

Best Cairo, Alexandria, Luxor, and Aswan Xmas Tours

Price Starting From: \$1255

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

Experience an 8-day Christmas tour through Cairo, Alexandria, Luxor, and Aswan with our comprehensive Egypt Travel Packages. This package includes all accommodations, transfers, and guided tours for an unforgettable holiday in Egypt. Don't miss the chance to book now and enjoy a festive season filled with exploration and discovery!

Explore the Giza Pyramids and the Great Sphinx during our Cairo Tours, offering an exciting and educational journey through these iconic landmarks. Discover over 120,000 ancient Egyptian artifacts in one location, with expert guides providing insights into each item's history and significance.

Our new Christmas tour includes a special Coptic Cairo experience, offering insight into the early days of Christianity in Egypt. Learn about the historic visit of the Virgin Mary and baby Jesus to Egypt, where they resided for approximately three years.

Overview Inclusion

- Meet and greet services at the airports provided by Cairo Top Tours tour leaders.
- Private, air-conditioned vehicle transportation for all airport transfers, hotel transfers, and during tours.
- Accommodation at Cairo Pyramids Hotel for 4 nights with breakfast included.
- 3 nights aboard a 5-star cruise ship with full board.
- Admission fees included for all listed sites during the Cairo, Alexandria, Luxor, and Aswan Christmas Tours.
- Internal flight tickets from Cairo to Aswan and return from Luxor to Cairo.
- English-speaking tour guide accompanying you throughout the Egypt tours.
- Meals as outlined in the itinerary.
- Bottled water and soft drinks provided during Egypt Day Tours.
- Stops for snacks available upon request.
- Opportunity to sample local mint tea or coffee at renowned Cairo cafes like El-Fishawy or Layali El-Hussein.
- Optional shopping tours in Cairo (if desired).
- All taxes and service charges included in the trip price.

Exclusion

- International flights to and from Egypt are not included.
- Additional items or activities not specified in the itinerary are not covered.
- Tipping is not included in the prices of the Christmas tours in Egypt.

<u>Itinerary</u>

Day 1: Arrival to Cairo - Check In

Upon arrival at Cairo International Airport, you will be greeted by our Cairo Top Tours representative who will escort you to your hotel in Cairo for check-in. We will review your updated itinerary for the 8 Days Cairo, Alexandria, Luxor, and Aswan Christmas Tours to ensure all optional tours in Cairo or elsewhere are included.

Welcome Drink.

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

Enjoy a delicious breakfast at your hotel before embarking on an exciting day of Cairo tours. Your knowledgeable English-speaking tour guide will meet you in the hotel lobby and accompany you to the Giza Necropolis to explore the awe-inspiring Giza Pyramids, monumental structures built over 4,500 years ago during Egypt's Old Kingdom, specifically in the 4th dynasty.

Marvel at the Great Pyramid of Cheops, standing 146 meters tall and composed of 2.3 million limestone blocks, a testament to the advanced engineering skills of ancient Egyptians. From a panoramic viewpoint, admire the pyramids of Chephren and Mycerinus, with the option to enjoy a camel ride for a unique perspective and great photo opportunities.

Next, visit the pyramid complex of King Chephren, exploring the Valley Temple and encountering the Great Sphinx, guardian of the necropolis for centuries until its excavation in 1889.

Transitioning to Cairo's downtown area, begin your tour at Tahrir Square with a visit to the Egyptian Museum, a two-story building housing artifacts from the Pharaonic era. Highlights include the renowned golden collection of King Tutankhamun and the funerary artifacts of Yuya and Tuya, grandparents of King Akhenaten.

After lunch at a quality restaurant, continue your exploration with a visit to Old Cairo for a Coptic Cairo tour. Visit the Hanging Church, dating back to the 7th century, adorned with ancient icons depicting early Christian history in Egypt. Explore the Cavern Church of Abu Serga, honoring Christian martyrs, and the Ben Ezra Synagogue, originally a Christian church and now one of Egypt's few Jewish synagogues.

Conclude your day at the bustling Khan El Khalili market, a vibrant hub reminiscent of Moroccan souks, where you can immerse yourself in local culture and shop for colorful goods in historic alleys dating back 800 years. Don't miss the opportunity to visit monuments along Al Moez Street and enjoy traditional mint tea at El Fishawy cafe.

