

# 10-Day Christmas Nile Cruise from Luxor to Aswan and Cairo Tour

**Price Starting From: \$0** 

10 Days Cairo, Luxor, Aswan Egypt

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Welcome to Cairo Top Tours, where we offer the ultimate 10-day Christmas tour of Egypt! Immerse yourself in the rich history and culture of this ancient land as you explore the iconic Giza pyramids, the legendary Egyptian Museum, and the vibrant streets of Islamic Cairo. But that's just the beginning - our Egypt trips take you to the breathtaking city of Luxor, where you'll witness the grandeur of the Karnak Temple, an incredible ancient Egyptian temple complex dedicated to the gods Amun, Mut, and Khonso.

And what's more, our expert guides will take you on a journey through time to see firsthand the remarkable achievements of the ancient Egyptians. With large amounts of the temple's structure, statuary, and relief carvings still intact, the Karnak Temple is one of the best-preserved ancient monuments in the world.

# Overview Inclusion

- Your accommodation in Cairo Pyramids Hotel for 5 nights on bed and breakfast.
- Your accommodation for 4 nights on board a 5-star Nile cruise from Luxor to Aswan on a full board basis.
- Domestic flights from Cairo to Luxor and from Aswan to Cairo.
- Entrance fees to museums and historical sites.
- Stops for snacks upon request.
- Lunch meals will be served in good quality restaurants during Cairo Day Tours.
- All transportation to/ from the airport & hotel and during the tours are covered by a private nonsmoking air-conditioned vehicle.
- All <u>sightseeing tours in Cairo</u> or during the Nile Cruise are strictly private tours.
- Bottle of water and soft drinks during your Egypt Tours.
- English-speaking tour guide to accompany you to all the sites.
- Shopping tours in Cairo during Egypt Day Tours ( if you are interested).
- All taxes & service charges are included in the tour costs.

#### **Exclusion**

international flight tickets.

Entry visa to Egypt 25 American dollars at the Airport.

Beverage during meals.

**Tipping** 

<u>Itinerary</u>

#### Day 1: Arrive Cairo, Egypt

As soon as you land at <u>Cairo International Airport</u>, our friendly tour leader will be waiting for you with a personal sign to welcome you and guide you through all the necessary procedures. You'll then be whisked away in a luxurious, air-conditioned vehicle to your hotel. Our experienced tour manager will be there to ensure a hassle-free check-in and go over your Egypt Travel Packages itinerary with you, confirming the pick-up times for each tour

Overnight in Cairo

Welcome Drink

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

Get ready for an unforgettable day exploring some of Egypt's most iconic sites with your tour guide and driver. Your adventure begins at your hotel, where you'll be picked up and taken to the Giza Pyramids to marvel at the Great Pyramid of Cheops, as well as the pyramids of Chephren and Mycerinus. You'll also get up close and personal with the enigmatic Great Sphinx and visit the valley temple of King Chephren.

Afterward, you'll head to a high Panorama to enjoy a 15-minute camel ride and snap some amazing photos with the Bedouins. Lunch will be served at a top-quality restaurant before you continue to the <a href="Step Pyramid of King Zoser">Step Pyramid of King Zoser</a> at Saqqara. This incredible site boasts the oldest stone building in the world, the Djoser Pyramid. You'll even have the chance to explore the <a href="pyramid of Teti">pyramid of Teti</a>, which features stunning interior architecture (no extra ticket required). Plus, you can explore the tombs of the nobles at Saggara and witness daily life scenes in ancient Egypt depicted on the walls and corridors.

Finally, you'll visit the open-air museum in Memphis, just 20 minutes from Saqqara, where you'll discover a vast collection of statues and artifacts from the ancient capital of the pharaohs, including the impressive <u>alabaster sphinx</u> and the colossal fallen statue of Ramses II. With a delicious lunch and expert guidance throughout the day.

Back to your hotel after your tour is finished and overnight.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### Day 3: Tour to The Egyptian Museum, Coptic and Islamic

#### **Cairo**

Join us for an enriching tour of Cairo's most fascinating cultural and historical sites! Our knowledgeable guide will pick you up from your hotel and take you on a journey through Egypt's ancient past at the Egyptian Museum. With over 160,000 artifacts on display, including the legendary treasures of King Tutankhamun, you'll be amazed by the sheer beauty and history of these priceless artifacts.

Next, we'll visit the <u>Citadel of Salah El Din</u>, a magnificent fortress that has played a pivotal role in Egyptian history for centuries. Inside, you'll explore the stunning Alabaster Mosque of Mohamed Ali, a breathtaking example of Ottoman architecture that is sure to take your breath away.

After a delicious lunch at a local restaurant, we'll continue our tour to <u>Coptic Cairo</u>, where you'll marvel at the ancient Roman fortress of Babylon and visit one of the highlights of Old Cairo, the Hanging Church. You'll also have the opportunity to explore the Cavern Church, where the holy family stayed for three months, and the <u>Ben Ezra Synagogue</u>, a site believed to be the location where Moses was found in the Nile River.

