

### **Best Cairo and The Red Sea Xmas Tour**

**Price Starting From: \$550** 

5 Days/ 4 Nights Egypt Cairo, El Ain Sokhna Every day

The Cairo and Red Sea Christmas Tour is the ideal way to explore our Egypt tours in Cairo and Sokhna, two fantastic cities brimming with sights and activities. This travel package promises both fun and adventure, along with a deep dive into Egypt's rich history and culture. It's a perfect escape from your holiday festivities!

You'll visit some of Cairo's most iconic landmarks, including the Giza Pyramids and the Great Sphinx, as part of your enchanting Christmas tour, which also includes a visit to the Ancient Egyptian Antiquities Museum. Here, you'll see an extensive collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts from various periods of history.

Cairo and Sokhna During Christmas

During the Egyptian Museum tour, you'll encounter treasures related to the Pharaohs Amenhotep IV, Seti I, Tutankhamun, and the powerful Queen Hatshepsut. Following your time in Cairo, you'll travel to Ain El Sokhna, a beautiful resort city overlooking the Red Sea and just a 90-minute drive from Cairo. Here, you can unwind on sandy beaches and enjoy the tranquil blue waters, rounding off your Cairo and Red Sea Christmas Tour in style.

## Overview Inclusion

- Meet and assist services provided upon arrival and departure by Cairo Top Tours.
- Transportation in private air-conditioned vehicles.
- All sightseeing tours as detailed in the itinerary.
- A certified tour guide to accompany you on your Cairo day trips.
- Lunch meals as specified in the Cairo and Red Sea Christmas Tours itinerary.
- Accommodation for 3 nights at the Cairo Pyramids Hotel, including breakfast.
- Accommodation for 1 night at an El Ain Sokhna resort on a full board basis.
- Shopping tours in Cairo.
- All taxes and service charges included.

#### **Exclusion**

- International airfare.
- Any additional costs not specified in the Egypt day tours itinerary.
- Tips and gratuities are not included in the price of the Cairo and Sokhna Christmas tour.

# Day 1: Arrive Cairo, Optional Sound and Light Show in Giza Pyramids

We'll meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel in a private air-conditioned vehicle. Upon arrival, we will review the Cairo and Red Sea Christmas Tours itinerary to ensure that all your Egypt classic tours are on track and to discuss any additional sights you'd like to include in your Egypt Christmas Tours.

If time allows, we offer an optional Sound and Light Show at the Giza Pyramids. This show will provide a deeper insight into Egypt's history and set the stage for your tour of the Giza Pyramids tomorrow.

Welcome Drink

#### Day 2: Giza Pyramids, Saqqara, Memphis

After enjoying your first buffet breakfast at the hotel, you will be met by your certified tour guide to begin your private Cairo tours, starting with a visit to the Giza Pyramids area. Your tour of the Giza Pyramids will immerse you in the ancient Egyptian era, with your guide addressing all your questions as you stand close to the Great Pyramid of King Cheops, a 146-meter-high structure built during the Old Kingdom, specifically the Fourth Dynasty, by one of ancient Egypt's most renowned kings.

King Cheops (Khufu) was the son of Snefru, who commissioned four impressive pyramids, and the father of Chephren, who constructed the middle pyramid at Giza, which still retains its outer casing at the top. Cheops was also the grandfather of Mycerinus, who built the smallest pyramid of the three, yet one of great significance. From the plateau, you can admire these pyramids and even opt for a camel ride to fully appreciate the grandeur of this historic site.

Next, visit the Valley Temple of King Chephren, where his body was mummified for preservation in the afterlife, and see the Great Sphinx, a symbol of power and wisdom, carved in the shape of a lion with a human head.

Continue to the Saqqara necropolis, which is 200 years older than Giza and houses the Step Pyramid complex of King Djoser from the Third Dynasty, as well as the Pyramid of King Teti from the Sixth Dynasty. Explore one of the noble tombs, such as the Tomb of Kagemni, the vizier of Justice, who was married to King Teti's daughter.

Proceed to Mit Rahina, the site of Egypt's ancient capital, now an open-air museum showcasing artifacts from various periods of ancient Egyptian history, including the Old, Middle, and New Kingdoms. Admire the alabaster sphinx of Memphis, the second-largest sphinx in Egypt, and the colossal statue of Ramses II, one of the most significant kings of the 18th Dynasty.

Enjoy lunch on the way back to the hotel, where you'll spend the night in Cairo.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### Day 3: Islamic Cairo, Coptic Cairo, Egyptian Museum

After enjoying your breakfast at the hotel, your tour guide will accompany you for an exciting Cairo city tour, starting with Islamic Cairo. Your first stop will be the Cairo Citadel.

You'll explore the medieval fortification of Cairo, the Saladin Citadel, built in the 12th century by Sultan Saladin to protect the city from potential threats. Saladin initially hired mercenaries for the Egyptian army, who soon gained significant power and support. They ruled until Mohamed Ali Pasha eliminated them in the well-known Citadel Massacre.

Within the Citadel, you'll visit the impressive Alabaster Mosque of Mohamed Ali, one of Cairo's highest points, offering views of the Giza Pyramids on clear days.

Next, move on to Old Cairo for a Coptic Cairo tour. Discover some of the earliest Christian churches, including the Church of Abu Serga, built above the crypt where the Holy Family sought refuge during their flight from King Herod. You'll also visit the Hanging Church, which stands above two towers of the ancient Roman fortress of Babylon. Finish your Coptic Cairo tour with a visit to the Ben Ezra Synagogue, one of the oldest Jewish synagogues in the Middle East.

Enjoy a gourmet lunch before heading to the Khan El Khalili market in the Al Hussein area of downtown Cairo. Named after Al Hussein, the grandson of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), this area features historic mosques from the 9th century and mausoleums of the Prophet's companions and family members. Wander through Cairo's narrow alleys, enjoy a mint tea, and then return to your hotel for the night.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### Day 4: Red Sea El Ain Sokhna Overnight from Cairo

After checking out from the hotel, we will head to the Red Sea resort at Ain Sokhna, a 90-minute drive away. Once there, you can relax on the beach or swim in the pool. Enjoy a buffet lunch served from 3:00 PM and dinner before the evening show.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 5: Porto Sokhna Cable Car Tour Up the Mountain

After checking out of your hotel following breakfast, embark on your adventure. We'll drive for about 30 minutes to the renowned Porto Sokhna resort, where you'll take the Cable Car (Teleferik) up Galala Mountain. Enjoy a delicious seafood lunch at a stylish restaurant with views overlooking both the Red Sea and the mountains. Explore the resort's mall and capture stunning seaside photos before returning to Cairo. Inform the driver of your preferred drop-off location in Cairo.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

End of Service