

Discover the wonders of Aswan on Steigenberger Omar el Khayam Nile Cruiser

Price Starting From: \$1180

5 Days / 4 Nights Aswan / Abu Simbel Egypt One Country One City Every Monday

Experience the elegance and rich history of Egypt with **Egypt Tours** on the unforgettable 5-day cruise aboard the Steigenberger Omar El Khayam. This luxurious journey along the Nile seamlessly blends comfort with heritage, providing an in-depth exploration of Egypt's cultural treasures. The cruise features expertly crafted tours that showcase the ancient landmarks lining the river, including the magnificent **Abu Simbel temples**, known for their impressive architecture and significant historical importance, offering a glimpse into the grandeur of ancient Egypt.

While aboard the Steigenberger Omar El Khayam, you will enjoy first-class amenities, including spacious cabins and exquisite dining options designed for relaxation and enjoyment. Each meal is a culinary experience that highlights the rich flavors of Egyptian cuisine. Knowledgeable Egyptologists accompany you throughout the cruise, sharing captivating stories of ancient cultures that bring history to life as you visit remarkable sites.

As you drift along the tranquil waters of the <u>Nile</u>, you'll be surrounded by breathtaking landscapes, from lush riverbanks to majestic temples and monuments. This perfect combination of exploration and relaxation makes the cruise an ideal way to discover Egypt's historical legacy and natural beauty. You'll have numerous opportunities to engage with local culture, enriching your journey with authentic experiences.

The 5-day itinerary promises stunning vistas and enriching encounters, fostering meaningful connections to the ancient world. Each moment spent on this enchanting cruise will create lasting memories, ensuring your time in Egypt is filled with wonder and discovery. Prepare to be enchanted by the charm and mystery of one of the world's most extraordinary destinations.

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 are 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, is 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 are 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.

Itinerary

Day 1: Welcome to Aswan

Upon arriving in Aswan, you will be warmly welcomed by our friendly team at the airport, who will assist you with your luggage and ensure a smooth transfer to your hotel. Once you've checked into your comfortable accommodations, take a moment to relax and rejuvenate after your journey.

After a short rest, enjoy a delicious lunch at the hotel, where local flavors are beautifully showcased. Following your meal, you'll have the afternoon free to explore the picturesque surroundings at your own pace or relax by the pool.

As evening falls, indulge in a gourmet dinner prepared by our talented chefs. While you enjoy your meal, take in the breathtaking views of Lake Nasser as the sun sets, creating a tranquil ambiance that perfectly prepares you for the exciting adventures awaiting you in the days ahead.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2: Discover Aswan's Gems

This itinerary includes a breakfast at the hotel, followed by a guided tour of <u>Aswan's</u> historical sites. The tour begins with the <u>Kalabsha Temple</u>, a Roman-era temple dedicated to the Nubian god Mandulis, known for its intricate carvings and hieroglyphics. The guide will provide insights into its significance within the ancient Egyptian belief system.

Next, the tour moves to <u>Beit El Wali</u>, a significant site created by Ramses II. The temple features detailed reliefs depicting Ramses' military campaigns and daily life, highlighting his divine connection. The guide will share stories about the temple's role in ancient rituals and architectural significance.

After lunch, the tour continues with a visit to the <u>Temple of Abu Simbel</u>, a famous archaeological site. Carved into a mountainside during Ramses II's reign, the temple features four massive statues of the pharaoh and magnificent wall carvings narrating his victories and devotion to the gods. The guide will explain the temple's history, including its relocation during the construction of the Aswan High Dam.

Finally, the tour concludes with a visit to <u>Wadi El Sebou</u>, a desert landscape with ancient rock-cut tombs and temples. The day concludes with a delightful dinner, reflecting on the incredible sights and

experiences.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3: A Day Tour in Nubia

This tour begins with a hearty breakfast at the hotel, followed by a meeting with an expert guide to explore the enchanting region of Nubia. The first stop is **Wadi El Sebou**, known for its rock carvings and ancient ruins. The guide will reveal the site's historical significance and association with **Ramses**II. The **Amada Temple**, built during **Thutmose III**'s reign, is renowned for its hieroglyphics and frescoes, providing insight into the religious beliefs and practices of ancient Egyptians. The guide will share in-depth information about the temple's historical context and the stories carved into its walls.

After exploring, a delicious lunch at a nearby restaurant offers authentic Egyptian cuisine, including traditional meals. In the afternoon, the journey continues with picturesque views of Lake Nasser, a crucial water source, and stunning landscape views. The exploration of Nubia's cultural legacy and its significance in Egypt's history will leave lasting memories. The day concludes with a relaxing dinner at the hotel, reflecting on the rich experiences and discoveries made throughout the adventure.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4: Nile Cruise

Start your day with a delightful breakfast buffet as you cruise towards your next destination, a site rich in historical significance featuring monuments from various periods of Egyptian history. Among the highlights are the tombs of Nubian rulers from the era of Pharaoh Thutmosis III. Although you can only view the site from the outside, your guide will share important insights into its significance and the legacies of those who once ruled this remarkable region.

Continuing your journey, sail onward to the breathtaking Abu Simbel. This renowned temple complex, intricately carved into a mountainside during Pharaoh Ramses II's reign, consists of two magnificent temples. One is dedicated to Ramses II himself, while the other pays tribute to his beloved queen, Nefertari. The grand rock reliefs and massive statues not only demonstrate extraordinary architectural skill but also celebrate Ramses' victory in the historic Battle of Kadesh, offering a stunning glimpse into the power and artistry of ancient Egypt.

After your exploration of Abu Simbel, head back to the ship for a relaxing lunch, allowing time to reflect on the wonders you've just experienced. As the day draws to a close, indulge in a lavish dinner onboard, surrounded by the tranquil beauty of the Nile. The soothing sounds of the river and the breathtaking views will enrich your experience as you continue your unforgettable adventure through Egypt.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5: Leaving from Aswan

On your last day in Egypt, enjoy a delightful breakfast on the cruise while soaking in the final scenic views of the Nile, reflecting on the remarkable journey you've experienced in this timeless land. After breakfast, you'll check out and prepare for your departure.

Depending on your flight schedule, you may have the chance to explore the vibrant markets in Aswan. Here, you can hunt for unique souvenirs and traditional crafts, allowing you to capture the essence of Egyptian culture one last time before leaving. From intricately designed jewelry to handwoven textiles, these markets offer a perfect opportunity to find memorable keepsakes that represent Egypt's rich heritage.

Once you finish your market visit, our team will assist you with your transfer to the airport, ensuring a smooth and hassle-free departure. As you travel home, you'll carry with you unforgettable memories of ancient temples, stunning landscapes, and serene moments along the Nile. Though your adventure in Egypt comes to an end, the stories and experiences you've collected will remain with you long after your return. Wishing you safe travels!

Meals: Breakfast