

12 Day Cairo & Nile Cruise and Bahariya Oasis

 Cairo, Nile Cruise, Bahariya, Alexandria.

Duration	Tour type	Group size	Runs
 12 Days	 Luxury Tour	 10	 Everyday

Overview

Experience the wonders of Egypt in a 12-day trip that takes you from Cairo's iconic pyramids to the serene deserts of Bahariya Oasis. This tour showcases Egypt's ancient treasures, vibrant cities, and breathtaking landscapes. Start in Cairo, exploring the Pyramids of Giza and the Grand Egyptian Museum, then embark on a Nile cruise from Luxor to Aswan, visiting ancient temples and tombs along the way. Discover Alexandria's Mediterranean charm and explore the rich history of Cairo's Citadel and Old Cairo. Finally, explore the tranquil beauty of Bahariya Oasis and the surreal Black and White Deserts before concluding your journey.

Itinerary

Day 1

Arrival in Cairo

Welcome to Egypt! Enjoy a warm greeting with an organized pick-up service tailored to your flight's arrival time. Egypt Day Trips's representative will be waiting for you at Cairo Airport, holding a sign with your name for easy identification.

From there, you'll be accompanied to your private air-conditioned vehicle for a comfortable transfer to your hotel.

Overnight in Cairo.

Day 2

Giza Pyramids & Grand Egyptian Museum

After breakfast, meet your expert guide at your hotel for a day of discovery and awe at Giza's most famous historical sites.

Begin at the Giza Pyramids, where you'll explore the iconic Great Pyramid of Khufu, the Pyramid of Khafre, and the Pyramid of Menkaure. Marvel at the Great Sphinx, the ancient statue with the body of a lion and the face of a pharaoh, guarding the pyramids for thousands of years. You'll also visit the Valley Temple, where rituals and mummifications took place, capturing impressive views of this remarkable landscape for an unforgettable experience.

Enjoy lunch at a quality local restaurant.

Next, journey to the Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM), one of the world's largest and most modern museums, designed to showcase Egypt's ancient treasures. Enjoy the museum's incredible collection of statues, artifacts, and royal treasures from various dynasties. Highlights include magnificent artifacts from the Old, Middle, and New Kingdoms, as well as statues of powerful pharaohs, exquisite jewelry, and everyday items that offer a glimpse into ancient Egyptian life. The museum's spacious design and detailed exhibitions make for a fascinating journey through Egypt's long and diverse history.

After a memorable day, you'll be transferred back to your hotel in comfort.

Overnight in Cairo.

Meals: Lunch

Optional Evening Activity: Sound & Light Show at the Pyramids – Witness the ancient history of the Giza Pyramids come to life through a spectacular light and sound show—experience tales of the pharaohs against the illuminated pyramids, perfect for an evening of unforgettable memories.

Day 3

Fly to Luxor – Nile Cruise – Luxor East Bank

After breakfast, transfer to Cairo Airport to take your flight to Luxor, an ancient city that was once the beating heart of the New Kingdom.

Upon arrival, meet your guide and head to the East Bank, where your journey begins at the awe-inspiring Karnak Temple Complex. Wander through the grand Hypostyle Hall with its massive columns, and explore the shrines, obelisks, and sacred lake dedicated to Amun-Ra.

Next, visit Luxor Temple, a beautiful riverside temple featuring colossal statues and an avenue of sphinxes that once connected it to Karnak.

After the tour, board your Nile cruise ship and settle into your cabin, ready for your cruise along the iconic river.

Overnight on the Nile Cruise.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

Day 4

Nile Cruise – Luxor West Bank

After breakfast, cross the Nile to the West Bank of Luxor, Your day trip begins with a visit to the Valley of the Kings, where the tombs of Egypt's pharaohs, including the famous tomb of Tutankhamun, lie hidden in the hillsides. Marvel at the richly decorated burial chambers and the stories told on their walls.

Continue to the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir el-Bahari, an architectural masterpiece built into the cliffs to honor Egypt's most famous female ruler.

End your West Bank exploration with a stop at the Colossi of Memnon, two grand statues of Amenhotep III that have stood for millennia, greeting travelers as they approach Luxor.

After your tour, you will return to your cruise for lunch and an afternoon of scenic sailing.

Overnight on the Nile Cruise.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

Optional Activity: Take an early morning hot air balloon ride over the Valley of the Kings for panoramic views of Luxor's ancient sites.

Day 5

Nile Cruise – Edfu & Kom Ombo

After breakfast, disembark from the cruise ship to visit Edfu's Temple of Horus, dedicated to the falcon-headed god of protection. This well-preserved temple offers an incredible look into Ptolemaic architecture and features impressive reliefs depicting battles between Horus and his enemies.

Return to the ship for lunch and continue sailing to Kom Ombo, where you'll explore the unique dual temple dedicated to Sobek, the crocodile god, and Horus, the falcon god. Admire the symmetry and distinct reliefs of each side and visit the Crocodile Museum to see mummified crocodiles and learn about the sacred role they played in ancient Egyptian religion.

Back onboard, enjoy a traditional Galabeya party with Egyptian music, dance, and local attire.

After your tour, you will return to your cruise for lunch and an afternoon of scenic sailing.

Overnight on the Nile Cruise.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

Day 6

Nile Cruise – Aswan City Tour

Begin your day with breakfast and depart to explore the highlights of Aswan.

Your tour begins at the Aswan High Dam, an engineering marvel of the 20th century that transformed Egypt's agriculture and water management.

