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8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages | Bastet Travel

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Trip Overview

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Description

8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages by Bastet Travel offers a luxury Nile cruise and Giza Pyramids holiday journey.



Why You Will Love This Trip

The **8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages** by **Bastet Travel** deliver a complete holiday journey through Egypt's most iconic monuments from the **Great Pyramids of Giza** to the royal tombs of the **Valley of the Kings** aboard a **luxury 5-star Nile cruise** with festive seasonal programming built into every step of this exceptional **Egypt Tour Package**.

Discover the 8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages & Outstanding Landmarks

December transforms Egypt into something rare: a destination where ancient winter festivals once filled temple courtyards, and where warm skies now welcome travelers escaping the grey cold of the northern hemisphere. The **8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages** are built around this precise seasonal advantage: mild afternoons at the **Giza Plateau**, golden light on **Karnak Temple's** hypostyle columns, and clear Nile nights aboard a luxury cruise ship that makes the most of Egypt's most beautiful stretch of river. These **8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages** trace the full spine of ancient Egyptian civilization from its New Kingdom religious capital at Luxor back to the Ptolemaic sanctuaries of Aswan, covering seventeen major landmarks across two thousand years of recorded history. For travelers who want substance alongside their seasonal celebration, this is the definitive **Egypt Tour Package** for the Christmas and New Year window.

What makes the **8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages** structurally exceptional is the combination of two entirely different accommodation formats in a single itinerary. Three nights in Cairo allow deep immersion in the **Grand Egyptian Museum**, **Old Cairo**, and the **Giza Plateau** before a domestic flight carries you south to Aswan, where you board a **5-star Nile cruise ship** for four nights of river travel. The **8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages** time this Aswan-to-Luxor sailing to coincide with the precise December light that photographers and travelers consistently cite as the most flattering of the Egyptian calendar year: low-angle sun, crystal air, and long shadow-play across sandstone facades that have stood for three millennia. Every day of these **8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages** is organized so that the monuments do the work: your only task is to arrive informed and leave transformed.

Deep Dive into the Landmarks with the 8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages

Cairo

Cairo is where the **8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages** build their historical foundation across three full days. The **Giza Plateau** home to the **Great Pyramid of Khufu** (c. 2560 BC, 138.5



meters, the last surviving Wonder of the Ancient World), the **Pyramid of Khafre**, the **Pyramid of Menkaure**, the **Great Sphinx** (a 73-meter monolithic limestone figure carved around 2500 BC), and the **Valley Temple of Khafre** (one of the most intact Old Kingdom mortuary temples in existence) anchors Day 2, while the **Grand Egyptian Museum** on the Giza plateau provides an afternoon of unrivalled archaeological depth, including the complete **Tutankhamun** treasury. Day 3 opens at the **National Museum of Egyptian Civilization** in Fustat, whose **Royal Mummies Hall** holds 22 royal mummies transferred from the Egyptian Museum in 2021, before the tour moves through the medieval lanes of **Old Cairo** site of the **Hanging Church**, **Ben Ezra Synagogue**, and the **Church of St. Sergius and Bacchus** and concludes at the **Salah El-Din Citadel**, a 12th-century Ayyubid fortress built by Saladin between 1176 and 1183 AD, and the **Mohammed Ali Mosque**, a 19th-century Ottoman-style structure whose twin minarets are visible from across greater Cairo. The **8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages** cover more of Cairo's layered history than any single-city itinerary could.

Aswan

Aswan opens the Nile cruise chapter of the **8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages** with two monuments of completely different character. The **Unfinished Obelisk**, carved directly from the granite bedrock of the **Aswan** quarries under the reign of Queen Hatshepsut (c. 1478-1458 BC) and abandoned mid-carving due to a structural fracture, would have stood 41.75 meters tall the largest obelisk ever attempted in ancient Egypt, now lying in situ as an extraordinary record of ancient engineering method. **Philae Temple**, dedicated to the goddess Isis and constructed primarily during the Ptolemaic and Roman periods (3rd century BC – 3rd century AD), sits on **Agilkia Island** in the **Nile** south of Aswan and is reached by a short motorboat crossing one of the most scenic monument approaches in all of Egypt. The **8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages** reach **Philae** in late afternoon, when the island's sandstone colonnades glow against the blue of the **First Cataract**.

