Luxury Trip to Cairo and Nile Cruise

Price Starting From: \$3400

12 Days Cairo, Luxor and Aswan Egypt

Ovation Travel Create Perfect Egypt Journey Packages for You to Discover All the Best Offerings of This Region. Tour the Egyptian Museum and witness its valuable treasures, and then visit the extraordinary Great Pyramids of Giza.

You will find Luxor presents itself as the biggest open-air museum on earth along with the historical attractions of Aswan, including its temples and ancient sites. Guests can enjoy a luxurious experience by choosing Mövenpick cruise, where they will encounter immaculate amenities along with high-end service.

Experience an exceptional Lake Nasser cruise on the MS Mövenpick Prince Abbas ship to admire the inspiring Abu Simbel Temples, which Ramses II constructed. Experience a 12-day luxury tour of Egypt from Aswan to Luxor on a Nile riverboat cruise and explore all major sites in Cairo.

Overview Inclusion

- Airport Assistance for a smooth check-in process.
- 4 nights in a luxury Cairo hotel with breakfast.
- 4-night Nile Cruise (Luxor to Aswan) on a 5-star deluxe ship (Mövenpick MS Royal Lily or similar) with full board.
- 3-night Lake Nasser Cruise on a 5-star ship (MS Mövenpick Prince Abbas or similar) with full board.
- **Domestic flights** (Cairo to Luxor & Aswan to Cairo).
- Private guided tours on all cruises and excursions.
- Sightseeing tours in Cairo, Alexandria, Luxor, Aswan, and Abu Simbel as per the itinerary.
- Entry fees to all mentioned sites.
- Expert Egyptologist guide throughout your tour.
- Private air-conditioned vehicle for all transfers.
- **Meals included** as per the itinerary.
- Rest stops available upon request.
- Bottled water during day tours.
- **Shopping tours** in Cairo.
- All taxes and service charges included.

Exclusion

- International flight tickets to Egypt.
- Egypt entry visa fees.
- Extra tours not listed in the itinerary.
- **Drinks** during meals.
- **Tipping** is not included.
- Prices do not apply during Christmas, Easter, or peak seasons.

Itinerary

Day 1: Cairo, Nile and Lake Nasser Cruise Luxury Tour

You will be received by one of Cairo's top tours representative at the airport to welcome you and help to have easy check-in. They will transfer you to your hotel in an exclusive air-conditioned vehicle driven by your private driver.

The tour leader will be present at the hotel to help you with the check-in process and to go over your itinerary for Egypt Luxury Tours. They will also verify the scheduled pick-up times for each tour.

Overnight in Cairo.

Day 2 : Pyramids / The Egyptian museum

Start your day by having delicious breakfast to have energetic day before your tour guide meets you at your hotel lobby to transfer you to your first destination, the Giza Plateau, where you will see the greatness of the Egyptian pharaohs in the field of architecture represented it the Great Pyramid of King Cheops who was the son of Snefru and the owner of the greatest structure ever built in the history and the pyramids of his son Chephren and his grandson Mycerinus.

Your Egyptologist will explain to you the time of the pharaohs and how they lived a prosperous life to decide to build large buildings as burial sites. At the high plateau, you will have full scenery of the 3 pyramids. You can also take a pleasant camel ride around the <u>Giza Pyramids</u> which is an optional activity that will give you the chance to capture amazing photos with the assistance of your Bedouin guide who knows how to find the best shots.

The Egyptian kings knew the value of their constructions and art and built the statue of the **Sphinx** to guard their possessions and represent the powerful royal protection against any aggression.

Continue the tour to the Giza Pyramids to see the <u>Valley Temple of King Chephren</u> which is dedicated to the mummification rituals before the burial of the Pharaoh, made out of Aswan red granite and paved with alabaster, the way how the huge stone blocks are attached is an architectural marvel itself.

We will then move to Cairo Downtown to visit <u>The Egyptian Museum</u>, which displays a large number of Egyptian artifacts from all over the world, dating back to different periods of ancient Egyptian history, and the most valuable royal treasure that was found untouched by Howard Carter in 1922, The golden collection of the boy pharaoh Tutankhamun whose tomb is in the Valley of the Kings. Take your time exploring the museum before moving to the next sightseeing tour in Cairo.

