13 Days Egypt Christmas Itinerary

Туре	Run	Duration	Pick up
Private	Every day	13 Days-12 Nights	Any Time

Book now your 13 Days Egypt Christmas Itinerary, visit Pyramids of Giza & The Egyptian Museum, Discover Siwa oasis Siwa-oasis Follow Alexander the Great Journey in Egypt, and Enjoy 5 Days Nile cruise between Luxor and Aswan.

Inclusions: **Exclusions:** Meet & assist at Cairo International flight International Airport + transfer to visa to Egypt hotel by air-conditioned vehicle Personal expenses and extras at • 02 nights accommodation in Cairo the hotels or tour including breakfast & all taxes Alcoholic drinks -Steigenberger Pyramids Any other optional tours if • 02 nights accommodation in Cairo required including breakfast & all taxes Tipping -Steigenberger Tahrir 01day tour in Cairo as mentioned in program including English speaking guide 01 Lunch at a local restaurant in Cairo Air-conditioned vehicle Cairo / • 01 Day Jeep car with driver (to the Great sand sea and Behir Waheed Entrance fees to all mentioned sites in the program • 03 bottles of mineral water per person per day/1Soft drink per person per day/available salty & sweet snacks • All needed permissions for desert • 01 nights Hotel Accommodation at Ghaliet spa resort or similar on Half Board Basis. • 1 Night Camping in the desert • 2 nights in Luxor-Steigenberger Nile Palace • 4 Nights Nile cruise on based of



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full board

- Dometic Flight tickets(Cairo-Luxor-Aswan-Cairo)
- All Service charges and taxes.
- Assist and transfer to Cairo International airport on final departure

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Days Table

First Day: Day 1- Arrival in Cairo

Marsa Alam tours representative will meet & assist you at <u>Cairo</u> International Airport, Transfer to hotel by private airconditioned vehicle, Overnight in the Hotel

Steigenberger -pyramids



Second Day: Day 2-The Pyramids of Giza and Cairo Museum

You will be picked up from your hotel in <u>Cairo</u> by our tour guide, to enjoy a great excursion to The <u>Pyramids of Giza</u> (<u>Cheops</u>, <u>Chephren</u>, and <u>Mykerinus</u>. Then proceed to visit the Great Sphinx, which dates back to the time of _and visit <u>the Valley Temple</u>



the Egyptian Museum

It exhibits a rare collection of over 250,000 genuine artifacts that date as far back as 5000 years, including an exclusive exhibit dedicated to the Tutankhamen - A collection of treasures, gold, and jewelry that were buried in his tomb for over 3,500 years before they were discovered in 1920 when his tomb was excavated. Fly to Luxor- Transfer to Steigenberger Nile Palace



Third Day: Day 3- Free Day in Luxor

Enjoy a Free day in Luxor-Discover the old City-Thebes

Overnight- Steigenberger- Nile Palace



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4Th Day: Day 4-Karnak and Luxor temples

In the Moring, you Can choose to enjoy an early morning air balloon ride. This is an optional tour

Pick up time from the hotel in <u>Luxor</u> and transfer to your Nile cruise Embarkation& Lunch on board of the Nile Cruise, proceed with the Visits to the Eastbank of the Nile Including



Karnak Temple:

<u>Karnak</u> _is more than A temple, is a spectacular Complex of Sanctuaries, Kiosks, Pylons, and Obelisks, All dedicated to the Theban gods and to the Greater Glory of Egypt's Pharaohs, <u>Karnak</u> _was the Most Important place for the worship of the Theban Triad(Amun, Mut, and Khonso)

Luxor Temple:

Largely built by the New Kingdom Pharaoh Amenhotep the Third and Completed by King Tutankhamon and the Great King Ramses the second, The First pylon was raised by Ramses the second and Decorated with His Military Battle of Kadesh Dinner &Overnight onboard the Cruise -Blue Shadow Nile Cruise

5th Day: Day 5-The valley of the kings

Breakfast on the board on the Nile cruise, Breakfast on the Nile Cruise, Visit the west bank of the Nile Including:

The valley of the Kings:

Once called the great Place of the Truth, this valley Called now the valley of the Kings, It is a Majestic domain of the Pharaohs who once lay in great stone Sarcophagi, awaiting immortality, The isolated valley behind Deir el Bahri is dominated by the Pyramid-Shaped Mountain Peak



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The colossi of Memnon:

Massive pair statues Know as the Colossi of Memnon, Rising about 18 M from the plain, They are the remains of what once the largest complex on the west bank, Built by Amenhotep the Third

The Queen <u>Hatshepsut</u> temple

Rising out of the desert Plain, in a series of terraces, The temple of Hatshepsut Mergs with sheer limestone Cliffs of the eastern face of the Theban Mountain as if Nature herself had built this Extraordinary monument.

