# Giza Pyramids and Saqqara Day Trip from Alexandria

**Price Starting From: \$130** 

Day tour Egypt Cairo

In the context of the discovery of the ancient Egyptian civilization and the knowledge of the greatest achievements of mankind, our tour starts from the city of Alexandria, the bride of the Mediterranean Sea, to the heart of history in the province of Giza, where the majestic pyramids and the monuments of the archaeological site of Saqqara stand as witnesses to the genius of the ancient Egyptians.

With Cairo Top Tours you will enjoy an unforgettable visit to Saqqara, which is a very important part of the necropolis of Memph, about 40 km from Cairo. Saqqara usually takes its name from the idol "Sukkar", the idol of the necropolis, and Saqqara is really an open museum, as Saqqara includes most of the monuments of ancient Egyptian history, including the tombs of the kings and high officials of the First and Second Dynasties (around 3040-2686 BC). It also includes the oldest monumental stone structure in history, that of King Zesar (circa 2686-2667 BC), and the pyramids of the most important kings of the Fifth (circa 2494-2345 BC) and Sixth Dynasties (circa 2345-2181 BC), where King Wanis (circa 2375-2345 BC) was the first to inscribe his burial chamber with pyramidal texts intended to protect the king during his journey to the other world. In addition to the royal tombs of the Old Kingdom

You will also have the opportunity to see one of the wonders of the world: the Pyramids of Giza, where you will see the Great Pyramid or known as the Pyramid of King Khufu (circa 2589-2566 BC), with its original height of 146.5 meters, the tallest building in the world for 3800 years and still one of the seven wonders of the ancient world preserved to this day. It took between 10 and 20 years to build the pyramid. To this day, we have no certain information on how the Great Pyramid was built.

Next you will see the Pyramid of Khafre, one of the Pyramids of Giza in Egypt. It was built by King Khafre, the fourth king of the Fourth Dynasty, son of King Khufu. He married the princess Meraas Ankh. He reigned for twenty-six years. He built the second pyramid of the pyramids of Giza, which is less high than the pyramid of his father (Khufu). It was 143 meters high and now 136 meters, as well as Menkaure's pyramid was built of limestone, but Menkaure chose to build the lower part of it of granite that was brought from Aswan by the Nile River. The height of the granite roof is about 17 meters. The rest of the covering was made of white Torah stones up to a height of 65.5 meters.

Enjoy a day of breathtaking adventures from Alexandria to explore the highlights of Cairo, as Cairo Top Tours offers you an adored opportunity to visit the sights of interest in Cairo.

## Overview Inclusion

- All transfers from Alexandria to your hotel in Cairo or Giza to enjoy the day tours to Cairo and Giza.
- Admissions to all the mentioned sites of your tour.
- Egyptian cuisine lunch at a local restaurant.
- Air Conditioned, non-smoking exclusive car for all transportations.

- Expert guide is assigned by Cairo Top Tours (other languages are available upon request).
- Complimentary bottle of mineral water on board the vehicle during the excursions in Egypt.
- Snacks stop on request.
- Tickets to the two pyramids.
- All taxes and service charges are included.

#### Exclusion

- Anything not included in the Alexandria day tour programs.
- Tipping is not included during the tour
- Beverages during meals.
- Rates apply during peak seasons such as Christmas and New Year tours in Egypt or also during spring peak season; there is a supplement for Easter tours in Egypt.

#### **Itinerary**

### Day Trip to Giza Pyramids and Saqqara from Alexandria

One of Cairo Top Tours representatives will be waiting for you at your hotel in Alexandria to accompany you on your journey, transferring you from Alexandria to Cairo in about 2 hours in a private air-conditioned car with on-demand stops along the way. once you arrive in Cairo, you will be met by one of our expert guides to make the most of every moment of your vacation.

Your day starts with the Serapeum of Saqqara, which is an ancient Egyptian necropolis dedicated to the sacred bull Apis, located north of the funerary complex of Djoser in Lower Egypt. The bull, worshipped as a god, was mummified and buried after dedicating his life to ceremonies and offerings in his temple at Memphis. The origin of this tomb dates back to the XVIII Egyptian dynasty in the New Kingdom of Egypt. Its foundation would be the work of King Amenhotep III and its first masterly extension to the reign of King Ramses II. Then it would continue to expand under the following reigns until the end of the ancient Egyptian era at the dawn of the Christian era.

We also offer you the opportunity to visit Saqqara, which includes the Step Pyramid, the oldest monumental stone structure in history, of King Zoser (ca. 2686-2667 B.C.), and the pyramids of the most important kings of the Fifth (ca. 2494-2345 B.C.) and Sixth (ca. 2345-2181 B.C.) dynasties, where King Wanis (ca. 2375-2345 B.C.) was the first to inscribe the pyramids. 2494-2345 B.C) and Sixth (ca. 2345-2181 B.C.), where King Wanis (ca. 2375-2345 B.C.) was the first to inscribe his burial chamber with pyramidal texts intended to protect the king during his journey to the other world. In addition to the royal tombs of the Old Kingdom.

After that we continue our excursion with a visit to the Pyramids of Giza, which are royal tombs, and each one bears the name of the king who built it and was buried in it, and the pyramidal construction here is a stage in the development of tomb architecture in ancient Egypt.

You can see and explore the interior of the Great Pyramid, also known as the Pyramid of King Khufu, which was the tallest structure in the world for 3800 years and is still one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. Its original height was 146.5 meters. The construction of the pyramid took ten to twenty years. We still don't know for sure how the Great Pyramid was constructed.

We will next inspire you at the Pyramid of Khafre, which is one of the Egyptian Pyramids of Giza. ruler Jaffre, the fourth ruler of the Fourth Dynasty and the son of King Khufu, constructed it. Meraas Ankh, a princess, was his wife. His reign lasted 26 years. In comparison to his father's pyramid (Khufu), he constructed the second pyramid of the Giza pyramids, which is lower. Now standing at 136 meters, it was

#### 143 meters high.

Then we will also explore the pyramid of Menkaure, which was built with limestone, but Menkaure chose to build the lower part with granite brought from Aswan by the Nile River. The height of the granite roof is about 17 meters. The rest of the roof was built with white Torah stones up to a height of 65.5 meters.

After a delicious lunch at a local restaurant, we will transfer you back to Alexandria.