# 13-day Package Cairo, Oasis and Nile Cruise

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# **Duration Tour type Runs**

13 Days

Private

everyday

# **Overview**

This 13-day journey will take you on an unforgettable tour of Egypt travel packages—from the bustling history of Cairo through tranquil oases to the iconic beauty of the Nile. Visit Cairo's ancient wonders: the Pyramids, the Sphinx, and the Egyptian Museum. Take in a tour of desert oases for a peek into the traditional Bedouin life. It culminates in a luxurious Nile cruise that takes you on a tour of most of the famous temples of Luxor, Aswan, and Kom Ombo. The tour then showcases some of the most stunning landscapes that the Nile has to offer. Such is the combination of history, culture, and nature on this Egypt desert safari tour that it forms one of the ideal ways to see the best of Egypt.

# **Itinerary**

Day 1

**Arrive to Cairo** 

Our tour in <u>Best Destination Tours</u> awaits your flight to take you to your hotel by a luxurious private vehicle after meeting you at Cairo International Airport; our representative will assist you in check-in as well as confirm the pick-up times for your Desert Safari tours in Egypt. Overnight in Cairo. Welcome drink at the hotel

#### Day 2

#### **Tour to Cairo**

This will be followed by an escorted visit to the Giza

Plateau, where you will see the Great Pyramid of King Cheops, the

Pyramid of Chephren, and

Mycerinus. These were all constructed during the fourth dynasty between 2589 and 2504 B.C. All of the information provided by your licensed Egyptologist will be given to you in front of the great pyramid so as to know how it was built and what the main purpose for these huge structures is before you are brought up to the high plateau to have a scenery over the whole necropolis. It is now a great possibility to enjoy camel riding in Giza Pyramids-an optional activity that can be easily booked on the spot.

Your next stop will be the famous Sphinx. This great statue, with its head of a man and body of a lion, symbolizes strength and wisdom. So-called because the Valley Temple was used to purify the mummy of the king facing the great statue, it was mostly King Chephren, as quite a number of studies have shown. Your tour will continue to view the artifacts and the treasures of gold of the boy pharaoh Tutankhamun in the Egyptian Museum. One of the largest and most famous international museums, it is located in the heart of the Egyptian capital, Cairo, on the northern side of Tahrir Square.

This will be followed by transportation to enjoy an informative Coptic Cairo tour. Coptic Cairo is located in the Masr Al-Qadima district,

in one of the most important archaeological areas. It lies close to the Amr Ibn Al-Aas Mosque and the Jewish Temple of Ezra and it includes several churches. Start your tour in Old Cairo by the Roman fortress of Babylon. The Hanging Church is an ancient church, being the holy Virgin Mary's Coptic Orthodox Church. You will see also the church of St Sergius and Bacchus or the Cavern Church.

The last site that you are going to see in old Cairo is the Ben Ezra Synagogue, one of the oldest historical sites appreciated by the Egyptian Jews. You are going to have lunch and then be transferred to see Islamic Cairo and khan el khalili bazaar, which is the area in Al-Hussein neighborhood, one of the most important markets very famous during most of the Islamic Cairo trips, and considered Cairo's oldest bazaar.

Back to your hotel and overnight in Cairo. Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

# Day 3

#### Cairo to Bahrya Oasis

Checkout from your Cairo hotel after having your daily breakfast, then you will meet our professional guide to start your Egypt Desert Safari Trips by a deluxe vehicle to the Bahariya Oasis; the road takes about 4 hours from Cairo. You will visit the Museum of Golden Mummies, whose mummies are coated in gold; the Tombs of Nobles and the administrator of Bahariya Oasis during the 26th dynasty; and and the Temple of Alexander the Great. Then comes the Temple of Meftella, which is situated close to the village of Al-Qasr near Bawiti. Have your delicious lunch served by the bedouins in the Bedouin house; before going to your hotel to enjoy some time relaxing by the pool, you'll climb the Black Mountain before sunset by 4WD Jeep to see the ruins on top "the English House" to enjoy the panoramic view

of Bahariya Oasis during sunset. After that, go to enjoy your time at the hotel's pool. In the evening, enjoy dinner. Overnight in Bahariya. Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 4

#### White and Black Desert

Start with breakfast, then visit the salt lake and the sand dunes to enjoy the palm trees and fruit fields. Then we will start our journey to the White Desert. Make a stop at Crystal Mountain to see the quartz crystal. You'll start camping and enjoy the beauty of the white limestone formations in the area, such as the rabbit and mushroom formations. You will then have dinner in the desert, in Bedouin style.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.

## Day 5

#### Farafra Oasis-Dakhla Oasis

Another new wonder day in the desert. You will be transferred after breakfast at your desert camp to Farafra Oasis. You can have a dip in hot water of Bir Setah hot spring, and the local artist Badr's unique mud brick museum is one of modern art museums where you will find modern art artifacts. Then visit the old town of Al Qasr, which lies north of the oasis of "Dakhla" in the heart of the Egyptian desert, and pay a visit to the Roman Temple of Deir El Hagar, which is one of the smallest temples in Egypt. The buildings were for the worship of the gods Amun, Mut, and Khonsu. Then visit some of the most beautiful rock-cut tombs in Egypt on your visit to the Roman burial ground of Muzawaka. Having lunch, then start a visit to the old Islamic village of Al Qasr.

Now, it's time to relax.

In the afternoon, relax by the pool, then visit the lush Dakhla to enjoy

the clear blue sky and golden sand dunes. Watch the sunset on the Edge of the Great Sand Sea while you sip a tasty Bedouin tea. You will spend your night in Dakhla at Desert Lodge atop the cliff with its view to the verdant village embraced by the dunes and the beautiful pink rose mountains that Dakhla Oasis is famous for.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.

