Cairo and Alexandria Highlights Tour

Price Starting From: \$720

5 Days Cairo and Alexandria Egypt

Discover one of Egypt's two most iconic cities with <u>Egypt tours</u> on the Cairo & Alexandria Highlights Tour—a journey through Cairo's ancient marvels, from the majestic pyramids of Giza to the vibrant Egyptian Museum.

Then, unwind along Alexandria's Mediterranean coast, exploring its rich blend of history and modernity. This Egypt tour package promises an unforgettable experience of Egypt's cultural and historical treasures.

This meticulously crafted Egypt day tour ensures you experience the best of both Cairo and Alexandria. With guided tours led by experts, comfortable accommodations, and a well-curated itinerary, the Cairo & Alexandria Highlights Tour promises a comprehensive and enriching exploration of Egypt's cultural and historical treasures. Whether marveling at the pyramids or relaxing by the Mediterranean, this tour offers an immersive experience that will leave you with lasting memories of Egypt's magnificent heritage.

Overview Inclusion

- Guided tours of Cairo and Alexandria
- Entrance fees to key attractions, including the Pyramids of Giza and the Egyptian Museum
- Comfortable transportation between cities
- Accommodation in the hotels
- Daily breakfast and selected meals
- Professional tour guide services

Exclusion

- International and domestic flights
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Personal expenses and gratuities
- Optional tours and activities

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Cairo and Check-in

Upon arrival at <u>Cairo International Airport</u>, you will be greeted by a Cairo Top Tours representative holding a sign with your name. You'll be transferred in a private, air-conditioned vehicle to your hotel in Giza. After check-in and settling into your room, take a moment to review the itinerary for your Egypt Classic Tours from Cairo to Alexandria, including all pick-up times.

Enjoy a relaxing overnight stay in Cairo, with a complimentary welcome drink to kick off your journey.

Day 2: Tour of the Giza Pyramids

Begin your day with a delicious breakfast at your Cairo hotel, then meet your certified tour guide to embark on a fascinating exploration of the Giza Plateau:

The Great Pyramid of Cheops: Explore this ancient wonder, built over 4,500 years ago during the Old Kingdom. Enjoy free time to enter the pyramid or take photographs as your guide recounts its incredible history.

The Pyramid of Chephren: View the pyramid built by Chephren, the son of Cheops, and admire the nearby Great Sphinx, the largest of its kind, with its lion's body and human head.

The Pyramid of Mycerinus: Discover the smallest of the Giza pyramids, constructed for King Mycerinus. From the plateau, consider a camel ride for unique photo opportunities with the pyramids in the background.

The <u>Great Sphinx</u>: Marvel at this massive limestone statue, which has stood guard over the necropolis for centuries.

The <u>Valley Temple</u>: Located in front of the Sphinx, this ancient temple was used for ceremonial purposes, including the 'Opening of the Mouth' ritual for Pharaohs.

<u>Memphis</u>: Travel to Memphis, the historic capital of Egypt, and explore the open-air museum showcasing artifacts from this ancient city, founded by King Menes.

Saqqara Necropolis: Continue to <u>Saqqara</u>, one of the world's oldest and richest archaeological sites. Visit the Step Pyramid of Djoser, designed by Imhotep, and the Pyramid of Teti with its hieroglyphic inscriptions. Explore one of the Mastaba tombs, featuring vibrant depictions of daily life.

After a fulfilling day of sightseeing, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant in Saqqara before returning to your Giza hotel for the evening.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 3: Egyptian Museum and Cairo City Tour

Begin your day with a hearty breakfast at the hotel, then prepare for another fascinating day on your Egypt Classic Tours. Your expert guide will lead you to the Egyptian Museum, a world-renowned institution housing an extensive collection of Egyptian antiquities across two floors. Among the highlights is the impressive royal treasure of Tutankhamun, displayed in a dedicated exhibit.

Next, visit the <u>Citadel of Saladin</u>, a historic fortress that served as the seat of the Egyptian government for centuries. Here, you'll explore the Alabaster Mosque of Mohamed Ali, an exquisite example of Ottoman architecture in Egypt. As you journey through Islamic Cairo, admire the numerous mosques, towers, and colorful domes that punctuate the skyline, some of which date back over a thousand years.

The tour continues in Coptic Cairo, where you'll see the Roman Fortress of Babylon and the Hanging Church of the Holy Virgin Mary, also known as Al Mualaka, situated above the fortress towers. Visit the Church of St. Sergius, built over the crypt where the Holy Family is said to have stayed during their flight into Egypt,

and the Ben Ezra Synagogue, traditionally believed to be the site where the baby Moses was found.

Enjoy a delicious lunch before heading to the bustling <u>Khan El Khalili</u> Bazaar, located in the heart of medieval Islamic Cairo. Explore the ancient streets, walls, and gates of the city, which date back to the 10th century.

After a day filled with exploration, your representative will return you to your hotel for an overnight stay in Cairo.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 4: Alexandria Sightseeing Tour

After breakfast, prepare for an exciting day exploring Alexandria, the Mediterranean jewel, with your expert English-speaking Egyptologist guide. Travel from Cairo to Alexandria in a comfortable, air-conditioned vehicle, with a brief stop along the way. The journey takes approximately 2.5 hours.

Upon arrival in <u>Alexandria</u>, named after its founder, Alexander the Great, begin your sightseeing adventure. First, visit <u>Pompey's Pillar</u>, an impressive monument erected in 297 B.C. to commemorate the victory of Roman Emperor Diocletian. Next, explore the <u>Catacombs of Kom El Shokkafa</u>, a vast Roman burial site discovered in the early 20th century.

Continue your tour with a visit to <u>the Citadel of Qaitbay</u>, situated on a narrow peninsula at the entrance of Alexandria's Eastern Port. This fortress was built on the ruins of the ancient Lighthouse of Alexandria, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

Next, head to the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, a modern tribute to the ancient Library of Alexandria, which was once the world's largest repository of knowledge. Located by the Mediterranean, it was established in the early 3rd century B.C. by Ptolemy I.

No trip to Alexandria is complete without savoring its renowned seafood. Enjoy a delicious lunch featuring the freshest local ingredients.

After a day full of historical and cultural exploration, you will be driven back to your hotel in Cairo.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 5: Departure from Cairo

Savor your final breakfast as part of your Egypt travel experience. After checking out of your hotel, a representative from Cairo's Top Tours will escort you to Cairo International Airport. Prepare for your journey home as you conclude your memorable Egypt tour.

Meals Included: Breakfast