

# Cairo City Break from only £150pp\*

4 DAYS / PRIVATE TOUR / STANDARD TOUR /



Cairo is a colourful, bustling city steeped in history and home to the world's most famous monument, the Pyramids. It is also a living, breathing city with many wonderful sites to see, including museums, parks and mazy bazaars. This short break will give you an excellent taster of the many delights Cairo has to offer, and undoubtedly leave you wanting to explore more of Egypt.

**FLIGHT BOOKINGS AVAILABLE**

See page 4 for details

**We run this tour on private departures only. Call or check the website for dates and prices. Various tailor-made options are also available on request.**

Please refer to page 2 or website for details.



<b>FLIGHTS INCLUDED:*</b> X	<b>LOCAL PAYMENT:</b> X	<b>ENTRANCE FEES:</b> X	<b>AIRPORT TRANSFERS:</b> ✓
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## TOUR FACTS

<b>Tour Code &amp; Class:</b>	CUEGCB / Standard
<b>Group Size &amp; Age:</b>	Min. - 2 Max. - none / Min. age - none
<b>Activity - Cultural:</b>	Sightseeing, Nile dinner cruise, camel ride (optional)
<b>Activity Level:</b>	Low
<b>Accommodation:</b>	3 nights in hotels (approx. 3-star)
<b>Transport:</b>	A/C bus/minibus/car
<b>Meals:</b>	3 Breakfasts (B) and 1 Dinner (D)

## YOUR 4 DAY TOUR ITINERARY

- Day 1:** Arrive in Cairo. Transfer from airport to hotel.
- Day 2:** Cairo - Pyramids & Sphinx tour.
- Day 3:** Cairo - City tour. Nile dinner cruise.
- Day 4:** Cairo - Free time. Transfer to airport for departure.

"Would you like to extend this tour to take in some of the sites in the Nile valley? ...then check out our Nile Explorer tour"

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## DETAILED ITINERARY

### DAY 1 / ARRIVE IN CAIRO

You arrive at Cairo airport where we greet and transfer you to your 3-star hotel. Our Egypt Uncovered rep. welcomes you, helps you settle into the hotel, and outlines the plan for the next few days.

*Overnight at 3-star hotel in Cairo.*

### DAY 2 / TOUR TO PYRAMIDS AND SPHINX

After breakfast we have a short pre-tour briefing before we take you on a tour of Giza and Saqqara. Giza was built around 4600 years ago as a necropolis (cemetery) for the pharaoh Khufu (Cheops). The successor of Sneferu, Khufu was known as a tyrant and in his arrogance decided to have built a tomb that was bigger and better than all others. Standing 500 feet high and 750 feet at its base the Pyramid of Khufu is an awesome man-made structure constructed of giant blocks of stone covered in a hard limestone casing. The casing has, over the years, been stripped away to leave exposed the inner block structure. Together with the smaller pyramids of Khafre (Chephren) and Menkaure (Mycerinus), the majestic sight of these enormous structures rising out of the desert is a breathtaking spectacle. Here you have the chance to climb inside one of the pyramids (there are a limited number of tickets available, so we cannot guarantee this), and also to take a camel ride (approx. £2-5 p/p for around 30mins). Close by, the mysterious Sphinx stands guard, as it has done so for thousands of years. You have another guided tour around the sphinx and some free time to walk around and take photos.

From here we take you to Saqqara, which lies 25km to the south of Cairo. Djoser's (Zoser's) Step Pyramid (built 4700 years ago) dominates the skyline and is believed to have been the ancient Egyptians' first attempt at Pyramid building. The entire 7km stretch of desert at Saqqara is a treasure trove of pyramids, temples and tombs, which we will have plenty of time to explore, while we learn

about the history of pyramid building in Egypt.

For this, and all of your sightseeing tours, a local English-speaking Egyptologist guide will accompany you.

From here we head back to the hotel where you will have a free evening and a chance to try one of the city's many excellent restaurants.

*Overnight at 3-star hotel in Cairo.*

### DAY 3 / CAIRO, CITY TOUR

After breakfast we check out of the hotel and take you on a tour of Cairo. Founded in 969 AD by Gohar, a Fatimid army leader, El Kahera (Cairo) soon became the capital of Egypt. Subsequent additions like the El Azhar mosque, the Islamic University, and defensive walls and a citadel, built by Saladin in 1179, have helped Cairo remain Egypt's principal city. The 16-year reign of Ismail (1830-1895) ushered in a new period of expansion and modernisation in Cairo. Areas like Heliopolis, Dokki and Roda were added, while gardens, Opera houses, large hotels and wide, tree lined avenues were built. Further post revolutionary, urban expansion has left Cairo as one of the world's largest cities. Today it is a bustling metropolis of over 20 million people, a strange mix of modern and old, a unique blend of diverse cultures and a gateway to Egypt's past.

Your tour includes a visit to the Egyptian Museum (which houses a vast collection of artefacts from Egypt's past, including the famous King Tutankhamun display), the Citadel (a collection of mosques and palaces, with a great view over the city), and the Khan al Khalili bazaar (a mazy market that offers a window to the past and a guaranteed souvenir).