Kom Ombo & the Crocodile Museum

Sailing north from Aswan, the **8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages** arrive at **Kom Ombo**, where the dual-axis **Kom Ombo Temple** uniquely dedicated to both the crocodile god Sobek and the falcon god Horus the Elder stands directly above the **Nile** bank on a promontory that has been sacred since at least the New Kingdom. The temple's current structure dates primarily to the Ptolemaic period (2nd–1st centuries BC), with Roman-era additions, and its symmetrical double sanctuary, double entrance, and double set of courts reflect the dual-deity dedication throughout. Adjacent to the main temple, the **Crocodile Museum** displays dozens of mummified crocodiles recovered from the surrounding necropolis a vivid illustration of the Sobek cult's lived religious practice in this region. The **8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages** include guided interpretation of the temple's medical relief carvings, among the most detailed ancient surgical and pharmaceutical illustrations surviving anywhere in the ancient world.



Edfu

The **Temple of Horus at Edfu** formally the **Edfu Temple** is the best-preserved ancient Egyptian temple in existence and the second largest after **Karnak**. Construction began under Ptolemy III in 237 BC and was completed under Ptolemy XII in 57 BC, giving the temple a remarkably complete state of preservation: its 36-meter entrance pylon, hypostyle hall, inner sanctuaries, and enclosure walls survive essentially intact, with ceiling paint still visible in sheltered chambers. The **8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages** arrive at **Edfu** from the **Nile** by horse-drawn carriage a short, atmospheric transfer from the river landing to the temple precinct and allow full exploration of the interior before continuing north toward **Luxor**. The **Temple of Horus** is universally regarded as the single best example of a complete ancient Egyptian sacred complex, and its condition makes it the most instructive site on the entire **8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages** itinerary for understanding how a functioning temple actually operated.

Luxor

Luxor ancient **Thebes**, Egypt's New Kingdom capital from roughly 1550 to 1070 BC is the archaeological and emotional climax of the **8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages**. The **Luxor Temple**, built primarily by Amenhotep III and Ramesses II on the east bank of the **Nile**, is one of the finest surviving examples of New Kingdom religious architecture and is illuminated at night in a display that defines the city's atmosphere during the December holiday season. The **Karnak Temple Complex**, the largest religious building ever constructed, covers approximately 200 acres and incorporates structures built across 2,000 years by successive pharaohs from the Middle Kingdom to the Ptolemaic period its **Great Hypostyle Hall** alone contains 134 monumental columns arranged across 5,000 square meters. On the west bank, the **Valley of the Kings** holds 63 known royal tombs of New Kingdom pharaohs, including the famously intact tomb of **Tutankhamun** (KV62), discovered by Howard Carter in 1922 with its treasury almost entirely undisturbed. The **Temple of Hatshepsut** at **Deir el-Bahari** a three-terraced mortuary temple of extraordinary architectural refinement, constructed around 1479–1458 BC and the **Colossi of Memnon**, two 18-meter quartzite statues of Amenhotep III that have guarded the Theban necropolis entrance for 3,400 years, complete the west bank program of the **8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages**.

Spectacular Highlights of the Journey with the 8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages

- **Great Pyramids of Giza:** Private guided exploration of the **Pyramid of Khufu**, **Pyramid of Khafre**, and **Pyramid of Menkaure** the only surviving Wonder of the Ancient World and the centerpiece of Day 2 in the **8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages**
- **Great Sphinx & Valley Temple:** Up-close access to the 73-meter **Great Sphinx** and the granite-lined **Valley Temple of Khafre**, one of Egypt's most intact Old Kingdom structures