Then, take a short boat ride to Philae Temple, a stunning temple complex dedicated to Isis, the goddess of love and magic. Relocated to Agilkia Island to save it from flooding, this temple is a peaceful and picturesque site with captivating reliefs.

After your tour, you will return to your cruise for lunch and overnight.

Overnight on the Nile Cruise.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

Day 7

Return to Cairo & Leisure Day

After breakfast, our representative will accompany you and transfer you to Aswan Airport for a domestic flight back to Cairo.

Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel for a relaxed day in Cairo.

Overnight in Cairo

Meals: Breakfast

Optional Tours: Abu Simbel Temple Tour or Nubian Village Tour

Day 8

Day Trip to Alexandria

Following an early breakfast, embark on a scenic drive to Alexandria, Egypt's famed Mediterranean city, rich with history and a unique blend of Egyptian, Greek, and Roman influences.

Start your Alexandria tour at the Catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa, an elaborate burial site from the 2nd century AD that reflects a fascinating mix of Egyptian, Greek, and Roman cultural styles. This ancient necropolis includes spiraling chambers, ornate carvings, and tombs that showcase Alexandria's historical diversity.

Next, visit Pompey's Pillar, a towering Roman column built in honor of Emperor Diocletian, and explore the nearby Serapeum ruins, a temple once dedicated to the god Serapis.

Enjoy lunch at a quality local restaurant.

Continue to the Qaitbay Citadel, a stunning 15th-century fortress built on the original site of the Lighthouse of Alexandria, one of the ancient Seven Wonders of the World. The well-preserved citadel provides scenic views over the Mediterranean and insight into Alexandria's historical role as a vital maritime city.

Conclude your day with a visit to the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, a modern marvel inspired by the ancient Library of Alexandria. This cultural center holds millions of books, exhibitions, and manuscripts, serving as a symbol of Alexandria's legacy of learning and scholarship.

After the tour, enjoy a comfortable transfer back to your hotel in Cairo.

Overnight in Cairo.

Meals: Lunch

Day 9

Egyptian Civilization Museum, Cairo Citadel & Old Cairo

Your guide will be ready at your hotel to start another unforgettable day in Cairo.

Your journey begins with a visit to the Museum of Egyptian Civilization. Here, you will explore a vast collection of artifacts, statues, and fascinating displays of Egyptian art and history, including stunning royal mummies and exhibits documenting Egypt's civilization over thousands of years.

Next, visit the Saladin Citadel, a fortress built in 1183 AD on the Mokattam Hills to protect Cairo. Inside the Citadel, marvel at the alabaster Mosque of Muhammad Ali, designed by Turkish architect Yusuf Bushnak for Muhammad Ali, who ruled Egypt for over 45 years.

Conclude the day with a tour of Old Cairo, where you will visit the historic Abu Serga Church, the Hanging Church, and the Ben Ezra Synagogue.

After the tour, enjoy a comfortable transfer to your hotel in Cairo.

Overnight in Cairo.

Optional Evening Activity: Nile River Dinner Cruise - Relax with a 2-hour cruise featuring a traditional Egyptian dinner, live music, and a colorful folk dance show under the Cairo night sky.

Day 10

Trip to Bahariya Oasis from Cairo

After a hearty breakfast, embark on a scenic transfer to Bahariya Oasis in a private, air-conditioned vehicle.

Upon arrival, immerse yourself in the charm of this tranquil oasis, where you'll explore the ancient village, home to historical remnants of Egypt's past. Visit the Roman Mummies Museum, showcasing fascinating artifacts from the Roman era, and the Temple of Ain El Maftella, a site rich in ancient heritage.

Take a relaxing dip in the oasis' hot springs before marveling at the breathtaking sunset views over the desert landscape.

Overnight Desert Camping - Experience the serenity of the desert under a starlit sky, enjoying a unique camping experience.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 11

Black & White Desert Adventure & Return to Cairo

After breakfast, embark on an unforgettable safari tour through the Black Desert and White Desert, known for their surreal landscapes. Admire the striking contrasts of the Black Desert's volcanic mountains and the White Desert's otherworldly rock formations.

Capture stunning photos and enjoy a tranquil sunset amidst these natural wonders. After a day filled with desert exploration, journey back to Cairo.

Overnight in Cairo - Rest and unwind at your hotel after an exciting desert adventure.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Day 12

Departure from Cairo

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before being transferred to Cairo Airport, ensuring a timely arrival for your departure.

Thank you for choosing Egypt Day Trips! We hope your time in Egypt has been enriching, and we look forward to welcoming you again.

Meals: Breakfast

Included

Meet and Assist at the airport.

Our assistance during your stay.

All transport by private air-conditioned vehicles.

Accommodation for 6 nights in Cairo hotel with breakfast.

Accommodation for 4 nights on Cruise with all meals included.

Desert camping for 1 night in Bahariya Oasis

Domestic Flights – Cairo / Luxor – Aswan / Cairo.

One Private Egyptologist Tour Guide During All Tours.

Local Lunch in a good local restaurant.

Entry fees to all sites as per itinerary.

Bottled water during trips.

All service charges & taxes.

Excluded

Entry visa to Egypt

Personal expenses

Optional Activities

Tipping

Price Table

#	May->Sep	Oct->Apr
Single	1500\$	1400\$
Double	1300\$	1100\$
Triple	1000\$	800\$

Price start from

Price

800\$ /Per Person

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