



5 Days Nile Cruise to Luxor and Aswan from Cairo

Luxor, Aswan.

Duration

5 Days

Tour type

Private

Group size

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Runs

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Overview

Take part in a wondrous five-day Nile cruise as part of unforgettable [Egypt trips](#) traveling to Luxor and Aswan, starting from Cairo, the very heart of ancient Egyptian civilization. The ancient temples and tombs, known for their historical splendor, include the Valley of Kings, the Temple of Hatshepsut, and of course the magnificent Temple of Abu Simbel. Don't miss this opportunity!

Highlights

Karnak Temple

Temple of Luxor

Valley of the Kings

Hatshepsut Temple

Colossi of Memnon

Valley of the Queens

Edfu Temple

Temple of Kom Ombo

Temple of Philae

The High Dam

The Unfinished Obelisk

Nubian village

Itinerary

Day 1

Start Your Nile Cruise

After hotel checkout in Cairo, transfer to Cairo Airport for a short flight to Luxor. Upon arrival, guests will board the Luxor and Aswan Nile Cruise and enjoy lunch on it. The Nile Cruise itinerary shall comprise excursions to the [East Bank](#) of the Nile, with the first stop being at the Karnak Temple.

[Karnak Temple](#) is considered the most colorful site in Egypt, being the largest temple complex ever built by men. The great endeavor shows the combined achievement of generations of ancient architects and pharaohs.

For those willing, there is a one-hour optional city tour in Luxor by a horse-drawn carriage.

Next, they will visit the Temple of Luxor, the center of the fundamental Opet Festival, a mainly Amenhotep III and Rameses II construction dedicated to the rites in these festivities that sought a reunion between the earthly and divine sides of the sovereign.

In the later evening, guests can enjoy the Karnak Temple sound and light show at an additional fee.

Dinner and overnight stay will be on the cruise while docked in Luxor.

Day 2

See the Best Attractions of Luxor

Optional Excursion: Hot Air Balloon Ride Over the [Valley of the Kings](#).

Get ready to roll with a hot air ballooning adventure that is simply unlike any other experience over the historic city of Luxor. The early morning sun rays light up in an evenly yet golden glow over the city and the giant mountains surrounding it.

In fact, breakfast will take place on the Nile cruise. After breakfast, you will visit the [west bank](#) of the Nile, which includes:

Valley of the Kings:

The said site hosts the tombs of Egypt's pharaohs from the 18th to the 20th dynasty, including those of the famous Ramses II and the young Tutankhamun. As part of the best of Luxor attractions, the extensive riches were well equipped with the luxurious objects required by a ruler in the afterlife, with the internal decoration relatively well preserved.

Hatshepsut Temple:

One of the most beautiful and best-preserved temples of Ancient Egypt, [Hatshepsut Temple](#) boasts three levels, linked by two broad ramps positioned centrally.

Colossi of Memnon:

These two enormous statues represent King Amenhotep III and are the remains of a grand mortuary temple. Made from quartzite sandstone blocks ranging from Cairo 700 kilometers away to Luxor, the statues were transported there.

Valley of the Queens Optional Visit:

Along the [Valley of the Queens](#) lie more than 75 royal tombs, including those of queens, princes, and princesses, and one among them has been elaborately constructed - the tomb of Nefertari (No. 66), the richest in Egypt.

At 1300, you will start sailing to Esna Lock, while lunch is served in the boat.

At 18:00 hours, you will stop at the Esna Lock, and continue on sailing to Edfu, with dinner served on board.

You will spend the night on board the cruise in Edfu.

Day 3

Edfu and Kom Ombo Temples

Breakfast on the Cruise

Visit the Temple of Edfu at 07:00

[Edfu Temple:](#)

This is one of the very popular places of Upper Egypt where the temple of hawk-god Horus closely stands in construction to one's sight. The Ptolemaic temple of Horus was constructed on the grounds of an earlier temple, which was from the times of Ptolemy III (246 B.C.). A visit to this site is a highlight of any luxury [Egypt Nile cruise](#).

