Beautiful 5-Days Nile Cruise Tour From Luxor To Aswan

Price Starting From: \$697

5-Days / 4-Nights Luxor and Aswan Egypt one country Two cities Every Monday

The Egypt Nile Cruise Tours program offers a 5-day cruise experience from Luxor to <u>Aswan</u> aboard the MS Royal Viking Nile Cruise. This comprehensive tour provides guests with the opportunity to explore the ancient archaeological wonders of Luxor, including the renowned Valley of the Kings, the majestic Karnak Temple, as well as the significant sites of Edfu, Kom Ombo, and Philae Temple in Aswan.

The Nile Cruise experience allows travelers to immerse themselves in the rich cultural and historical heritage of Egypt, as they journey along the world's longest river, the Nile. Guests can anticipate a captivating blend of educational excursions, delectable cuisine, and breathtaking landscapes throughout the tour.

The Egypt Nile Cruises and Lake Nasser Cruise tours offer a unique and enchanting way for visitors to explore the remnants of Egypt's ancient civilization, while enjoying the luxurious accommodations and amenities provided by the cruise vessel. These meticulously curated itineraries enable guests to fully appreciate the magnificent wonders of Egypt, from the iconic Pyramids of Giza to the awe-inspiring Luxor temples, creating an unforgettable and immersive experience.

Overview Inclusion

- 4 nights of accommodation on a 5-star Nile Cruise vessel, the MS Royal Viking, traveling from Luxor to Aswan on a full-board basis.
- A complimentary bottle of mineral water is provided to each guest.
- Entrance tickets to all the sites and monuments mentioned in the itinerary.
- The services of a qualified Egyptologist tour guide for all the scheduled sightseeing tours.
- All tours during the Nile Cruise are private, ensuring a personalized and exclusive experience.
- All service fees and taxes are covered, providing a seamless and hassle-free experience.
- Optional shopping tours during the excursions in Luxor and Aswan, are available upon request.
- Snack stops are provided on request, catering to the guests' needs and preferences.
- A complimentary soft drink at a local cafe during the Egypt Day tours, time permitting.

Exclusion

- International flights to and from Egypt.
- Any additional services or activities that are not explicitly mentioned in the provided itinerary.
- Tipping for the cruise staff and service providers, which is not included in the package price for Nile River cruises in Egypt during the 2024/2025 period.
- Beverages and drinks consumed during meals.

Itinerary

Day 1: Visiting Luxor East Bank

On the first day of the Egypt Nile Cruise Tour, guests will be picked up from their hotel in Luxor and transferred to the departure point of the 5-day cruise from Luxor to Aswan. Upon arrival, a tour representative will provide the guests with the keys to their cabins on the 5-star MS Royal Viking Nile Cruise, allowing them to settle in and take a short break before enjoying their first lunch aboard the vessel.

Following the lunch, guests will meet their English-speaking Egyptologist guide in the lobby to begin the <u>Luxor East Bank tours</u>. Luxor, located approximately 700 kilometers south of Cairo, is a city with a population of around 500,000 people, relying heavily on tourism and agriculture for its economic well-being.

The first stop on the Luxor excursion will be the magnificent Karnak Temple, the largest temple complex in Egypt, which was built and expanded over 2,000 years, evolving from a simple shrine during the New Kingdom to a colossal structure covering a vast area.

Afterward, the tour will proceed to the special <u>Luxor Temple</u>, located within the city that bears its name. This temple was discovered in 1884 and is situated on the east bank of the Nile River in Luxor.

Following the Luxor East Bank tours, guests will return to the Nile Cruise and spend the night onboard, preparing for the continuation of their program on the next day.

As an optional activity, guests may choose to attend the captivating <u>Sound and Light Show</u> at the Karnak Temple, providing an immersive and enchanting experience.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2: Luxor West Bank Tour

On the second day of the Egypt Nile Cruise Tour, guests will start the day with a delicious breakfast served aboard the MS Royal Viking Nile Cruise. Thereafter, they will meet their tour leader to commence the exploration of Luxor's West Bank.

The first stop on the <u>Luxor West Bank tour</u> will be the renowned Valley of the Kings, the burial site of the New Kingdom pharaohs. These rock-cut tombs were intentionally constructed far away from the main settlements to deter tomb robbers, and to date, more than 60 tombs have been discovered in this remarkable necropolis.

Next, the guests will visit the <u>Temple of Queen Hatshepsut</u>, also known as the <u>Temple of El Deir El Bahari</u>. This extraordinary monument, standing 97 feet (30 meters) tall, is a testament to the architectural and engineering prowess of ancient Egypt.

