

15 Day Egypt Christmas And New Year Grand Tour

📍 Cairo, Egypt



This 15-day Egypt Christmas and New Year tour is a wide-ranging festive journey through Cairo, Alexandria, the Nile Valley and the Red Sea. It combines a three-night cruise, Abu Simbel, Luxor's major temples, snorkeling and desert activities in Hurghada, and two detailed heritage days in Cairo.

Tour Facts

Language:
Arabic, English

Duration:
15

Tour Type:
continuous

Tour Itinerary

Day 1 : Arrival in Cairo and Festive Nile Dinner Cruise

Meet the representative at Cairo International Airport and receive assistance through the arrival formalities. Transfer privately to the hotel and settle in. In the evening, board a Nile dinner cruise for a relaxed introduction to the city, with a meal and traditional entertainment as Cairo's illuminated riverfront passes by. Return to the hotel afterward.

Day 2 : Giza Pyramids, Camel Ride and Grand Egyptian Museum

Spend the morning on the Giza Plateau with the Great Pyramid of Khufu, the Great Sphinx and the Valley Temple. Take a short camel ride for a wider view across the pyramid field. After lunch, continue to the Grand Egyptian Museum and explore monumental sculpture and collections spanning ancient Egyptian history before returning to the Cairo hotel.

Day 3 : Alexandria Catacombs, Citadel and Library

Drive north for a private day tour of Alexandria. Descend into the Catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa, then visit Pompey's Pillar and Qaitbay Citadel overlooking the eastern harbor. After lunch, stop at the modern Bibliotheca Alexandrina for exterior photographs and time along the waterfront. Return to Cairo in the evening for the night.

Day 4 : Flight to Aswan, City Highlights and Cruise Embarkation

Fly to Aswan and begin at the High Dam, followed by the granite quarry of the Unfinished Obelisk. Continue by motorboat to Philae Temple and explore its island sanctuary. After lunch, take a gentle felucca ride on the Nile, then board the cruise and settle into your cabin for dinner and the first night afloat.

Day 5 : Abu Simbel Temples

Leave early for the desert road to Abu Simbel. Four colossal seated figures dominate the Great Temple of Ramesses II, while the neighboring temple honors Queen Nefertari and the goddess Hathor. Explore both interiors and learn how the monuments were relocated above Lake Nasser. Return to Aswan for lunch aboard and the start of the northbound sailing.

Day 6 : Kom Ombo and Edfu Temples

Go ashore at Kom Ombo to explore its double temple, where mirrored halls and sanctuaries served two divine cults. Continue along the Nile to Edfu and visit the exceptionally complete Temple of Horus, moving from its monumental pylon to the sacred inner rooms. Rejoin the vessel for lunch, dinner and the final sailing toward Luxor.

Day 7 : Karnak and Evening at Luxor Temple

Disembark and begin the east-bank sightseeing at Karnak Temple. Walk through its successive gateways, open courts, obelisks and the Great Hypostyle Hall before checking into the Luxor hotel. After lunch and time to rest, return to the riverfront in the evening for Luxor Temple, when its colonnades and reliefs are illuminated. Overnight in Luxor.

Day 8 : Luxor West Bank and Transfer to Hurghada

Cross to the west bank after breakfast and enter selected decorated tombs in the Valley of the Kings. Continue to Hatshepsut Temple and pause beside the Colossi of Memnon. After lunch, leave the Nile Valley and travel through the Eastern Desert to Hurghada. Check in at the seaside hotel and enjoy dinner at the resort.

Day 9 : Red Sea Snorkeling Adventure

Board a boat for a day on the Red Sea, with snorkeling stops chosen according to weather and sea conditions. Enter the water to see coral formations and marine life, with time between sessions to relax on deck. Lunch and soft drinks are served during the excursion. Return to the Hurghada hotel for dinner and the night.

Day 10 : Leisure Day on the Red Sea

Keep the day free to enjoy Hurghada at your own pace. Relax by the beach or pool, use the resort facilities or arrange an optional activity independently. There is no fixed touring schedule, allowing a genuine rest day during the longer journey. Meals and soft drinks follow the stated resort plan.

Day 11 : Eastern Desert Safari

Set out from Hurghada for a guided desert safari. Ride a quad bike across open tracks and sandy terrain, then spend time learning about the landscape and local Bedouin traditions. Exact activities and timing depend on the operating conditions. Return to the resort afterward for dinner and a quiet evening by the Red Sea.

Day 12 : Second Free Day in Hurghada

Enjoy another unscheduled day at the resort. You can remain by the water, join an optional hotel activity or simply rest before returning to Cairo. Breakfast, lunch, dinner and soft drinks are provided under the resort meal plan, while any independently booked activities remain optional.

Day 13 : Flight to Cairo and Old Cairo Heritage

Fly to Cairo and visit the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization, whose galleries trace Egyptian history in chronological order and include the royal mummy collection. Continue to the Hanging Church in Old Cairo. After lunch, walk along Al-Muizz Street and browse Khan El Khalili Bazaar before transferring to the Cairo hotel.

Day 14 : Citadel and Historic Mosques of Cairo

Begin at Salah El Din Citadel and visit the Muhammad Ali Mosque, whose courtyard and domes overlook the capital. After lunch, continue to the monumental Sultan Hassan Mosque and Madrasa, then cross to the ornate Al-Rifai Mosque. The contrasting buildings reveal several important periods of Cairo's Islamic architecture. Return to the hotel for the final night.

Day 15 : Departure from Cairo

Enjoy breakfast and check out from the hotel. Transfer privately to Cairo International Airport and receive assistance with the departure formalities before your onward flight, concluding the fifteen-day festive tour.