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Day 1: Arrival to Cairo

Upon your arrival at Cairo International Airport, a representative from our travel agency will be there to greet you and assist with the immigration process. They will be holding a signboard with your name on it for easy identification. Once you have cleared immigration, you will be transferred to your hotel in Cairo. Our driver will transport you in a private, air-conditioned vehicle to ensure a comfortable journey. Upon arrival at the hotel, our team will assist you with the check-in process. While you settle in, you will be served a refreshing welcome drink to start your Egypt Christmas and New Year Tours experience on a pleasant note. Take the rest of the day to relax and recover from your journey.

Day 2: Pyramids & Cairo Tour / Train

After enjoying breakfast at your hotel in Cairo, get ready for an incredible day of exploration and adventure. You will meet your knowledgeable Egyptologist guide, who will accompany you throughout the day. Your first stop will be at the Giza Plateau, where you will be amazed by the majestic Pyramids of Cheops, Chephren, and Mycerinus. These ancient structures, which are dating back over 4,500 years, are iconic symbols of Egypt and considered one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Marvel at their grandeur and learn about the fascinating history and construction techniques behind these architectural marvels.

Next, you will encounter the enigmatic Sphinx, a mythical creature with the body of a lion and the head of a human. Delve into the mysteries surrounding this iconic statue and hear stories and legends from your guide.

After exploring the Giza Plateau, you will enjoy a delicious lunch at a local restaurant, where you can savor authentic Egyptian cuisine. In the afternoon, you will visit the renowned Egyptian Museum, located in Tahrir Square.

This world-class museum houses an extensive collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts, including the treasures of the legendary pharaoh Tutankhamun. Immerse yourself in the rich history and culture of ancient Egypt as your guide provides fascinating insights and explanations.

Continuing your journey, you will explore the historic sites of Coptic Cairo. Visit the Roman fortress of Babylon, the Hanging Church, which is also known as St. Virgin Mary's Coptic Orthodox Church, and the Church of St. Sergius and Bacchus.

These significant religious sites showcase the rich Christian heritage of Egypt. Next, you will delve into the vibrant atmosphere of Islamic Cairo as you explore the bustling Khan El Khalili Bazaar, which is the oldest market in the world. Immerse yourself in the vibrant ambiance, and walk through many shops selling traditional crafts, jewelry, spices, and much more. Take a break from your shopping adventures and enjoy a cup of tea at a local café, soaking in the unique surroundings.

In the evening, you will be transferred to Giza train station to embark on an unforgettable overnight train journey to Luxor. Dinner and breakfast will be served on board the train, ensuring a comfortable and enjoyable experience.

Relax in your well-appointed compartment and get a good night's sleep as you travel to your next destination.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Onboard the train

Day 3: Arrival to Luxor - Luxor East Bank Tours

After enjoying breakfast aboard the train, you will arrive in Luxor, where you will be warmly welcomed by a representative from Cairo Top Tours. They will assist you with any necessary arrangements and transfer you to your 5-star Nile Cruise.

Upon boarding the cruise ship, you will have a delicious lunch onboard, prepared to satisfy your appetite.

Your Luxor day tours will begin with a visit to the East Bank of Luxor. First, you will explore the magnificent Karnak Temple complex, which is considered the largest man-made religious complex in the world. Marvel at the grandeur of the temple's massive columns, intricate carvings, and vast courtyards as your guide reveals the fascinating history and significance of this ancient site.

Next, you will visit the Temple of Luxor, which is another impressive structure located on the East Bank of the Nile. Admire the well-preserved statues, obelisks, and intricate hieroglyphics that adorn the temple, and learn about its connection to the religious and political life of ancient Egypt.

After your Luxor East Bank Tours, you will have the opportunity to enjoy the breathtaking sunset views from the Nile cruise.

Take in the serene atmosphere as the sun dips below the horizon, casting a warm glow over the river.

In the evening, you will be treated to a delicious dinner onboard the cruise ship, which is accompanied by entertaining shows and performances to add a touch of excitement and joy to your evening.

Relax and unwind as you settle into your comfortable accommodations on the cruise ship. Get ready for more adventures in Luxor.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight:5 stars deluxe Nile Cruise

Day 4: Sightseeing tour to the West Bank of Luxor and sailing to Edfu

Start your day with a delicious breakfast buffet onboard the Nile cruise, preparing you for an exciting day of exploration.

Accompanied by your knowledgeable guide, you will embark on a West Bank of Luxor tour.

Your first stop will be at the Colossi of Memnon, which are two massive statues of Amenhotep III that have stood tall for centuries, guarding the entrance to his mortuary temple.

Next, you will visit the Valley of the Kings, which is an ancient burial ground that served as the final resting place for numerous pharaohs of the New Kingdom, including iconic figures like Tutankhamun and Ramses II. Explore the rock-cut tombs, which are adorned with intricate paintings and hieroglyphics, and learn about the beliefs and rituals surrounding the afterlife of the pharaohs.

