

# Private 13-Day Best of Egypt & Sahara Adventure

Cairo, Luxor, Aswan, Alexandria, Sahara.

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## tour.duration Tour Type Tour Runs

13 Days / 12 Nights Classic Tour Everyday

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## tour.overview

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Embark on a 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.

## tour.itinerary

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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**

### **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

**tour.included**

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

## Services

Airport meet & assist (Cairo + all destinations)

Private Egyptologist guide (entire tour)

## Transport

All transfers & tours via private A/C vehicles

## Experiences

All entrance fees (per itinerary)

Meals as specified

## Fees

All taxes & service charges

## **Exclusion**

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International Airfare.

Egypt entry visa.

Drinks and any personal expenses.

Tipping



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## **tour.price**

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**4820\$** /Per Person