13:00 sail to Esna lock& lunch will be during the sail 18:00 arrive, Esna Lock, Sail to Edfu& Dinner Overnight o board of the Cruise in Edfu

Blue Shadow Nile cruise



6th Day: Day 6-Edfu and Kom ombo

Breakfast on board the Cruise 07:00 Visit the temple of Edfu

Edfu temple

Upper Egyptian site dominated by a large well -Preserved temple, dedicated to the hawk-God Horus, The Construction of Ptolemaic temple of Horus, which was founded on the site of a much earlier temple, dated to the period between the reigns of Ptolemy the Third(246 B.c), The descriptions on the walls include the Myth of contending of Horus and Seth(Probably performed annually as a religious Drama.

09:30 Sail to Kom combo

12:30 lunch on board of the Nile cruise during the sail

15:30 arrive Kom Ombo, visit the temple of Kom Ombo

Kom Ombo temple

The temple and the associated settlement site located 40 K.m north of Aswan, the temple was dedicated to the deities Sobek and Horus and date mainly to the Ptolemaic and Roman period(332 B.b -395 A.c)

17:30 Continue sailing to Aswan, Dinner will be during the sail 21:00 arrive Aswan and overnight on board the Cruise



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7th Day: Day 7-Abu simble

Breakfast on board the cruise.

Abu Simbel temples

The two temples of Ramses the second and the Queen Nefertari were carved out of the Mountain on the west bank of the Nile between 1274 and 1244 B.c, The Great Temple was dedicated to Ramses the second, Ra-Harakhty, Amun Ra, and Ptah, with 4 Colossal statues, The second temple was dedicated to The Queen Nefertari and Goddess Hathor, the two temples were dismantled stone by stone and rebuilt on higher ground, The preservation of the two temples of Abu Simbel must Rank as the greatest Achievement of the Unesco.



After Lunch, you sailing boat with felucca and you can add an Optional trip to the Nubian village

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8th Day: Day 8-Aswan-Cairo

Breakfast on Board the Cruise

08:00 Proceed with Visits of Aswan including the Temple of Philae and tour by Felucca around Elephantine, the High Dam, the Unfinished Obelisk

Phiala temple:

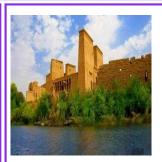
Built to honor the goddess Isis, this was the last temple built in the classical Egyptian style. Construction began around 690 BC, and it was one of the last outposts where the goddess was worshipped

The High Dam:

Aswan High Dam is a rock-fill dam located at the northern border between Egypt and Sudan. The dam is fed by the River Nile and the reservoir forms Lake Nasser. Construction for the project began in 1960 and was completed in 1968. It was officially inaugurated in 1971.

The Unfinished Obelisk

Aswan was the source of ancient Egypt's finest granite, used to





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make statues and embellish temples, pyramids, and obelisks. The large unfinished obelisk in the Northern Quarries has provided valuable insight into how these monuments were created, although the full construction process is still not entirely clear. Three sides of the shaft, nearly 42m long, were completed except for the inscriptions. At 1168 tonnes, the completed obelisk would have been the single heaviest piece of stone the Egyptians ever fashioned.

. Transfer to your Nile cruise boat in Aswan for embarkation with lunch, Fly to Cairo-Transfer to your hotel in Cairo

Meals: Breakfast

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9th Day: Day 9- Cairo - Alemein - Siwa

Cairo, El Alamein, Marsa Matrouh, Siwa oasis

Pick up time from your hotel in <u>Cairo</u> or Giza at 05:00 am. we do recommend to order a breakfast box from your hotel because of the early departure, and drive to <u>El Alamein</u>, driving distance: 259 km. It takes 3 hours driving, on the way we stop for a coffee break. Arrival at <u>El Alamein</u> at 08:30

Visit El Alamein Museum, from 08:30 till11:30

visit the museum of <u>El Alamein</u> which gives good information about the battle of <u>El Alamein</u>, The museum, about 1 mile west of the British memorial, is located on the north side of the road, for anyone interested in the war Memorabilia. the tombs of the Italians and Germans, Commonwealth War Graves drive to Marsa Matrouh from <u>El Alamein</u>

At 11:30 drive to Siwa through Marsa Matrouh. From: El-Alamein, Al Alameen to Siwa, Egypt.

