

Stunning 5-Days Nile Cruise Tour from Luxor

Price Starting From: \$700

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

Egypt's Nile Cruise Tours offer a remarkable opportunity for travelers to immerse themselves in the country's rich cultural heritage and natural splendor. The 5-day cruise from Luxor to <u>Aswan</u> aboard the MS Royal Viking <u>Nile Cruise</u> provides a comprehensive exploration of the region's ancient archaeological sites.

During the tour, visitors will have the chance to delve into the mysteries of Luxor, visiting the iconic Valley of the Kings, the majestic Karnak Temple, and the captivating Edfu and Kom Ombo temples. As the cruise navigates the Nile River, the world's longest waterway, passengers will be enchanted by the breathtaking landscapes and the remnants of Egypt's storied past.

Upon reaching Aswan, the tour offers a visit to the Philae Temple, as well as a range of enriching excursions that allow guests to further immerse themselves in the region's cultural and historical significance. Throughout the journey, travelers can savor delectable cuisine and enjoy the comfort of luxurious accommodations, creating a truly unforgettable experience.

The Nile Cruise Tours also provide an opportunity to explore Egypt's Lake Nasser, offering a unique perspective on the country's natural beauty and ancient civilizations. This comprehensive itinerary allows visitors to discover the magic of Egypt, from the iconic Pyramids of Giza to the magnificent Luxor temples, all while indulging in the comfort and convenience of a Nile Cruise vacation.

Overview Inclusion

- 4-night accommodation on a 5-star Nile cruise (MS Royal Viking Nile Cruise) from Luxor to Aswan on a full-board basis.
- Complimentary bottle of mineral water.
- Entrance tickets to all the mentioned archaeological sites and attractions in the itinerary.
- Services of a qualified and knowledgeable tour guide for all sightseeing activities.
- Exclusive private tours throughout the journey.
- All service fees and taxes are covered.
- Optional shopping tours in Luxor and Aswan upon request.
- Complimentary snack stops during the tours, as requested.
- A soft drink at a local café during the day tours, if time permits.

Exclusion

- International flights to and from Egypt.
- Any additional services or activities not explicitly mentioned in the itinerary.
- Tipping for the cruise staff and guides, which is a common practice in Egypt for Nile River cruises in 2024 and 2025.
- Drinks during meals on the Nile cruise.

<u>Itinerary</u>

Day 1: Enjoying a Luxor East Bank Tour

Upon appearance in Luxor, you will be met by a representative and transferred to the MS Royal Viking Nile Cruise, which will serve as their home for the coming five days. After being checked into their cabin, guests will have a short break before enjoying their first lunch onboard the voyage. Following the lunch, tourists

will meet their English-speaking Egyptologist companion in the lobby to commence the <u>Luxor East Bank tour</u>. Luxor, located roughly 700 kilometers south of Cairo, is a megacity with a population of around 500,000 and a strong reliance on tourism and farming. During the stint, callers will explore the magnificent Karnak Temple, a vast religious complex that has been erected and expanded over 2,000 times, transubstantiating from a simple sanctum during the <u>New Kingdom</u> into a colossal structure. The tour will also continue to the admiration-inspiring <u>Luxor Temple</u>, which was discovered in 1884 and is positioned on the east bank of the Nile River in Luxor. Overnight lodgment will be handed onboard the Nile Cruise, with the coming day's program to follow. For those interested, a voluntary <u>Sound and Light Show</u> at Karnak Temple can be arranged.

Meals included for the day are lunch and Dinner.