Return to your hotel for overnight accommodation, resting up for tomorrow's excursion to Alexandria from Cairo.

Meals Included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 3: Alexandria Tour from Cairo

After breakfast, you'll meet your knowledgeable English-speaking Egyptologist to commence your day trip from Cairo to Alexandria as part of our Egypt Christmas Tours. Travel to Alexandria in comfortable air-conditioned vehicles, with the journey taking approximately 3 hours, including a brief stop.

Upon arrival in Alexandria, known as the "Bride of the Mediterranean," named after its founder, Alexander the Great who ruled Egypt in 332 B.C., your tour begins at the notable Pompey's Pillar. This pillar was erected in 297 A.D. to commemorate the victory of Roman Emperor Diocletian.

Next, visit the Catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa, discovered at the turn of the 20th century, which represent one of the largest Roman burial sites. Following this, drive along the seaside to reach the Citadel of Qaitbay, constructed on the site of the ancient Pharos Lighthouse of Alexandria, offering stunning views over the Eastern Port.

Explore the ancient Modern Library of Alexandria, once the largest in the world, founded in the early 3rd century B.C. by Ptolemy I, a significant center of scientific research in antiquity.

Enjoy a delicious seafood lunch at a fine restaurant overlooking the harbor. Finally, return to your hotel in Cairo.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 04: Fly to Aswan, Aswan Nile Cruise Tours

You will be transported to Cairo International Airport for your flight to Aswan. Upon arrival at Aswan airport, your tour guide will meet you and escort you to embark on your 5-star Nile cruise boat before lunch. Begin your Aswan day tours by visiting the Aswan High Dam, a monumental project completed in the 1960s to prevent devastating floods in Egypt. Next, explore the magnificent Philae Temple dedicated to Goddess Isis, situated on an island in the Nile. Then, continue to the granite quarries where ancient pharaohs extracted stone blocks used in constructing Egypt's grand pyramids and temples during the New Kingdom era. Return to the Nile cruise to sail towards Kom Ombo, enjoying onboard entertainment such as a Nubian folkloric show, with dinner served onboard and overnight accommodation.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 05: Kom Ombo Temple

Enjoy your breakfast before meeting your guide for a unique excursion to Kom Ombo, where you'll visit the impressive Temple of Kom Ombo dedicated to the crocodile god, Sobek. Ancient Egyptians

revered Sobek for his strength, and he was intricately linked to creation myths. After your visit, the Nile Cruise will sail to Edfu, with lunch and dinner served onboard, followed by an overnight stay at Edfu.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6: Edfu Temple, Sail to Edfu

Enjoy breakfast served on the Nile Cruise boat, followed by a guided tour with your licensed Egyptologist to the Temple of Edfu. This temple showcases remarkable Ptolemaic architecture dedicated to Horus, the deity symbolizing protection and the sky. After exploring the temple, return to the Nile Cruise ship and continue sailing towards Luxor, the final destination on your Egypt Nile Cruise tour. Lunch will be provided onboard, along with afternoon tea.

In the evening, indulge in a delicious dinner onboard the ship, followed by a delightful traditional Galabya party.

Stay overnight in Luxor.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7: Luxor Sightseeing Tours - Fly to Cairo

On the final day of your Egypt tour, enjoy breakfast aboard the cruise ship before disembarking for Luxor day tours. Begin with a visit to Luxor's west bank, starting at the Valley of the Kings, where pharaohs from the 18th to the 20th dynasties were entombed. Next, see the impressive Colossi of Memnon, statues of King Amenhotep III, and Queen Hatshepsut's Temple, known as El Deir El Bahari.

Continue to the Karnak Temple complex, a pivotal religious center during Egypt's New Kingdom, and the enchanting Luxor Temple, linked to Karnak Temple via the Avenue of Sphinxes.

Transfer to Luxor airport for your flight back to Cairo. Upon arrival, a Cairo Top Tours representative will meet you at the airport and assist with hotel check-in for an overnight stay.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 8: Final Departure

Indulge in a hearty buffet breakfast at the hotel before meeting your driver and tour manager for transfer to Cairo International Airport for your departure. We trust you had a wonderful Christmas tour exploring Cairo, Alexandria, Aswan, and Luxor.

Meal Included: Breakfast