

Cairo & Xmas Cruise Tour

09 Days / 08 Nights

Small Group Tour | Run every Sunday from Cairo

Family | Cultural & Historical | Nile Cruise



Introduction:

TOUR SUMMARY

Enjoy our Cairo and X-mas cruise 2020 package and find out the secrets of the stunning ancient Egyptian civilization! This Christmas tour package to Egypt allows you to discover the impressive Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx, Memphis, which was the first-time Egyptian capital in history and the fantastic Step Pyramid Complex of King Zoser and more attractive Mastaba tombs at Sakkara.

We will also have time to sail down the Nile from Luxor to Aswan, in order to explore the beaten tracks of both cities and see the marvelous temples, huge obelisks and extraordinary royal tombs! This is besides having the chance to explore the Aswan High Dam and have a full day tour to the Abu Simbel temples of Ramses II from the 19th dynasty in the ancient Egyptian history.

Cruising the immortal Nile River was and always will be one of the most remarkable activities one can do while visiting Egypt for few days! It allows you to feel like a Pharaoh, as you will follow the same route as our grandpas, in addition to having various entertainments and night activities while sailing from Luxor to Aswan or vice versa.

When we come back from Aswan, we will enjoy a very interesting tour in the city center of Cairo to visit the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities at the most-famous Tahrir Square, the Citadel of Saladin, the Alabaster Mosque of Mohamed Ali Pacha inside the citadel, the Hanging Church and more Christian monuments at Old Cairo area, then have a lovely walking tour with a local soft drink at Khan El-Khalili Bazaar.

Looking forward to welcoming you soon!

Sincerely,
Vantage Travels Team

Detailed Itinerary:

DAY BY DAY PROGRAM

Day 01: Tuesday, December 22nd, 2020

Upon arrival to Cairo International Airport, you will be met by our English-speaking representative, who will help you in all formalities at the airport like passing the passport control & collecting your luggage from the luggage belt at the arrival terminal. Then, you will be transferred to the hotel in Cairo by private Air-conditioned vehicle. We will check in the hotel within few minutes! Overnight in Cairo. [No Meals]



What is included?

- ☒ Meet and assist by our English-speaking representative.
- ☒ Transportation by Air-conditioned vehicles with qualified driver.
- ☒ One bottle of mineral water per person.

Day 02: Wednesday, December 23rd, 2020

Energizing breakfast at your hotel. After that, you will be met by our expert, Egyptologist tour guide, who will join you in such awe-inspiring tour to visit **Pyramids of Giza**, constructed around 2500 BC as the necropolis of the kings of the fourth dynasty. We will then proceed to Sakkara to visit **The Step Pyramid Complex**, which is considered to be the oldest surviving stone monument in the whole world. We will then have a short break for lunch at local restaurant in Cairo. Our last visit will be to **The Open-Air Museum** in Memphis, which was established in the 32nd century BC by King Narmer after he unified Upper and Lower Egypt and became the first capital of the whole country. We will then get back to our hotel. The rest of the day is FREE at leisure on your own in Cairo, where we can offer you a very attractive "optional" tour to attend the Sound & Light Show at Giza Plateau in front of the Great Sphinx. The duration of the show is about 45 minutes to one hour! During the show you will enjoy the story of building the Pyramids, how the kings of Egypt were powerful and strong to rule the Egyptian empire with its extended borders! Overnight in Cairo. [Breakfast & Lunch]



What's included?

- ☒ Guiding by our Professional, Egyptologist Tour Guide.
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- ☒ Entrance fees to the indicated tourist sites.

Day 03: Thursday, December 24th, 2020

Check out from your hotel in Cairo. Later on, you'll be met by our English-speaking representative, who will transfer you by private Air-conditioned vehicle to Cairo International Airport in order to catch your flight to Luxor. Upon arrival to Luxor Airport, you'll be met by our local representative there, who will help and assist you in all formalities and transfer you to your Nile Cruise ship. We will check-in the cruise within few minutes! After lunch, you will join our expert tour guide to visit **Temple of Karnak**, almost all the impressive items of the Karnak we see today date back to the new kingdom specially the huge amazing columns of the hypostyle hall, which are constructed by the famous king, Ramses II. We will then visit **Luxor Temple**, which was established around the 14th century BC and the construction continued for many years afterwards by Ramses II, Queen Hatshepsut, and others kings. We will then get back to our Nile Cruise. [Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner]

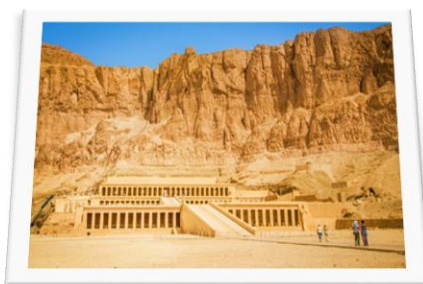


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Day 04: Friday, December 25th, 2020

