# Discover the stunning and historic locations across the Nile from Maldives

**Price Starting From: \$650** 

4 Days / 3 Nights Aswan / Luxor Egypt One Country Two Cities

Set off on a luxurious MS Nile Dolphin Nile Cruise from Maldives to explore the fascinating history of Egypt. This exclusive journey from Aswan to Luxor provides a unique opportunity to engage with the wonders of Egypt's past.

Your adventure begins in <u>Aswan</u>, where remarkable sites like the Temple of Philae and the Unfinished Obelisk highlight the brilliance of Egypt's ancient achievements. As you cruise along the Nile, enjoy the comfort and tranquility of the stunning landscapes around you.

Next, you'll arrive in <u>Luxor</u>, the center of ancient Egypt, home to some of the most famous historical landmarks. Discover the Valley of the Kings, where pharaohs rest in grandeur, and admire the magnificent Karnak and Luxor Temples, all with the insights of expert historians. Throughout this <u>Nile Cruise Tour</u>, every moment is crafted to enhance your understanding of <u>Egypt's rich history</u>, seamlessly blending luxury with the enduring allure of one of the world's greatest civilizations.

### Overview Inclusion

- Assistance was provided by the Cairo Top Tours tour manager upon arrival at Aswan Airport and departure from Luxor.
- Expert customer care throughout the 4-day Nile cruise.
- Modern air-conditioned vehicle transportation during the MS Nile Dolphin Nile Cruise.
- Full board accommodation on the Egypt Nile River Cruise.
- Private Egypt tours as specified in the itinerary.
- All admission fees and tickets to sites are included.
- Snack stops are available upon request.
- A soft drink at a local café during Egypt Day Tours (if time allows).
- Accredited Egyptologist guide is provided for all Egypt Travel Packages.
- Taxes and service charges are included in the Nile cruise from Aswan to Luxor.
- Shopping tours are available during excursions in Luxor and Aswan Sightseeing Tours (upon request).

#### **Exclusion**

- International airfare is not included.
- Personal spending is not covered.
- Optional tours are not included.
- Tipping is not included in the price of Egypt Tours Packages.
- Beverages during meals are not included

#### **Itinerary**

### Day 1: Aswan – Beginning Your Egypt Nile Cruise Adventure

Your **Egypt Nile Cruise Tours** begin in Aswan, where you'll experience a captivating blend of history and natural beauty. Start your journey by delving into the legendary tale of **Horus and Osiris**. These ancient deities are central to Egyptian mythology, representing the eternal struggle between good and evil, life and death. Their story is intricately linked to the temples you will explore.

Next, visit the modern marvel of the <u>High Dam</u>, an engineering achievement that revolutionized Egypt's economy and altered the Nile's landscape. Discover how this structure redirected the river's flow and led to the creation of the expansive Lake Nasser.

Afterward, proceed to the <u>Unfinished Obelisk</u>, a remarkable testament to the exceptional skill of ancient Egyptian stoneworkers. This enormous granite piece, still connected to its quarry, provides unique insights into the techniques used by the ancient Egyptians to carve these towering monuments.

Your tour continues to the breathtaking <u>Temple of Philae</u>, dedicated to the goddess <u>Isis</u>. Located on a picturesque island, the temple was relocated to its current site due to the construction of the High Dam, ensuring the preservation of its exquisite artistry and historical significance.

From there, you'll embark on the famous <u>Aswan to Luxor Nile Cruise</u>, where you can unwind aboard your luxury vessel while enjoying the stunning scenery of the Nile, setting the stage for more amazing discoveries.

The day wraps up with a visit to the <u>Temple of Queen Hatshepsut</u>. As one of Egypt's most influential female rulers, her temple is an architectural wonder nestled into the cliffs of Deir el-Bahari, offering a glimpse into her reign and impact during Egypt's golden age.

This day provides a rich introduction to Egypt's marvels, laying the groundwork for an unforgettable cruise along the majestic Nile.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

## Day 2: Sailing to Kom Ombo – Exploring Ancient Temples and Deities

Your second day of **Egypt Day Tours** begins as your Nile cruise approaches Kom Ombo, a city renowned for its distinctive twin-temple structure overlooking the river.

The day's highlight is a visit to the **Kom Ombo Temple**, a remarkable site dedicated to two gods. This symmetrical temple honors both Sobek, the crocodile god, and Haroeris, the falcon-headed god, providing a fascinating insight into ancient Egyptian religion and architecture.

<u>Sobek</u>, associated with the Nile and fertility, was believed to protect the Egyptian people from the dangers of the waters. As you explore the temple's chambers, you'll find carvings and statues that illustrate his powerful connection to crocodiles, including a display of mummified crocodiles from the area.

The temple's architecture also showcases influences from the **Ptolemaic Kingdom**, the dynasty that ruled Egypt following Alexander the Great's conquest. The intricate carvings and artistic details reflect a blend of

Egyptian and Hellenistic styles.

On the opposite side of the temple, you will learn about <u>Haroeris</u>, also known as Horus the Elder. As a god of healing and protection, Haroeris shares the sacred space with Sobek, creating a unique duality within the temple. As your day comes to an end, you'll return to your Nile cruise ship, reflecting on the rich history and mythology that continue to shape Egypt's enduring magnetism.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 3: Edfu to Luxor - Taking in the Great Monuments of Egypt

On the third day of your journey, your Nile cruise will arrive at **Edfu**, home to one of Egypt's best-preserved temples. **The Temple of Edfu**, dedicated to Horus, provides a captivating insight into ancient rituals and beliefs. As you explore its towering columns and detailed carvings, you'll sense the profound history embedded in every aspect of this remarkable sanctuary.

Continuing along the Nile, your next destination is the iconic <u>Colossi of Memnon</u>. These two enormous stone statues stand sentinel over the Theban Necropolis, once marking the entrance to the grand mortuary temple of Pharaoh Amenhotep III. The sheer size and majesty of these monuments create an unforgettable experience, rich with centuries of myth and legend.

Your day concludes with a visit to the magnificent **Karnak Temple in Luxor**. This vast complex, dedicated to the god Amun, is one of the most important religious sites in ancient Egypt. As you stroll through the Hypostyle Hall, with its impressive forest of colossal columns, and admire the sacred lake, you'll feel the awe that this architectural marvel continues to evoke.

This day immerses you in the splendor of ancient Egypt, from its meticulously preserved temples to its monumental statues, fostering a deep connection with its intriguing history.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

#### Day 4: The conclusion of our unique journey

Your final breakfast will be served on board before you disembark from the Nile cruise. Afterward, you'll meet your guide for day trips in Luxor, starting with a visit to the <u>Valley of the Kings</u>, a World Heritage site famous for its royal tombs from the <u>New Kingdom</u>. These impressive tombs were skillfully carved into the mountains by the finest craftsmen of ancient Egypt.

Next, explore the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, also known as <u>El Deir El Bahari</u>. As the fifth pharaoh of the eighteenth dynasty and the second female pharaoh, Hatshepsut's temple is an extraordinary architectural achievement. Your excursion will also include a visit to the Colossi of Memnon, two colossal statues dedicated to Pharaoh Amenhotep III.

Afterward, depending on your preference, you will be taken to either <u>Luxor Airport</u> or the railway station. We hope you have thoroughly enjoyed your MS Nile Dolphin Nile Cruise from Aswan to Luxor.

Meals: Breakfast