

# Christmas Trips: Cairo, Alexandria, Luxor, and Aswan Expedition

**Price Starting From: \$0** 

8 Days / 7 Nights Cairo, Alexandria, Luxor, Aswan Egypt

#### Expedition to Cairo, Alexandria, Luxor, and Aswan

If you are looking for an **8-day Christmas tour, our Cairo, Alexandria, Luxor, and Aswan Tours** will let you enjoy a festive holiday in Egypt. Our package from <u>Egypt Travel Packages</u> includes all the accommodations, transfers, and guided tours you'll need to have a truly memorable experience. Don't miss out—book now!

Our tours of the <u>Giza Pyramids</u> and the Great Sphinx will show you what an exciting and informative experience it is to visit these magnificent sites during <u>Egypt Tours</u> in Cairo. You'll be able to see over 120,000 ancient Egyptian artifacts in one place, and our knowledgeable guides will help you learn about the history and significance of each item.

Our new Christmas tour will surprise you with an exceptional <u>Coptic Cairo</u> tour that will be incorporated to give you the possibility to know more about the earliest time of proclaiming Christianity in Egypt when the holy Virgin Mary and her baby Jesus Christ visited Egypt and resided for around 3 years.

## Overview Inclusion

- All transportation in a private, air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle to and from the airport, hotel, and throughout your tours.
- Your accommodation in <u>Cairo Pyramids Hotel</u> for 4 nights in on bed & breakfast.
- 3 nights' accommodation on a 5-star cruise with full board.
- the cost of admission to all the listed locations during your visit to Cairo, Alexandria, Luxor, and Aswan
- Flights within Egypt from Cairo to Aswan and back from Luxor.
- You will be accompanied by an English-speaking tour guide while on the Egypt excursions.
- soft drinks and bottled water are included throughout Egypt day tours.. Local tea mint or coffee in one of the most famous cafes in Cairo El-Fishawy
- Shopping Tours in Cairo. (If you are interested).
- All taxes and service charges are included in your trip cost.

#### **Exclusion**

• Airline tickets abroad.

- Anything additional that isn't included in the itinerary.
- There is no tipping included in the costing.

#### **Itinerary**

## Day 1: Arrival to Cairo - Check In

Upon reaching <u>Cairo International Airport</u>, you will be warmly greeted by our Cairo Top Tours representative who will assist you in transferring to your hotel in Cairo for the check-in process. We will thoroughly review and confirm your updated itinerary for the 8 Days Cairo, Alexandria, Luxor, and Aswan Christmas Tours, ensuring that all optional tours in Cairo or any other destination are incorporated.

To commence your journey, a refreshing welcome drink will be provided

## Day 2: Giza Pyramids, Egyptian Museum, Coptic and Islamic Cairo Tour

**Morning:** Enjoy a tasty breakfast at your hotel and meet your certified English-speaking tour guide in the lobby. Begin the tour at the <u>Giza Necropolis</u> to explore the magnificent Giza Pyramids, built around 4500 years ago by the famous kings of ancient Egypt during the <u>4th dynasty</u> of the Old Kingdom. Visit the Great Pyramid of Cheops, an impressive 146-meter-high structure made of 2.3 million limestone blocks. Admire the pyramids of Chephren and <u>Mycerinus</u> from a panoramic viewpoint and opt for an optional camel ride. Explore the pyramid complex of King Chephren, including the Valley Temple and the Great Sphinx.

**Afternoon:** Head to Cairo downtown and start the Egyptian Museum tour at El Tahrir Square. Spend nearly 2 hours discovering the vast collection of pharaonic artifacts housed in the museum, including the awe-inspiring golden treasures of King Tutankhamun Enjoy lunch at a good quality restaurant.

**Afternoon Continued:** Embark on the Coptic Cairo tour in the area known as Old Cairo, where the ruins of the Roman fortress of Babylon still exist. Visit the Hanging Church of the Holy Virgin Mary, dating back to the 7th century, and see ancient icons commemorating early Christianity in Egypt. Explore the cavern Church of Abu Serga, built in honor of Christian martyrs, and visit the Synagogue of Ben Ezra, one of the few Jewish synagogues in Egypt.

**Evening:** Transfer to Khan El Khalili, the famous old market of Islamic Cairo. Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere and browse colorful products in narrow, historic alleys that have been in use for over 800 years. Take your time to see the monuments in Al Moez Street and enjoy a traditional mint tea at El Fishawy local cafe.

**Overnight:** Return to the hotel for overnight rest and prepare for tomorrow's tour to Alexandria from Cairo.

Meals: Included are lunch and dinner.

### **Day 3: Alexandria Tour from Cairo**

After breakfast, meet your knowledgeable English-speaking Egyptologist to begin your day trip to Alexandria from Cairo as part of the Tour. Travel to Alexandria in air-conditioned vehicles, approximately a 3-hour journey with a stop break. Arrive in Alexandria, also known as the "Bride of the Mediterranean," founded by Alexander the Great in 332 B.C.