Enjoy your high-quality lunch in a fancy restaurant, then you will be transported to the area known as <u>Coptic</u> Cairo to see the ruins of the ancient Roman fortress of Babylon which was built as early as the 1st century.

You will discover the most exciting churches in Egypt like The Hanging Church, which is suspended above the fortress' ancient towers, and the church of St Sergius which is also called the Cavern (Al Maghara) church or the holy family church and is built above the vault where the holy virgin Mary and her baby Jesus Christ stayed approximately three months near the well that supported them with the required water supplies, the interesting Coptic Cairo tour continues as we will visit Ben Ezra Synagogue said to be the site where the basket of Moses was picked up from the Nile by the Pharaoh's daughter.

Then you will be accompanied by your guide to continue your Cairo day tours to the area called <u>Islamic Cairo</u>, exploring the Medieval walls and gates of the city founded by the Fatimids and its old paths dating back to the 10th century. The walk ends with having a tasty tea mint at Fishawy cafe which is one of the oldest cafes in the bazaar of Khan El Khalili, an open-air old bazaar where you can buy souvenirs that will remind you of the great time you spent in Egypt!

Optional tour "The Sound and light show in Giza" where you will have the chance to watch an amazing sound and light show at Giza Pyramids if you have time after the big tour.

Day 3: Luxor/ Nile Cruise

On the third day, you will be transferred to Luxor early in the morning. Prepare yourself, as your tour leader will take you to Cairo International Airport to catch a flight to <u>Luxor International Airport</u>. This city is known as the capital of world tourism. Upon arrival, our representative will meet and assist you, and then you will have accommodation on the luxurious 5-star Movenpick MS Royal Lily or similar.

Begin your Luxor East Bank Tour by visiting the Luxor Bank after having lunch on board. Witness the magnificent Karnak Temple, which is the largest complex of religious activities the world has ever seen. Next, stroll through the avenue of Sphinxes and admire the grandeur of the Temple of Luxor, which was constructed in Thebes (now known as Luxor) around 3400 years ago. It served as the cultural and religious hub of ancient Egypt during the new kingdom.

The Nile cruise will serve your dinner on board.

You have the opportunity to request an optional tour of the sound and light show in Karnak Temple and enjoy it.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4: West Bank of Luxor/ Edfu

After enjoying breakfast on your Nile cruise boat, you will have the chance to discover two awe-inspiring ancient Egyptian statues known as the <u>Colossi of Memnon</u>. These statues are the sole remnants of a once-magnificent temple. Later, as you explore the <u>Valley of the Kings</u>, you'll encounter over 62 pharaohs from the New Kingdom who were buried there, including King Tutankhamun and the victorious Ramses II. The tombs, chiseled into the mountain, boast enchanting paintings and are filled with treasures that once belonged to Egypt's royal pharaohs.

While continuing the tour of the Temple of Hatshepsut, the first female ruler in the history of Egypt who ruled for 20 prosperous years, is also referred to as the Temple of <u>Deir El Bahary</u> is a complex of ancient Egyptian temples located on the west bank of the Nile River, near the city of Luxor (ancient Thebes), in modern-day Egypt.

Once you have completed the Luxor West Bank Tours, you will be served lunch before embarking on a cruise to Edfu. During the cruise, you can enjoy dinner and entertainment on the boat. Additionally, if you desire, you can try our Luxor Hot Air Balloon ride. (Optional)

Overnight on your Nile cruise.

Day 5: The temple of Edfu / Kom Ombo

Visit the temple of Edfu, which is dedicated to the falcon god Horus, protector of royal power, after having breakfast. Next, head to the Temple of Kom Ombo, dedicated to the ancient Egyptian gods Haloeris and Sobek, both of whom are fascinating.

On board the ship, a delicious lunch will be provided. After that, we will set sail towards Aswan and spend the night on a luxurious Nile Cruise.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6: Aswan Tours

You will start your tour in the early morning, after having your breakfast.

Visiting the High Dam, which is an engineering marvel and the most extensive project in modern Egypt, is awe-inspiring. The Temple of Philae, dedicated to the Goddess Isis, is a pleasant motorboat ride away from the dam. After that, we can proceed to the Unfinished Obelisk, the biggest obelisk ever known, which was carved in the granite quarries of Aswan. Your tour guide will accompany you back to the cruise, where you will be served lunch and gourmet dinner. You will spend the night there.

