

# Cairo, Oases and Nile Cruise Trip Package

**Price Starting From : \$1410**

13 Days /12 Nights

Egypt

Cairo, Oases, Luxor, Aswan

## Discover Cairo, Oases, and Nile Cruises

Experience Egypt in all its glory, starting with the breathtaking Nile as it winds through the Nile Valley. As you explore Luxor's east and west banks, you'll be captivated by its rich history. While many head straight to the iconic Great Pyramid of Khufu, true adventurers and explorers can embark on one of our budget-friendly Egypt tours, uncovering hidden gems along the way.

## Egypt Desert Adventures

You're among the fortunate few with the chance to delve into Egypt's most remarkable monuments and attractions. Explore Cairo's must-see sites, including the majestic Giza Pyramids, the fascinating Egyptian Museum, and the sacred Coptic Cairo, where it's believed the Holy Family sought refuge. For those seeking both adventure and historical insights, our Egypt Desert Safari Tours offer unforgettable experiences in Dakhla, Farafra, and Kharga Oases.

## Unforgettable Egypt Travel Packages

Our Egypt travel packages are designed to give you a unique journey through the country's most iconic landmarks. Begin with the wonders of Cairo, then venture into the oases and the mesmerizing Egyptian deserts. With our safari tours, you'll explore the magical allure of the Western Desert and Egyptian Oases, where stargazing by a campfire is a highlight. Dive into the attractions of Egypt Day Tours for an experience like no other.

## [Overview](#)

### [Inclusion](#)

- **Airport Meet and Greet:** Welcomed by our tour leaders at the airports.
- **Assistance Throughout:** Representatives from Cairo Top Tours offer support during all Egypt tour packages.
- **Exclusive Transfers:** All transport is arranged with private, air-conditioned vehicles.
- **Cairo Accommodation:** Stay 3 nights at the Cairo Pyramids Hotel with bed and breakfast.
- **Bahariya Stay:** 1 night's accommodation in Bahariya on a half-board basis.
- **Camping in the White Desert:** Enjoy 1 night under the stars in the White Desert, with all meals included.
- **Dakhla Oasis Lodging:** 1 night in Dakhla Oasis, with breakfast and dinner provided.
- **Kharga Oasis Camping:** Camp for 1 night in Kharga Oasis, with three meals a day.
- **Overnight Train:** 1 night aboard a sleeper train, with half-board service.
- **Luxury Nile Cruise:** Spend 4 nights on a 5-star Nile cruise (Steigenberger MS Minerva or equivalent), on a full-board basis.
- **Camping Equipment:** All camping gear needed for the White Desert is included.
- **Entry Fees:** Access to all listed sites and attractions is covered.
- **4x4 Transfers:** Transfers within the oases are carried out by 4x4 jeeps.
- **Guided Excursions:** Private guides lead all excursions in Egypt.

- **Snack Stops:** Snack breaks are available upon request.
- **Included Meals:** All meals mentioned in the itinerary are included.
- **Shopping in Cairo:** Participate in shopping tours in Cairo.
- **Beverages:** Bottled water and soft drinks are available during all tours.
- **Comprehensive Cover:** All service charges and taxes are included.

### Exclusion

- International flight tickets are not part of the package.
- The entry visa for Egypt is not included.
- Drinks during meals are not provided.
- Gratuities are not included in the Desert Adventure Safari Egypt tours.
- The tour price does not cover peak periods such as Christmas, New Year, or Easter in Egypt.

### Itinerary

## Day 1 : Arrive Cairo - Start your Cairo, Oases and Nile Cruise Trip Package

Greetings, and welcome to the enchanting land of Egypt! Upon your arrival at Cairo International Airport, you will be warmly welcomed by a tour manager from Cairo Top Tours. They will be eagerly awaiting your flight and will transfer you to your hotel in a luxurious private vehicle.

Once at the hotel, the representative will assist you with your check-in process and confirm the pickup times for your upcoming Desert Safari tours in Egypt. This ensures a seamless and hassle-free start to your adventure.