The final stop on the Luxor West Bank tour will be the Colossi of Memnon, the gigantic statues of the great King Amenhotep III, which have stood as sentinels overlooking the Nile for centuries.

After the West Bank tours, the guests will return to the Nile Cruise and enjoy a tasty lunch aboard the vessel. Following the meal, the cruise will set sail towards the town of Edfu.

As an optional activity, guests may choose to essay on a captivating <u>hot air balloon ride</u> over the West Bank monuments, providing a unique aerial perspective of Luxor's ancient wonders.

In the evening, a delightful dinner will be served aboard the Nile Cruise, and the guests will spend the night in Edfu.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3: Discover Edfu and Kom Ombo Temples

On the third day of the Egypt Nile Cruise Tour, guests will commence the day with a delectable breakfast served aboard the Nile Cruise vessel. Thereafter, they will be accompanied by their expert Egyptologist guide to explore the famous Temple of Horus in Edfu.

The Temple of Horus in Edfu is one of the largest and most well-preserved ancient Egyptian temples in the country, surpassed in size only by the Karnak Temple. This great structure has retained many of its original architectural and religious elements, providing visitors with a captivating glimpse into the past.

Following the visit to the <u>Edfu Temple</u>, the guests will return to the Nile Cruise and enjoy an enchanting sailing experience towards the town of Kom Ombo. During this journey, an unusual and delectable lunch meal will be served aboard the ship.

Upon arrival in Kom Ombo, the guests will be accompanied to the impressive <u>Kom Ombo Temple</u>, which is dedicated to the crocodile god <u>Sobek</u>. This temple was constructed between 1350 and 180 B.C., under the orders of the renowned Pharaoh Ramses II.

After the tour of the Kom Ombo Temple, the Nile Cruise will continue its journey towards the stunning city of Aswan, where the guests will enjoy a delightful dinner aboard the vessel, accompanied by the soothing sounds of local music and entertainment.

The guests will then spend the night in the beautiful city of Aswan, lulled to sleep by the gentle rhythm of the Nile River.

Day 4: Aswan Nile Cruise Tour

On the fourth day of the Egypt Nile Cruise Tour, guests will begin their day with a delicious breakfast served aboard the Nile Cruise vessel. Thereafter, they will meet their private tour guide to embark on a series of excursions in the city of Aswan.

The first stop on the Aswan tour will be the impressive <u>High Dam</u>, a remarkable engineering feat that has shielded Egypt from the destructive Nile floods that used to inundate the country for months, effectively wasting valuable water resources. Aswan, being the southernmost city in Egypt, is located near the first Nile waterfall, approximately a thousand kilometers away from Cairo.

Next, the guests will visit the Unfinished Obelisk, situated in the ancient granite quarries where the Egyptians used to extract and transport granite for the construction of the great pyramids, temples, and obelisks during the Old and New Kingdoms.

The final stop on the Aswan tour will be the Philae Temple, a Greco-Roman-style temple dedicated to the worship of the goddess Isis. This temple is one of the four locations where the legendary tale of Isis, Osiris, and Horus is said to have taken place.

After the Aswan excursions, the guests will return to the Nile Cruise and enjoy a delectable lunch meal. The afternoon will be left free for the guests to explore Aswan at their leisure.

In the evening, a high-quality dinner will be prepared and served aboard the cruise boat, followed by an engaging Nubian cultural show. The guests will then spend the night in Aswan, lulled to sleep by the peaceful ambiance of the Nile River.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 : Bye Bye from Aswan

On the final day of the Egypt Nile Cruise Tour, guests will check out from the Nile Cruise vessel after enjoying a delightful last-day breakfast aboard the ship. Following the check-out process, the tour organizers will arrange for the transfer of the guests to their requested drop-off location in Aswan, whether it be the railway station or the Aswan Airport.

As an optional activity, guests may choose to embark on a tour of the renowned Abu Simbel temples during the last day of the tour. This excursion would serve as the culmination of the amazing array of historical and cultural experiences encountered throughout the Aswan region.

The Abu Simbel temples, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, are an iconic and awe-inspiring set of rock-cut temples built under the orders of Pharaoh Ramses II. These colossal monuments, featuring massive statues of the pharaoh, stand as a testament to the architectural and engineering prowess of ancient Egypt.

By including this optional <u>Abu Simbel tour</u>, the Egypt Nile Cruise Tour itinerary provides guests with the opportunity to fully immerse themselves in the rich history and breathtaking monuments of the Aswan area, ensuring a truly comprehensive and memorable experience.

Meal included: Breakfast