# Stunning 5-Days Nile Cruise Tour From Luxor to Aswan

**Price Starting From: \$700** 

5-Days / 4-Nights Luxor and Aswan Egypt one country two cities Every Monday

Egypt Nile Cruise Tours offers a 5-day cruise itinerary from Luxor to <u>Aswan</u> aboard the MS Royal Viking Nile Cruise. The tour provides participants with the opportunity to visit various ancient archaeological sites in Luxor, including the Valley of the Kings, Karnak Temple, Edfu, Kom Ombo temple, and Philae temple, as well as engage in a range of excursions in Aswan (Aswan Excursions).

The Egypt Nile Cruises and Lake Nasser Cruise tours enable travelers to explore the Nile River, the longest river in the world, and experience the country's ancient civilizational sites. Nile Cruise Tours in Egypt are designed to offer a combination of enjoyment, interesting culinary experiences, and the opportunity to marvel at the breathtaking landscapes. The 5-day cruise itinerary connects the cities of Luxor and Aswan.

Travelers can discover the enchanting wonders of Egypt through the Nile Cruise Tours, which include visits to iconic landmarks such as the Pyramids of Giza and Luxor temples, while also enjoying luxurious accommodations and exquisite cuisine.

## Overview Inclusion

- 4-night stay aboard a 5-star Nile cruise vessel, the MS Royal Viking, traveling from Luxor to Aswan Full-board basis, including all meals during the cruise
- Complimentary bottle of mineral water for each guest
- Entrance tickets to all sites mentioned in the itinerary
- Qualified tour guide for all sightseeing tours outlined in the itinerary
- All Nile cruise tours are private, ensuring a personalized experience
- All service fees and taxes are covered
- Option of shopping tours during visits to Luxor and Aswan (upon request)
- Snack stops are available upon request
- Soft drink at a local cafe during day tours (subject to time availability)
- Comprehensive package offering a seamless and all-inclusive experience for guests to immerse themselves in the cultural and historical offerings of the Nile cruise.

#### **Exclusion**

- International flights to and from the destination are not included in the package; guests are responsible for their own international travel arrangements
- Any additional services or activities beyond those explicitly mentioned in the provided itinerary are not covered by the package
- Gratuities or tips for the Nile River cruise staff are not included in the package price; tipping is expected to be provided by guests separately, in accordance with local customs and service levels

- Expenses for beverages consumed during the included meals on the Nile cruise are not covered; guests are responsible for the cost of any alcoholic or non-alcoholic drinks
- Guests should carefully review the inclusions and exclusions of the accommodation package to understand what is covered and what additional expenses they may need to budget for during their Nile River cruise experience.

#### Itinerary

### Day 1: Embarkation and Luxor East Bank Tours

The accommodation package includes a comprehensive Nile River cruise experience, commencing with a pickup from the guest's hotel in Luxor. A designated representative will transfer the guests to launch the 5-day Nile Cruise Tour, which will travel from Luxor to Aswan. Upon arrival, the tour leader will provide the guests with the keys to their assigned cabins, allowing them a brief respite before enjoying their first lunch meal on board the MS Royal Viking Nile Cruise.

After the initial rest period, the guests will meet their English-speaking Egyptologist guide in the lobby to begin the <u>Luxor East Bank Tours</u>. Luxor, situated approximately 700 kilometers south of Cairo, is a city with a population of nearly 500,000, whose economy is largely driven by tourism and agriculture. The tour will commence with a visit to the magnificent Karnak Temple, which is the largest temple in Egypt, having been built and expanded over 2,000 years, from a simple shrine during the New Kingdom to the impressive structure it is today. Following this, the guests will be transferred to the celebrated <u>Luxor Temple</u>, which was discovered in 1884 and is located on the East Bank of the Nile in Luxor.

Additionally, guests have the option to attend a captivating <u>Sound and Light Show</u> at the Karnak Temple. The day's activities will conclude with an overnight stay on board the Nile Cruise, with meals provided for lunch and dinner.

#### Day 2: Tours of Luxor's West Bank

After enjoying a delectable breakfast aboard the MS Royal Viking Nile Cruise, the guests will reconvene with their tour leader to commence the <u>Luxor West Bank tour</u>. The primary focus of this day's excursion will be the magnificent rock-cut tombs of the New Kingdom Pharaohs, known as the Valley of the Kings. These tombs were meticulously constructed far from the reach of tomb thieves, and to this day, more than 60 of these remarkable tombs have been discovered.

