

A great four-day Steigenberger MS Minerva Nile Cruise vacation available from Honduras

Price Starting From: \$720

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

Experience the magic of ancient civilization with our exclusive **Egypt Tours**, designed to immerse you in the rich history and breathtaking landscapes of this remarkable country. From the bustling streets of Cairo to the serene banks of the Nile, our expertly crafted itineraries ensure that you witness the wonders of Egypt in comfort and style.

Your journey will take you to **Luxor**, often hailed as the world's greatest open-air museum. Here, you will explore iconic sites such as the Valley of the Kings and the magnificent Karnak Temple. Luxor's rich tapestry of history and culture serves as a backdrop for unforgettable experiences, allowing you to connect with the ancient stories that shaped Egypt.

<u>Aswan</u>, with its stunning vistas and vibrant local culture, is another highlight of your journey. Known for its picturesque Nile views and historical significance, Aswan offers a unique contrast to Luxor. Visit the impressive Philae Temple, dedicated to the goddess Isis, and take in the tranquil beauty of the Nile as you sail through this enchanting region.

Our <u>Nile Cruise Tours</u> aboard the luxurious Steigenberger MS Minerva provide an unparalleled way to explore the heart of Egypt. Enjoy full board accommodations, exquisite dining, and exceptional service as you glide along the Nile. Each day brings new adventures and discoveries, allowing you to relax and soak in the beauty of the landscapes while visiting ancient temples and monuments. Experience the perfect blend of luxury and history on this unforgettable cruise through Egypt.

Overview Inclusion

- Meet and greet by Cairo Top Tours representatives at Aswan Airport and Luxor airport
- Full assistance from specialized guest relations during the 4-day Aswan to Luxor Nile cruise
- Transportation in modern, air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicles
- Full board accommodation on the deluxe Steigenberger Minerva Egypt Nile River Cruise
- Private Egypt Nile Cruise Tours as per the travel package
- Entrance fees and tickets to all sites included in the tour itinerary
- Certified English-speaking (or other language) tour guide for all Egypt day tours
- All service charges and taxes are covered

- Stops for snacks available upon request
- Shopping tours in Luxor and Aswan are provided upon request

Exclusion

- International flights not included
- Beverages during meals not included
- Personal spending during the Egypt luxury tours is not covered
- Optional activities or entrance to the tombs of Tutankhamun, Ramses VI, and Seti I are not included
- Tipping is not included

Itinerary

Day 1: The Nubian Land

Your journey begins with our exceptional **Egypt Tours**, designed to immerse you in the wonders of this ancient land. Today marks the start of an unforgettable adventure as you explore the treasures of the Nile.

Upon your arrival at <u>Aswan Airport</u>, you will be warmly greeted by our professional representatives, who will assist you with your transfer to the luxurious Steigenberger MS Minerva. Enjoy the scenic drive as you transition from the airport to the heart of Egypt's historical landscape.

As you cruise along the majestic <u>Nile River</u>, take in the stunning views that have inspired countless travelers throughout history. The river serves not only as a beautiful backdrop but also as a lifeline that has nurtured civilizations for millennia.

Your first stop is the impressive <u>High Dam</u>, an engineering marvel that plays a crucial role in regulating the Nile's waters. Here, you will learn about its significance in providing hydroelectric power and irrigation, which have transformed Egypt's agricultural landscape.

Next, visit the <u>Unfinished Obelisk</u>, a fascinating site that offers insight into ancient Egyptian craftsmanship. This colossal monument, which remains in its quarry, reveals the techniques used by artisans and the ambitious projects of pharaohs.

In the afternoon, explore the enchanting <u>Temple of Philae</u>, dedicated to the goddess <u>Isis</u>. This stunning temple complex, framed by the tranquil waters of the Nile, showcases exquisite <u>Greco-Roman</u> architecture. As you wander through its majestic halls and intricate carvings, you will connect with the spiritual essence of ancient rituals.

Throughout your visit, you will encounter the **myth of Osiris and Seth**, a poignant narrative that underscores the beliefs and values of ancient Egyptian society. The temple's inscriptions and artwork vividly illustrate this timeless tale of love, betrayal, and resurrection.

