Take advantage of the opportunity to explore the Aswan and Luxor temples.

Price Starting From: \$650

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

The MS Nile Dolphin Nile Cruise is an enchanting journey through Egypt's rich heritage, starting in <u>Aswan</u> and continuing to <u>Luxor</u>. The journey begins in Aswan, which is known for its stunning Nile views and vibrant cultural scene. The Temple of Philae, dedicated to the goddess Isis, is a must-see attraction, featuring stunning reliefs depicting her myths and her role in Osiris' resurrection.

As you sail northward, the majestic landscapes of the Nile Valley unfold before you, leading to Luxor, often referred to as the "world's greatest open-air museum." Here, you will visit the legendary Valley of the Kings, the final resting place of numerous pharaohs, including Tutankhamun. The valley is renowned for its elaborate burial practices and stunning wall paintings that provide insights into ancient Egyptian beliefs about the afterlife.

The Temple of Karnak, with its colossal columns, towering obelisks, and intricate hieroglyphics, is a highlight of the ancient Egyptians' architectural prowess. The <u>Nile Cruise Tours</u> are designed for relaxation and discovery, offering gourmet meals prepared by talented chefs and stunning sunsets over the Nile. Join us on this captivating journey through <u>Egypt's history</u>, creating unforgettable memories along the banks of the timeless Nile.

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 Egypt Tours Packages price.
- · Beverages during meals are not included

Itinerary

Day 1: Aswan to Luxor

Egypt Nile Cruise Tours offers a luxurious and ancient history-inspired journey along the Nile River, revealing the secrets of one of the world's oldest civilizations. The tour begins with the captivating story of Horus and Osiris, a central narrative in ancient Egyptian mythology. The Aswan High Dam, completed in the 1970s, regulates the Nile's waters, preventing flooding and creating Lake Nasser, one of the largest artificial lakes globally. The Unfinished Obelisk, a massive obelisk, showcases the skill of ancient stone masons and offers insights into their techniques.

The <u>Temple of Philae</u>, dedicated to the goddess <u>Isis</u>, is a stunning temple complex located on Agilkia Island, originally on Philae Island but moved to protect it from Lake Nasser. The temple's carvings and inscriptions tell the story of Isis, a symbol of motherhood and magic, and her role in Osiris's resurrection. <u>The Aswan to Luxor Nile Cruise</u> takes you through breathtaking landscapes, with views of verdant banks and ancient temples.

The journey also highlights the legacy of **Queen Hatshepsut**, one of Egypt's most remarkable pharaohs, who defied traditional gender roles and established herself as a powerful leader. The first day of the itinerary promises an unforgettable exploration of Egypt's timeless treasures along the Nile.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2: Temples of the Nile

Egypt Day Tours offer a unique opportunity to explore the spiritual significance of ancient sites along the Nile. The tour begins at the **Kom Ombo Temple**, a unique structure dedicated to two deities, Sobek and Haroeris. **Sobek**, a crocodile god, was worshipped as the protector of the Nile and a symbol of fertility and strength.

His association with the river made him vital to agricultural prosperity and he was often invoked for protection against the dangers of the waters. The **Ptolemaic Kingdom**, a period marked by Greek and Egyptian cultures, embraced Egyptian traditions while introducing Hellenistic elements.

<u>Haroeris</u>, also known as Horus the Elder, represented kingship, protection, and the triumph of light over darkness. The temple features numerous inscriptions and images of Haroeris, emphasizing his role as a guardian of the pharaohs and a symbol of divine authority. The tour promises to enrich your understanding of ancient Egypt's spiritual landscape and provide insights into the beliefs and values of the ancient Egyptians.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3: Majestic Monuments and Temples

On the third day of your exploration, you will visit the enchanting city of <u>Edfu</u>, home to the <u>Temple of Horus</u>, a remarkable example of Ptolemaic architecture. The temple tells the myths of Horus's battles against his uncle Set, emphasizing justice and divine kingship.

The <u>Colossi of Memnon</u>, two massive stone statues that once guarded the entrance to Pharaoh Amenhotep III's mortuary temple, are over 18 meters tall and rich in history. They were famous for their mysterious "singing" sounds, attributed to the wind passing through the cracks in the stone.

The **Karnak Temple in Luxor**, one of the largest religious complexes ever built, is dedicated primarily to the god Amun-Ra. The Great Hypostyle Hall, with its 134 towering columns, showcases exquisite carvings depicting scenes of worship and offerings. This day promises to deepen your understanding of ancient Egyptian spirituality and its architectural legacy, leaving you in awe of the civilization that flourished along the banks of the Nile.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 4: Leaving Luxor

The MS Nile Dolphin Nile Cruise offers an unforgettable day of excursions in Luxor, including the iconic <u>Valley of the Kings</u>, which houses over 60 royal tombs, including the famous tomb of Tutankhamun. The valley's layout protects the tombs from robbers and preserves intricate wall paintings depicting the soul's journey to the afterlife.

The lesser-known tomb of Seti I is renowned for its vivid colors and elaborate decorations. The Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, also known as Djeser-Djeseru, is a place of worship and political statement, featuring statues and reliefs depicting her divine birth and journey to the mythical land of Punt. The unique terraced design of the temple sets it apart from other mortuary temples.

The Colossi of Memnon, towering statues of Amenhotep III, are the only remaining remains of his once-great mortuary temple. The Colossi continue to stand as silent sentinels, guarding the largest temple in Egypt. The journey concludes at **Luxor Airport** or the railway station.

Meals: Breakfast