Continuing your West Bank tour, you will visit the impressive Temple of Hatshepsut, which is also known as El Deir El Bahari. This temple was built by Queen Hatshepsut, who was one of the few female pharaohs in ancient Egypt's history. Marvel at the temple's unique architecture, nestled against the cliffs of the Theban Mountain, and learn about the remarkable achievements of this powerful ruler. After the tour, you will return to the Nile cruise ship for a delicious lunch as you sail towards Edfu.

Take in the beautiful landscapes along the Nile during the leisurely journey, and enjoy a relaxing tea time onboard. In the evening, you will be treated to a delightful dinner onboard the cruise ship, followed by a music and dancing show to entertain and delight you.

Spend the night onboard the Nile cruise, ready for more adventures and discoveries.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Nile Cruise

Day 5: Edfu Temple & Kom Ombo Temple

Start your day with a delicious breakfast onboard the Nile cruise, preparing you for another day of exploration.

You will be taken by horse carriages to visit the impressive Temple of Edfu, which is dedicated to the falcon god Horus. Marvel at the well-preserved Ptolemaic architecture and intricate carvings as your guide shares the fascinating history and mythology associated with this ancient temple. After exploring the temple, your horse carriage will take you back to the cruise ship.

As the cruise ship continues its journey towards Aswan, you will make a stop at Kom Ombo. Disembark from the ship and explore the magnificent Temple of Kom Ombo, which was dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek and the falcon-headed god Haroeris. Admire the unique double design of the temple, with separate chambers and sanctuaries for each god. Learn about the ancient rituals and beliefs associated with these deities as you explore the temple complex.

After the visit to Kom Ombo, you will return to your Nile Cruise to enjoy a delicious lunch onboard as you continue sailing towards Aswan.

In the evening, you will be served a delightful dinner onboard the cruise ship, allowing you to savor a variety of delicious dishes.

Relax and enjoy the serene atmosphere as the cruise ship docks in Aswan.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Aswan

Day 6: Tours in Aswan

Start your day with a delightful breakfast onboard the Nile cruise, taking in the beautiful views of the Nile River.

Your Aswan excursions will begin with a visit to the famous High Dam, one of the most significant development projects in Egypt.

Learn about the engineering marvels behind the construction of this dam, which has helped regulate the flow of the Nile and provide electricity to the region. Next, you will explore the enchanting Philae Temple, dedicated to the goddess Isis. Reach the temple by a scenic boat ride, as it is located on an island. Marvel at the well-preserved architecture and intricate carvings that adorn the temple, and learn about its rich history during the reign of Ptolemy II Philadelphia.

Continuing your tour, you will visit the granite quarries in Aswan, where you will see the largest known obelisk. This obelisk, known as the Unfinished Obelisk, provides insight into the ancient quarrying techniques used by the Egyptians. Discover how this massive monolith was carved and learn about its connection to Queen Hatshepsut. After the tour, you will return to your Egypt Nile River Cruise, where you will enjoy a delicious dinner onboard.

Take in the tranquil ambiance and savor the last night of your magical Nile cruise experience.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Nile Cruise

Day 7: Check out and back to Cairo by train

After enjoying a delicious breakfast, you will disembark from the Nile cruise.

You have the option to spend a free day in Aswan, exploring the city at your own pace. Alternatively, you can choose to book one of our optional tours, such as a visit to Abu Simbel, a Nubian Village tour, or a relaxing felucca ride on the Nile.

In the evening, your Cairo Top Tours guide will accompany you to the Aswan railway station, where you will board the Sleeper Train back to Cairo.

Inside your private compartment, a light dinner will be served as you settle in for a comfortable overnight journey.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Overnight: Sleeper Train to Cairo

Day 8: Back to Cairo

As you wake up on the Sleeper Train, a light breakfast will be served onboard.

Upon arrival at the Giza railway station, you will be greeted by a Cairo Top Tours tour leader who will accompany you to your hotel for an early check-in, if available.

Once you have checked in, you will have the rest of the day to yourself to explore Cairo and choose from our selection of optional Cairo excursions.

If you want to explore the vibrant markets and bustling streets of Cairo, our knowledgeable tour operators can help you plan the perfect day.

You can customize your itinerary according to your interests to spend the most wonderful time in Cairo.

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight: Cairo hotel

Day 9 : Final Departure

On your last day in Egypt, you will enjoy an early breakfast at your hotel in Cairo, served at approximately 8 am.

After breakfast, you have the option to participate in our optional Cairo day tours to further explore the city or simply relax and rest at your hotel until your departure time.

When it is time for your flight, our team will transport you to the Cairo International Airport for your final departure.

We hope you had a wonderful time during your Egypt Christmas holidays and that you have created lasting memories of this beautiful country.

Meals included: Breakfast

Safe travels and thank you for choosing our services!