

Enjoy 5 Days tour 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

Check our **Egypt Tours**, which offers A 5-day Nile cruise aboard the luxurious Steigenberger Omar El Khayam offers a glimpse into Egypt's most revered ancient sites. The journey begins with the Temple of Philae, an island sanctuary dedicated to the goddess Isis, renowned for its intricate carvings and stunning location.

The Temple of Kom Ombo, a double temple honoring the falcon-headed god Horus and the crocodile god Sobek, offers insight into ancient Egyptian medicine with carved inscriptions. The grand Temple of Edfu, dedicated to Horus, is one of Egypt's best-preserved temples, with towering walls and elaborate reliefs recounting the mythical battle between Horus and his uncle Seth.

The grand temples of <u>Abu Simbel</u>, constructed by Pharaoh Ramses II, are a testament to ancient Egypt's architectural genius and political power. The rising sun lights the temples twice a year, celebrating the deified king. Beyond the temples, the picturesque town of Aswan offers serene views of the Nile's first cataract, and visitors can visit the Aswan High Dam and the Unfinished Obelisk, the largest known ancient obelisk. Visitors can experience the vibrant colors and traditions of Egypt's contemporary culture throughout the <u>Nile cruise</u> while reflecting on its ancient past.

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 on the 5-star Steigenberger Omar El Khayam Lake Cruise with full board for 4 nights.
- 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. (Other languages are available)
- 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.

<u>Itinerary</u>

Day 1: Starting adventure from Aswan

Upon your arrival in Aswan, our welcoming team will greet you at the airport, assist with your luggage, and ensure a smooth transfer to your cruise. After settling into your comfortable room, take some time to rest and rejuvenate following your travels.

Following a brief rest, you'll enjoy a delicious lunch at the hotel, where the cuisine highlights authentic local flavors. The rest of the afternoon is free for you to either explore the charming surroundings at your leisure or simply unwind by the pool.

In the evening, you'll be treated to a gourmet dinner prepared by our expert chefs. As you enjoy your meal, you can admire the stunning views of Lake Nasser, with the sun setting in the distance and casting a serene glow. This relaxing evening will set the tone for the exciting adventures awaiting you in the days ahead.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2: Explore Aswan's Gems

This itinerary starts with a breakfast at the hotel, followed by a guided exploration of <u>Aswan's</u> historic landmarks. The first stop is the <u>Kalabsha Temple</u>, a Roman-era structure dedicated to the Nubian god Mandulis. This temple is famous for its impressive carvings and hieroglyphics. The temple holds great significance in the ancient Egyptian religious system, which the guide will explain in detail.

The next destination is **Beit El Wali**, which is a temple commissioned by Ramses II. It showcases intricate reliefs depicting Ramses' military triumphs and everyday scenes, emphasizing his divine status. The guide will share fascinating insights into the temple's role in ancient rituals and its architectural importance.

After lunch, the tour continues with a visit to the iconic <u>Abu Simbel</u>. This awe-inspiring archaeological site, carved into a mountainside during the reign of Ramses II, features four colossal statues of the pharaoh, with intricate carvings narrating his victories and devotion to the gods. The guide will explain the temple's remarkable history, including its famous relocation to save it from being submerged by the waters of the Aswan High Dam.

The final stop is <u>Wadi El Sebou</u>, a stunning desert area known for its ancient rock-cut tombs and temples. After this exploration of Egypt's extraordinary historical legacy, you'll enjoy a delightful dinner, reflecting on the remarkable sites visited throughout the day.

Day 3: A Day Tour in Aswan

The tour kicks off with a hearty breakfast at the hotel, followed by an introduction to your knowledgeable guide as you set out to discover the captivating **Nubian** region. The first destination is the **Temple of Amada**, an impressive site built during the reign of **Thutmose III**. This temple is known for its beautifully preserved hieroglyphics and vibrant frescoes, the temple offers a fascinating glimpse into the religious practices and beliefs of ancient Egyptians. Your guide will provide a thorough explanation of the temple's significance and the stories depicted in the artwork.

Next, you'll visit <u>Wadi El Sebou</u>, which is renowned for its remarkable rock carvings and ancient ruins. This area is steeped in history and closely associated with <u>Ramses II</u>. Your guide will share insights into the archaeological importance of the site and the significance of the rock inscriptions that tell tales of ancient life and rituals.

After your explorations, enjoy a delicious lunch at a local restaurant featuring authentic Egyptian dishes, allowing you to taste the rich flavors of the region. In the afternoon, take in the breathtaking views of Lake Nasser, an essential water source for Egypt, as you journey along its picturesque shores. The serene landscape is complemented by insights into the lake's creation and its role in shaping the environment.

The day culminates in a relaxing dinner back on your cruise, providing an opportunity to reflect on the remarkable sights and experiences encountered throughout the journey.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4: Nile Cruise Tour

Begin your day with a delicious breakfast buffet while cruising toward your next destination, which is steeped in historical significance and features monuments spanning various periods of Egyptian history. Among the key highlights are the tombs of Nubian rulers from the time of Pharaoh Thutmosis III. Although you will only be able to view these sites from the exterior, your guide will provide essential insights into their significance and the legacies of the great leaders who once ruled this fascinating region.

As you continue your journey, set sail for the stunning Abu Simbel. This famous temple complex, intricately carved into the mountainside during the reign of Pharaoh Ramses II, consists of two magnificent temples. One is dedicated to Ramses II, while the other honors his beloved queen, Nefertari. The impressive rock reliefs and colossal statues not only showcase remarkable architectural artistry but also commemorate Ramses' triumph in the historic Battle of Kadesh, giving you a breathtaking glimpse into the power and creativity of ancient Egypt.

After exploring Abu Simbel, make your way back to the ship for a leisurely lunch, providing you with the opportunity to reflect on the wonders you have just witnessed. As the day comes to a close, enjoy a sumptuous dinner onboard, enveloped by the tranquil beauty of the Nile. The gentle sounds of the river and the stunning vistas will enhance your experience as you continue your memorable adventure through Egypt.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5: Leaving from Aswan

On your final day in Egypt, savor a delicious breakfast aboard the cruise as you take in the last breathtaking views of the Nile, reflecting on the incredible journey you've had in this timeless land. After your meal, you'll check out and prepare for your departure.

Depending on your flight schedule, you may have the opportunity to explore the lively markets of Aswan. This is your chance to hunt for distinctive souvenirs and traditional crafts, allowing you to capture the essence of Egyptian culture one last time before your departure. The markets are filled with items ranging from intricately crafted jewelry to beautifully woven textiles, offering a wonderful opportunity to find cherished keepsakes that embody Egypt's rich heritage.

Once you've finished exploring the markets, our team will assist you with your transfer to the airport, ensuring a smooth and seamless departure. As you journey home, you'll carry with you lasting memories of ancient temples, breathtaking landscapes, and peaceful moments along the Nile. Although your adventure in Egypt has come to a close, the stories and experiences you've gathered will stay with you long after you return. Safe travels!

Meals: Breakfast