## Day 6

#### the Kharga Oasis

Have your breakfast, then drive to the oasis of el Kharga; it is the biggest among the oases to be visited. You will see Qasr El Labkha, an ancient Roman fortress from the 5th century AD, and the Kharga Museum, which houses displays of the Pharaonic, Ptolemaic, Roman, and Christian eras. Then, you will be transferred to see the Roman Temple of Hibis & Nadora, which was founded during the reign of the Roman Emperor Antoninus Pius or Hadrian. The Temple of Hibis is about 1 km north of the city of Kharga. It has remarkable importance because it is the reflection of different historical times: Pharaonic, Persian, Ptolemaic, and Roma.The Bagawat is a very ancient cemetery with chapels painted with biblical decorations of the Old Testament, the color of which is well preserved up to now. Have your tasty lunch, then head to Baris Oasis, dating back to 5000 BC. Camping amidst golden dunes of sand in Kharga Oasis all night. Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 7

#### **Kharga to Luxor**

After finishing your Egypt Desert safari, you are going to be transferred to Luxor. Arrive, then join a 5-star Nile cruise to check in. After lunch, begin Luxor East Bank Tours to the Karnak Temple, one of the greatest monuments of Egypt. Have dinner this evening,

followed by entertainment and a music show, and overnight on board the Nile cruise ship.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8

#### tour to Luxor

Your guide will take you after breakfast on your Nile cruise to the West Bank of Luxor to visit the two colossal statues of Amenhotep III known as the Colossi of Memnon, then visit the Valley of the Kings. Then, you will proceed with your trip to visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut—it is sometimes called El Deir El Bahary Temple. It is a memorial temple to Queen Hatshepsut. Lunch, then sail to Edfu, enjoying a leisurely dinner on board. Overnight aboard Nile Cruise. Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9

## **Edfu and Kom Ombo Temples**

Take breakfast on board the Nile Cruise vessel. Edfu is a city in the north of Aswan Governorate and is the second-biggest city in Aswan Governorate. Being south of Luxor, you will be taken to see the well-preserved Ptolemaic Temple dedicated to the falcon-headed god Horus, the Temple of Edfu, which is the second largest in Egypt. Then, you will be transferred back to the Nile cruise, which will start to sail to Kom Ombo to visit the unusual Kom Ombo Temple, a Graeco-Roman temple dedicated to the crocodile, God Sobek. You will have your lunch on board. Then continue sailing to Aswan. A delicious onboard dinner will be served overnight aboard your deluxe Nile Cruise.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Day 10** 

**Aswan Attraction** 

Start the day having breakfast, then meet with your guide to start Aswan sightseeing tours to the amazing High Dam at the northern border between Egypt and Sudan. Then, visit the awesome Philae Temple constructed in the Greek and Roman times and dedicated to the Goddess Isis, goddess of healing and magic. It is located on an island. Take the motorboat ride to reach the temple and enjoy your sightseeing. You will then be transferred to see the largest known Obelisk within the granite quarries at Aswan. The Unfinished Obelisk is known to be one of the largest Obelisks in Egypt. You will have dinner and spend the last night aboard the Deluxe Nile Cruise.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## **Day 11**

#### departure to Cairo

Take your breakfast and disembark from the boat, after which you will have some free time in Aswan at your own or take an Optional Tour that allows visiting Abu Simbel Temples, which carries a lasting lifetime memory to the king and his wife Nefertari from Aswan by road. You will be moved to Aswan train station in time for the sleeping train to Cairo. Dinner and overnight on the train.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

## **Day 12**

#### **Back to Cairo**

As the train advances towards Giza station, you will be treated to breakfast on board, enabling you start your day well fed and full of energy. After reaching the station, a representative will meet you and provide assistance throughout your transfer to the hotel in Cairo. An early check-in will, After your breakfast and attending to all the necessary arrangements, it is time for another overnight stay in Cairo,

during which you will have time to recover before the excursion around the city's famous sights. This final leg of your Egyptian adventure lays out a captivating expectation at the very center of this astonishing country.

# **Day 13**

# **Departure**

Before your air travel, you would have breakfast in Cairo, and afterwards you will be met by the tour leader who will drive you to Cairo International Airport.

Meals: Breakfast

# **Included**

Meet and assist by our tour leaders at airports.

All transportation vehicles are provided in a private air-conditioned car.

Staying at the Cairo Pyramids Hotel for 3 nights with bed and breakfast.

Staying overnight in Bahariya on a half-board basis for one night.

Staying overnight in the White Desert, camping for one night on full board.

Breakeven in Dakhla Oasis for one night with breakfast and dinner provided.

One night will be spent camping in Kharga Oasis, with meals covering 3 meals of the day.

One night will be spent in a sleeper train on a half-board basis.

Four-night accommodation in a 5-star cruise along the Nile, fully catered. (MS Minerva Nile cruise ship by Steigenberger or an alternative).

Provision of all the necessary camping gear for the White Desert safari.

Entry fees and passes to all the places included.

All movements within the oases are carried out using 4x4 Jeeps.

All the excursions in Egypt are with guides only.

Snack stop(s) if needed.

All the meals are detailed in the schedule provided.

Shopping tours in Cairo.

drinking water and soft drinks provided during Egypt tours.

All service charges and taxes included

# **Excluded**

International flight tickets.

Visa requirements to travel to Egypt.

Beverages at mealtime.

The gratuities are excluded

This tour pricing does not apply during high-demand seasons like Christmas, New Year, or Easter tours to Egypt.

# **Price start from**

# Price

0\$ /Per person