

Party with the Pharaohs 6 days



The ideal Xmas or New Year's mini - getaway! Spend Xmas Day or New Year's Eve relaxing by the pool in sunny Cairo! We'll reveal the very best of ancient Egypt this Xmas or New Year's from the legendary Pyramids and antiquity filled Egyptian Museum, to the tomb strewn Valley of the Kings and back again!

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Cairo / Ends in: Cairo
- Departs: 24 Dec & 26 Dec 2012
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:5, Lunch: 0, Dinner: 0
- Hotel Rating: 4 - 5 star
- Tour Guide: Yes

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - [click here](#)
- To book this trip - [click here](#)
- To enquire about this trip - [click here](#)

TOUR MAP:



QUICK WEB LINKS

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Day 1: Cairo

Mon 24 Dec 2012 or Wed 26 Dec 2012. Welcome to Egypt and the start of your holiday! Arrive Cairo, included airport arrival transfer to hotel and overnight. Overnight - [Cairo](#)

Day 2: Pyramids of Giza & Saqqara

Cairo - Luxor. It's Merry Christmas for those on our 24 Dec tour! We hope santa has brought you something nice!

Both tours start the day with a visit to the incredible pyramids and Sphinx at Giza Plateau. It's estimated the largest - Khufu (Cheops) was constructed from no less than 2.5 million quarried limestone blocks, weighing around 6 million tonnes. No mean feat, when you consider the pyramids were built without the use of modern equipment! Maybe opt for a camel ride.

Travelling on to the necropolis of Saqqara, innumerable sand strewn temples and tombs await discovery. It's at Saqqara where you'll see Zoser's step pyramid. Rising 6 steps, it served as the prototype for ancient Egypt's most enduring architectural legacy. Overnight seater train to Luxor - consider upgrading to a Sleeper cabin. Overnight - Train



Day 3: Luxor

Arrive and check into hotel. One of the world's greatest open-air museums, the 4000 year old site of ancient Thebes - known today as Luxor is our base for two exciting days of exploration. Enjoy some rest and relaxation time this afternoon by the pool or bar. Tonight, an optional visit to Temple of Luxor. The temple is magically illuminated by a thousand coloured lights at night fall, book and pay locally. Remainder of the evening at leisure with a chance to enjoy the facilities of our hotel. Overnight - [Luxor](#)



Day 4: Valley of the Kings

Luxor - Cairo. There is the option to float over Luxor in a hot air balloon at sunrise. From high above we look down upon ancient Thebes, remarkable landscape and local villages waking up to start their day. Afterward we cross to the West Bank of the Nile. The massive pair of statues known as the Colossi of Memnon are the first monuments we'll see as we start our day's sightseeing. They are all that remains of the temple of Amenophis III. Today, we visit the Valleys of the Kings and the imposing colonnaded temple of Queen Hatshepsut.

Returning to our hotel, we enjoy free time before visiting Karnak. More than a temple, Karnak is a spectacular complex of sanctuaries, pylons and obelisks - built on a grand scale. During the height of Theban power, Karnak was the most important place of worship. Tonight, we return to Cairo by overnight seater train. Sleeper cabin upgrade available. Overnight - Train



Day 5: Egyptian Museum

Arrive to Cairo and hotel check-in. Later, a guided visit to the Egyptian Museum. See the famous King Tutankhamen solid gold death mask or opt to see the Royal Mummy room. Remains of the afternoon and evening free to do your own thing. Overnight - [Cairo](#)

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Day 6: Cairo your way

Sat 29 Dec 2012 or Mon 31 Dec 2012. Today marks the final day of your tour and its New Year's Eve for our 26 Dec tour. Which ever tour you are on, today offers rest and relaxation. Maybe enjoy a lie in, a late breakfast and later a beer or two by the pool, before your departure transfer to the airport.



WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- Cairo - Pyramids & Sphinx at Giza Plateau
- Necropolis of Saqqara
- Egyptian Museum
- Luxor - Temple of Karnak
- Valley of the Kings, Colossi of Memnon, Temple of Queen Hatshepsut

What's Included

- Breakfast daily
- 3 nights 4 - 5 star hotels
- 2 nights train: Cairo - Luxor - Cairo (seater train). Upgrade possible!
- Touring of Cairo, Giza, Saqqara and Luxor
- Airport arrival and departure transfer day 1 and day 6
- Escorted by an Egyptian tour leader/guide degree qualified in Egyptology
- All relevant transfer and transportation in private modern air-conditioned vehicles

What's Not Included

- Tip for your tour guide. We recommend you allow \$3 - 5 USD per day, per traveller. Tipping your guide is an entirely personal gesture
- International flights and visa
- Entrance Fees: \$55-65 USD
- Tipping Kitty: \$25-35 USD

BOLT-ONS:

Make the most of your time away! Listed below are the optional activities that are available on this trip. Please note that you will need to book these prior to travel as we cannot always guarantee availability of these activities once you are on holiday.

Alexandria Day Trip - USD \$119

Carry on your Egyptian affair before or after your tour, with a day tour (with lunch) to amazing Alexandria on the Mediterranean Coast. Founded by Alexander the Great, Alexandria boasts wonderful beaches and an impressive seafront corniche, along which are dotted cafes and restaurants, as well as catacombs, souks and relics from a bygone age.

Hot Air Ballooning - USD \$199

An aerial adventure awaits in Luxor! Imagine drifting silently over temples, ancient sites, ruins and villages in the early morning sun. See ancient Thebes from a different angle as you float above the River Nile and wave down at the locals as you drift a few metres from their open rooftops!

Sleeper Train Upgrade - one way - USD \$89

On our Jewel of the Nile, Family tours and many tailor-made itineraries we include the Sleeper Cabin Train as part of your journey. On all other tours (taking the Nefertiti Seater Train) we offer the option to upgrade to a sleeper cabin on the Sleeper train. Cabins are lockable, equipped with 2 bunk beds, linen, washbasin and towel, allowing passengers to relax and stretch out.

PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$919

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Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same sex on your tour, this can be arranged, thus avoiding the single person supplement. All our scheduled tour departures are guaranteed subject to a minimum of 2 travellers.

2012

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
24 DEC - 29 DEC	USD \$919	USD \$249
26 DEC - 31 DEC	USD \$919	USD \$249

2013

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
20 DEC - 25 DEC	USD \$919	USD \$249
24 DEC - 29 DEC	USD \$919	USD \$249
26 DEC - 31 DEC	USD \$919	USD \$249

Supplementary Prices

	Price/Person	Single Supp.
Pre Accom - Cairo	USD \$79	USD \$20
Post Accom Cairo	USD \$79	USD \$20