- **Grand Egyptian Museum:** Afternoon guided tour of the world's largest archaeological museum, with the complete **Tutankhamun** golden treasury as its headline collection
- **Royal Mummies Hall, National Museum of Egyptian Civilization:** Viewing of 22 royal mummies including **Ramesses II** and **Queen Hatshepsut**, in purpose-built climatized galleries
- **Old Cairo:** Guided walk through the ancient Coptic and Jewish quarter, including the **Hanging Church, Ben Ezra Synagogue, and Church of St. Sergius and Bacchus**
- **Salah El-Din Citadel & Mohammed Ali Mosque:** Panoramic views over Cairo from the **Ayyubid Citadel** and guided entry into the **Ottoman-era Mohammed Ali Mosque**
- **Unfinished Obelisk, Aswan:** Inspection of the largest obelisk ever attempted in ancient Egypt, still lying in its granite quarry
- **Philae Temple:** Motorboat crossing to **Agilkia Island** for a late-afternoon exploration of the **Isis Temple** complex
- **Kom Ombo Temple:** Guided tour of the dual-deity Ptolemaic temple above the **Nile** bank, with specialist interpretation of the medical relief carvings
- **Crocodile Museum:** Exhibition of mummified sacred crocodiles recovered from the **Kom Ombo** necropolis
- **Temple of Horus, Edfu:** The most completely preserved ancient Egyptian temple in existence, with intact pylon, hypostyle hall, and painted ceiling chambers
- **Luxor Temple:** East-bank New Kingdom temple of Amenhotep III and Ramesses II, with evening illumination during the Christmas season
- **Karnak Temple Complex:** Two-thousand-year building accumulation including the **Great Hypostyle Hall** 134 columns, 5,000 square meters of ancient architecture
- **Valley of the Kings:** Three tomb entries, including **Tutankhamun's tomb** (KV62) with its original burial chamber paintings
- **Temple of Hatshepsut:** Three-terraced mortuary temple at **Deir el-Bahari**, one of the most architecturally distinctive structures in ancient Egypt
- **Colossi of Memnon:** The twin 18-meter quartzite colossi of Amenhotep III that have stood at the entrance to the **Theban Necropolis** for 34 centuries
- **5-Star Nile Cruise:** Four nights aboard a luxury cruise ship with gourmet dining, deck entertainment, and festive Christmas programming

What You Will Love About This Tour with the 8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages

- **December is Egypt's finest travel month:** Temperatures between 18°C and 25°C at the monuments, clear desert skies, and no humidity the **8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages** are timed to deliver Egypt at its most physically comfortable and photographically spectacular
- **Two worlds in one itinerary:** Three nights in a **4-star Cairo hotel** followed by four nights on a **5-star Nile cruise ship** means the **8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages** deliver both urban exploration and river immersion without compromise



- **Seventeen monuments, zero redundancy:** From Old Kingdom pyramids to Ptolemaic temples to early Christian churches to medieval Islamic fortresses, the **8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages** cover every major era of Egyptian civilization with no repetition
- **Festive programming on board:** Special Christmas and New Year dinners, cultural performances, and seasonal decorations aboard the cruise ship give these **8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages** a genuine holiday atmosphere that standard Egypt tours cannot replicate
- **Royal Mummies as a headline experience:** The **Royal Mummies Hall** at the **National Museum of Egyptian Civilization** is one of the most emotionally powerful museum experiences in the world and it is fully included in these **8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages**
- **Domestic flights included:** Cairo–Aswan and Luxor–Cairo domestic flights are built into the itinerary, eliminating long overland drives and maximizing time at the monuments
- **Egyptologist-guided throughout:** Your dedicated guide provides professional historical and architectural context at every site, from the **Giza Plateau** to the **Valley of the Kings**

Everything Included in Your Experience with the 8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages

The **8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages** are fully inclusive from arrival to departure. Accommodation covers three nights in a **4-star hotel** in Cairo and four nights aboard a **5-star Nile cruise ship** from Aswan to Luxor. All transportation is provided: private airport transfers on Days 1 and 8, a domestic flight from Cairo to Aswan on Day 4, a domestic flight from Luxor to Cairo on Day 7, and all inter-site private transfers throughout Cairo. Meals are provided daily breakfast throughout all eight days, plus lunch and dinner on cruise days (Days 4–7) and lunches in Cairo on Days 2 and 3. A full-time professional Egyptologist guide accompanies the entire tour. All entrance fees are covered at the **Giza Plateau, Grand Egyptian Museum, National Museum of Egyptian Civilization, Old Cairo churches, Salah El-Din Citadel, Mohammed Ali Mosque, Unfinished Obelisk, Philae Temple, Kom Ombo Temple, Crocodile Museum, Temple of Horus, Luxor Temple, Karnak Temple Complex, Valley of the Kings** (including **Tutankhamun's tomb**), **Temple of Hatshepsut**, and **Colossi of Memnon**. Festive Christmas and New Year programming is included aboard the cruise as part of these **8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages**.

Conclusion

For travelers who want the full sweep of Egyptian civilization delivered within a single, logistically seamless **Egypt Tour Package**, the **8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages** from **Bastet Travel** represent the definitive holiday itinerary. These **8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages** combine the world's greatest concentration of ancient monuments with luxury Nile cruising, festive



seasonal programming, and the unmatched winter climate that makes Egypt in December unlike anywhere else on earth.

To reserve your place for the Christmas or New Year departure, contact **Bastet Travel** directly on **WhatsApp** for immediate assistance and custom pricing.



