

# Cairo, Nile Cruise and the Oasis Trip

#### Price Starting From : \$1410

13 Days / 12 Nights Egypt Cairo

Delve into the wonders of Egypt with our all-inclusive Cairo, Nile Cruise, and Oasis Tour, carefully crafted as part of our Egypt Travel Packages. Experience an extraordinary Egyptian adventure, where you'll discover iconic landmarks and serene landscapes such as Bahariya Oasis, Cairo, Aswan, and Luxor, each steeped in rich history.

This comprehensive journey invites you to explore the legendary Giza Pyramids and the majestic Sphinx, offering a profound exploration of Cairo's Egyptian Museum. Witness the awe-inspiring architecture of ancient Egyptian pharaohs, showcasing their remarkable achievements during a time when other civilizations were just emerging.

Embark on a captivating Nile Cruise, sailing through historic waters to unravel the tales of Luxor and Aswan. Discover the Temple of El Deir El Bahary, the Colossi of Memnon, and more. Beyond the Nile, venture into the unique landscapes of the White Desert and the Black Desert, alongside significant oases like Bahariya Oasis, Dakhla Oasis, Farafra, and Kharga.

#### <u>Overview</u>

#### Inclusion

- Cairo Top Tours representatives will be available at airports and hotels for assistance.
- All entrance tickets for tours throughout Egypt are included.
- Stay at Cairo Pyramids Hotel for 3 nights with breakfast provided.
- Accommodation in Bahariya Oasis for 1 night with half board.
- Enjoy 1 night of full board camping in the White Desert, complete with all necessary camping gear.
- Stay 1 night in Dakhla Oasis with dinner and breakfast.
- Camping for 1 night in Kharga Oasis with full board.
- 4 nights aboard an Egypt Nile River Cruise with all meals included.
- 1 night on a sleeping train from Aswan to Cairo with half board.
- Includes essential camping equipment like sleeping bags, camel blankets, and well-ventilated tents.
- Private transportation in air-conditioned vehicles for all Egypt Tours Packages.
- Jeep 4-wheel drive transportation within the oases.
- Private guided tours in Cairo, the oases, and during the Nile Cruise.
- Bottled water and soft drinks are provided during all Egypt Day Tours and Packages.

- English-speaking tour guide provided by Cairo Top Tours.
- Meals included in hotels, Nile cruise, and the oases as outlined in the itinerary.
- Snack stops available upon request.
- All taxes and service charges are covered.

#### Exclusion

- You are responsible for arranging your international flight tickets to Egypt.
- Visa fees for entry into Egypt are not included.
- Beverages during meals are not provided as part of your package.
- Tipping is not covered in the prices of your Cairo, Nile Cruise, and Oasis Tour.
- Prices may vary during peak seasons such as Egypt Christmas tours and Egypt Easter tours.

#### **Itinerary**

## Day 1: Arrive to Cairo Airport

Welcome to Cairo, Egypt

Cairo Top Tours tour leader will be expecting you upon arrival at the <u>Cairo International</u> <u>Airport</u> luggage belt, and he will be holding a signboard bearing your name and the company's logo. Then you will be transferred by your personal driver and a private air-conditioned vehicle to your hotel in Cairo.

At the hotel, your tour leader will assist you in check-in as soon as possible and revise your Egypt tour itinerary with you to ensure the pick-up times for each day of your Egypt Day Tours.

Spend the night in <u>Cairo</u>.

Welcome Drink will be served for you!

### Day 2 : Pyramids and the highlights of Cairo Tour

Take your nice breakfast at your hotel in the early morning, then get ready to be accompanied by your Egyptologist guide to the Giza Plateau and enjoy the tour of the <u>Giza Pyramids</u> of Cheops of the fourth dynasty, built over 4500 years ago by the hands of 100,000 men and it is considered the largest between the 3 Pyramids of Giza. Behind it, you will see the pyramids of his son Chephren and the third pyramid of King Mycerinus, The Great Sphinx made by king Chephren to be the guardian of the necropolis, and the only (almost intact) surviving Valley Temple which is part of Chephren's pyramid complex in Giza at the end of your Giza pyramids tour.