09:30 Depart to Kom Ombo

12:30 Have lunch on the Nile cruise while sailing

15:30 Arrive at Kom Ombo and visit the Temple of Kom Ombo

Temple of Kom Ombo:

This temple and the town were seated about 40 kilometers north of Aswan and were consecrated to the gods Sobek and Horus. Most of the site is dated back to the Ptolemaic and Roman periods (332 B.C.-395 A.D).

17:30 Continue sailing toward Aswan with dinner while traveling.

21:00 Arrive at Aswan for the entire night on board the cruise.

Day 4

Cruise Towards Aswan

Breakfast aboard the cruise

08:00 Commence with the excursion in Aswan that takes in the visit to the [Temple of Philae](#) and a scenic tour by Felucca around Elephantine Island, the High Dam, and the Unfinished Obelisk. The Unfinished Obelisk itself was disinterred in the early twenty-first century after more than a million years under sand. These are among the top things to do in Aswan, offering a glimpse into the rich history of the region.

Temple of Philae:

Constructed to honor the goddess Isis, this temple is the last example of classical Egyptian architecture. Its construction commenced around 690 BC, marking it as one of the latest sites dedicated to the worship of the goddess.

The High Dam:

The Aswan [High Dam](#) is a rock-fill dam located at the northern border between Egypt and Sudan. It takes water from the River Nile and forms the reservoir of Lake Nasser.

The Unfinished Obelisk:

This critically important artifact was discovered lying underneath the caliche in the early 1900s after having been buried for thousands of years.

Aswan thus became the source of antiquity's best granite types used in making statues and embellishing temples, pyramids, and obelisks. The enormous [unfinished obelisk](#) found in the Northern Quarries has offered great insights into how these monument structures were executed, although the entire process and techniques used are still somewhat obscure.

12:00 Enjoy lunch on board the cruise.

At 16:00, take a sailing trip by Felucca around Elephantine Island and visit Lord Kitchener Island.

Optional excursion to Nubian village:

The Nubian village is a great place to visit in Aswan, where one can spend at least two hours of a visit. This place is all about originality and its live art. A visit to the Nubian Village in Aswan should be mandatory if people want to see an ancient and really special rich life.

Dinner on board the cruise, then overnight.

Day 5

Abu Simbel Temples - Final Departure

On board, breakfast will be served.

Optional excursion to Abu Simbel temples:

These are the two temples carved from the mountainside on the west bank of the Nile between 1274 and 1244 B.C. The first, known as the Great Temple, honors [Ramses II](#), along with the deities Ra-Harakhty, Amun Ra, and Ptah, featuring four colossal statues. The second is dedicated to Queen Nefertari and the goddess Hathor. Remarkably, both temples were disassembled stone by stone and relocated to higher ground, marking one of UNESCO's most significant achievements in preservation.

If you prefer, we can have you visit Abu Simbel on Day 4 instead of Day 5.

Transfer to Aswan Airport for your flight to Cairo and then embark on your hotel transfer in Cairo.

Included

Domestic air ticket (Cairo - Luxor - Aswan - Cairo).

Meet and assist upon arrival and departure.

Assistance from our staff throughout your stay and excursions.

Transfers are done in a modern, air-conditioned deluxe vehicle.

Accommodation on a 5-star cruise full-board service.

All excursions of the Nile cruise as per the itinerary.

Entrance fees for attractions between Luxor and Aswan.

English-speaking tour guide available during the excursions.

Inclusions of all service charges and taxes.

Entrance tickets according to the itinerary for all attractions between Luxor and Aswan.

Excluded

Additional costs for personal expenses.

Tips.

Notes

Things to bring:

Valid passport expiry date not less than 6 months from travel date.

Hat

Sunglasses

Sunscreen.

Price start from

Price

0\$ /Per person

Check availability

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What is the Valley of the Nobles?