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Everything included in this trip package.

- All service charges and taxes
- Portage as needed
- Bottled water during outings outside of hotel or cruise ship
- Meals mentioned on itinerary
- Entrance fees to all sites indicated on the itinerary
- Local English-speaking Egyptologist and tour guide during your trips
- All sightseeing tours on the cruise shared with small Memphis Tours group
- All sightseeing tours in Cairo mentioned on itinerary
- Accommodation for 3 nights on 5-star cruise ship, full board
- Accommodation for 4 nights in Cairo, breakfast included
- Domestic flight tickets from Cairo to Luxor and Aswan to Cairo
- All transfers to/from airport & hotel via vehicle with AC and wifi
- Assistance with guest relations during your stay
- Meet and greet service by our representatives at airports



Excluded

Additional expenses not included in the package price.

Tips

Personal spendings

Optional tours

Entry visa to Egypt

International Airfare



Tour Itinerary

Day 1 — Arrival in Cairo

The 8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages begin at Cairo International Airport, where a Bastet Travel representative meets you with meet-and-assist service through arrivals formalities. A private air-conditioned vehicle transfers you directly to your 4-star hotel in Cairo, where check-in is handled efficiently and a brief itinerary review with your Egyptologist guide sets the tone for the days ahead. Day 1 is intentionally unscheduled beyond arrival logistics — the 8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages are designed so that the first evening is yours to settle, rest, and orient yourself at your own pace. Overnight in Cairo.

Day 2 — Giza Plateau & Grand Egyptian Museum

Breakfast at the hotel precedes a full-day immersion into the oldest chapter of these 8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages. A private vehicle delivers you to the Giza Plateau for a professionally guided morning covering the Great Pyramid of Khufu — 2.3 million stone blocks, originally 146.5 meters tall, constructed around 2560 BC — the Pyramid of Khafre with its intact upper limestone casing, the Pyramid of Menkaure, the Great Sphinx with its 73-meter body and 20-meter height, and the Valley Temple of Khafre, whose polished granite walls and T-shaped hall date to approximately 2500 BC. An authentic Egyptian lunch follows at a local restaurant. The afternoon transitions to the Grand Egyptian Museum, where your guide leads a focused tour of the Tutankhamun galleries — 5,000 individual artifacts including the solid gold funerary mask, the gilded wooden throne, and the four canopic shrine cabinets — alongside selected highlights from the museum's broader collection of over 100,000 objects. These 8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages dedicate a full day to Giza because both sites genuinely require it. Overnight in Cairo. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.

Day 3 — Egyptian Civilization & Historic Cairo

Day 3 of the 8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages opens at the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization in Fustat, south of central Cairo, where the Royal Mummies Hall presents 22 royal mummies — including Ramesses II, Seti I, Queen Ahmose-Nefertari, and Queen Hatshepsut — in a purpose-designed climatized gallery that represents the most significant display of royal human remains anywhere in the world. The tour then moves through the narrow streets of Old Cairo, a walled district established in the 1st century AD during the Roman occupation, containing the Hanging Church (built above the gatehouse of the Roman fortress of Babylon), the Ben Ezra



Synagogue (where the famous Cairo Geniza documents were stored for 1,000 years), and the Church of St. Sergius and Bacchus (traditionally built over the cave where the Holy Family rested during the Flight into Egypt). Following a traditional Egyptian lunch, the afternoon ascends to the Salah El-Din Citadel — the medieval hilltop fortress begun by Saladin in 1176 AD that commanded Cairo for seven centuries — and the Mohammed Ali Mosque, an Ottoman-style structure completed in 1848 with twin 84-meter minarets and an interior modeled on the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul. The 8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages cover more historical periods in a single day here than most tours cover in a week. Overnight in Cairo. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.

Day 4 — Fly to Aswan, Board Nile Cruise

After breakfast and hotel check-out, a private transfer takes you to Cairo International Airport for the domestic flight south to Aswan — approximately 90 minutes and one of the most scenically revealing domestic routes in Egypt, with Nile valley and desert visible from the aircraft. On arrival, a cruise representative meets you at Aswan Airport and escorts you to your 5-star Nile cruise ship for embarkation, cabin orientation, and lunch on board. The afternoon begins with a visit to the Unfinished Obelisk in the northern Aswan granite quarries — 41.75 meters of abandoned ambition, still attached to the bedrock from which it was being carved under Queen Hatshepsut circa 1460 BC. A short motorboat crossing then delivers you to Agilkia Island for a late-afternoon exploration of Philae Temple, the great Ptolemaic and Roman sanctuary of Isis whose colonnaded courtyards and decorated inner chambers remain among the most complete in Egypt. The 8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages schedule the Philae visit for late afternoon deliberately, when the island light is warmest and the crowds thinnest. Dinner and onboard entertainment mark the first evening aboard the cruise. Overnight in Aswan. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 5 — Kom Ombo, Crocodile Museum & Edfu Temple

