

Festive Pharaohs Adventure 6 days



The ideal Xmas or New Year's mini - getaway! 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: 23 & 26 Dec 2014
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:5, Lunch: 0, Dinner: 0
- Hotel Rating: 4 - 5 star
- Tour Guide: Yes, escorted by a tour guide

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:

Welcome to Egypt and the start of your holiday! Arrive Cairo, included airport arrival transfer to hotel and overnight. Overnight - [Cairo](#)

Day 2:

Cairo - Luxor. 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 sleeper train to Luxor. Overnight - [Sleeper Train](#)



Day 3:

This morning we arrive into Luxor and check into our 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. Tonight, there is 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:

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. Afterwards 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 sleeper train. Overnight - Sleeper Train



Day 5:

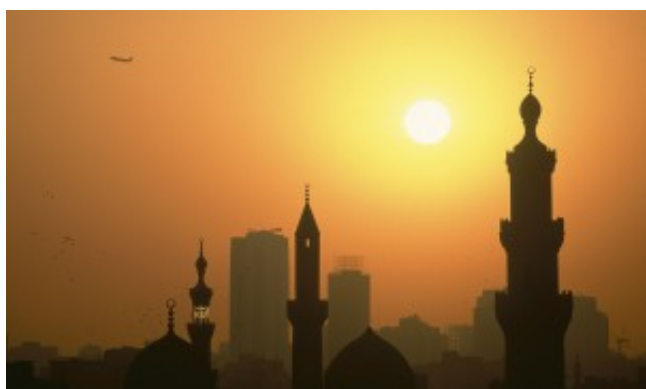
Arrive into Cairo and hotel check-in. Later, a guided visit to the Egyptian Museum. See the famous King Tutankhamen solid gold death mask or opt to see the Royal Mummy room. Remains of the afternoon and evening free to do your own thing. Overnight - [Cairo](#)

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Day 6:

Today marks the final day of your tour. Maybe enjoy a lie in and enjoy a late breakfast or 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 overnight trains: Cairo - Luxor - Cairo (2 berth, 1st class sleeper cabin)
- 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: \$75-85 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 \$139

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 \$229

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!

PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$1,499

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.

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Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
21 DEC - 26 DEC	USD \$1,499	USD \$799
23 DEC - 28 DEC	USD \$1,499	USD \$799
26 DEC - 31 DEC	USD \$1,499	USD \$799

Supplementary Prices

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

HOTELS:

The hotels listed below are ones which we frequently use on this tour. We reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard when necessary.

Mercure Cairo Le Sphinx - Cairo

In a great location for the Pyramids, the Mercure Cairo Le Sphinx is a contemporary hotel with excellent amenities. Guest rooms are well furnished with modern interiors and en suite facilities. Wi-fi is available in the lobby and there is a beautiful outdoor pool perfect for relaxing by. Why not head to the restaurant on the roof for a delicious meal and impressive views of the Pyramids. Perfectly located across from the Pyramids and also close to Cairo University and the Hanging Church.



Sleeper Train - Cairo

When taking the train in Egypt, the most comfortable way to go is in a sleeper carriage. Cabins are equipped with 2 beds (one above the other), a sink, electric points and air conditioning. Each carriage has toilets at each end and there is a club car as well. In the early evening an attendant will come round and make up your beds for you. Cabins also come with interconnecting doors so perfect for families and groups of 4.



Sonesta St. George Hotel - Luxor

A grand and classical hotel, the Sonesta is luxurious, ensuring you a comfortable stay. The hotel has a sweeping terrace with fantastic views of the Nile, a grand entrance of polished marble and handsomely appointed furnishings with exquisite detail and a beautiful health spa.



Novotel Heliopolis Airport Hotel - Cairo

The Novotel Heliopolis Airport is a modern hotel set in well manicured gardens with spacious rooms. The rooms overlook the open air garden and therefore are extremely airy and comfortable.