In the evening you board a river steamer for a dinner cruise on the Nile. You will enjoy the unique taste of Middle Eastern cuisine whilst experiencing traditional Egyptian Sufi and belly dancing.

*Overnight at 3-star hotel in Cairo (B D).*

### DAY 4 / TOUR ENDS

Your tour ends after breakfast and we transfer you to the airport for your flight home.

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### DAY 4 EXTRA OPTIONS

**Alexandria day trip option**

**Al Fayoum & Valley of the Whales option**

*See page 3 for details*

## SMALL GROUP, PRIVATE AND TAILOR-MADE TOURS

### SMALL GROUP DEPARTURES:

We do not run set group departures on this tour. However, you may join a group by doing this tour starting on the same date as nearly all of our other Standard level Egyptian tours.

### PRIVATE DEPARTURES:

We normally arrange this tour privately, starting on any day throughout the year. During busy periods you may join other people for some of the sightseeing tours (up to our normal maximum group number of 16).

### TAILOR-MADE TOURS:

This tour can also be used as a base for a private tailor-made itinerary, to be run on any dates. You can make adjustments as per your own requirements (for example, adding extra days, slightly shortening the tour, adding a scuba-diving course etc.).

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### OPTIONS:

#### Booking and paying for options:

Options are split into two types

A - Those that must be booked in advance (mainly accommodation based). Prices for these are set in GB Pounds and must be booked and paid for in advance of your arrival.

B - Those that may be arranged in Egypt (eg. hot air balloon flights, extra city tours, sound & light shows etc.). Prices for these are set in Egyptian Pounds, and they are paid for while you are in Egypt. This gives you more flexibility and means you won't lose out if you were to book an option in advance and then not do it.

#### A - ADVANCE BOOKING OPTIONS

These may be booked by selecting them on our online reservation form, and can also be added after you have made your booking, subject to availability at the time.

#### Single room supplement - Price: £45

If you have any single travellers in your party, then if you want to guarantee them a single room, then you can add this single supplement option to cover all the hotels used in the tour.

Triple rooms or extra beds are available for children to share their parents room if required. Please contact us if you have any questions about room allocations and prices for your family.

#### Extra days - Price: subject to party make-up

These are available on request in Cairo before and after the main tour. If you want to add extra days into the time in Aswan, Luxor, or Hurghada we can arrange this, but please request a tailor-made tour. The price includes a night in the 4 or 5-star hotel, breakfast, all taxes and transfers (single room supplements apply).

#### Al Fayoum & Valley of the Whales - Price: see Options sheet

This option leaves Cairo in the morning of Day 4, and takes a private car/minibus or 4WD jeep via the Meidum Pyramid, one of the very first attempts at building a true pyramid, to the Fayoum area, about 90 minutes drive from Cairo. This extensively irrigated area is the most fertile region in Egypt and for centuries has supplied Egypt with wheat and numerous other crops. We stop to see the water wheels which have powered the irrigation for centuries, visit a natural spring, and see the Birket Qarn salt lake, home to many different birds including flamingos on one of the islands. We spend the night in a hotel by the lake (normally the 4-star Helnan Auberge).

The following morning we drive straight to the Wadi Rayan Protected Area, which surrounds a fresh-water lake in the middle of the desert, which is filled by the remaining irrigation water from the Fayoum area. There are several waterfalls here, and a bird hide which gives good views of the lakes birdlife, particularly in the winter months when the lake is an important stop for migrating water-birds. We also visit the Springs Oasis area, a rare example of an uninhabited Saharan oasis, and host to many different plants and animals, including Dorcas Gazelle, Ruppell's Sand Fox and Fennec Fox.

After a stop for a packed lunch, we then drive into the stunning desert & mountain scenery of Wadi Hitan (Valley of the Whales). This World Heritage Site is accepted as the most significant site in the world to demonstrate the evolution of whales, and we take a 2-3km walk here to see several specimens of fossilised whales of different types sitting on the surface of the sand, as well as fossilised mangroves and the remains of crab holes.

We return this evening to Cairo where we spend a night in a hotel before the tour finishes on Day 4 with a transfer to the airport for your departure.

**Day 4** - Morning drive via Meidum pyramid to Fayoum and tour. Overnight at hotel in Fayoum (B).

**Day 5** - Full day tour to Wadi Rayan & Valley of the Whales. Drive back to Cairo. Overnight at hotel in Cairo (B L).

**Day 6** - Cairo. Free time. Transfer to airport for departure. (B).

#### B - OPTIONS AVAILABLE IN EGYPT

You will receive more information on all the options available to you while you are in Egypt in the Welcome Pack we provide on your arrival, together with information on how and when to book and pay for them with your guide or our local reps.

Prices are set in Egyptian Pounds but payments may also be made with hard currency (GB Pounds, Euros, US Dollars) at our local exchange rate at the time, which is set monthly. Credit card payments are also accepted in Cairo for these payments (3% fee).

