Egypt Nile Cruise Tour Package 8 days, 7 nights

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8 days of Egypt Nile cruise tour. Get excited by our unique Egypt family tours where you will enjoy Cairo top attractions, Aswan, Kom Ombo, Edfu, Luxor sightseeing tour, and Nile Cruise. Explore at the beginning of your tour the great pyramids of Giza as well as the wonderful treasures in the Egyptian museum.

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Day 1

Cairo Arrival

Your Egypt Tours representative will meet and assist you at Cairo International Airport and handle all your procedures through passport control, luggage area, and customs formalities. After that, you will be transferred to your hotel in a private air-conditioned vehicle.

Optional night activity:

Overnight: in Cairo hotel.

Day 2

Luxor – Nile Cruise

After breakfast at your hotel, you will check out from the hotel, and then you will be transferred to Cairo Airport to catch your flight to Luxor. You will be met and assisted by your Egyptologist guide, who will take you to check in and board your cruise for the next 4 nights.

After checking in, you will be accompanied by your Egyptologist guide to visit the Karnak Temples, which is the largest place of worship ever built. Its ancient name, "Ipet-isut" means "the most sacred of places." The temple, or, more correctly, the complex of temples, was built over more than 2,000 years by generation after generation of pharaohs.

Within the complex, you will find the great "Hypostyle Hall" which is an incredible forest of giant pillars. After that, you will visit the Luxor temple, built by Amenhotep III and <u>Ramses II</u>, for rituals and festivals and is dedicated to the god Amen.

Overnight: onboard Nile Cruise | **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

Day 3

Luxor (Colossi of Memnon, Valley of the Kings & Hatshepsut temple)

After breakfast on board the Nile cruise, you will then proceed to the West Bank of the River Nile to visit the two colossal statues (Colossi of Memnon). Following this, you will visit the Valley of the Kings, where the magnificent tombs were discovered.

Continue the tour to visit the <u>Hatshepsut temple</u> at EI Deir El Bahari. This impressive temple is dedicated to Queen Hatshepsut. You will then go back to the cruise ship for lunch. Following afternoon tea on the cruise ship, you will have free time at leisure.

Optional activities:

Here you will have a chance to visit the tomb of King Tutankhamun

Sound and Light Show at the Temple of Karnak = \$30.00 US Dollars per person

Overnight: onboard Nile Cruise | **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

Day 4

Aswan – Nile Cruise

After breakfast on board the Nile cruise, you will visit the wellpreserved Ptolemaic Temple dedicated to the Gods Horus at Edfu. You will then sail to <u>Kom Ombo</u> to see the Temple of Sobek, dedicated to the crocodile-headed God of fertility and creator of the world.

Following your sightseeing tour, you will have lunch on board your cruise. You will continue sailing to Aswan.

Overnight: onboard Nile Cruise | **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

Day 5

Aswan (High Dam, Temple of Philae & Nubian Village)

After breakfast, onboard the Nile cruise, enjoy a day of sightseeing in Aswan. There you will be met and assisted by your Egyptologist guide, who will take you on an exciting tour of the world-famous High Dam, an engineering miracle built in the 1960s.

After that, you will visit the <u>Unfinished Obelisk</u>, the beautiful <u>Temple</u> <u>of Philae</u>, which is devoted to the goddesses Isis and Hathor. After your sightseeing tour, you will sail around Elephantine Island on a local felucca boat (a traditional Egyptian sailboat).

In the afternoon, visit a **Nubian village** and have traditional lunch with a family.

Overnight: onboard Nile Cruise | **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

Day 6

Abu Simbel, Aswan & Head To Cairo

After breakfast on board the Nile cruise, you will disembark from your Nile cruise. You then will go on a private air-conditioned vehicle to visit the impressive **Temples of Abu Simbel**. The complex is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the Nubian Monuments, which runs from Abu Simbel downriver to Philae (near Aswan).

The twin temples were originally carved out of the mountainside during the reign of Pharaoh Ramesses II in the 13th century BC as a lasting monument to himself and his <u>Queen Nefertari</u>, to commemorate his alleged victory at the Battle of Kadesh, and to intimidate his Nubian neighbors. However, the complex was relocated in its entirety in 1968, on an artificial hill made from a domed structure high above the Aswan High Dam reservoir.

The relocation of the temples was necessary to avoid their being submerged during the creation of Lake Nasser, the massive artificial water reservoir formed after the building of the Aswan High Dam on the Nile River. Abu Simbel remains one of Egypt's top tourist attractions. With your qualified Egyptologist as your guide, you will enjoy a personalized visit to the temples of Abu Simbel. With its four rock-hewn pharaohs, your guide will explain the history behind this magnificent site, including how the temples were discovered by accident in 1813. Due to the large number of visitors to Abu Simbel, guides are not permitted inside either of the two temples you will visit.

Following your visit to Abu Simbel, you will return to Aswan Airport to return to Cairo. Once you arrive in Cairo, you will be met and assisted at the airport and taken to your hotel for check-in.

In the afternoon, you will visit the Christian heritage in <u>Coptic Cairo</u>, including the <u>Hanging Church</u>. This basilica church was named for its location on top of the south gate of the Fortress of Babylon. The church became the center of the Christian Church of Egypt.

You will then continue to <u>Khan el Khalili Bazaar</u> where you will enjoy free time to stroll through the maze of streets and try your luck bargaining with the shop owners for a souvenir of your trip to Egypt or have a cup of tea at the famous coffee shop "El Fishawy". After the conclusion of your tour, you will be taken back to your hotel for dropoff.

Overnight: in Cairo hotel | **Meals:** Breakfast.

Day 7

Cairo International Airport

After breakfast at your hotel, you will check out and transfer to Cairo International Airport for your departure back home.

Meals: Breakfast.

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Meet-and-assist services upon arrival and departure

All transfers on private air-conditioned vehicles

Accommodation in Cairo at 5-star hotel for 3 nights, breakfast included

Accommodation on 5-star deluxe cruise ship for 4 nights on full-board basis

Internal flights (Cairo- Luxor; Aswan -Cairo) with Egypt Air

All sightseeing tours in Cairo, Luxor, Aswan and Abu Simbel, including Egyptologist guide, entrance fees, and transfers

Portage when needed

All taxes and service charge

Exclusion

International airfare

Gratuities/Tipping (Recommended). In Egypt, tipping is not an obligation but a sign of appreciation for good service. That being said,

tips are expected from people that serve you—e.g., driver, waiter, train conductor, bellman, cruise ship staff, etc. The average tip is \$10-\$20 US dollars per day—this amount should cover everyone. So we advise you to carry change. If you don't want to deal with the tipping, you can give your guide a total sum in advance of all tipping requirements for your trip that your guide will dispense throughout the trip.

Entry visa to Egypt

Any optional tours and shows not mentioned in the itinerary: Sound and Light show at the Temples of Karnak in Luxor and Egyptian Cultural Dinner Nile cruise and Show in Cairo

Entrance fees to: The chambers of the pyramids and Tutankhamen's tomb.

Meals except where indicated

1 Person
5000\$ Per Person
2-4 Persons
3250\$ Per Person
5-8 Persons
2850\$ Per Person
9-16 Persons
2250\$ Per Person

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