

Top 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

Aswan is considered one of the best places to travel to in Egypt; every day, many people storm in just to see these majestically beautiful ancient monuments. It is a historic city! Enjoy this exclusive 5-star Lake Nasser cruise aboard the Steigenberger Omar El Khayam in style.

These are two great temples for Ramses II and his beloved wife, Queen Nefertari, built during the New Kingdom period of Ancient Egypt; it took twenty years to complete. Here, in the village of Abu Simbel, your Egypt tours begin. The High Dam, the Temple of Philae, and the monumental temples of Ramses II and Nefertari show a landscape of unruffled beauty along the course of the Nile in Aswan and Abu Simbel.

Experience a truly unforgettable sail up the <u>Nile</u> and discover the wonder of Egypt-from the Pyramids of Giza down to the temples of Luxor-in style and with great looks.

Overview Inclusion

- Meet and assist upon your arrival and departure, with our representatives on hand.
- Dedicated staff support throughout your Egypt tour.
- All transfers during the Egypt tour provided by air-conditioned vehicles.
- Accommodation at the 5-star Steigenberger Omar El Khayam Lake Cruise Hotel with full board.
- A Nile cruise, as mentioned, included in the tour of Egypt.
- Entry tickets and fees for all the highlighted sites between Aswan and Abu Simbel.
- An expert English-speaking guide for the duration of your trip to Egypt.
- All service charges and taxes included.
- Optional shopping during a sightseeing tour in Aswan.
- Snack stops upon request.
- Enjoy a refreshing drink at a local café during day tours, time permitting.

Exclusion

- Any additional items not listed in the itinerary.
- Gratuities are not included in the prices for Nile River cruises in Egypt for 2024/2025.
- Beverages during meals are not included.

Day 1: Welcome aboard

Arrive at Aswan and be ready to get a warm welcome into this lovely city, then head to Steigenberger Omar El Khayam. Check into your spacious cabin, fully luxuriously designed with a stunning view of Lake Nasser.

Attend a festive welcome reception this afternoon to get to know your expert Egyptologist and your traveling companions. Take some time to relax perhaps visiting the sun deck, the pool, and lounges. This evening, enjoy a delightful dinner that melds the finest ingredients of local flavor with international flair, perfectly prepared by the onboard chefs.

Afterward, enjoy your relaxing moment under the starry night sky as it cruises along the view of Aswan's beautiful features, then have a relaxing night on board as an introduction to the exciting historical explorations.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2: Temple of Beit El Wali and Temple of Abu Simbel

You will have an excellent breakfast in the morning while the boat heads to <u>Aswan</u>. Enjoy the rest of the day touring Aswan to see some monuments in the area, such as the <u>Kalabsha Temple</u>, an imposing construction from the early Roman period, built over the ruins of another, more ancient temple belonging to the gods Amun-Re and <u>Khnum</u> in the <u>18th Dynasty</u>. Most of the things can be told through the city of Aswan regarding ancient architecture and spiritual beliefs on this full-day tour of Aswan.

Continue the tour of the <u>Temple of Beit El Wali</u>, the other imposing monument left to Ramses II. Consecrate your eyes with the colorful carvings depicting the military campaigns of the Pharaoh and the adoration of the gods that included <u>Amun-Re</u>. These <u>Aswan tours</u> will increase your awareness of the great history of this area with a strong cultural tradition that is still surviving.

Afternoon: The cruise starts to the famous <u>Temple of Abu Simbel</u>: enormous statues and an impressive façade, constructed for Ramses II and Queen Nefertari. En route at <u>Wadi El Seboua</u>, stop at an important archaeological site with several temples and sanctuaries among them, one very ancient one dedicated to the great god Khnum.

Then, return to the ship for an all-day tour in Aswan and a night of full leisure on board, getting your dinner prepared by chefs while cruising among the serene waters of Lake Nasser.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3: Amada Temple and Wadi El Sebou Temples

Start your day with an onboard amazing breakfast before launching on some enthralling Egypt Day Tours into the magic of **Nubia**. First, visit the **Wadi El Sebou** Temples commissioned by Ramses II.

Walk among the stunning structures and see brightly colored scenes depicting the king's exploits and the strong imagery of the gods.

Continue to the <u>Amada Temple</u>, one of the oldest, extremely well-preserved temples in Nubia, first built by <u>Thutmose III</u> and extended by <u>Ramses II</u>. It was consecrated to the great god <u>Amon Ra</u>, presenting some marvelous reliefs and inscriptions that give precious documentation about religious and cultural life in ancient Egypt This afternoon, return to the ship and enjoy some leisure time while you cruise along Lake Nasser's serene waters. Enjoy a gourmet dinner while reviewing the amazing sites you visited today on your <u>Egypt Day Tours</u>, reflecting on sophisticated dishes masterfully created by the chef.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4: Qasr Ibrim

Enjoy your day starting with a yummy breakfast buffet as you sail to Qasr Ibrim, one of the most historic sites in the world, housing magnificent monuments that represent almost every period in Egyptian civilization. Once a stronghold for the Nubians, Qasr Ibrim houses the tombs of Nubian rulers dating back to the times of Pharaoh Thutmose III. Although access to this site is limited, you will be able to appreciate its significance on board the ship while explaining its status as a cultural and religious site for the ages.

Later, sail deep into the impressive Abu Simbel, two of Egypt's most visited temples, and among the most famous monuments of the whole world. This fabulous complex consists of two temples hewn out of the rocky mountainside: the larger one was built by Pharaoh Ramses II. The temples were cut into the mountain face themselves and stand as testaments to his power and godlike status. The larger temple was dedicated to the king himself, with Ramses II portrayed as a god in the context of other gods: Amun, Ra-Horakhty, and Ptah. His beloved queen, Nefertari, along with the goddess Hathor, was given pride of place in the smaller temple.

The temples were built to commemorate one of Ramses II's greatest military victories-the Battle of Kadesh- and the colossal statues that stand guard before them are nothing if not the image of ancient Egypt's splendor. The temples had to be moved in the 1960s to save them from the building waters of Lake Nasser following the construction of the Aswan High Dam, an outstanding feat of modern engineering.

Following this visit to Abu Simbel, you will then return to the ship to some relaxation time: taking your time over lunch and dinner on board, reflecting on the fabulous history and architecture you have seen.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5: Depature

Your final meal on the Steigenberger Omar El Khayam Lake Cruise will be fantastic. After that, our tour guide will drive you to the Abu Simbel Airport for your last flight.

Meals: Breakfast