#### Sound & Light shows - Price: see Options sheet

These are available at the Pyramids in Cairo.

Prices include all transfers and your entrance ticket. Please check the start time for the English language show before booking as they can be very late.

#### INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE TOUR:

- Accommodation
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- All transfers, including 24-hour airport transfer service
- Tours & guides as indicated on the itinerary
- All transport

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## NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE TOUR:

- International airfares
- Visa costs
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Drinks, snacks, tips, and other personal expenses
- Entrance fees to all sites mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel insurance
- Any other items not mentioned above

## ACCOMMODATION:

Our standard tours use good quality hotels (approx. 3-star) in which all rooms have air-conditioning and en-suite bathrooms. In Cairo, subject to availability, we like to use a pyramids area hotel with a pool in the summer months, and a city centre hotel when it is cooler in the winter months..

## Hotels used on this tour (subject to availability):

*Oasis Hotel. (4-star).*

At certain times of the year or where circumstances & availability dictate we may need to use a different hotel from the one listed above. In this event alternative hotels will always be of a similar standard.

Please see our website for more current details of the hotels that would be used on the tour.

## TRANSPORT:

This tour aims at bringing you as close to the real Egypt as possible and not cocooning you from it. While we do use some public transport on other Standard tours, as this tour is based solely in Cairo, we use private air-conditioned cars and minibuses for all the sightseeing tours and transfers.

## TRANSFERS:

The tour includes a 24-hour airport meet & assist service in Cairo airport, your arrival and departure airport transfers and all other transfers.

Our representative will meet you in the immigration hall of Cairo airport, before you go through passport control. He will help you obtain your visas if required, and then take you through passport control, assist with collecting your luggage, and then take you directly to your hotel.

## INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS:

In order to keep our tours flexible, and to make them accessible to as many people as possible, we do not include your international flights in the set tour itinerary or price.

However, we do hold an ATOL (UK flight sales license) and are happy to book your flights for you. If you let us know your ideal dates and departure airport, then we will be happy to provide you with some flight options that we can arrange for you. You can then choose whether to book the flights through us, or make your own arrangements. Either way, your airport arrival & departure transfers are included.

## TOUR LEADERS/GUIDES:

For this tour we provide a fully trained, local English-speaking Egyptologist to act as your tour guide whilst you are in Egypt. He/she will be with you for all of the sightseeing tours in Cairo. Our local rep in Cairo is also at your service, and will be handling all the practical arrangements for the tour.

Our policy at Egypt Uncovered is to use only local guides and reps in Egypt and for more details on our reasons for this please visit the 'Tour Type' page on our website.

## ENTRANCE FEES:

The tour price does not include entrance fees to the tourist sites mentioned in the itinerary. You should allow around £25 per person or £50% for minors or students with an ISIC card, to cover all of the sites mentioned in the itinerary. Your guide will be happy to collect payment for all the entrance fees at the start of the tour, and pay them for you as you go along if you wish.

Camera Fees are applied at some of the sites, and these are not included in the price.

## COUNTRY GUIDE:

For an in-depth overview of Egypt, please checkout the country guide pages on our website.

## DATES & PRICES:

We can run this tour privately for you on any dates at all, or customise it to make a tailor-made tour to fit your personal requirements. If you want to join a group of other people for the tour, then you can start the tour on any Saturday when our Nile Explorer tour departs and join with this group for their time in Cairo.

Please contact our knowledgeable sales staff for more help on creating the right tour for you.

## HEALTH:

For up to date health information & vaccination requirements for Egypt we recommend that you contact your GP or a travel clinic (1st Contact travel clinic gives free advice tel. 0800 0393073).

General vaccination recommendations for Egypt include Tetanus, Typhoid, Polio and Hepatitis A.

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## VISAS:

British, European, and many other nationalities can obtain their Egyptian visa on arrival in Cairo airport (cost £10). All African nationals will need to arrange their visa in advance. For further information on your visa requirements, please contact us, or checkout the visa pages on our website.

## RESPONSIBLE TOURISM:

We take responsible travel seriously, and as well as taking this into consideration when we design our itineraries, and select the people and agents we work with, we also donate £2 for every person travelling on of our Egyptian tours. This is split between two projects - the Dar Al Rahman orphanage in Cairo, and a desert clean-up project in Wadi Rayan, near Al Fayoum. If you would like to visit or support either of these projects while you are in Egypt, please let your guide or our Cairo representatives know. Full details of our responsible travel policy are given on our website.

## PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION:

After booking, we will provide you with detailed information to help you prepare for the tour. This will include helpful advice on money, health, insurance, tipping, climate, clothing etc.

Further information is also available in the County & Travel guides on our website.

## YOUR SPACE @ UNCOVER THE WORLD:

We have launched a community space for use by past, present and future travellers with us. Here you can make contact with fellow travellers in your group before you travel, or share photos and stay in contact with them after you return home. You can also ask questions of our staff and read updates on itineraries and destination news etc. For further details, please check...

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