Start your tour at <u>Pompey's Pillar</u>, an impressive monument constructed in 297 A.D. to commemorate the victory of the Roman Emperor Diocletian, who ruled Rome in the late 3rd and early 4th century A.D.

Explore the Catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa, one of the largest Roman burial sites, discovered in the early 20th century.

Drive by the seaside to visit the Citadel of Qaitbay, built on the site of the ancient Pharos Lighthouse of Alexandria. It boasts a strategic location at the end of a narrow strip of land extending into the Eastern Port.

Visit the <u>Bibliotheca Alexandrina</u>, the oldest nucleus of scientific research in history, established in the 3rd century B.C. by Ptolemy I. It was once the largest library in the world.

Lunch: Enjoy a seafood lunch at a fancy restaurant overlooking the harbor.

Return to Cairo: After the tour, you will be transferred back to your hotel in Cairo.

Meals: Breakfast and lunch included.

#### Day 4: Fly to Aswan, Aswan Nile Cruise Tours

**Transfer to Aswan:** You will be transferred to Cairo International Airport to catch your flight to Aswan. Upon arrival in Aswan, your tour guide will meet you and accompany you to start your 5-star Nile cruise boat experience before lunch.

- Visit the Aswan <u>High Dam</u>: Explore one of the largest projects in modern Egyptian history, constructed in the 1960s to control critical floods and provide water resources for irrigation and electricity.
- Philae Temple: Discover the magnificent <a href="Philae Temple">Philae Temple</a>, dedicated to the ancient Egyptian Goddess Isis, wife of Osiris. The temple was relocated to its current location to save it from flooding caused by the High Dam.
- <u>Granite Quarries</u>: Explore the ancient granite quarries where pharaohs cut and transported massive stone blocks used in the construction of Egypt's majestic pyramids and temples of the New Kingdom.

**Nile Cruise:** Return to the Nile cruise boat and start sailing towards <u>Kom Ombo</u>.

**Onboard Entertainment:** Enjoy your time aboard the boat while watching the Nubian folkloric show.

**Dinner and Overnight:** Dinner will be served on the cruise boat as you spend the night sailing on

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the Nile.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner included.

#### **Day 5: Kom Ombo Temple**

Your delicious breakfast will be served before meeting your certified guide to enjoy an unusual tour of Kom Ombo visit the famous Kom Ombo Temple, a unique double temple dedicated to two deities - Sobek, the crocodile god, and Horus, the falcon-headed god. Explore the intricately carved reliefs and learn about the religious significance of this dual temple. The Nile Cruise vessel will sail to <a href="Edfu">Edfu</a> while lunch and dinner are served and overnight aboard the boat at Edfu.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 6: Edfu Temple, Sail to Edfu

**Morning:** Breakfast is served on the Nile Cruise boat. Meet with licensed Egyptologists to begin the tour to the Temple of Edfu, featuring remarkable Ptolemaic-era architecture dedicated to Horus, the protector of kingship and god of the sky.

**Temple of Edfu:** Explore the temple's exceptional artifacts depicting Horus protecting kings and offering support.

**Return to Nile Cruise:** After exploring the temple, return to the <u>Nile Cruise</u> ship and start sailing towards Luxor.

**Lunch and Afternoon Tea:** Enjoy lunch on board the cruise ship, along with afternoon tea.

**Evening:** Savor a high-quality dinner onboard the ship, followed by a traditional Galabya party.

**Overnight:** Spend the night in Luxor.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner included.

#### Day 7: Luxor Sightseeing Tours - Fly to Cairo

**Morning:** Enjoy breakfast aboard the cruise ship before starting Luxor day tours on the west bank.

#### **Luxor West Bank Tours:**

Visit the Valley of the Kings, the burial site of pharaohs from the 18th to the 20th dynasty.

See the Colossi of Memnon, two colossal statues of King Amenhotep III.

Explore the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, known as El Deir El Bahari temple.

**-Karnak Temple Complex:** Head to the <u>Karnak Temple</u>, the religious center during the New

Kingdom of Egypt's history.

- **-Luxor Temple:** Visit the captivating Luxor Temple, connected to Karnak Temple by the avenue of the Sphinxes.
- **-Flight to Cairo:** Transfer to Luxor airport for your flight back to Cairo.
- **-Arrival in Cairo:** Upon arrival in Cairo, you will be met by Cairo Top Tours representative who will escort you to check into your hotel.
- **-Overnight:** Spend the night at your hotel in Cairo.
- -Meals: Breakfast and Lunch included.

## **Day 8: Final Departure**

Indulge in a delightful buffet breakfast at the hotel before rendezvousing with the driver and your tour manager for your transfer to Cairo International Airport, marking the end of your Xmas Tours to Cairo, Alexandria, Aswan, and Luxor.

Meals: Breakfast