

# Best 5-Days Steigenberger Omar el Khayam Lake Nasser Cruise

#### Price Starting From : \$1180

5 Days / 4 Nights Aswan / Abu Simbel Egypt One Country One City Every Monday

Enjoy a 5-day tour on Steigenberger Omar El Khayam Nile Cruise, which is one of the most recommended Egypt Tours. If you want to enjoy a Luxury <u>Nile Cruise Tour</u>, which will take you to some of the iconic sites in the country then check out our Egypt Nile Cruise Tours. Its gentle water will let you cross Lake Nasser and experience the wonders of the ancient history of Egypt, including the magnificent Abu Simbel Temple.

The tour will start in Aswan, where you will board the luxurious 5-star Steigenberger Omar El Khayam Nile cruise. There are some interesting things that one gets to see on board: starting with the temples of Wadi El Sebou, continuing with Qasr Ibrim-remarkable ancient citadel-and ending with the charming Amada Temple. The apotheosis will be reached in Abu Simbel, where the huge rock-cut temples stand to witness the greatness of Ramses II and his Queen Nefertari.

Enjoy the spacious cabins with panorama views, enjoy the gastronomic delights that melt together local flavors and international flair in every bite onboard Steigenberger Omar El Khayam, and enjoy top amenities that include a sundeck, pool, and wellness facilities for utter relaxation. This **Egypt Tour** takes you on a journey not only through history but also lets you live amidst luxury while you sail from one breathtaking site to the next. Discover with Steigenberger Omar El Khayam magic: every day develops into new explorations, culminating in the breathtaking sight of Abu Simbel—a journey that is hardly forgotten through the timeless treasure called Egypt.

#### Overview Inclusion

- Upon arrival and departure, our representatives will meet and help you.
  - our staff's support in interacting with visitors during your trip to Egypt.
  - All transfers during Egypt tours are done by air-conditioned vehicles.
  - The 5-star Steigenberger Omar El Khayam Lake Cruise provides full board for your stay.
  - The price includes the entrance fees to the mentioned historical sites between Aswan and Abu Simbel
  - An expert English-speaking guide when visiting Egypt.
  - Every tax and service charge is paid.
  - Shopping tours in Aswan. (when asked)

- Stops for a snack when asked.
- A soft drink at a neighborhood cafe while touring Egypt in a day. (Assuming we have time.)

#### Exclusion

- Every extra that isn't listed on the itinerary.
- The cost of your Nile River cruises in Egypt in 2024–2025 does not include gratuities.
- drinks while eating.

#### **Itinerary**

### Day 1: Arrival Day in Aswan-Check-in

Your guide will meet and greet you, attend to all of your immediate needs, and then take you on a luxurious Steigenberger Omar El Khayam Lake Nasser Cruise to check-in. Later during the afternoon, you will have a great lunch on board, enjoying very nice views of the surroundings and Lake Nasser waters.

Later on, take your time as you relax and familiarize yourself with the cruise ship facilities onboard; enjoy it in style at the lounges and sun deck area. Later in the evening, a sumptuous dinner onboard will be filled with a myriad of deliciously prepared cuisine. The evening gets even more magical with showy Nubian entertainment that shows its rich cultural heritage as it unravels. This is a spectacle that can be described as the perfect way to round off your day, a raid into an unforgettable journey on your first evening at Steigenberger Omar El Khayam.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

## Day 2: The 18th Dynasty and Kalabsha Temple

We will start our day with a delicious breakfast on board and prepare ourselves for yet another magnificent day of <u>excursions in Aswan</u>. Your first destination today is the stunning <u>Kalabsha</u> <u>Temple</u>, which dates back to the <u>18th Dynasty</u>, an absolute wonder of ancient Egyptian architecture. This was originally built during the Roman period, when there was a god named <u>Amun-Re</u> that this temple was dedicated to, and it is very interesting.

Continue to the <u>temple of Beit El Wali</u>, which was constructed by Ramses II and houses stunning carvings representing the military conquests of the Pharaoh and his commitment to the gods, including <u>Khnum</u>, the creator god believed to have formed the world on his potter's wheel.

Continue with a drive to the breathtaking **Temple of Abu Simbel**, probably one of the iconic landmarks of Egypt. Hewn into the side of the mountain during the rule of Ramses II, this complex features huge colossi that immortalize both the king and his favorite queen, Nefertari. These temples are monumental testimonies to the memory of those two great rulers and celebrate the victory of Ramses II in the Battle of Kadesh.

Your next stop will be at <u>Wadi El Sebou</u>, another archaeological site that contains more temples and shrines of other gods. This provides detailed insight into the spiritual life of the Nubians of old and their connections with Egyptian culture.

After a whole day of interesting <u>Aswan day tours</u>, aboard the cruise ship in a soothing evening.

Have an elegant dinner with the ship's highly skilful chefs, while thinking of all the great historical sites you have visited.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 3: Wadi El Sebou and Amada Temple

Have a delicious breakfast on board and prepare yourself for the intriguing day with all varieties of **Egypt Day Tours** that reflects magic and mystery of ancient Nubia. The first stop will be **Wadi El Sebou**, an archaeologically very important site where you will find temples made during the rule of **Ramses II**. Every time you move along this ancient place, notice the reliefs showing the Pharaoh's conquests, or how deeply in communion with divinity he was.

Next, visit the spectacular <u>Amada Temple</u>, which is one of the oldest temples in <u>Nubia</u>. It was originally built by <u>Thutmose III</u> and later decorated by Ramses II, two of the greatest pharaohs, and it was dedicated to the great <u>god Amon Ra</u>. Then, enjoy the lovely engravings on the walls, depicting some of the most important victory scenes of the Pharaoh and other religious scenes that will allow you to understand more about the culture and the spiritual life of this land.

In the afternoon, after such an exploratory day, return to your cruise ship for a relaxed afternoon. Take some time on board, relaxing and enjoying the landscapes of Lake Nasser outside your window. Later this evening, the chefs have an exquisite dinner prepared for you to reflect on this magnificent history and experience of your Egypt Day Tours.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 4: Kasr Ibrim from Sundeck - Abu Simbel

Enjoy a scrumptious breakfast buffet while going on an excursion to Qasr Ibrim, a place very famous for its big monuments that date back into many ages of Egyptian history. Of special note in this area are the tombs of Nubian rulers dating in time at least to the reign of Pharaoh Thutmosis III. Access to this site is very restricted, but you will be able to see from the outside the historical importance of this site before continuing your trip.

Continue sailing on to the magnificent Abu Simbel, boasting two of the most impressive temples anywhere in the Middle East, if not in the entire world. into the side of a mountain during the rule of Pharaoh Ramses II, this astonishing complex boasts colossal statues standing to this very day as perennial symbols of ancient Egyptian artistry and engineering. The larger temple is dedicated to Ramses II himself, while the smaller temple honors his beloved queen, Nefertari.

Both temples were constructed not only as an honor of their importance but also as a triumph for Ramses II after his victory in the Battle of Kadesh, with great rock reliefs depicting the Pharaoh in triumph.

The temples were in danger of being submerged during the 1960s when the Aswan High Dam was built. A monumental relocation effort preserved these treasures for future generations. After this enlightening visit to Abu Simbel, go back aboard the cruise ship, having lunch and dinner on board while recollecting the stunning sights and rich history encountered during today's day.

## Day 5: Leaving from Aswan

It will be an amazing last lunch on the Steigenberger Omar El Khayam Lake Cruise. Our tour guide will then take you to the Abu Simbel Airport in time for your final departure.

Meals: Breakfast.