## Discover the majesty of Aswan's landmarks aboard the Steigenberger Omar El Khayam Nile Cruiser.

**Price Starting From: \$1180** 

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

Set off on a luxurious 5-day voyage through Egypt aboard the graceful Steigenberger Omar El Khayam, sailing the calm waters of Lake Nasser. This **Egypt tour** blends luxury with cultural discovery, offering a thoughtfully planned itinerary that immerses you in the ancient wonders of Egyptian civilization.

Your journey begins with a visit to the magnificent <u>Abu Simbel temples</u>, an architectural marvel of ancient times, where the massive statues and detailed carvings are sure to leave a lasting memory. As you cruise, you'll explore other important historical sites, including the temples of Amada, Wadi El Seboua, and Kalabsha, each holding its own piece of Egypt's vast history.

While on board, you'll enjoy premium amenities, excellent service, and spacious, comfortable cabins. This Nile cruise offers not only a glimpse into the past but also a peaceful retreat, as you drift past breathtaking landscapes and hidden gems along the Nile. Whether you're passionate about history or simply looking for a memorable travel experience, this Egypt tour combines relaxation and cultural discovery in an unforgettable way.

# 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 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, 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 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 Aboard and Embarkation**

Your journey starts upon arriving in Aswan, where you'll receive a warm welcome before being transferred to the luxurious Steigenberger Omar El Khayam. After checking in, relax in your spacious, elegantly designed cabin while soaking in the stunning views of Lake Nasser.

In the afternoon, attend a welcome reception to meet your knowledgeable Egyptologist and fellow travelers. Take time to explore the ship's top-tier amenities, including the sundeck, pool, and lounges. As the evening approaches, savor a gourmet dinner prepared by the ship's skilled chefs, offering a delicious fusion of Egyptian and international cuisine.

Later, unwind beneath the starlit sky, cruising past Aswan's picturesque landscapes, and enjoy a peaceful night on board, setting the stage for the fascinating historical explorations that await you.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

# Day 2: Seeing the Treasures of Aswan and the Kalabsha Temple

Your <u>Aswan day tour</u> starts with a relaxing breakfast, setting the tone for a series of unforgettable excursions that highlight ancient Egypt's lasting legacy. The first visit is to the remarkable <u>Kalabsha</u> <u>Temple</u>, dedicated to the Nubian god Mandulis, known for its striking architecture.

Next, you'll step back into the <u>18th Dynasty</u> with a stop at <u>Beit El Wali</u>, a rock-cut temple constructed by Pharaoh Ramesses II. The temple's walls are adorned with intricate carvings that depict the king's military conquests and his divine relationships. The tour also focuses on the importance of <u>Amun-Re</u>, the most powerful god in the Egyptian pantheon, and <u>Khnum</u>, the god of fertility and creation.

In the afternoon, the journey continues toward the iconic <u>Temple of Abu Simbel</u>, where the towering statues of Ramesses II stand as a testament to Egypt's grand history. Along the way, pass through <u>Wadi El Sebou</u>, a valley known for its temples that honor various ancient deities, famously referred to as the "Valley of the Lions." After this full day of historical exploration, return to the ship to unwind, enjoy dinner, and reflect on the day's remarkable sites.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 3: Lake Nasser's Historical Wonders

The Nile cruise along Lake Nasser offers a fascinating journey through Egypt's cultural and historical landmarks. The first stop is <u>Wadi El Sebou</u>, a revered temple complex known as the "Valley of the Lions." This sacred site is followed by a deeper look into the legacy of <u>Ramses II</u>, the famed pharaoh celebrated for his military triumphs and grand architectural achievements. The temples and statues here showcase his great power and dedication to the gods.

Next, you'll visit the Abada Temple, one of the region's oldest monuments, renowned for its vibrant reliefs and inscriptions. As you explore the temples along Lake Nasser, you'll learn about the strong cultural connections between **Nubia** and Egypt, with your guide sharing fascinating insights into their shared history.

Following that, the tour takes you to a temple dedicated to **Thutmose III**, a mighty ruler known for expanding Egypt's empire and leaving a legacy of military and cultural advancements. Throughout the day, references to **Amon Ra**, the supreme Egyptian deity, appear frequently, emphasizing the deep spiritual devotion of the ancient Egyptians. After a full day of exploring these extraordinary sites, enjoy a freshly prepared lunch and dinner back onboard.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 4: Abu Simbel's Magnificent Temples

The day begins with a delightful breakfast before heading to the Temple of Abu Simbel, a UNESCO World Heritage Site sculpted by Pharaoh Ramses II. This impressive temple complex features detailed carvings and frescoes that illustrate Ramses II's military conquests and his dedication to the deities.

Inside the sanctuary, you'll find statues of Ramses II alongside Amun-Ra, Ra-Horakhty, and Ptah, highlighting his divine connection. After exploring this remarkable site, the ship returns for lunch before continuing the journey toward Aswan. In the afternoon, you can unwind on board or join in on various activities organized by the crew. Dinner offers a chance to gather with fellow travelers, exchanging stories and experiences.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 5: Departure and Farewell to Lake Nasser

On your final day, enjoy a delicious breakfast onboard and reflect on your Nile cruise. Enjoy the serene waters of Lake Nasser and take a moment to appreciate the beautiful surroundings. After breakfast, check out and prepare for your transfer back to Aswan.

Enjoy the picturesque landscapes of southern Egypt, witness the daily life of local communities, and learn about ancient Egyptian culture. Your Egypt tour concludes in Aswan, leaving you with a deeper understanding of the past.

Meals: Breakfast