

# Explore the stunning and historically significant sites by crossing the Nile from Spain

**Price Starting From: \$650** 

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

Start on a luxurious journey through the history of Egypt aboard the MS Nile Dolphin Nile Cruise, sailing from Aswan to <u>Luxor</u>. This exceptional cruise combines modern comfort with the timeless allure of Egypt's ancient treasures.

Your voyage begins in <u>Aswan</u>, where you'll explore landmarks like the High Dam and Philae Temple, immersing yourself in the rich heritage of the region. On <u>the Nile cruise tour</u>, you'll experience Egypt's architectural marvels, including the temples of Kom Ombo and Edfu, showcasing the artistic brilliance and cultural depth of <u>Egypt's history</u>.

Upon arrival in Luxor, the grandeur of sites such as the Valley of the Kings and Karnak Temple awaits, offering a captivating glimpse into the spiritual and political heart of ancient Egypt. The MS Nile Dolphin offers a seamless blend of history and luxury, making this Nile Cruise Tour an unforgettable journey through the treasures of Egypt.

## 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

#### <u>Itinerary</u>

#### **Day 1: Discovering Treasures of Aswan**

Your first day aboard the MS Nile Dolphin <u>Egypt Nile Cruise Tours</u> begins with a captivating introduction to the ancient wonders of Aswan. The day's itinerary offers a perfect blend of historical exploration and relaxation as you venture on your journey along the Nile.

The day starts with a visit to the impressive Aswan <u>High Dam</u>, a modern feat of engineering that transformed Egypt's water resources and energy supply. It provides breathtaking views of Lake Nasser and marks the balance between ancient history and modern achievements.

Next, you'll explore the **Unfinished Obelisk**, a colossal monument still attached to the bedrock in the granite quarries of Aswan. It offers insight into the craftsmanship of ancient Egyptian stonemasons, including those who worked under the reign of **Queen Hatshepsut**, who commissioned many monumental structures throughout Egypt.

A short boat ride brings you to the magnificent <u>Temple of Philae</u>, dedicated to the goddess <u>Isis</u>. Set on an island, this temple showcases the captivating <u>story of Horus and Osiris</u>, central figures in Egyptian mythology, with Isis playing a key role in the resurrection of Osiris and the protection of their son, Horus.

As the day draws to a close, your <u>Aswan to Luxor Nile Cruise</u> sets sail. Relax and take in the picturesque scenery as the sun sets over the Nile, setting the stage for more historical discoveries in the days ahead.

### **Day 2: Kom Ombo Temples**

On the second day of your Nile Cruise, the adventure continues with one of the most exciting **Egypt Day Tours**, as you sail towards the dual-deity Kom Ombo Temple. This unique temple is perched on a scenic bend of the Nile, offering both spiritual significance and breathtaking views.

The <u>Kom Ombo Temple</u> is a rare architectural masterpiece, dedicated to two gods, which sets it apart from most temples in Egypt. Its dual structure reflects the deep-rooted beliefs of ancient Egyptians, and it provides a fascinating glimpse into the era's spiritual life.

On one side of the temple, you will encounter <u>Sobek</u>, the crocodile god associated with fertility and the strength of the Nile. Sobek's fierce presence in Egyptian mythology is highlighted through the ancient relics and crocodile mummies displayed within the temple grounds.

The temple was built during the <u>Ptolemaic Kingdom</u>, showcasing a blend of Greek and Egyptian architectural influences. Its intricately carved reliefs reveal the cultural and political fusion of this

dynamic period, making it a historical treasure trove.

On the opposite side of the temple, you'll explore the area dedicated to <u>Haroeris</u>, also known as Horus the Elder, a form of the falcon god associated with healing and protection. The stunning reliefs of Haroeris' triumphs make for a powerful reminder of his significance in ancient Egyptian culture.

After an enriching visit, you'll return to your cruise, continuing your tranquil journey along the Nile, with more ancient wonders awaiting as you sail toward Luxor.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 3: A day tour in Luxor

On the third day of your Nile Cruise, the voyage continues with a visit to the magnificent **Temple of Edfu**. This temple, dedicated to the falcon god Horus, is one of the best-preserved temples in Egypt. As you walk through its towering columns and intricate carvings, you'll be immersed in the ancient rituals and legends that once filled this sacred space. The grandeur of Edfu speaks to the power and devotion of Egypt's rulers to their gods.

As the cruise brings you closer to Luxor, you'll stop to marvel at the <u>Colossi of Memnon</u>. These two massive statues, representing Pharaoh Amenhotep III, stand as silent sentinels overlooking the Theban necropolis. Despite centuries of wear and damage, the Colossi continue to inspire awe, symbolizing the eternal legacy of Egypt's great kings.

The highlight of the day is a guided tour of the world-famous **Karnak Temple in Luxor**. This sprawling temple complex, dedicated primarily to the god Amun, is an extraordinary testament to ancient Egyptian architectural and religious grandeur. From its towering obelisks to the awe-inspiring Hypostyle Hall, Karnak is a monumental tribute to Egypt's history, offering a fascinating look into the spiritual life of the pharaohs and their people.

As the day ends, you'll return to your cruise, reflecting on the breathtaking wonders you've experienced, each offering a deeper understanding of Egypt's magnificent past.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner.

#### **Day 4: disembarking Luxor**

Enjoy your final breakfast on board before disembarking from the Nile cruise. Your guide will meet you for a full day of tours in Luxor, starting with a visit to the <u>Valley of the Kings</u>, a UNESCO World Heritage site famous for its royal tombs from the <u>New Kingdom</u>. These magnificent tombs were meticulously carved into the mountains by ancient Egypt's master craftsmen.

Next, you'll explore the **Temple of Queen Hatshepsut**, also known as El Deir El Bahari. As the second female pharaoh and the fifth ruler of the Eighteenth Dynasty, Hatshepsut's temple stands as an extraordinary achievement in architecture. The tour also includes a stop at the Colossi of Memnon, two towering statues that honor Pharaoh Amenhotep III. After your excursion, you'll be transferred to **Luxor Airport** or the railway station, based on your travel plans. We hope your journey aboard the MS Nile Dolphin from Aswan to Luxor has been a memorable one.

Meals: Breakfast.