To make you feel at home, the hotel will serve you a refreshing welcome drink, setting the tone for the wonderful experiences that lie ahead. This gesture of hospitality is a reflection of the warm Egyptian spirit that will embrace you throughout your journey.

With the formalities taken care of and the stage set, you can now relax and look forward to delving into the rich history, vibrant culture, and breathtaking natural wonders that Egypt has to offer. Your adventure is about to begin, and the Cairo Top Tours team is here to ensure that your experience is nothing short of extraordinary.

## Day 2: Giza Pyramids - Cairo Sightseeing Trip

After a delightful breakfast, you will be escorted to the Giza Plateau, home to the iconic landmarks of ancient Egypt. You will have the opportunity to marvel at the Great Pyramid of King Cheops, the Pyramid of Chephren, and the Pyramid of Mycerinus, all of which were constructed during the fourth dynasty between 2589 and 2504 B.C. Your licensed Egyptologist will provide you with fascinating information about the engineering marvels and the purpose behind these colossal structures.

You will then be brought to a vantage point on the high plateau, where you can take in the breathtaking panoramic view of the entire necropolis. Additionally, you may have the chance to enjoy an optional camel

ride, allowing you to experience the Giza Pyramids from a unique perspective.

Next, you will visit the renowned Sphinx, a mythical creature with the head of a human and the body of a lion, symbolizing strength and wisdom. You will also explore the Valley Temple, which was used for the purification of the king's mummy before burial, typically that of King Chephren.

Continuing your cultural immersion, you will explore the Egyptian Museum, one of the largest and most famous museums in the world, located in the heart of Cairo. Here, you will have the opportunity to marvel at the captivating artefacts and the stunning gold treasures of the young pharaoh, Tutankhamun.

In the afternoon, you will venture to the historic Coptic Cairo, where you will visit the Roman fortress of Babylon, the Hanging Church, the Church of St. Sergius and Bacchus, and the Ben Ezra Synagogue, one of the oldest historical sites revered by the Egyptian Jewish community.

Finally, you will be transported to the vibrant Islamic Cairo, where you will explore the renowned Khan El Khalili Bazaar, a bustling market that has been a significant part of Cairo's heritage for centuries.

After a day filled with immersive cultural experiences, you will be returned to your hotel for an overnight stay in Cairo.

### **Day 3: Cairo - Bahariya Oasis Tour**

Check out from your Cairo hotel at 6:00 AM after breakfast, where you'll meet your expert guide to begin your Egypt Desert Safari journey. You'll travel in comfort by deluxe vehicle to the Bahariya Oasis, a drive of about four hours from Cairo. Upon arrival, your first stop will be the Museum of Golden Mummies, where you'll witness mummies adorned in gold. Next, you'll explore the Tombs of the Nobles, dating back to the 26th Dynasty, and visit the Temple of Alexander the Great. This temple features depictions of Alexander offering gifts to the god Amun-Re, a revered deity worshipped in Bahariya during the Greco-Roman period. The temple is believed to commemorate Alexander's journey through the Bahariya Oasis on his way to the Temple of the Oracle in Siwa Oasis.

You'll also visit the Temple of Meftella, located near Al-Qasr village, close to a spring that shares its name. Afterwards, enjoy a traditional Bedouin lunch in a Bedouin house, followed by some relaxation at your hotel's pool. Later in the day, you'll take a 4WD Jeep ride to ascend the Black Mountain, where you'll explore the ruins at the summit, known as the "English House," and take in a breathtaking panoramic view of Bahariya Oasis at sunset. Your day ends with an overnight stay in Bahariya.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

### **Day 4: White and Black Deserts Trip**

After enjoying breakfast, head out to explore the salt lake and the surrounding dunes, taking in the lush palm trees and fruit orchards. Next, journey to the White Desert, located 170 km south of Bahariya. This stunning area is renowned for its vast white landscape, stretching across 3,010 square kilometres. The desert is distinguished by its large chalk formations and unique rock structures sculpted by ancient sandstorms.

As you travel, you'll pass through the Black Desert, known for its volcanic hills and darkened rocks, and the Valley of El Haize, which offers a refreshing breeze in Bahariya's southernmost village. Stop at Crystal

Mountain to admire its striking quartz crystals. This area, situated in Farafra Oasis, features impressive crystal formations and provides breathtaking views.

