

Private 13-Day Best of Egypt & Sahara Adventure

Cairo, Luxor, Aswan, Alexandria, Sahara.

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13 Days / 12 Nights Classic Tour Everyday

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Embark on a [Private 13-day journey](#) through **Egypt's** timeless marvels and the breathtaking **Sahara Desert**. From the iconic **Pyramids of Giza** to the golden dunes of the **Western Desert**, this adventure blends history, culture, and raw natural beauty.

Highlights:

Cairo: Stand before the **Great Pyramids**, unravel secrets of the **Sphinx**, explore the **Grand Egyptian Museum**, and lose yourself in **Khan El Khalili Bazaar**.

Alexandria: Discover Greek and Roman relics at the **Catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa** and the seaside **Qaitbay Citadel**.

Nile Cruise (Luxor to Aswan): Unearth ancient wonders like the **Valley of the Kings**, **Karnak Temple**, **Philae Temple**, and **Abu Simbel**.

Sahara Desert: Traverse the surreal landscapes of **Bahariya Oasis**—crystal mountains, black deserts, hot springs, and endless starlit skies.

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Day 1

Arrival in Cairo

Welcome to **Cairo**! Upon arrival, you'll be greeted and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy dinner before retiring for the night.

Meals: Dinner

Overnight: Cairo Hotel

Day 2

Pyramids, Grand Egyptian Museum, & Saqqara Tour

After breakfast, dive into Egypt's iconic wonders:

Giza Plateau

Great Pyramid of Khufu: The last ancient wonder, standing for 4,500 years.

The Sphinx: The enigmatic guardian of the pyramids.

Valley Temple: Where mummification rituals took place.

Grand Egyptian Museum

Explore treasures like **Ramses II's statue** and **Tutankhamun's relics**

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Saqqara

Step Pyramid of Djoser: The world's oldest stone pyramid.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Overnight: Cairo Hotel

Day 3

Alexandria's timeless wonders

After breakfast, journey to **Alexandria**, Egypt's Mediterranean jewel.

Highlights:

Catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa: A 2nd-century fusion of Roman, Greek & Egyptian artistry.

Pompey's Pillar: A 30m Roman-era monolith, standing since 300 AD.

Qaitbay Citadel: A 15th-century fortress built with remnants of the **Lighthouse of Alexandria**.

Bibliotheca Alexandrina: The modern rebirth of antiquity's greatest library.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Overnight: Cairo Hotel

Day 4

Luxor & Nile Cruise Adventure

Fly to **Luxor** and step into ancient **Thebes**:

Must-Sees:

Luxor Temple: Where pharaohs celebrated the Opet Festival 3,400 years ago.

Karnak Temple: The colossal **Hypostyle Hall** with 134 towering columns.

Flight: Cairo ? Luxor (1hr)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Nile Cruise

Day 5

Luxor's West Bank & Sail to Edfu

After breakfast, explore Luxor's legendary west bank:

Highlights:

Temple of Hatshepsut: A 15th-century BC marvel carved into cliffs, honoring Egypt's female pharaoh.

Valley of the Kings: Discover 63 royal tombs (optional Tutankhamun's tomb entry).

Colossi of Memnon: Twin 18m statues of Amenhotep III standing guard for 3,400 years.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Nile Cruise

Day 6

Edfu & Kom Ombo Temples - Sail to Aswan

Must-See Temples:

Temple of Edfu: Egypt's best-preserved Ptolemaic temple, dedicated to falcon-god **Horus** (arrive by horse-drawn carriage!).

Temple of Kom Ombo: Unique dual temple for **Sobek** (crocodile god) and **Horus**, featuring mummified crocs and ancient Nilometer.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Nile Cruise

Day 7

Abu Simbel - Desert Miracle

Sunrise adventure to Egypt's most spectacular temple complex:

Abu Simbel Temples

Great Temple of Ramses II: 20m colossi guard 3,200-year-old reliefs of battles and gods

Temple of Nefertari: Rare queen's shrine with exquisite Hathor carvings

Modern marvel: Entire complex was relocated in the 1960s to save it from flooding

Meals: Breakfast box, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Nile Cruise

Day 8

Aswan's Wonders - Return to Cairo

Morning exploration before flying back:

Key Sites

Aswan High Dam: Modern engineering triumph creating Lake Nasser

Unfinished Obelisk: Reveals ancient stone-working techniques

Philae Temple: Magical island temple of goddess Isis

Flight: Aswan ? Cairo (1.5hrs)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Overnight: Cairo Hotel

Day 9

Islamic Cairo - Legacy of Empires

Delve into Cairo's medieval heritage with an expert guide:

Key Sites:

Salah El-Din Citadel: 12th-century fortress with panoramic city views

Mohamed Ali Mosque: Stunning Ottoman "Alabaster Mosque" with glittering interiors

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

Al-Rifai Mosque: Royal mausoleum blending Islamic & Pharaonic styles

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Overnight: Cairo Hotel

Day 10

Western Desert Adventure

Journey 370km into surreal landscapes:

Black Desert: Volcanic hills and dark stones contrasting golden sands

Crystal Mountain: Rocks shimmering with natural quartz crystals

Cold & Hot Springs: Refreshing and soothing natural mineral waters

Green Spring: A rare, palm-fringed desert oasis

Ajappat Area: Vast, untouched desert landscapes

Moon Cave: Mysterious wind-carved caverns

White Desert: Surreal chalk formations like the Chicken & Mushroom Stones

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Luxury Lamping Camp

Day 11

Bahariya Oasis & Return to Cairo

Discover the unique landscapes of Bahariya Oasis

Key Sites:

El Marsous Mountain: Distinctive flat-topped peak offering vast desert views

Pyramid Mountain: A naturally formed pyramid-shaped mountain

Panorama Mountain: Breathtaking 360-degree viewpoint over the oasis and dunes

Salt Lake: Striking white salt formations and mineral-rich waters

Afternoon return to Cairo

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Cairo Hotel

Day 12

Cairo's Cultural Treasures

Morning Highlights:

NMEC: Modern museum showcasing Egypt's civilization,
including 22 royal mummies

Afternoon Exploration:

Coptic Cairo: Hanging Church and Ben Ezra Synagogue

Islamic Cairo: Amr Ibn Al-Aas Mosque, Africa's first mosque

Khan El Khalili: Vibrant 14th-century bazaar for final souvenirs

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Overnight: Cairo Hotel

Day 13

Departure

Leisurely breakfast

Private transfer to airport

Meals: Breakfast

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Services

Airport meet & assist (Cairo + all destinations)

Private Egyptologist guide (entire tour)

Accommodation

7 nights: 5-star Cairo hotel (B&B)

4 nights: 5-star Nile Cruise (full board)

1 night: Desert camping

Flights

Domestic: Cairo ? Luxor & Aswan ? Cairo

Transport

All transfers & tours via private A/C vehicles

Experiences

All entrance fees (per itinerary)

Meals as specified

Fees

All taxes & service charges

Exclusion

- International Airfare.
- Egypt entry visa.
- Drinks and any personal expenses.
- Tipping

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4820\$ /Per Person

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