Private 12-Day Cairo, Alexandria, Sharm El Sheikh & Royal Palaces

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12 Days / 11 Nights	Historical & Recreational Tour	Everyday

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Embark on a **Private 12-Day Tour** through Egypt's greatest treasures, ancient wonders, coastal beauty, and royal splendor. This expertly crafted itinerary blends history, culture, and relaxation across iconic cities and hidden gems.

Begin in **Cairo**, where the **Pyramids of Giza**, the **Sphinx**, the bustling **Khan El Khalili Bazaar**, and the **National Museum's** treasures await.

Next, discover **Alexandria**, a Mediterranean jewel where Greco-Roman history meets Egyptian charm. Explore the **Qaitbay Citadel**, the enigmatic **Catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa**, and the city's scenic coastline.

Then, unwind in **Sharm El Sheikh**, the Red Sea's paradise. Dive into vibrant coral reefs, relax on pristine beaches, and visit the sacred **St. Catherine's Monastery** in the Sinai mountains.

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Day 1

Welcome to Egypt

Upon arrival, our representative will greet you at the airport, assist with formalities, and transfer you to your **Cairo** hotel.

Evening:
Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant before returning to your hotel.

Meals: Dinner
Overnight: Cairo

Day 2

Giza Pyramids, Saqqara & Grand Egyptian Museum – A Journey Through Time

After breakfast, explore Egypt's ancient wonders with your Egyptologist guide.

Giza Pyramids Complex:
• **Great Pyramid of Khufu**, the last surviving Wonder of the Ancient World.
• **Great Sphinx**: The legendary guardian of the plateau.
• **Valley Temple**: A well-preserved mortuary temple of **King Khafre**.

Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM):
Discover thousands of artifacts, including:

The complete Tutankhamun collection
• **Ramses II's colossal statue**
• **The Hanging Obelisk**
• **Ptolemaic-era royal statues**

Lunch: Savor a meal with views of the **Nile** or **Pyramids**.

Saqqara Step Pyramid:
The world’s first stone pyramid, built for **King Djoser** by **Imhotep**.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
Overnight: Cairo

Day 3

Cairo’s Treasures & Flight to Sharm El Sheikh

Morning:

- **National Museum of Egyptian Civilization (NMEC):** Discover Egypt's history and the fascinating **Royal Mummies Hall**.

Afternoon Old Cairo Tour:

- **Hanging Church:** A stunning 4th-century Coptic church.
- **Amr Ibn Al-As Mosque:** Egypt’s first mosque, built in 641 AD.
- **Ben Ezra Synagogue:** A historic 9th-century Jewish landmark.

Lunch: Enjoy authentic Egyptian cuisine.

Al Muizz Street & Khan El Khalili: Wander through medieval Islamic architecture and shop at Cairo’s legendary 14th-century bazaar.

Evening: Fly to ? **Sharm El Sheikh** for a seaside retreat.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Sharm El Sheikh

Day 4

Red Sea Snorkeling Adventure

Dive into the **Red Sea's** crystal-clear waters with a guided snorkeling trip. Discover vibrant coral reefs and exotic marine life before returning to relax at your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Sharm El Sheikh

Day 5

Sinai Desert Safari Adventure

Swap sea for sand on an exhilarating **Sinai Desert safari**. Explore golden dunes and rugged mountains with breathtaking views of **Mount Sinai,** perfect for unforgettable photos.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Sharm El Sheikh

Day 6

Leisure Day in Sharm El Sheikh

Enjoy a free day to unwind your way:
• Relax on pristine beaches
• Indulge in a spa treatment
• Explore local markets
• Optional diving or snorkeling

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Sharm El Sheikh

Day 7

Mount Sinai Sunrise & St. Catherine Monastery

Pre-dawn: Hike **Mount Sinai** to witness a magical sunrise, a spiritual experience centuries in the making.

Morning: Visit **St. Catherine Monastery**, home to:
• The legendary **Burning Bush** site
• 6th-century architecture
• Ancient manuscripts & icons
• The world's oldest operating library

Afternoon: Return to Sharm for relaxation.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Sharm El Sheikh

Day 8

Return to Cairo & Islamic Heritage Tour

Morning:

Fly from **Sharm El Sheikh** to ? **Cairo**

Visit the **Salah El-Din Citadel**, a 12th-century fortress with panoramic city views

Historic Mosques:

Mohamed Ali Mosque (Alabaster Mosque): Ottoman-era masterpiece

Sultan Hassan Mosque-Madrassa: 14th-century architectural wonder

Al-Rifa'i Mosque: Royal resting place blending Mamluk & Ottoman styles

Lunch: Enjoy local cuisine

Evening: Return to hotel for overnight stay

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
Overnight: Cairo

Day 9

Alexandria – Where History Meets the Mediterranean

Morning:

Catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa: Explore this 2nd-century wonder blending Egyptian, Greek & Roman artistry

Pompey's Pillar: Marvel at the 26m Roman column standing since 298 AD

Lunch: Savor fresh seafood with Mediterranean views

Afternoon:

Qaitbay Citadel: 15th-century fortress built with stones from the ancient Lighthouse of Alexandria

Bibliotheca Alexandrina: Modern reincarnation of history's greatest library, housing museums & planetarium

Evening: Check in to your Alexandria hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
Overnight: Alexandria

Day 10

Alexandria's Spiritual & Royal Legacy

Morning Highlights:

Morsi Abu Abbas Mosque: Stunning 14th-century Islamic architecture honoring Andalusian scholar Al-Mursi

St. Mark's Cathedral: Historic seat of the Coptic Pope, dating to 42 AD

Midday:

Savor coastal flavors during lunch

Afternoon Discoveries:

Montazah Gardens: Stroll through royal 19th-century gardens with palace views

Alexander the Great Statue: Pay homage to the city's legendary founder

Evening: Return to Cairo

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
Overnight: Cairo

Day 11

Saqqara, Memphis, Dahshur

begin at the iconic **Saqqara:** Step Pyramid, the world earliest large-scale stone structure.

Continue your **tours** to the ancient capital of **Memphis** and the world-famous Step Pyramid of Zoser.

Dahshur Pyramids: See the Bent Pyramid, with its distinctive shape, and the Red Pyramid, the first truly smooth-sided pyramid.

Lunch: Enjoy local cuisine

Evening: Return to hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
Overnight: Cairo

Day 12

Departure

Savor a final Egyptian breakfast before private transfer to **Cairo International Airport**.

Meal: Breakfast

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Airport & Travel Services

- Meet & assist at all destinations

Accommodation

- 5 nights – Cairo, at a 5? hotel (B&B)
- 1 night – Alexandria, at a 5? hotel (B&B)
- 5 nights – Sharm El Sheikh, at a 5? resort (All-Inclusive)

Domestic Flights

- Cairo ? Sharm El Sheikh

Transportation

- Private A/C transfers

Modern vehicles for all travel

Guided Tours

Egyptologist guide for all tours

Sightseeing & Activities

All entrance fees to listed attractions

Meals as per itinerary

Taxes & Fees

All service charges & taxes

Exclusion

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? Egypt entry visa
? Personal expenses
? tipping

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