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Day 1: Arrive to Cairo / Egypt Luxury Vacations

Welcome to Cairo, Egypt.

Upon your arrival at <u>Cairo Airport</u>, your Cairo Top Tours tour leader will be waiting to meet you. You will then be transferred to your hotel in a comfortable, air-conditioned private vehicle. Upon your arrival at the hotel, you will be offered a welcome drink while our representative helps you check in to the hotel.

Day 2: Pyramids and Sakkara Tour

On the second day of your trip, our guide will take you to visit the <u>Great Pyramids</u>, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Our first stop is the Great Pyramid of Khufu, which took more than 20 years to build. The next stop is the family-related pyramids of kings Mecerinus and Khafre. The famous Sphinx, a lion with a human head that guarded the tomb for 450 years, will be revealed to you, and you will enjoy a camel ride over the pyramids of Giza.

After enjoying your delicious lunch, your guide will accompany you to <u>Saqqara</u> to explore the Step Pyramid complex. This complex is famous for being the first building in the world to be constructed entirely of stone and is known as the Pyramid of Djoser.

The next stop is <u>Memphis</u>, the oldest capital of the Pharaohs. It is a city rich in antiquities and the capital of ancient Egypt. It is located south of the Giza Governorate. After completing your tour, you will be transferred back to your hotel in Cairo.

Sound and light show tour available on request.

Meals: breakfast, lunch.

Day 3: Fly to Luxor \ Nile Cruise Tours

First, have breakfast at the hotel. After that, you'll be driven to the airport so you can fly to Luxor. When you arrive, you will be greeted and taken to the 5-star Steigenberger MS Minerva Nile Cruise.

Your <u>Luxor East Bank tour</u> will begin in the afternoon. You will visit <u>Karnak Temple</u> and Luxor Temple, both of which showcase Egypt's glorious history. Karnak Temple is considered one of the oldest places in all of Egypt, and it is a huge temple.

Luxor Temple Constructed over hundreds of years by Amenhotep III, Ramses II, Tutankhamun, and other pharaohs, Luxor Temple was the largest and most significant religious center in ancient Egypt. In what was then Thebes?

Then we will return to the cruise ship for dinner.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Day 4: Luxor Nile Cruise Sightseeing tours

After breakfast, our next destination will be <u>Luxor West Bank Tours</u>. You will have a tour of the <u>Temple of Hatshepsut</u> and its mortuary temple. The Temple of Hatshepsut was built from local limestone to commemorate the achievements of Queen Hatshepsut of the Eighteenth Dynasty of the New Kingdom and also as a funerary temple and sanctuary for Amun Ra, commemorating the story of the divine birth.

In addition to the giant statues of Memnon located in the Colossal Museum of Memnon, there are two incredibly huge statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III that are now known as the Colossi of Memnon. This pharaoh, who ruled Egypt during the 18th dynasty and was known as Amenhotep the Magnificent, gave his kingdom an epoch of prosperity and wealth in many fields and an economic and artistic grandeur that Egypt had never seen before.

As we sail to <u>Edfu</u>, let's enjoy lunch and afternoon tea. At the end of the day, a delicious dinner will be served before spending the night.

Day 5: Edfu Temple and Kom Ombo Temple

After having breakfast onboard, you will have visit to Edfu, which is a small Egyptian city located on the west bank of the Nile River between ancient Thebes and present-day Luxor and Aswan. It is considered one of the most beautiful temples in all of Egypt, where you can learn about how the god Horus defeated the god Set and how good triumphed over evil.

After lunch on board, we continue to Kom Ombo, where we explore the combined temple dedicated to the deities Sobek and Harris.

Day 6: Aswan Nile Cruise sightseeing

After breakfast on board, your first tour in Aswan will begin with a visit to the <u>High Dam</u>. Construction of the High Dam in Aswan began in 1960 and was completed in 1971. Its construction was of great importance because it protected Egypt from the danger of floods. Next comes the <u>Unfinished Obelisk</u>, which is considered the largest obelisk ever made by the ancient Egyptians. Then you will have a visit to the <u>Temple</u> of <u>Philae</u>, which was the center of worship for the goddess Isis in ancient Egypt.

On board the ship, you will be served lunch and dinner. and you will spend the night on board in Aswan.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Day 7: Aswan to Cairo

After completing your tour in Aswan, you will return to Cairo.

After breakfast, you can disembark from the Steigenberger MS Minerva Nile Cruise. You will be transferred to <u>Aswan Airport</u> for your flight to Cairo. On arrival at Cairo Airport, you will be met by one of our staff and transferred to your hotel in Cairo.

Meals included: breakfast

Day 8: Cairo Tour

You will then continue your luxury tours in Egypt.

After breakfast at your hotel in Cairo, a private tour guide will take you to see the Egyptian Museum, which is considered the oldest archaeological museum in the Middle East, as it contains the greatest antiquities in the world from the pre-dynastic era to the Renaissance era. Where you will also see the most valuable golden treasures of King Tutankhamun.

Another wonderful site is the Citadel of Saladin, which includes the <u>Alabaster Mosque of Muhammad Ali</u>, which offers a stunning panoramic view of the centuries-old mosques, minarets, and domes of Islamic Cairo. You can see how beautiful the design of the huge buildings is.

You'll enjoy a visit to <u>Cairo's Coptic</u> District after exploring the Egyptian Museum, starting with the Hanging Church, which was constructed suspended above the towers of the former Roman Citadel of Babylon. Additionally, you will go to Abu Sarja Church and see the crypt where the Holy Family spent about three months during the persecution they endured. After that, you'll go to the <u>Ben Ezra Temple</u>, which is thought to be the location where Pharaoh Moses' daughter, peace be upon him, was discovered in a chest in the Nile. One of the city's oldest synagogues, this one is a wonderful example of the city's fascinating history.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch

Day 9: Alexandria Tour

Alexandria is considered one of the most famous cities in Egypt, and it is the second-largest city in terms of population. The Library of Alexandria, a lighthouse, and many Roman ruins can be found there. You'll see some of Rome's most famous sights, such as Pompey's Pillar. You will also enjoy the vibrant and lively atmosphere of the city.

Next, you will have a visit to Qaitbay Citadel, which was built in the 15th century and is an important stronghold helping to defend Egypt and the Mediterranean.

Then you will visit the Tombs of Kom el-Shuqafa, which consist of three levels of rooms and tombs that were carved into the subterranean rocks. These underground passages date back to the Roman era. You will also have the opportunity to explore important historical landmarks at the Library of Alexandria, a famous

ancient library and educational center.

As you drive down Cornish Avenue, you will see the city below you as you cross the Stanly Bridge. This is a stunning landmark in modern Alexandria.

Finally, we return to Cairo.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch

Day 10: Cairo - Fly Back Home

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Cairo International Airport for your departure, bringing a wonderful 10-day adventure in Egypt to a close.

Meals: Breakfast