Continue to the Valley of Agabat, a realm of extraordinary beauty characterized by its surreal rock formations. Set up camp in the White Desert to marvel at the white limestone shapes, including formations resembling rabbits and mushrooms. End the day with a traditional Bedouin-style dinner under the stars.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

## Day 5: Farafra Oasis - Dakhla Oasis Tour

Embark on another captivating day in the desert after breakfast at your camp. You'll journey to Farafra Oasis, a historic location mentioned in ancient Egyptian texts, situated approximately 170 km south of Bahariya, 360 km southwest of Marsa Matrouh, and 627 km from Cairo. Enjoy a relaxing dip in the hot springs of Bir Setah and explore the unique mud brick museum of local artist Badr, showcasing modern art.

Proceed to the old town of Al Qasr in Dakhla Oasis, an ancient archaeological site that served as a key transit point in antiquity. After a 3-hour drive from Farafra to Dakhla, visit the Roman Temple of Deir El Hagar. This small sandstone temple, dating back to Emperor Nero's reign, features inscriptions and carvings dedicated to gods like Amun, Mut, and Khonsu.

Explore the Roman burial site of Muzzawaqa, known for its beautifully carved rock-cut tombs. Following lunch, delve into the old Islamic village of Al Qasr, where ancient Roman ruins have been transformed into a charming town with narrow, covered streets, traditional houses, an old oil press, a wheat grinder, and a 12th-century mosque.

In the afternoon, unwind by the pool before venturing into Dakhla's stunning landscape. Enjoy the clear blue skies and golden dunes, and savour a Bedouin tea as you watch the sunset over the Great Sand Sea. Spend the night at a desert lodge perched on a cliff, offering views of the lush village nestled among the dunes and the beautiful pink-hued mountains of Dakhla Oasis.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

## Day 6: Kharga Oasis Trip

Continue your desert adventure with a journey to Kharga Oasis, the largest of Egypt's oases and the capital of the New Valley Governorate, located 232 km south of Assiut. After enjoying your breakfast, you'll explore the area's rich history and attractions.

First, visit Qasr El Labkha, an ancient Roman fortress from the 5th century AD. Then head to the Kharga Museum, where you'll find artifacts from the Pharaonic, Ptolemaic, Roman, and Christian periods. Proceed to the Roman Temple of Hibis & Nadora, built during the reign of Emperor Antoninus Pius or Hadrian, located about 1 km north of Kharga. This temple is notable for its representation of various historical periods including Pharaonic, Persian, Ptolemaic, and Roman.

Next, explore Bagawat, an ancient cemetery known for its chapels adorned with biblical frescoes from the Old Testament, which have remarkably preserved their vibrant colours.

After a delicious lunch, travel to Baris Oasis, which dates back to 5000 BC and was dedicated to the Greek god Serapis. Visit the Temple of Dush, a Roman settlement that once served as a vital city along the trade route. Explore the remains of residential areas, the fortress dedicated to Isis and Serapis, and other features of this ancient settlement.

Conclude your day with an overnight camping experience amidst the golden dunes of Kharga Oasis.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

## **Day 7: Luxor - East Bank Tours**

After soaking in the beauty of Egypt's oases, it's time to delve into the rich history of Luxor!

You'll leave the desert behind and travel to Luxor, a 6-hour journey south of Cairo, approximately 670 km. Upon arrival, you'll board the luxurious 5-star Steigenberger MS Minerva Nile cruise. Check in, enjoy a delightful lunch, and then embark on your exploration of Luxor's East Bank.

Your first stop is the Karnak Temple Complex, a vast collection of temples, grand pillars, and ancient structures located just 3 km from Luxor. Known for its massive scale, Karnak is the largest religious structure ever constructed and served as the primary centre of worship for the deities Amun, Mut, and Khonsu. Continue your visit to the Temple of Luxor, renowned for its sandstone construction from Gebel el-Silsila, showcasing some of Egypt's most impressive architectural achievements.