The tour will then proceed to the <u>Temple of Queen Hatshepsut</u>, also known as the <u>Temple of El Deir El Bahari</u>. This extraordinary monument, standing at an impressive 97 feet (30 m) tall, is capable of dazzling its visitors with its architectural grandeur. The final stop on the Luxor West Bank tour will be the <u>Colossi of Memnon</u>, the huge statue of the great King Amenhotep III.

Following the day's sightseeing, a delicious lunch will be served aboard the Nile Cruise, after which the guests will have the opportunity to enjoy a scenic sailing experience to the city of Edfu. In the evening, a delightful dinner will be provided, and the guests will spend the night aboard the Nile Cruise in Edfu.

Additionally, guests may have the option to venture on a captivating <u>Luxor Hot Air Balloon Ride</u> above the West Bank monuments, providing a unique and breathtaking perspective of the ancient wonders.

#### Day 3: Visits to Edfu and Kom Ombo Temples

After the previous two days of captivating Luxor sightseeing tours, the guests will now indulge in a delectable breakfast aboard the Nile Cruise. They will then be accompanied by their expert tour guide to tackle one of the most fascinating Egypt day tours – the visit to the Temple of Horus in Edfu.

The <u>Temple of Edfu</u> is one of the largest and best-preserved ancient Egyptian temples in the country, second only to the Karnak Temple. The temple's exceptional state of preservation allows visitors to fully immerse themselves in the architectural and cultural heritage of this iconic site.

Following the exploration of the Edfu Temple, the guests will return to the cruise ship and enjoy an enchanting sailing experience as the vessel travels southward towards the town of Kom Ombo. Upon arrival, the guests will be guided to the remarkable Kom Ombo Temple, which was dedicated to the crocodile god, Sobek, and was constructed between 1350 and 180 B.C. under the orders of King Ramses II.

After the <u>Kom Ombo and Edfu tours</u>, the guests will be served a unique and delightful lunch aboard the cruise ship. The journey will then continue towards the beautiful city of Aswan, where the guests will enjoy a delectable dinner on the cruise, accompanied by local music and entertainment, before settling in for an overnight stay.

#### Day 4: Tours along the Nile in Aswan

After a delightful breakfast aboard the Egypt Nile Cruise, the guests will meet their private tour guide to commence the Aswan excursions. The first stop on the itinerary will be the remarkable <u>High Dam</u>, which played a crucial role in shielding Egypt from the devastating Nile floods that used to submerge the land for months, preventing the efficient utilization of the precious water resources. Aswan, the southernmost city in Egypt, is situated near the first Nile waterfall, approximately a thousand kilometers away from Cairo.

The tour will then proceed to the Unfinished Obelisk, located at the ancient granite quarries where the Egyptians of the Old and New Kingdoms extracted and transported the granite used in the construction of the great pyramids, temples, and monumental structures.

The final destination of the Aswan tour will be the <u>Philae Temple</u>, a Greco-Roman-style temple dedicated to the worship of the goddess Isis. This temple is one of the four primary locations where the legend of Isis, Osiris, and Horus took place, making it a site of profound cultural and historical significance.

After the Aswan excursions, the guests will be transferred back to the cruise ship to enjoy a delectable lunch. The afternoon will be reserved for leisure time in Aswan, allowing the guests to explore the city at their own pace. In the evening, a high-quality dinner will be served aboard the cruise, accompanied by an engaging Nubian cultural show. The day will conclude with an overnight stay in the beautiful city of Aswan.

## Day 5: Disembarkation marks the conclusion of our 5-day Nile Cruise Tour from Luxor to Aswan.

On the final day of the Luxor to Aswan Nile Cruise, the guests will check out from the cruise boat after enjoying a delectable breakfast on board. The tour operator will then facilitate the transfer of the guests to their requested drop-off location in Aswan, such as the railway station or <u>Aswan Airport</u>, ensuring a smooth and convenient departure.

Additionally, during the last day, the guests will have the option to participate in an excursion to the famed Abu Simbel temple complex. This iconic archaeological site, which features the colossal statues of Pharaoh Ramses II, will provide a captivating culmination to the guests' Aswan exploration and complete their amazing journey through the region's rich cultural and historical heritage.

With the Nile Cruise experience now concluded, the guests will depart Aswan with lasting memories of the ancient wonders they have encountered and the unique insights they have gained into the enduring legacy of Egypt's celebrated civilization.