Morning time is FREE at leisure, as we can offer you a Hot Air Balloon over the west bank of Luxor. One of the marvelous "Adventure Tours" in Luxor and very attractive for the first-time visitors, as it gives them a marvelous chance to see all Luxor Temples, that located on both sides of the Nile, on one tour from the sky! You will enjoy your delicious breakfast on board before you meet our expert your guide to visit **Valley of the Kings**, the richest and most fascinating ancient tombs in Egypt. This was the burial site of the kings from the New Kingdom. Our next visit will be to **Temple of Deir El Bahari**, constructed during the reign of the 18th dynasty by Queen Hatshepsut. On our way back to the cruise, we will stop to see **Colossi of Memnon**, the only remaining items of the great funerary temple of king Amenhotep III. Finally, we will transfer you to your Nile Cruise to enjoy your lunch meal on board while sailing towards the city of Edfu via Esna. [Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner]

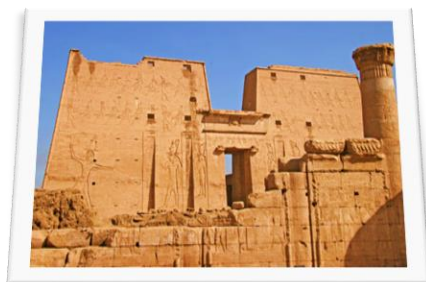


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Day 05: Saturday, December 26th, 2020

Energizing breakfast will be served on board before our full day tour. Our Nile Cruise ship will land at the location of the city of Edfu, where we will visit the **Temple of Horus**, constructed by the Ptolemies in the 3rd century BC for the worship of the god Horus, the avenger of his father. After that, we will get back to our Nile Cruiser for lunch, rest and refresh. We will then proceed to visit the **Temple of Kom Ombo**, established in the Ptolemaic period and completed in the Roman era. Finally, you will be transferred back to your Nile cruise ship for rest and refresh. Evening time, Egyptian folklore show on board. [Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner]



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Day 06: Sunday, December 27th, 2020

Breakfast meal will be served on board. After that, you will prepare yourself to join your expert tour guide to explore the wonderful city of Aswan. Our first visit of the day will be to **the High Dam**, which was constructed by the former president, Gamal Abdel Nasser to store the water, and then generate a large volume of the electricity. We will then ride in a motorboat to visit **Temple of Philae**, constructed in the 3rd century BC in the Greco Roman era as the cult center of the goddess Isis. Our last visit will be to **the Unfinished Obelisk**, which was found in the granite quarry in the Southern part of Aswan. After the day tour, we will drive back to our Nile cruiser, so we can enjoy the tasty lunch. Afternoon, we will have a free time, so you can relax on board your cruise ship or sail by a felucca (small sailing boat) around the attractive islands of Aswan & enjoy the view of Agha Khan Mausoleum. The rest of the day is FREE at leisure on your own in Aswan, where we can offer you such a very attractive tour to visit the Nubian Village, a very unique place in the city, you'll deal with its nice and so kind people, enjoy Henna drawings and birdwatching too. We will then get back to our Nile Cruise ship to enjoy our delicious dinner. Overnight in Aswan. [Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner]



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Day 07: Monday, December 28th, 2020

Check out from our Nile Cruise after breakfast. We will then transfer you by private Air-conditioned vehicle to the city of Abu Simbel, south of Aswan, in order to visit **Abu Simbel Temples**, constructed by Ramses II, the two temples are cut out of rocks and buried under the sand for centuries before being discovered in the 19th century. Both temples were built by king Ramses II, BUT the Great Temple was dedicated to the worship of god Rahorakhty and the Smaller Temple, which was built by the king to his beautiful wife, queen Nefertari, was dedicated afterwards to the worship of Ramses II and Nefertari after being defined as god and goddess in the late period. After this marvelous tour, we will transfer you to Aswan International Airport in order to catch your domestic flight to Cairo. Upon arrival, you'll be met by our English-speaking representative, who will transfer you by private Air-conditioned vehicle to your hotel in Cairo. Check-in & overnight. [Breakfast]

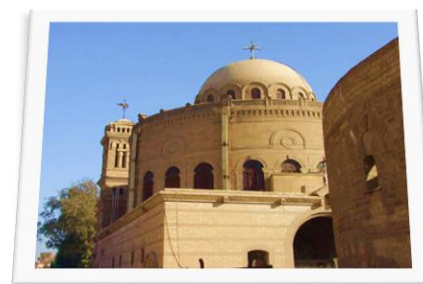


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Day 08: Tuesday, December 29th, 2020

Breakfast will be served at your hotel. After that, you'll be met by our expert, Egyptologist tour guide, who will join you in such a wonderful tour to the **Egyptian Museum**, the largest museum in the world with a huge collection of displays dating back to various periods of the ancient Egyptian history. We will then drive to Old Cairo Area to visit the **Citadel of Saladin**, constructed in the 10th century by Saladin to protect Egypt and became the residence of Egypt's rulers for more than seven centuries. At the end of the tour and before we get back to our hotel, we will have a short visit to the **Coptic Cairo Area**, including the Hanging Church and the well-known church of Abu Serga. We will then get back to the hotel for rest & refresh. The rest of the day is FREE at leisure on your own in Cairo, where we can offer you a stunning Dining Cruise with two hours sailing on Cairo Nile and an oriental show (Belly Dancer & Live Band) to enjoy your night. [Breakfast & Lunch]



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Day 09: Wednesday, December 30th, 2020

Check out after breakfast. Later on, you'll be met by our English-speaking representative, who will transfer you to Cairo International Airport in order to catch your departure flight to your next destination after spending few days exploring the awesome monuments of Egypt. [Breakfast]



**End of
The Program Itinerary!**



Prices & Price Insurance

Tour Price:

Our prices are determined according to different seasons, package contents and accommodation class i.e., budget, tourist, deluxe or luxury.