Return to your cruise for dinner and an evening of entertainment, including a captivating music show, before spending the night onboard.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

## **Day 8: Luxor West Bank Trip**

Following breakfast on your Nile cruise, your guide will accompany you to Luxor's West Bank to explore the remarkable Colossi of Memnon, the grand statues of Amenhotep III. Next, you will visit the Valley of the Kings, located across the Nile from Luxor in the ancient city of Thebes. This renowned burial site is divided into eastern and western valleys and is famed for its elaborate rock-cut tombs of the Pharaohs.

Here, you can view the tombs of significant rulers, including the illustrious King Tutankhamun, who ruled Egypt until his untimely death at 19 (with an additional fee for this visit), and the formidable Ramses II, known for his epic Battle of Kadesh. The tombs are richly adorned with intricate paintings and filled with artefacts intended for the Pharaohs' afterlife.

Your tour will then continue to the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, also known as El Deir El Bahary, dedicated to this prominent female ruler.

After lunch onboard, you will set sail towards Edfu, where you'll enjoy a leisurely dinner and spend the night aboard the Nile cruise.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

## Day 9: Edfu and Kom Ombo Temples Trip

Start your day with breakfast on the Nile Cruise as you arrive in Edfu. This vibrant city, located south of Luxor in the Aswan Governorate, is home to the Temple of Edfu. This well-preserved Ptolemaic temple, dedicated to the falcon-headed deity Horus, is the second-largest temple in Egypt.

After you visit Edfu, return to the cruise ship and set sail towards Kom Ombo. Here, you'll explore the unique Kom Ombo Temple, a Graeco-Roman structure dedicated to Sobek, the crocodile god. Enjoy lunch on board as you continue your journey.

Your evening will include a delightful dinner served aboard the luxurious Nile Cruise, with the boat making its way to Aswan for the night.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

## Day 10: Aswan Sightseeing Trip

After breakfast, join your guide for an exciting day of exploration in Aswan. Begin with a visit to the remarkable High Dam, situated at the northern edge of Egypt, which stands as a major feat of engineering and a key project in Egypt's modern history.

Next, head to the Philae Temple, dedicated to the goddess Isis and located on an island. A motorboat will take you to this beautifully preserved temple, offering insights into one of Egypt's most significant religious sites.

Finally, visit the Unfinished Obelisk in the Aswan granite quarries. This colossal piece, intended to be one of the largest obelisks ever erected, provides fascinating insights into ancient stone-carving techniques.

Conclude your day with dinner and enjoy your final night on board the luxurious Nile Cruise.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

## Day 11: Disembarkation / Return to Cairo

After breakfast, disembark from the Nile Cruise and enjoy some leisure time in Aswan. Alternatively, you can opt for an optional excursion to the Abu Simbel Temples, dedicated to Ramses II and his queen Nefertari. This remarkable journey by land from Aswan will offer you a glimpse into these grand monuments.

Later, you will be transferred to Aswan train station for your overnight journey back to Cairo aboard a sleeper train. Enjoy dinner and rest comfortably during your train ride.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

## **Day 12 : Back to Cairo tour**

As the train makes its way towards the Giza station, you'll be able to enjoy a delightful breakfast aboard, ensuring you start your day feeling nourished and energized. Upon arrival at the station, you'll be warmly greeted and assisted by our representative, who will accompany you to your hotel in Cairo.

If possible, an early check-in will be arranged, allowing you to settle in and refresh before embarking on the next stage of your journey. This seamless transition will help you move from the tranquillity of the Nile cruise to the vibrant and bustling city of Cairo.

With your breakfast savoured and the logistics taken care of, you can now look forward to an overnight stay in Cairo. This will provide you with the opportunity to rest and recharge before exploring the city's renowned historical sites and attractions. This final leg of your Egyptian adventure sets the stage for what promises to be an unforgettable experience in the heart of this captivating country

## **Day 13: Final Departure**

Before heading to the airport, enjoy a final breakfast in Cairo. Our tour leader will then assist with your transfer to Cairo International Airport, ensuring a smooth departure.

Meals: Breakfast.