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## Day 1 : Arrive to Cairo

Upon your arrival in Egypt, you'll be greeted by Cairo Top Tours representative at <u>Cairo International Airport</u>. He will hold a sign bearing your name. You'll then be comfortably transported to your hotel in a modern, air-conditioned deluxe vehicle. Upon arrival at the hotel, you'll receive a welcome drink, and our representative will be on hand to assist with a seamless check-in process. He will also go over your Egypt Easter Tours itinerary with you, confirming the pick-up times for each day's tours.

You'll spend the night in Cairo.

## Day 2 : Pyramids Tour

After enjoying a delectable breakfast at your Cairo hotel, you'll be accompanied by your tour guide to start your day.

Your first stop will be the awe-inspiring Great Pyramid of <u>King Cheops</u>, which is a remarkable structure that remains the sole surviving monument of the Seven Ancient Wonders of the World, standing proudly since 2500 B.C. You'll also explore the Pyramid of Chephren, constructed by <u>King Chephren</u> from the 4th dynasty, who was the son of King Cheops. Additionally, you'll visit the Pyramid of <u>Mycerinus</u> and the <u>Valley of Temples</u>.

Your tour of the Giza pyramids area offers you the chance to witness all the pyramids together, capturing beautiful memories with photographs.

Following a satisfying lunch at a local restaurant you will be transferred to <u>Saqqara</u> to explore <u>the Stepped Pyramid Complex</u>, which is an architectural marvel that was built for the burial of King Djoser between 2717 B.C. and 2737 B.C. under the guidance of his minister Imhotep. It is regarded as the world's first large stone building. In addition to this, you'll also see <u>the Pyramid of Teti</u> and the noble tombs, providing a glimpse into daily life in ancient Egypt.

Next on your itinerary is a visit to <u>Memphis</u>, founded around 3,200 years ago by <u>King Narmer</u>. It served as the capital of Egypt during the Old Kingdom and retains its historical significance to this day. At an open-air museum, you'll encounter numerous famous monuments, including two statues of <u>King Ramses II</u> and the alabaster Sphinx of Memphis. Our knowledgeable representative will provide detailed insights into this historic area and capture memorable photos for you.

Afterward, return to your hotel in Cairo for an overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast

# Day 3: Cairo Tour

Following a delightful breakfast at your Cairo hotel, your experienced tour guide will accompany you on a journey to explore:

### The Egyptian Museum:

This renowned museum houses over 120,000 artifacts, including colossal statues and the priceless treasures of the legendary King Tutankhamun.

Next, you'll head to the Citadel of Saladin, which includes the Mohamed Ali Alabaster Mosque:

The Citadel was constructed by Sultan Saladin and stands as a testament to one of the most celebrated Islamic leaders.

The Alabaster Mosque was commissioned by King Mohamed Ali approximately 200 years ago during Turkish rule in Egypt.

Your adventure continues with a visit to Coptic Cairo, where you'll explore:

The ancient Roman fortress of Babylon holds historical significance.

The Hanging Church was built above the ancient bastions.

The Church of St. Sergius features a crypt where the Holy Family is said to have stayed for nearly three months, along with the spring that supplied their water.

Ben Ezra Synagogue, is believed to be the site of the pharaoh's palace where Moses was found in a basket along the Nile.

Your Islamic Cairo exploration takes you through the walls and gates of this medieval city, with its historic streets dating back to the 10th century. Your journey culminates with a relaxing tea break at Fishawy, the oldest café in Khan El Khalili, Cairo's ancient bazaar.

Afterward, return to your hotel in Cairo for an overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast

# Day 4: Alexandria sightseeing tour

After breakfast at the hotel, meet your tour guide as you embark on a captivating day trip from Cairo to <u>Alexandria</u>, often referred to as the "shining pearl of the Mediterranean" and Egypt's second-largest city. It owes its name to its founder, the Macedonian leader Alexander the Great, who conquered Egypt in 332 B.C.

Your Egyptologist guide will accompany you on a comfortable 2-hour drive to Alexandria in a modern car. Along the way, there will be a rest stop where you can relax, have refreshments, and stretch your legs.

Your tour of Alexandria includes the following highlights:

<u>Pompey's Pillar</u>: This impressive pillar is the sole surviving remnant of the Roman temple, which was known in ancient times as the Serapeum.

<u>The Citadel of Qaitbay</u>: This Citadel was built by Mamluk rulers to fortify Alexandria's Mediterranean coastline against the Ottomans. It stands on the same site where the ancient lighthouse of Alexandria, which is one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, once stood.

Catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa: Explore the largest Roman cemetery in Egypt, featuring three layers of tombs and chambers that were carved into the rock underground. Admire the beautifully decorated burial sites of a wealthy Romanian-Egyptian family.

Bibliotheca of Alexandria: Visit this modern architectural marvel, which pays homage to the ancient library that was once a hub of learning and research in the ancient world. The new Bibliotheca graces the sea boulevard like a symbol of knowledge rising over the Mediterranean from Alexandria.

Church of St. Mark: Explore one of Africa's oldest churches.

Old Downtown Alexandria: Stroll through the historic city center and explore local markets where you can find an array of goods, including traditional Egyptian sweets.

Mansheya Market: Pass through the oldest market area, including the traditional ladies' markets (zan'et elsetat) with narrow streets. There's also a gold market where many purchase their wedding and engagement jewelry.

Abbo Elabbas Mosque: Visit the city's prettiest and largest mosque.

Old Funfair: Witness an old funfair where children enjoy antique rides and indulge in candy floss.

Corniche and Old Harbor: Take in the scenic views of the old fishing boats, fishermen at work, and traditional net-making. This is an excellent spot for photography.

We will end the tour with a seafood lunch at a high-quality local restaurant. Afterwards, you'll be driven back to Cairo with a break during the journey.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

### **Day 5: Final Departure**

Take your last breakfast during your Egypt Easter Tours at the hotel in Cairo, then Cairo Top Tours tour leader will meet and transfer you to Cairo International Airport for final departure.

Meals: Breakfast