Driving distance: 485 km.

Duration: 6 hours 6 mins.

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Light lunch will be served on the way.

Dinner will be served in the hotel.

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10th Day: Day 10-Siwa

Discover Siwa oasis

Breakfast at the hotel.

Pick up at 07:00 am from the hotel. You will visit today's Siwa attractions, we will start with Alexander the Great Temple is also known as the Temple of the Oracle. It is believed that Alexander the Great wished to consult the Siwan oracle to seek confirmation that he was the son of Zeus. The Greek god of gods, when he and his entourage arrived at Siwa oasis after a long trip through the desert. Then drive to the salt lake at 08:30



at 09:00 then Proceed to the salt lake to get an amazing experience to swim, the water makes you float above

at 11:00 Then proceed to (Cleopatra's bath)The spring of the sun. It has been mentioned by travelers to Siwa, The legend maintains that Cleopatra swam here, Then Proceed to the temple of Umm Ubaydah or Amun temple, Just 200 m further from the Temple of the Oracle, the temple was erected by the pharaoh Nectanebo of the 30th Dynasty,

12:00(Taste the Siwan lunch) in a Siwan restaurant at Abdo restaurant.

Then you will adventure the desert by discovering the Great Sand Sea. by Jeep 4x4, Visit the hot and Cold spring Bir Waheed Later, we enjoy some traditional Bedouin Tea by sunset& Overnight in desert Camp and Enjoy Bbq Dinner. If you need to Sleep in a Hotel instead of the camp, This is also available. we have nice Ecolodges in Siwa

11th Day: Day 11-Siwa-Cairo

Siwa, Marsa Matrouh, Cairo

Breakfast at the Camp at 07:00 then drive back to <u>Siwa oasis</u>, Visit Shali Fort, and free time for shopping, then proceed to the Mountain of the Dead is a conical mountain a little over a kilometer to the north of Shali. Tombs from the twenty-sixth Dynasty, Ptolemaic, and the Roman periods are cut into the side of the mountain, There are four tombs worth seeing at Gebel AI – Mawta.



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Then drive to <u>Cairo</u>, passing by Marsa Matrouh "North Coast of Egypt" for lunch

From: Siwa, Egypt.

To: Marsa Matruh, Mersa Matruh, Egypt.

Driving distance: 308 km. Duration: 4 hours 9 mins.

Arrival at 13:00 and have some time at the beach Discover Marsa

Matrouh, then drive back to Cairo

From: Marsa Matruh, Mersa Matruh, Egypt.

To: Cairo, Egypt.

Driving distance: 446 km.

Duration: 4 hours 42 mins.

Arrival in Cairo at 20:00

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12th Day: Day-12- Old Cairo

Pick Up time from your hotel at 08:00 am with your Egyptologist tour guide, Enjoy a fantastic orientation tour of <u>Cairo</u> on an 8-hour excursion that takes in the major monuments of Old <u>Cairo</u> and Khan El Khalili Bazaar, you will drive up to the Saladin Citadel, constructed by Salah al-Din on the Moqattam Hills in 1183 AD as a defense against Crusader armies. Known for its fresh air and sweeping views of <u>Cairo</u>, it is now a preserved historic site of mosques and museums, including the Mosque of Muhammad Ali Pasha

Designed by the Turkish architect Yousif Boushnaq, who came to <u>Cairo</u> especially from Istanbul to build the great building, the mosque's alabaster structure stands in beautiful contrast to the sandstone city.

Lunch will be served in a local restaurant in Old <u>Cairo</u>

Then, visit Old <u>Cairo</u> to see major attractions such as the Hanging Church, the Ben Ezra Synagogue, the Church of St. Barbara, and the Church of Abu Serga, one of the oldest Coptic churches in <u>Cairo</u>

Continue to the Khan el-Khalili Bazaar, one of the oldest bazaars





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in the Middle East. Discover a maze of alleys that have been at the center of <u>Cairo</u>'s trading activities since the 14th century. After an amazing trip.

Overnight in Cairo- Steigenberger Tahrir

13th Day: Day 13- International departure

Check out - transfer to <u>Cairo</u> airport for final departure. You can extend your stay in <u>Cairo</u>





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