Our tour will then take you through Islamic Cairo, where you'll witness the relics of medieval Cairo, including the old walls, mosques, and gates of the city. You'll even get to walk along the old stone-paved streets that date back to the 10th century. We'll end the day with a relaxing tea break at Fishawy's, the oldest cafe in <a href="Khan El Khalili">Khan El Khalili</a>, Cairo's famous old bazaar. With so much history and culture to explore

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### Day 4: Cairo to Luxor/ East Bank of Luxor Tour

Get ready for an unforgettable adventure as we take you on a journey through the wonders of ancient Egypt on a deluxe Nile cruise tour! After checking out from your hotel in Giza, we'll transport you to Luxor by domestic flight, where you'll be met by our friendly representative who will escort you to your luxurious Nile cruise ship.

As you settle into your cabin and enjoy a delicious lunch on board, get ready to explore the incredible city of Luxor and its fascinating history. On the first day, we'll take you on a tour of the East Bank, where you'll marvel at the majestic Karnak Temple, a magnificent complex of temples, chapels, and shrines that span over 2,000 years of ancient Egyptian history. You'll also visit the Temple of Luxor, another incredible testament to the glory of the New Kingdom Pharaohs.

After a leisurely evening on board, you'll be treated to a delicious dinner in the boat's restaurant, followed by a peaceful night's sleep on the tranquil Nile waters. Optional tours to the sound and light show at Karnak temple are also available for an even more immersive experience.

Included meals: Welcome Drink, Lunch, and Dinner

#### Day 5: West Bank of Luxor/ Edfu

Are you ready for a day of adventure and discovery? Start your day with a delicious breakfast in the elegant dining area of your Nile cruise ship before we set off on our <u>Luxor West Bank Tour</u>. We'll disembark the ship and head to two of Egypt's most iconic attractions: the Valley of the Kings, where you'll explore the magnificent rock-carved tombs of the New Kingdom Pharaohs, and the Temple of <u>Queen Hatshepsut</u>, also known as Dier El Bahari Temple, which we'll reach by a mini train.

After this unforgettable experience, we'll return to the comfort of your cruise ship, where you can enjoy a leisurely lunch as we sail towards Esna to cross the lock. Take in the stunning scenery of the Nile Valley during teatime on the upper deck of the cruiser. As the sun sets, indulge in a delicious oriental dinner on board before we arrive in Edfu.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

## Day 6: Edfu Temple and Kom Ombo Sightseeing

Start your day with a healthy breakfast on board your Egypt Nile River Cruise, where you'll continue your thrilling Egypt tours. When we stop in Edfu, which is included in our <u>Aswan day tours</u>, you'll take a horse-drawn carriage to visit the famous Temple of Edfu, dedicated to the falcon God Horus. It's an experience you won't forget!

Afterward, we'll return to the ship and set sail down the Nile towards Kom Ombo, where you'll disembark for an incredible visit to the Temple of Kom Ombo. This temple was built to honor two gods: the crocodile god Sobek and one of the forms of God Horus worshipped in Kom Ombo, known as Haroeris. You'll be amazed by the temple's stunning architecture and rich history.

As we sail towards Aswan, relax and take in the beautiful scenery of the Nile while enjoying tea. In the evening, savor a delicious dinner on board and enjoy the entertainment before retiring for another comfortable night's rest on the tranquil waters of the river Nile

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

#### Day 7: Aswan Sightseeing tour

Start your day with a delicious breakfast on board your Nile cruise as we prepare to explore Aswan's stunning attractions. First, we'll take you to the magnificent <u>High Dam</u> of Aswan, followed by a visit to the biggest <u>Unfinished Obelisk</u> in Egypt, left unfinished in the granite quarries of Aswan. Take your time at these historical sites before returning to the Nile Cruise for a delectable lunch while enjoying the breathtaking views of the Nile, the naturally preserved islands, and visiting birds fluttering above the city. Relax and soak in the beauty of these views during tea time on the spacious sundeck.

Spend the rest of the day at your leisure, whether it's sunbathing, taking a dip in the swimming pool, relaxing in your cabin, or enjoying a massage at the modern spa on board.

In the evening, savor a splendid dinner on board and spend your last night of the Nile cruise in Aswan. You can choose to take an optional tour of the sound and light show at <a href="Philae Temple">Philae Temple</a>, which promises

to be a magical experience. Check the price and make your evening unforgettable!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

#### Day 8: Disembarkation/ Fly Back to Cairo

Sadly, it's time to say goodbye to your Nile Cruise adventure after enjoying a delicious last breakfast on board. Say goodbye to your new friends before boarding a modern vehicle for transportation to Aswan airport, where you will catch your flight back to Cairo. Upon arrival at Cairo International Airport, our friendly tour guide will be there to welcome and assist you, providing smooth transportation to your hotel for a comfortable overnight stay.

Meals included: Breakfast.

#### Day 9: Free Day in Cairo or (Optional Alexandria Trip)

Today, you have a free day to explore the vibrant city of Cairo at your own pace. But if you're feeling adventurous, we highly recommend our optional day trip to Alexandria, the jewel of the Mediterranean Sea. Marvel at the famous Citadel built by Qaitbay in the 15th Century and soak in the rich history and culture of this ancient city built by the Great Pharaoh Alexander the Great. You'll be amazed by the Greco-Roman monuments that dot the city, including the Roman Catacombs of Kom El-Shoqafa and Pompey's Pillar attraction.

Meals: Breakfast

### **Day 10: Final Departure**

As your incredible journey in Egypt comes to a close, our professional tour leader will ensure a smooth and comfortable transfer for you to Cairo International Airport. After enjoying a delicious breakfast, you'll be transported in an air-conditioned vehicle for your final departure.

Meals: Breakfast