Explore the beautiful sights through the Nile on Dolphin Nile cruise trip

Price Starting From: \$650

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

Experience the <u>history of Egypt</u> on a captivating journey aboard the MS Nile Dolphin. This luxury Nile cruise takes you through the heart of ancient Egypt, where every stop reveals a new chapter in the rich and storied past of the region. From temples to tombs, the legacy of pharaohs and gods is woven into every moment of your trip, bringing the splendor of <u>Egypt's History</u>.

Beginning in <u>Aswan</u>, a city known for its beauty and historical significance, you will explore key sites such as the Philae Temple and the Unfinished Obelisk. Aswan is a gateway to Nubian culture, and its position along the Nile makes it an ideal start for your exploration of Egypt's southern treasures.

Aboard the MS Nile Dolphin, our <u>Nile Cruise Tours</u> offer unparalleled comfort and elegance. As you sail along the Nile, you'll enjoy first-class amenities, gourmet dining, and expert guides who enrich your journey with insightful commentary on Egypt's remarkable sites and heritage.

The tour culminates in **Luxor**, home to the Valley of the Kings, Karnak Temple, and the stunning Luxor Temple. This city is often referred to as the world's greatest open-air museum, as it houses some of the most significant monuments of ancient Egypt, providing a window into a bygone civilization that shaped human history.

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 Friday: Check-in - High Dam - Philae Temple

Begin your luxurious Nile Cruise journey from Aswan, where the enchanting landscapes of Egypt set the stage for a memorable exploration of ancient treasures. Throughout the day, learn the ancient story of **Horus and Osiris**, a foundational myth symbolizing the cycle of life, death, and resurrection, woven into the fabric of Egyptian culture.

Your first stop is the impressive Aswan <u>High Dam</u>, a modern engineering feat that has reshaped Egypt's economy by controlling the Nile's waters and generating vital electricity. Next, visit the <u>Unfinished Obelisk</u>, an extraordinary artifact that provides a unique glimpse into ancient Egypt's monumental stoneworking techniques, left incomplete in its quarry. Explore the majestic <u>Temple of Philae</u>, dedicated to the goddess Isis, beautifully relocated to Agilkia Island after the High Dam's construction, preserving its ancient grandeur.

At the heart of the Temple of Philae is the goddess Isis, revered as the mother and protector. Her influence permeates the temple, reflecting her role in Egyptian mythology and spiritual life. As evening falls, continue your serene **cruise from Aswan to Luxor**, enjoying the tranquil views of the Nile and its timeless beauty, as you journey deeper into Egypt's ancient world. Reflect on the legacy of **Queen Hatshepsut**, Egypt's second female pharaoh, known for her extraordinary reign and her ambitious architectural projects, which you'll explore later in the cruise.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2: Kom Ombo Temple - Sailing to Edfu

On the second day, venture on a carefully curated **Egypt Day Tour**, offering a deeper look into the ancient sites along the Nile, blending history, mythology, and culture. Your first stop is the Kom Ombo Temple, a unique structure with a dual dedication to two gods, showcasing the symmetrical design and the fascinating religious duality of ancient Egypt. One-half of the temple is devoted to **Sobek**, the crocodile god of fertility and protector of the Nile, symbolizing the life-giving power of the river that sustained Egyptian civilization.

Built during the <u>Ptolemaic Kingdom</u>, the <u>Kom Ombo Temple</u> reflects a mix of Egyptian and Greek influences, illustrating the fusion of cultures under the rule of the <u>Ptolemaic dynasty</u>. The other half of the temple is dedicated to Haroeris, or Horus the Elder, the falcon-headed god representing the sky and kingship, standing in contrast to Sobek's earthly domain.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3: Edfu Temple - Karnak Temple - Luxor Temple

On the third day, visit the grand <u>Temple of Edfu</u>, dedicated to Horus. As one of the best-preserved temples in Egypt, Edfu offers a glimpse into the spiritual life of ancient Egyptians and their devotion to the falcon god.

Continue your journey to the West Bank of Luxor, where you will encounter the Colossi of Memnon. These two monumental statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III stand as silent sentinels, guarding the remnants of his vast mortuary temple.

End your day at the awe-inspiring **Karnak Temple in Luxor**, one of the largest religious complexes in the world. With its towering columns, sacred obelisks, and grand courtyards, Karnak stands as a testament to the power and grandeur of ancient Egyptian architecture.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 4: Valley of the Kings - Hatshepsut Temple - Colossi of Memnon

Optional guided tours in Luxor offer the chance to start your day with an early morning hot air balloon ride, providing breathtaking views of the ancient city.

Enjoy your final breakfast on board before disembarking the Nile cruise. You will meet your guide for a day of sightseeing in Luxor, beginning with the <u>Valley of the Kings</u>, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for housing the tombs of New Kingdom pharaohs. These impressive tombs, carved into the mountains, were created by the most skilled craftsmen in ancient Egypt.

Next, visit the <u>Temple of Queen Hatshepsut</u>, also known as the Temple of El Deir El Bahari. Hatshepsut, the fifth pharaoh of the Eighteenth Dynasty and the second female pharaoh, left a lasting legacy through this stunning architectural achievement. You will also visit the Colossi of Memnon, two massive stone statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III that stand as guardians of Luxor's West Bank.

After the excursions, you'll be dropped off at Luxor Airport or the railway station, based on your preference.

Meals: Breakfast