As the day concludes, return to your cruise ship for an evening of relaxation, reflecting on the incredible experiences that lay the foundation for your extraordinary journey through Egypt.

Included Meals: Welcome drink, Lunch, and Dinner

Day 2: Explore Aswan's Temples

On the second day of your adventure, prepare for an exciting lineup of <u>Day Tours</u> that will deepen your understanding of ancient Egyptian culture and history. This journey will take you to two remarkable temples, each with its own unique significance.

Your first destination is the **Kom Ombo Temple**, devoted to the crocodile god **Sobek**. This fascinating site is renowned for its unique double design, embodying the duality of Sobek and the falcon-headed god Horus. As you explore the temple's intricate carvings and hieroglyphs, you'll learn about the rituals and beliefs surrounding these deities, offering insight into the spiritual life of ancient Egyptians.

After your visit to Kom Ombo, you will continue to the majestic **Edfu Temple**, one of the best-preserved temples in Egypt. Dedicated to the god Horus, this temple stands as a magnificent example of Ptolemaic architecture. As you walk through its grand entrance and admire the towering columns, you'll be transported back to a time when this site was a vibrant center of worship and community.

Throughout the day, your knowledgeable guide will share captivating stories and insights, enhancing your experience at both temples. Each site offers a unique perspective on the religious practices of ancient Egypt, making this day a highlight of your Nile cruise journey.

As the day comes to a close, return to your cruise ship for a relaxing evening, reflecting on the incredible history and artistry you encountered in the temples of Kom Ombo and Edfu.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Tea, and Dinner

Day 3: Luxor's Gems and Historic sites

On the third day of your Nile cruise, prepare to uncover the myriad of things to do in Luxor, a city steeped in ancient history and grandeur. This day promises to be filled with exploration, allowing you to connect deeply with the rich heritage of Egypt.

Begin your journey by delving into the legacy of <u>Ramses the Great</u>, one of the most iconic pharaohs in the annals of the <u>history of Egypt</u>. His reign marked a significant period of prosperity and monumental achievements, and you will explore sites that reflect his extraordinary contributions to the nation.

Your first major stop is the <u>Valley of Kings</u>, the final resting place of many pharaohs from the <u>New Kingdom</u>. Here, you will visit the intricately decorated tombs, including that of Tutankhamun, and discover the elaborate burial customs that were essential to their beliefs in the afterlife. Each tomb offers a glimpse into the opulence and artistry of ancient funerary practices.

Next, visit the magnificent **Temple of Queen Hatshepsut**, a stunning mortuary temple dedicated to one of Egypt's few female pharaohs. Set against the dramatic cliffs of Deir el-Bahari, this architectural marvel showcases her remarkable reign and the significance of her contributions to Egyptian society. As you explore the temple's terraces and colonnades, you will gain insight into her inspiring story.

Afterward, marvel at the <u>Colossi of Memnon</u>, two enormous stone statues that once guarded the entrance to the mortuary temple of Amenhotep III. These iconic figures have stood for centuries,

silently witnessing the passage of time and the stories of those who visit.

In the afternoon, explore the awe-inspiring <u>Karnak Temples</u>, a vast complex dedicated to the god Amun. Walk through the grand hypostyle hall adorned with towering columns and intricate carvings, feeling the spiritual energy that has drawn worshippers for millennia.

Finally, conclude your day with a visit to the <u>Temple of Luxor</u>, a stunning site that serves as a fitting end to your <u>East and West Bank</u> day tour. This temple was once the heart of the Opet Festival, showcasing the grandeur of ancient rituals and beliefs.

As the day draws to a close, return to your cruise ship, reflecting on the incredible experiences and sights that have defined your <u>Luxor Sightseeing tours</u>, and look forward to the adventures that lie ahead.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 4: The last day of our exclusive adventure

Your four-day Nile cruise from Aswan to Luxor comes to an end today. This concludes your Egypt Nile cruise after breakfast on board. Upon request, our Cairo Top Tours guide can set up transportation to and from the **Luxor Airport**, train station, and any hotel in Luxor.

Meals included: Breakfast