There are three meals: breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7: Aswan/ Abu Simbel/ Lake Cruise prepare

Early in the morning, a breakfast box will be served to your hotel and then we will travel by private airconditioned car, with your tour guide, for about three and a half hours to the Abu Simbel temples.

Following that, board one of the luxurious 5-star cruises on Lake Nasser in Egypt and enjoy a delectable lunch upon completing the check-in process.

Day 8:Kasr Ibrim

Enjoy your breakfast as you sail to Qasr Ibrim, the only surviving site from the Nile's inundation. During the Roman occupation, it became a significant frontier, and the first fortress was constructed on the site of an earlier temple. Qasr Ibrim was a center for Nubian tribes until the 6th century, when they converted to Christianity in Egypt.

The tour starting from the sun deck of the ship will take you to the Amada archaeological site, where you will be served lunch while sailing.

Visit the temples of Amada and Derr, along with the tomb of Pinout, to have an unforgettable experience.

Enjoy a peaceful afternoon sailing towards Wadi El Seboua and indulge in a delectable dinner followed by an overnight stay on the boat.

Day 9:Temple of Dekka

Spend your ninth day at Wadi El Seboua, which translators call Valley of the Lions, while touring under guidance. People recognise this old temple because Pharaoh Ramses II constructed it originally and because its entrance has a glorious path of sphinx statues. Several ancient wall carvings with religious pictures and military victory illustrations adorn this temple, which worships Amun-Ra.

Travel to the Temple of Dakka, which stands as an impressive Ptolemaic structure honouring Thoth, his deity of wisdom. The temple exists on elevated ground because it was moved to safeguard it from rising Lake Nasser waters while featuring architectural elements that combine Egyptian and Nubian design principles.

The Temple of Maharraqa stands as a Roman-period sanctuary that maintains its importance even though it remains small in scale. Unfinished but still impressive because it displays a spiral staircase, which was unusual for ancient Egyptian temple architecture.

As your tour concludes, you will return to your cruise ship to have a delectable lunch with leisurely sailing through the peaceful Lake Nasser waters.

Meals: Lunch

Day 10:Disembark/ Back to Cairo

Your expedition of Nubian sites will start after breakfast when you exit the MS Mövenpick Prince Abbas Lake Nasser cruise.

Visitors can find Kalabsha Temple in its current state because Romans constructed this site during their era to honour Mandulis as their principal solar deity. The temple stands as one of the biggest free-standing Nubian temples, and its walls display magnificent carvings along with ancient hieroglyphics.

Beit El Wali Temple stands as a rock-cut temple that Pharaoh Ramses II built to honour Amun-Ra, Isis, and Khnum. The temple was moved to a raised position above flood levels and demonstrates its heritage through military-themed wall paintings.

In Kertassi Kiosk, visitors find a small Roman-period shrine dedicated to Isis. Various Roman columns with Hathor-headed capitals have been integrated to show the heavy influence of Greco-Roman architecture on Nubia. Transfer from your tour in Aswan ends at the airport where you will catch your flight to Cairo. As soon as you reach the destination, the company representative will direct you to your hotel base in Cairo for an overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 11:Alexandria Tour

Start your day with a guided tour from Cairo to Alexandria, one of Egypt's most historic and picturesque cities, named after Alexander the Great. Known for its rich history and stunning Mediterranean coastline, Alexandria offers a fascinating mix of ancient and modern attractions.

Top Attractions in Alexandria:

Pompey's Pillar: A massive Roman triumphal column, one of the largest of its kind, built to honor Emperor Diocletian in the 3rd century AD.

Citadel of Qaitbay: A 15th-century fortress built on the ruins of the ancient Lighthouse of Alexandria, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

Catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa: A fascinating blend of Egyptian, Greek, and Roman burial traditions, these underground tombs date back to the 2nd century AD and are one of the largest Roman cemeteries in Egypt. Bibliotheca Alexandrina: A modern revival of the ancient Library of Alexandria, housing millions of books, museums, and research centers, making it a major cultural hub in the region.

Stanley Bridge: A beautiful landmark bridge offering stunning views of Alexandria's Mediterranean coastline.

After exploring, enjoy a scenic drive through the city before returning to Cairo in the evening.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 12 : Final Departure

Enjoy a delicious breakfast before our Cairo Top Tours representative transfers you to Cairo International Airport for your final departure.

Meals: Breakfast