Day 2: Tour to Luxor West Bank

After partaking in a delectable breakfast aboard the MS Royal Viking Nile Cruise, you will be escorted by your tour leader to commence your exploration of Luxor's West Bank. The primary destination will be the renowned Valley of the Kings, where the magnificent rock-cut tombs of the New Kingdom Pharaohs are situated. These tombs were deliberately constructed far from the reach of tomb robbers, and to date, more than 60 such tombs have been discovered carved into the surrounding rocks. Additionally, the Luxor West Bank Tour will include a visit to the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, also known as the Temple of El Deir El Bahari. This extraordinary 97-foot (30 m) tall monument is capable of captivating its visitors with its unique architectural and artistic merits. The final stop on the day's itinerary will be the Colossi of Memnon, the iconic and imposing statues of the great King Amenhotep III. Following this comprehensive tour, a sumptuous lunch will be served aboard the Luxor to Aswan Nile Cruise, after which you will embark on a sailing journey to Edfu.

An optional and enthralling <u>Luxor Hot Air Balloon Ride</u> above the West Bank monuments is also available for those seeking a bird's-eye view of the region's historical and cultural treasures.

In the evening, you will be treated to a delightful dinner aboard the Nile Cruise, and you will spend the night in Edfu.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 3: Exploring Edfu and Kom Ombo Temples

After the engaging Luxor sightseeing tours of the previous two days, you will now embark on a delectable breakfast aboard the Nile Cruise. Accompanied by your expert tour guide, you will set out on one of the most captivating Egypt Day Tours - the excursion to Edfu to visit the renowned Temple of Horus. This remarkable temple still retains the majority of its ancient Egyptian architectural and artistic elements, making it one of the largest and best-preserved temples in the country, second only to the Karnak Temple. Following the Edfu tour, you will return to the cruise ship and enjoy an enchanting sailing experience southward until you reach the town of Kom Ombo.

Upon arrival in Kom Ombo, you will be escorted to the extraordinary Kom Ombo Temple, dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek. This temple was constructed between 1350 and 180 B.C. under the orders of King Ramses II. After the Kom Ombo tour, the boat will continue sailing towards Aswan. Aboard the cruise, you will be served an unusual and delightful lunch, followed by an evening of enchanting dinner, entertainment, and local music performance. You will spend the night in the beautiful city of Aswan.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 4: A Nile Cruise tour to Aswan

To commence your day, a delectable breakfast will be served aboard your Egypt Nile Cruise. Thereafter, you will be met by your private tour guide to embark on your Aswan Excursions, which will include the following highlights:

The High Dam:

You will visit the Aswan <u>High Dam</u>, a monumental engineering feat that has shielded Egypt from the devastating Nile floods that once submerged the land for extended periods, rendering the water resources largely unusable. Aswan, situated at the southernmost point of Egypt, is located near the first Nile cataract, approximately a thousand kilometers from the capital, Cairo.

The Unfinished Obelisk:

The excursion will then take you to the ancient granite quarries, where the Egyptians during the Old and New Kingdoms laboriously extracted and transported the granite used in the construction of the great pyramids, temples, and monumental obelisks.

Philae Temple:

The tour will continue to the Greco-Roman style <u>Philae Temple</u>, which was dedicated to the worship of the goddess Isis. This temple is one of the four sacred sites associated with the legendary tales of Isis, Osiris, and Horus.

Following the tour, you will be transferred back to the cruise, where you will enjoy a delightful lunch. The afternoon will be free for you to explore Aswan at your own pace. In the evening, a high-quality dinner will be prepared and served aboard the cruise boat, accompanied by an engaging Nubian cultural performance. You will then spend the night in Aswan.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5: Say Bye from Aswan

On the final day of the Nile Cruise, travelers will check out of the MS Royal Viking Nile Cruise after enjoying their last breakfast onboard. They will then be transferred to their requested drop-off location in Aswan, such as the railway station or <u>Aswan Airport</u>.

For those interested in further exploring the region, an optional tour of the impressive <u>Abu Simbel temples</u> can be arranged. The Abu Simbel temples, built by Pharaoh Ramses II, are a renowned archaeological site located in southern Egypt, near the border with Sudan. This optional excursion provides an opportunity for travelers to immerse themselves in the awe-inspiring ancient Egyptian architecture and history before concluding their Nile Cruise experience.

The meal included for the day is breakfast.