

# Private Tour Package to Cairo, Oases and Nile Cruise

#### Price Starting From : \$0

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

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You are incredibly lucky to be among the privileged few who have the opportunity to explore Egypt desert safari tours and discover its finest landmarks and tourist attractions. Currently, you can embark on an adventure to explore highly recommended sites in Cairo, such as the magnificent Great Pyramids in Giza, the Egyptian Museum, and the historic area of Coptic Cairo. This area is believed to be blessed by the presence of the Holy Family during their escape from the persecution of King Herod at the dawn of Christianity in Egypt. Additionally, you can indulge in the White Desert Tours, Cairo, Oases, and Nile Cruise Tour Package, which is one of our outstanding Egypt Travel Packages. Afterward, you can travel to Luxor and Aswan to enjoy a delightful sailing experience along the Nile River. For those who crave both adventure and historical tourism in Egypt, the desert safari adventure to Bahriya Oasis is renowned for its picturesque beauty, with palm groves, Dakhla that has a long history of human habitation, Farafra, and Kharga Oasis comes highly recommended.

Overview Inclusion

- Our tour guides will meet and greet you at the airports.
- All of Cairo Top Tours' Egypt travel packages include assistance from their representatives.
- A private air-conditioned vehicle arranges all transfers in all Egypt Tours Packages.
- Three nights of lodging in a five-star hotel in Cairo, Egypt, including breakfast.
- Half-board lodging for one night in Bahariya.
- Full-board lodging for one night of camping in the White Desert.
- Breakfast and dinner are included in the cost of lodging for one night in the Dakhla Oasis.
- 3 meals and lodging for 1 night at the Kharga Oasis camping area.
- Half-board lodging for one night on the sleeping train.
- Accommodations for four nights on a full-board, 5-star Nile Cruise. (Cruise ship similar to the Steigenberger MS Minerva Nile)
- Every piece of camping gear in the White Desert.
- Tickets and entrance fees for each of the mentioned locations.
- A Jeep 4x4 vehicle is used for all transports within the Oases in Egypt desert safari tour packages.
- All sightseeing tours in Egypt Day Trips are exclusive.
- Upon request, stops to buy snacks.
- Every meal that is specified in the schedule.

- Cairo shopping excursions.
- On all Egypt tours, bottled water and cold beverages are provided.
- Taxes and all service fees are included.

#### Exclusion

- Airfare for international flights.
- Visa for entry into Egypt.
- Refreshments are provided during meals.
- Tipping is not covered in the cost of our Egypt Desert Safari Adventure trips.
- our price doesn't apply during peak seasons like the <u>Xmas tours in Egypt, New Year</u>, or during Egypt Easter tours.

#### **Itinerary**

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

#### WELCOME TO EGYPT

Upon your arrival at Cairo International Airport, the tour manager from Cairo Top Tours will be ready to greet you and accompany you throughout your tour. You will enjoy a comfortable transfer to your hotel in a private luxury vehicle. Our representative will assist you with the check-in process and provide you with the necessary information regarding the pickup schedule for your exciting Desert Safari tours in Egypt. After settling in, you will have the opportunity to savor a refreshing welcome drink at the hotel. Finally, you can relax and spend the night in Cairo.

# Day 2: Giza Pyramids - Cairo Sightseeing Tours

After a filling breakfast, you will be driven to 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>, which were all constructed between 2589 and 2504 B.C. during the fourth dynasty. Before being taken up the high plateau to take in the view, your licensed Egyptologist will explain how each of these enormous structures was constructed and what their primary purpose was. after that, you can enjoy <u>camel riding in Giza Pyramids</u> which is an optional activity that can be booked easily on the spot.

Your next stop is the magnificent Sphinx. This amazing statue, which has a lion's body and a man's head, represents strength and wisdom. The Valley Temple was used to purify the mummy of the king—most likely King Chephren, according to studies—before it was interred next to the magnificent statue. The Egyptian Museum will be your next stop on your tour, where you can see the gold treasures and artifacts that belonged to the boy pharaoh <u>Tutankhamun</u>. One of the biggest and most well-known international museums, the Egyptian Museum is situated on the northern side of Tahrir Square in the center of Cairo, the capital of Egypt.

Afterward, you will be taken on a fascinating tour of Coptic Cairo, where you can immerse yourself in its rich history and culture. Coptic Cairo is situated in the Masr Al-Qadima neighborhood, an important archaeological zone. It is conveniently located near the Amr Ibn Al-Aas Mosque and the Jewish Temple of Ezra, and it boasts numerous churches. Your exploration of Old Cairo will commence at the Roman fortress of Babylon, followed by a visit to the Hanging Church, a historic place of worship, and the revered Coptic Orthodox Church of the Holy Virgin Mary. Additionally, you will have the opportunity to witness the grandeur of the church of St Sergius and Bacchus, also known as 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</u> <u>Khalili</u> bazaar. which is an area in the Al-Hussein neighborhood, which is 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

After enjoying your breakfast at the hotel in Cairo. Following that, you will meet your knowledgeable guide and embark on an Egypt Desert Safari Trip. Traveling in a good vehicle, the journey to Bahariya Oasis from Cairo will take approximately 4 hours. During your excursion, you will explore various fascinating attractions.