You will go to the oldest part in Cairo to enjoy an amazing Coptic Cairo tour and visit The Hanging Church, which was built above the ruins of the old Fortress of Babylon, the church of St Sergius or Abu Serga church, in addition to Ben Ezra Synagogue, which was a Coptic church before it was converted into a Jewish synagogue in 882 A.D.

Take a rest while having your lunch served in an oriental restaurant. After that, we will resume Cairo day tours to The Egyptian Museum, which was opened in 1902 as the first antiquities museum in Cairo. The museum houses artifacts from all periods in the history of Egypt between great statues and huge sarcophagi to the tiniest accessories used by ancient Egyptians.

Finally, you will be taken to the oldest bazaar in Cairo for an unusual Cairo shopping tour experience in the market of Khan El Khalili which is one of the most visited sites during the Islamic Cairo trips.

You will be transferred back to the hotel and overnight in Cairo.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch

# Day 3: Cairo to Bahariya Oasis

Around 06:00 AM, take your breakfast and check out to start your Egypt Desert Safari Trips, you will meet the <u>Cairo Top Tours</u> Egyptologist guide to accompany you by a modern air-conditioned vehicle to Bahariya Oasis about 4 hours drive from Cairo. Upon arrival, visit <u>the valley of Golden Mummies</u>, the Tombs of the Nobles or regional rulers of the oasis in ancient times, the temple of Alexander The Great who built the beautiful city of Alexandria, and the Temple of Muftella dedicated to God Bis one of the famous gods of ancient Egypt to be worshipped in the desert places as the god of entertainment and pleasure.

Delicious lunch meals will be served in a Bedouin-style restaurant, after that we will go to the hotel to check in and spend the afternoon freely.

You will start ascending the black mountain by a 4-wheel drive before the sunset to see the ruins on top of the mountain, "the English House" enjoying the picturesque view of Bahariya Oasis during sunset.

Overnight in Bahariya.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

# Day 4: White & Black Desert Trip

Start your day with breakfast, then head to the incredible Salt Lake for stunning views and photo opportunities. Explore the golden dunes and learn to climb palm trees like the locals to pick fresh seasonal fruit while strolling through the lovely gardens.

Next, set off on an adventure to the <u>White Desert</u>. First, visit the Black Desert, a region with volcanoshaped mountains covered in volcanic rocks, and then explore the Valley of El Haize south of Bawiti and Bahariya. Stop to admire the quartz at Crystal Mountain and spend some time in the picturesque Valley of Agabat.

Camp overnight in the White Desert, surrounded by magnificent white limestone and chalk formations, and enjoy a Bedouin dinner under the moon and stars.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

### Day 5: Farafra & Dakhla Oases Tour

Have your daily breakfast made by the locals and the popular morning tea-mint. Then, we will head to

the oasis of Farafra, in Farafra you can enjoy the sulfur hot water spring of Bir Setah or (Setah Well), and you will also visit the local artist Badr's unique mud brick museum.

Visit the old town of Al Qasr and drive from Farafa to Dakhla for about 3 hours to visit the Roman Temple of Deir El Hagar in the middle of the desert and half-buried by the dunes. The temple dates back to the 26th dynasty and was built by the legendary Roman Emperors. Visit some of Egypt's most beautiful rock-cut tombs at the Roman burial ground of El Muzawwaqqa.

After taking your lunch, visit the old Islamic Village of <u>Al Qasr</u> dates back to the twelfth century A.D, to see the ancient houses organized in very interesting narrow alleys, the old oil press, the old wheat grinder, the old court, the medieval prison as well as an old school and an Ayyubid mosque.

Spend the afternoon relaxing by the pool-like hot spring then visit the verdant Dakhla farms which are full of golden dunes and the clear blue sky above, to enjoy the sunset on the Edge of the Great Sand Sea with a tasty Bedouin tea.

Spend the night in Dakhla at Desert Lodge Hotel on top of the cliff seeing the green village and the beautiful rose mountains that <u>Dakhla Oasis</u> is famous for.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 6 : Kharga Oasis

Today, you will visit <u>Kharga Oasis</u>. Enjoy your breakfast and get prepared to begin your tour at <u>Dakhla</u> <u>Oasis</u> by visiting Qasr El Labkha, a Roman fortress on the old caravan route the famous 40 days road attaching Egypt with Sudan (DARB EL ARBEIN), and the Kharga Museum. After that, visit the Roman Temple of Hibis and Nadura from outside as well as Bagawat the oldest Christian cemetery all over the world with its chapels painted with biblical murals from the Old Testament still preserving their colors.