Travel Delays:

A. We cannot be held responsible for any travel delays that occur before your arrival to Egypt.

B. During your stay in Egypt we will not be held responsible for delays caused by technical issues, strikes, bad weather, or any reason beyond our control. In some cases, also we may be forced to alter the tour itinerary to accommodate such unforeseen delays and/or changes. In this case, no refunds will be given for alterations unless you miss one of your tours.

C. Refunds for Unused Services: In case you choose to decline any tours or service no refund will be paid for unused services included in your tour. Our suppliers including Nile cruises, airlines, transportation companies, tour guides do not refund us so our company will not be able to refund you.

D. Representatives and Egyptologist Tour Guides: We provide all clients with a local representative to meet you at airports / train or bus stations & cruises as well as a licensed tour guide for your tours, unless stated it is not included in your package.

E. Hotels / Cruises: We reserve the right to change hotel / cruise accommodation at any time, but we assure any changes will be made to the same or better category of hotel / cruise available at that time.

F. Passports/Visas: Travelers are responsible to hold a valid passport, entry visa, travel documents and to meet health requirements upon arriving to Egypt. For more information please contact the nearest Egyptian embassy.

G. Liabilities: We will make every effort to ensure that all travel arrangements and services associated with the tours in your program will be carried out as specified. However, in some instances we do not have direct control over the provision of services by suppliers and we do not accept liability for errors and omissions of such suppliers.

Cancellation Fees:

All cancellations must be made in writing to us prior to your departure date. A cancellation fee will be charged based on the percentage of the total tour price. In the event that you should cancel after your departure date, no portion of the tour price will be refunded.

25% of total package price will be applied as a cancellation fees in case of canceling your reservation 35 days or less prior your arrival date.

50% of total package price will be applied as a cancellation fees in case of canceling your reservation 21 days or less prior your arrival date.

100% of total package price will be applied as a cancellation fees in case of canceling your reservation 07 days or less before the date of the tour.

Responsibility Waiver:

We act as a tour operator only. Our tours and arrangements are our sole property and cannot be reproduced in any form. In addition, we will not be held liable for any loss, damage, injury, delay, or any other irregularity that may be occasioned by any defect in any vehicle, accident, or any other form of error or default of any company and/or person engaged in conveying passengers, carrying out the arrangements of the tour, or otherwise in connection therewith.



Arriving & Responsibility

Information & Recommendation:

We highly recommend you to obtain travel insurance prior to your departure.

A baggage allowance of approximately 20 KG per person is permitted on international and domestic flights.

We recommend that you obtain an international driver's license prior to your departure, if you intend to drive.

Airline Responsibility:

For packages that include international airfare, please note that air tickets are NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-CHANGEABLE and/or subject to heavy penalty for any changes in name, date, etc.

International airfares included with some of our tours or added based on your request, are based on nonrefundable non-changeable and fares even if it is a business class or first class, which are offered at steeply discounted rate to you. If you must change or cancel your international airline reservations after we have issued your airline tickets, you will be responsible for any and all airline rebooking fees or cancellation penalties, which may equal the full original cost of the ticket(s).

Any airline ticket issued by a given airline, during your tour, will be considered the sole contract between the airline and the passenger name appearing on the ticket.

General Notes:

To participate in certain tours, you need to be physically fit. We strongly recommend you read and understand the above as well as the terms and conditions posted on our website www.vantage-travels.net that may apply to my specific booking, and agree to abide by them.

Please note that we are not responsible for luggage damage/ loss, transportation or flight delay and duty of checking or verifying any and all passport, visa, vaccination or other entry requirements for each destination, and all safety and security conditions during the length of the proposed travel, including but not limited to Accidents, Health issues, Sickness, dangers from diarrhea, food poisoning, and any other food-borne illnesses, and that travelers assume the duty of taking steps to avoid or counteract these and other illnesses which are among the inherent risks in foreign travel.

Booking Information

Individual Bookings:

25% deposit of total package price "non-refundable" is required at the time of booking during normal season. However, 50% deposit "non-refundable" is required during the high season, including Christmas, New Year & Easter periods. The balance is due four weeks prior to arrival date. We accept Visa or Master Card.

Group Bookings:

50% deposit of total tour package price is required at the time of booking for groups. The balance is due four weeks prior to arrival date. We accept Visa or Master Card.

Special Requests:

If you have any special requests or needs, please inform us of your request at the time of your booking. We will accept your personal requests with your understanding that we will make every effort to comply however, we cannot guarantee that we can meet your specific needs or request.