The cruise sails north from Aswan as Day 5 of the 8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages begins with breakfast on the water. The first stop is Kom Ombo, where the Kom Ombo Temple sits on a bend in the Nile with exceptional river views from its outer terrace. Your Egyptologist guide interprets the unusual dual-deity architecture — every corridor, chapel, and court is precisely mirrored to serve both Sobek (crocodile god, patron of the military) and Horus the Elder (falcon god, patron of kingship) — and draws particular attention to the Wall of Medical Instruments, a Ptolemaic relief panel depicting surgical tools, birthing chairs, and pharmaceutical containers that represents one of the most extraordinary intersections of religion and medicine in the ancient world. The adjacent Crocodile Museum displays mummified sacred crocodiles from the surrounding necropolis alongside explanatory material on the Sobek cult's practical dimensions. Lunch is served on board as the ship sails north to Edfu, where the Temple of Horus awaits — the largest and most completely preserved



Ptolemaic temple in Egypt, with its 36-meter entrance pylon, twin granite falcon statues, and painted hypostyle ceiling still largely intact after 2,000 years. The 8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages arrive at Edfu from the landing by horse-drawn carriage, adding a traditional dimension to the approach. The ship continues toward Esna through the evening. Overnight near Esna. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 6 — Luxor: Karnak Temple & Luxor Temple

Sailing into Luxor on the morning of Day 6, the 8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages reach the greatest concentration of ancient monuments on earth. Breakfast is served on the sundeck as the ship docks on the Luxor east bank. The morning begins at the Karnak Temple Complex — the largest religious building ever constructed, covering approximately 100 hectares and incorporating successive additions from the Middle Kingdom pharaoh Senusret I (c. 1956 BC) through to the Roman period. Your guide focuses the Karnak visit on the Precinct of Amun-Ra, whose Great Hypostyle Hall contains 134 papyrus-shaped columns — the tallest reaching 21 meters — and whose wall reliefs record military campaigns, religious festivals, and royal coronations with extraordinary specificity. The afternoon moves to Luxor Temple on the east bank corniche, a New Kingdom sanctuary begun by Amenhotep III around 1380 BC and significantly expanded by Ramesses II, whose colossal seated statues and the single surviving obelisk still flank the entrance pylon. During December, Luxor Temple is illuminated after dark in a way that makes the Christmas season visit particularly atmospheric. Dinner aboard ship features traditional Egyptian musical performance. Overnight in Luxor. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 7 — Valley of the Kings & Return to Cairo

Day 7 crosses to the west bank of the Nile for the funerary landscape of ancient Thebes — the final full day of these 8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages and arguably the most emotionally resonant. After breakfast and disembarkation, a private vehicle heads inland to the Valley of the Kings, where three tomb entries are included — among them KV62, the tomb of Tutankhamun, the only New Kingdom royal burial discovered with its treasure essentially intact, whose painted antechamber walls and gilded burial shrine remain in place. The tour continues to the Temple of Hatshepsut at Deir el-Bahari — a three-terraced mortuary temple built against a natural limestone amphitheatre that amplifies its architectural scale and whose painted colonnade reliefs depict the famous trading expedition to the land of Punt. The final monument stop is the Colossi of Memnon — two 18-meter quartzite seated statues of Amenhotep III that have stood here since approximately 1350 BC and remain the most recognizable landmarks on the west bank. Free time in Luxor follows before an evening domestic flight returns the group to Cairo for the final overnight. The 8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages conclude the monument program here, on the west bank of the Nile in the most



storied burial valley in human history. Overnight in Cairo. Meals: Breakfast.

Day 8 — Departure

A final breakfast at the hotel precedes the private transfer to Cairo International Airport for departure. The 8 Day Egypt Christmas Tour Packages conclude with the same smooth, private transfer service that opened them — a seamless operational close to eight days that covered ancient pyramids, a royal mummy hall, early Christian churches, a medieval Islamic citadel, Ptolemaic river temples, and a valley of royal tombs. Meals: Breakfast.



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