and the beautiful pink rose mountains that Dakhla oasis is famous for.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.

Day 6: Kharga Oasis

We still enjoy the charming nature of the desert of Egypt!

Enjoy your breakfast, then drive to el <u>Kharga Oasis</u> which is s the largest of the Oases to visit. It is the capital of the New Valley Governorate, located 232 km south of Assiut. It is characterized by many monuments, springs, and tourist attractions.

You will see Qasr El Labkha, which is an ancient Roman fortress dating back to the 5th century AD, and Kharga Museum which has displays from the Pharaonic, Ptolemaic, Roman, and Christian eras. Then you will be transported to see the Roman Temple of Hibis & Nadora which was established during the reign of the Roman Emperor Antoninus Pius or Hadrian, the Temple of Hibis is located about 1 km north of the city of Kharga, this temple has remarkable importance as it represents the different historical times Pharaonic, Persian, Ptolemaic, and Roma, as well as

Bagawat is an ancient cemetery with chapels that are painted with biblical decorations from the Old Testament and their colors are still well-preserved.

Have your tasty lunch then move to Baris Oasis, it dates back to 5000 BC. and was built to honor Serapis, the Greek God. Visit the Temple of Dush operated like a city standing in the middle of an entirely growing settlement securing the forty days road when it was functioning, you still can see most of the details of this Roman settlement like the residential area with mud-brick houses, The fortress, which is dedicated to the goddess Isis and god Serapis.

Overnight camping in the middle of the golden sand dunes in Kharga Oasis.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7: Kharga - Luxor - East Bank Tours

Have you enjoyed the amazing nature of Egypt's oases ?! Now, we will explore history in Luxor!

Today you finished your Egypt Desert Tours and you will be transported to Luxor, which takes about 6 hours. Luxor is located in the south of Egypt, about the city of Cairo, about 670 km, When you arrive you will board your 5 stars Steigenberger MS Minerva Nile cruise to check in, after having lunch, begin Luxor East Bank Tours to Karnak Temple. The Karnak Temples Complex, known globally as Karnak, is a colossal gathering of temples ruins, monumental pillars, and other buildings. It is located 3 km from Luxor in Egypt. It is the main seat of worship for Amun, Mut, and Khonsu. the Karnak temple is the largest man-made religious complex in the world has ever known and the magnificent Temple of Luxor was built with sandstone from the Gebel el-Silsila area and is one of the greatest monuments of Egypt. Have your dinner in the evening, followed by entertainment and a music show, and overnight on board the Nile cruise ship.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8: Luxor West Bank Tours

Your guide will take you After breakfast on your Nile cruise, to the West Bank of Luxor to visit the two

colossal statues of <u>Amenhotep III</u> renowned as the (<u>Colossi of Memnon</u>), and then visit the <u>Valley of the Kings</u>. The Valley of the Kings is located on the western bank of the Nile, facing Thebes, currently Luxor, in the heart of the ancient funerary city of Thebes, and is divided into the eastern and western valleys.

it is also known as Biban el-Muluk, "doorway or gateway of the kings, to see the famous rock-cut tombs of the Pharaohs including the famous tomb of King <u>Tutankhamen</u> that ruled Egypt as pharaoh for 10 years until his death at age 19 (which cost extra to visit) and legendary <u>Ramses II</u> whose most famous battle during his rule was the Battle of Kadesh.

the tombs are cut from the mountain, Lavishly decorated with fascinating paintings, and filled in with treasures the Pharaohs were planning to enjoy in the hereafter. Then you will continue the tour to visit the Temple of <u>Queen Hatshepsut</u>, which is sometimes called <u>El Deir El Bahary Temple</u>. It is a memorial temple to Queen Hatshepsut.

Have lunch then sail to Edfu enjoying a leisurely dinner on board. Overnight aboard Nile Cruise. Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9: Edfu and Kom Ombo Temples

Have breakfast aboard the Nile Cruise vessel. Here in Edfu, Edfu is a city in the north of Aswan Governorate and is the second-largest city in Aswan Governorate. It is located south of Luxor, you will go to see the well-preserved Ptolemaic Temple dedicated to the falcon-headed <u>God Horus</u>, <u>the Temple of Edfu</u> which is the second largest temple in Egypt. Then you will go back to the Nile cruise which will start to move to Kom Ombo to see the unique <u>Kom Ombo Temple</u> which is a Graeco Roman Temple dedicated to the crocodile, God Sobek. You will have your lunch on board. Then continue sailing to Aswan.

A delicious onboard dinner will be served overnight aboard your deluxe Nile Cruise. Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10: Aswan Sightseeing

Meet up with your guide after breakfast to enjoy Aswan sightseeing tours to the amazing <u>High Dam</u>, which is at the northern border between Egypt and Sudan and is considered by many an engineering marvel and one of the most important projects in the modern history of Egypt, the awesome <u>Philae Temple</u> constructed in the Greek and Roman times, dedicated to the Goddess Isis goddess of healing and magic, and it is located on an island. Take the motorboat ride to reach the temple and enjoy your sightseeing to learn about one of the greatest temples in Egypt. At last, you will be transferred to see the largest known Obelisk within the granite quarries at Aswan, <u>The Unfinished Obelisk</u> is known to be one of the largest Obelisks in Egypt.

You will have dinner and spend the last night aboard the deluxe Nile Cruise. Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11: Disembarkation / Cairo

Have your breakfast then get off the board then you will have free time in Aswan on your own or enjoy an Optional Tour to visit <u>Abu Simbel Temples</u> which serves as a lasting monument to the king and his queen Nefertari from Aswan by land. You will be transferred to Aswan train station for departure to Cairo by sleeping train. Dinner and overnight on the train.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

Day 12: Back to Cairo

As the train rolls on towards the Giza station, you will be served a delightful breakfast aboard, allowing you to start your day nourished and energized. Upon arrival at the station, you will be greeted and assisted by our representative, who will accompany you to your hotel in Cairo.

If possible, an early check-in will be arranged, providing you with the opportunity to settle in and refresh before embarking on the next stage of your journey. This will ensure a seamless transition as you transition from the tranquility of the Nile cruise to the vibrant and bustling city of Cairo.

With your breakfast enjoyed and the logistics handled, you can now look forward to an overnight stay in Cairo, where you will have the chance to rest and recharge before exploring the city's renowned historical sites and attractions. This final leg of your Egyptian adventure sets the stage for what promises to be an unforgettable experience in the heart of this captivating country.

Day 13: Final Departure

Before your flight, you will have breakfast in Cairo, then our tour leader will meet you and transfer you to Cairo International Airport.

Meals: Breakfast