First on the itinerary is a visit to the Museum of Golden Mummies. These mummies are distinctively covered in gold and provide a unique insight into ancient Egyptian burial practices. You will also have the opportunity to explore <u>the Tombs of the Nobles</u> and the administrator of Bahariya Oasis from the 26th dynasty. These tombs hold historical significance and offer a glimpse into the region's past.

The <u>Temple of Alexander the Great</u>, located in the village of Al-Qasr near Bawiti, is a significant landmark in Egypt. It features depictions of Alexander the Great, a ruler who established a vast empire. The wall art in the temple depicts Alexander offering offerings to Amun-Re, an important Egyptian deity worshipped in Bahariya Oasis during the Greco-Roman era. It is believed to have been built as a commemoration of Alexander the Great's journey through Bahariya Oasis on his way to the Temple of the Oracle in Siwa Oasis.

The <u>Temple of Meftella</u>, near the village of Al-Qasr, is also worth visiting due to its proximity to a spring called Meftella. This area holds historical significance and offers insights into ancient Egyptian culture and traditions. After a day of sightseeing, you will enjoy a delicious lunch at a Bedouin house, then head to your hotel for relaxation. As the sun sets, you will embark on a 4WD Jeep adventure to climb the Black Mountain, known as "the English House," to enjoy a panoramic view of Bahariya Oasis during sunset. You will spend the night in Bahariya, immersing yourself in the oasis's charm and tranquility.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 4: White Dessert - Black Desert

After breakfast, explore the salt lake and sand dunes while taking in the palm trees and fruit farms. Then, we'll travel 170 kilometers south of Bahariya to the White Desert, which gets its name from the fact that the majority of it is covered in a white colour. It covers 3010 square kilometers in total.

The reserve is well-known for its sizable chalky rock and is home to numerous formations that were created by the occasional sandstorm. Stop to see the quartz crystal at Crystal Mountain as you pass by the Black Desert, volcanic hills that erupted centuries ago and produced the volcanic rocks, the

Valley of El Haize, and the southernmost village of Bahariya with its exceptional breeze.

Through its distinctive crystal rocks, high environmental value, and stunning view, Crystal Mountain is one of the most endearing and lovely areas in the center of Farafra Oasis, New Valley Governorate. It continued to the magnificent Valley of Agabat, a place of magical beauty, where the mountain and the rocks grouped around it were essentially caves that sank and transformed into limestone rocks. After that, you'll start setting up camp in the White Desert to take in the stunning white limestone formations that are present, including the rabbit and mushroom formations. Your Bedouin-style dinner will then be served to you in the Desert.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.

### Day 5 ; farafra oasis - Dakhla oasis

After breakfast at your desert camp, you will be driven to the Farafra Oasis. A small oasis from the Pharaonic era known as Farafra was mentioned in ancient Egyptian writings. It is situated 627 kilometres from Cairo, 170 kilometres south of Bahariya Oasis, and 360 kilometres south-west of Marsa Matrouh. In addition to visiting the local artist Badr's distinctive mud brick museum, which is a modern art museum where you can see modern art artefacts, you can take a dip in the hot springs at Bir Setah.

afterwards, you will Visit the ancient city of Al Qasr, one of the oldest ancient archaeological cities, which is situated north of the oasis of "Dakhla" in the centre of the Egyptian desert. Al Qasr served as the meeting place for ancient transportation. Then, take a three-hour drive from Farafa to <u>Dakhla</u> to visit the Roman Temple of Deir El Hagar, one of Egypt's smallest temples. It was built of sandstone during the time of the Roman Emperors (Emperor Nero), and on its walls are images and inscriptions that represent the Pharaonic creed. It is situated about 15 km from Al Qasr and 47 km from the city of Mut. It was constructed for the worship of the gods Amun, Mut, and <u>Khonsu</u>.

Next, explore the magnificent rock-carved tombs located at the Muzzawaqa Roman burial ground in Egypt, which showcase stunning craftsmanship. Afterward, savour a delicious lunch before venturing into the historic Islamic Village of Al Qasr. This town was constructed using remnants of its Roman past and features narrow covered streets that trace back to the 12th century A.D. Marvel at the intriguing layout of old houses, meandering alleys, an ancient oil press, a wheat grinder, an old court, a prison, a school, and an Ayyubide mosque.

Following these excursions, it's time to unwind. In the afternoon, take a leisurely break by the pool. Later, head to the lush region of Dakhla to bask in its clear azure sky and golden sand dunes. As the day draws to a close, relish the breathtaking sunset on the Edge of the Great Sand Sea while sipping on a delicious cup of Bedouin tea. Spend the night at Desert Lodge in Dakhla, situated atop a cliff, offering panoramic views of the vibrant village enveloped by the dunes and the renowned pink rose mountains that define Dakhla Oasis.