We will head to Baris Oasis, the smallest and the cutest of <u>the Western Desert Oases</u>. Visit the Temple of Dush standing in the middle of an entire flourishing settlement guarding the forty days road when it was functioning you still can see most of the details of this Roman settlement like the residential area with mud-brick houses, The fortress, the Temple which is devoted to <u>lsis</u> and Serapis.

Enjoy camping in the middle of the golden sand dunes in Kharga.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

# Day 7: Kharga \ Luxor ( East Bank )

Enjoy your breakfast in the middle of the golden dunes, then you will be transferred by an airconditioned vehicle to Luxor, about a 6-hour drive. Upon arrival to Luxor embark on your 5 stars Egypt Nile River Cruise.

Your tasty lunch will be served aboard the Nile cruise ship, start <u>Luxor day tours</u> and especially the East Bank of Luxor tour as you will visit Karnak Temple which is one of the biggest man-made temples in the entire world, and the great temple of King Amenhotep III, the popular Luxor temple that was built by many kings of ancient Egypt. Enjoy your tasty dinner, and overnight in Luxor.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 8:Luxor West Bank

Aboard the Nile River cruise, you will enjoy your savory breakfast viewing the Nile River to continue your Egypt Travel Packages. Begin the west bank of Luxor tour to the two colossal statues of Amenhotep III renowned as the Colossi of Memnon, and then visit the <u>Valley of the Kings</u>, the burial ground of 62 pharaohs of the New Kingdom including the famous king Tutankhamen and legendary King Ramses II, the tombs were cut from the mountain, decorated with fascinating paintings and filled in with treasures the Pharaohs were planning to enjoy in the afterlife.

Make sure you will go to see the Temple of Hatshepsut well-known as the temple of El Deir El Bahary, the first female ruler in the history of Egypt.

Your lunch will be served on board while sailing to Edfu. Enjoy a leisurely dinner aboard the Nile cruise.

Overnight aboard your Nile Cruise.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 9: Edfu and Kom Ombo Temples

Start your day with breakfast aboard the Nile cruise. Visit the well-preserved Edfu Temple, dedicated to Horus, the falcon-headed sky god. Sail to <u>Kom Ombo</u> to explore the unique Temple of Kom Ombo, built in honor of the crocodile god Sobek. Enjoy lunch on board as you continue sailing to Aswan.

In the evening, have dinner and stay overnight on the Nile cruise.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.

#### Day 10: Aswan Sightseeing Tour

Start your day with a delightful breakfast on the Nile cruise. Begin your Aswan tour with a visit to the renowned <u>High Dam</u>, an engineering feat and a pivotal project in modern Egypt. Next, take a scenic motorboat ride to the Temple of Philae, dedicated to Goddess Isis, beautifully situated on an island. Please continue to the granite quarries to see the Unfinished Obelisk, the largest known obelisk, where ancient kings sourced their stone blocks.

Enjoy dinner on board and spend the night in Aswan.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.

# Day 11: Disembarkation / Back to Cairo

After breakfast, check out from your Nile River Cruise. Enjoy some free time in Aswan or opt for an additional tour to visit <u>Abu Simbel</u> by land. Later, could you transfer to the Aswan railway station for your journey to Cairo on the Sleeping Train? Dinner will be served on the train.

Meals included: Breakfast and dinner.

### Day 12: Arrive in Cairo

Breakfast will be served on the train before arriving at Giza station. A Cairo Top Tours representative will meet you and transfer you to your hotel. Early check-in will be arranged if possible. You may choose to enjoy an optional <u>Cairo day tour</u> or a half-day tour.

Overnight in Cairo.

Meals included: Breakfast.

#### Day 13 : Final Departure

Start your morning with breakfast at your hotel on the final day of your <u>Egypt Classic Tours</u>. Choose from one of our Cairo Day tours to make the most of your last day. Later, our tour leader will accompany you to Cairo International Airport for your departure.

Meal included: Breakfast.