

Go to Luxor and Aswan to witness the beautiful ancient Egyptian culture and Aswan Precious Gems

Price Starting From: \$720

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

Join the Steigenberger MS Minerva for one of the most exclusive **Egypt Tours**, designed for travelers seeking a blend of luxury and cultural discovery. This elegant Nile cruise provides an unmatched experience, where every moment on board is marked by comfort, exceptional service, and a deep dive into Egypt's ancient wonders.

Your **Nile Cruise Tour** begins in <u>Luxor</u>, a city steeped in history and brimming with archaeological marvels. As you cruise the Nile, explore the iconic Valley of the Kings, Karnak Temple, and Luxor Temple. These historic sites offer a glimpse into Egypt's majestic past, set against the backdrop of the tranquil river and lush landscapes.

The journey continues to <u>Aswan</u>, a picturesque city known for its rich culture and scenic beauty. Here, you will have the chance to visit the renowned Philae Temple and the impressive High Dam, each site offering a unique perspective on Egypt's heritage. Aswan's charm and vibrant atmosphere provide a perfect complement to the historical exploration of your cruise.

Choosing the Steigenberger MS Minerva for your Egypt tour ensures a comprehensive and luxurious Nile Cruise Tour experience. From the breathtaking sights of ancient Egypt to the modern amenities on board, every aspect of this journey is crafted to offer a memorable and enriching adventure along the Nile.

Overview Inclusion

- Meet and greet by Cairo Top Tours representatives at Aswan Airport and Luxor airport
- Full assistance from specialized guest relations during the 4-day Aswan to Luxor Nile cruise
- Transportation in modern, air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicles
- Full board accommodation on the deluxe Steigenberger Minerva Egypt Nile River Cruise
- Private Egypt Nile Cruise Tours as per the travel package
- Entrance fees and tickets to all sites included in the tour itinerary
- Certified English-speaking (or other language) tour guide for all Egypt day tours

- All service charges and taxes are covered
- Stops for snacks available upon request
- Shopping tours in Luxor and Aswan are provided upon request

Exclusion

- International flights not included
- · Beverages during meals not included
- Personal spending during the Egypt luxury tours is not covered
- Optional activities or entrance to the tombs of Tutankhamun, Ramses VI, and Seti I are not included
- Tipping is not included

<u>Itinerary</u>

Day 1: Arrival in Aswan

Your **Egypt Tour** begins with a warm welcome at **Aswan Airport**, where you will be transferred to the Steigenberger MS Minerva to start your Nile adventure. Explore the beauty of the **Nile River**, the heart of Egypt's ancient civilization, as you begin your journey through history aboard the cruise. Your first excursion is to the **High Dam**, an impressive modern feat that transformed Egypt's landscape by controlling the flow of the Nile.

Next, visit the <u>Unfinished Obelisk</u>, a massive granite monument that provides a glimpse into the stoneworking techniques of ancient Egypt. Continue to the <u>Temple of Philae</u>, dedicated to the goddess <u>Isis</u>, where you can admire its stunning <u>Greco-Roman</u> architecture and learn about the myth of <u>Osiris and Seth</u>, a tale of betrayal and resurrection central to Egyptian mythology.

Return to the cruise for a relaxing evening and a delightful dinner, reflecting on the fascinating history and legends you've discovered today.

Included Meals: Welcome drink, Lunch, and Dinner

Day 2: Exploring Ancient Temples

Today's <u>day tours</u> begin with a leisurely sail along the Nile, providing breathtaking views of Egypt's timeless landscape. Your journey is filled with historical discoveries as you visit some of the most significant ancient temples along the river.

The first stop is **Kom Ombo Temple**, a unique double temple dedicated to two gods. Its distinctive dual design is a rare architectural feature, allowing you to explore two parallel sanctuaries and admire the intricate carvings that depict various aspects of ancient Egyptian life.

At Kom Ombo, you will delve into the mythology of <u>Sobek</u>, the crocodile god of fertility and protector of the Nile. The temple's southern half is devoted to Sobek, and here you can see fascinating reliefs and artifacts that highlight his significance in ancient Egyptian religion.

In the afternoon, the cruise continues to **Edfu Temple**, one of the best-preserved temples in Egypt. Dedicated to Horus, the falcon-headed god, Edfu Temple is a stunning example of Ptolemaic architecture and offers a captivating glimpse into the religious practices of the time.

After exploring these amazing sites, return to the cruise for a relaxing evening on the Nile, enjoying the serene atmosphere as the day concludes.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Tea, and Dinner

Day 3: Discovering Luxor's Treasures

Your <u>Luxor sightseeing tours</u> begin with a comprehensive <u>East and West Bank</u> day tour, revealing the city's most iconic landmarks and ancient wonders. Known as the world's greatest openair museum, Luxor offers countless things to do and see, making it a highlight of your Egypt tour.

Start your exploration with a visit to the <u>Valley of the Kings</u>, the famed burial ground of the New Kingdom pharaohs. Here, you'll delve into the history of Egypt as you explore the elaborate tombs, including those of <u>Ramses the Great</u>, one of Egypt's most powerful and celebrated rulers.

Next, visit the <u>Temple of Queen Hatshepsut</u>, a stunning mortuary temple built into the cliffs of Deir el-Bahari. As one of the few female pharaohs, Hatshepsut's reign marked a prosperous era in <u>Egypt's</u> <u>history</u>, and her temple stands as a testament to her architectural ambition and innovative rule.

Continue to the <u>Colossi of Memnon</u>, two massive stone statues that have stood for millennia guarding the mortuary temple of Amenhotep III. These impressive figures are steeped in legend and are a striking symbol of the grandeur of ancient Egypt.

In the afternoon, your tour takes you to the East Bank, where you'll explore the magnificent **Karnak Temples**. This vast complex is dedicated to the Theban gods and features a stunning array of temples, pylons, and obelisks that reflect the glory of Egypt's **New Kingdom** period.

Conclude the day at the <u>Temple of Luxor</u>, a majestic structure that was once connected to Karnak by the Avenue of Sphinxes. The temple's impressive architecture and beautiful reliefs illustrate the power and religious devotion of ancient Egypt, providing a perfect end to your Luxor adventure.

After a day filled with incredible discoveries, return to the cruise to relax and reflect on the rich history and remarkable sites you have explored.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 4; The final day of the tour

You are coming to the end of your four-day Nile cruise from Aswan to Luxor. Once breakfast is served on board, your Egypt Nile cruise comes to an end. Transport to and from the **Luxor Airport**, train station, and any hotel in Luxor can be arranged by our Cairo Top Tours guide upon request.

Included Meals: breakfast.