Meals included in this package are breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

# Day 6: Kharga Oasis

Enjoy your breakfast before traveling to the largest of the Oases, Kharga Oasis, for a visit. It is 232

kilometers south of Assiut and serves as the governorate's capital for the New Valley. Numerous monuments, springs, and tourist destinations define it.

You'll see Qasr El Labkha, a fifth-century AD Roman fortress, and Kharga Museum, which features exhibits from the Pharaonic, Ptolemaic, Roman, and Christian eras. Then you will be taken to see the Roman Temple of Hibis & Nadora, which was built during the rule of the Roman Emperor Antoninus Pius or Hadrian. The Temple of Hibis is situated about a kilometer north of the city of Kharga, and it is incredibly significant because it symbolizes the various historical eras of Pharaonic, Persian, Ptolemaic, and Roma, as well as one that was during the reign of the Greek Emperor, Herod.

The chapels in Bagawat, an ancient cemetery, are painted with Old Testament biblical decorations, and their colors have been preserved.

### Day 7: Kharga - Luxor - East Bank Tours

You completed your Egypt Desert Tours today, and now you will travel for about 6 hours to Luxor. Luxor is located in southern Egypt, about 670 kilometers from Cairo.

today you will discover <u>Luxor East Bank Tours</u> there you can find numerous historical sites and cultural attractions to visit. Here are some highlights of the East Bank tours in Luxor:

- Explore the <u>Karnak Templ</u>e there you will Discover the vast temple complex dedicated to the worship of Amun-Ra, one of the largest ancient religious sites in the world.
- Visit the <u>Temple of Luxor</u>: Marvel at the well-preserved Luxor Temple, dedicated to the rejuvenation of kingship and a symbolic link between pharaohs and gods.
- Cross the Luxor Bridge: Walk or drive across the Luxor Bridge to reach the East Bank and enjoy beautiful views of the Nile River.
- Stroll along the Corniche: Take a leisurely walk along the Nile Corniche, lined with restaurants, cafes, and shops, offering a lively atmosphere.
- Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

### Day 8: Luxor West Bank

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

Exploring the West Bank of Luxor is a must for any visitor interested in ancient Egyptian history and archaeology. This area is home to numerous iconic sites and attractions. Here are some highlights of the Luxor West Bank tours in our itinerary:

#### Valley of the Kings will be our first destination for today:

• Start your tour with a visit to the Valley of the Kings, the renowned burial site of many pharaohs from the New Kingdom period. Explore the intricately decorated tombs, including the tomb of Tutankhamun, and learn about the fascinating funerary practices of ancient Egypt.

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Colossi of Memnon:

- See the colossal statues of Amenhotep III, known as the <u>Colossi of Memnon</u> that enjoys with massive statues once guarded the entrance to the pharaoh's mortuary temple and are among the most iconic landmarks in Luxor.
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- also, you will visit the <u>Ramesseum</u>, the mortuary temple of Ramses II. Marvel at the remnants of the colossal statue of Ramses II and explore the temple's vast ruins and detailed reliefs.

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 temple in Aswan

Enjoy your breakfast while on the Nile Cruise ship. The second-largest city in the Aswan Governorate, Edfu is located in the north of the region. <u>the Temple of Edfu</u> where it's the second-largest temple in Egypt, is situated south of Luxor and is a well-preserved Ptolemaic Temple dedicated to the falconheaded God Horus. Then you'll return to the Nile cruise, which will set off for Kom Ombo so you can see the fascinating <u>Kom Ombo Temple</u>, a Graeco-Roman structure honoring the crocodile-god Sobek. Your lunch will be served on board. then carry on your voyage to Aswan.

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

# Day 10: Aswan Sightseeing

After breakfast, meet with your guide to take Aswan sightseeing tours to the amazing <u>High Dam</u>, which is at the northern border between Egypt and Sudan and is regarded by many as an engineering marvel and one of the most significant projects in modern Egyptian history. You'll also visit the amazing Philae Temple, which was built during the Greek and Roman eras and is dedicated to the Goddess Isis, the goddess of magic and healing, and is situated on an island. Take the motorboat ride to the temple and take in the sights while learning about one of Egypt's most impressive temples. Finally, you will be taken to the granite quarries in Aswan to view the largest known Obelisk.

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

# Day 11: Disembarkation / Cairo

After eating breakfast and disembarking, you will have time to explore Aswan on your own or take an optional tour to the Abu Simbel Temples, which are accessible from Aswan by land and serve as a permanent memorial to the king and his queen Nefertari. You will be driven to the Aswan train station so that you can board the sleeping train for Cairo. Dinner and the next day's travel by train.

Dinner and breakfast are included.

### Day 12: Back to Cairo

As you travel to the Giza train station, you will eat breakfast on the train. Our representative will meet you, help you, and then drive you to the hotel. If possible, early check-in will be arranged.

Cairo overnight stay.

Meals Included: Breakfast.

### **Day 13: Final Departure**

Before departure you will have breakfast in Cairo, then our tour leader will pick up you and transfer you to <u>Cairo International Airport</u>.

Meals: Breakfast