

Experience the majesty of Aswan Landmarks 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

Discover the wonders of Egypt on a 5-day journey aboard the elegant **Steigenberger Omar El Khayam**, cruising the tranquil waters of Lake Nasser. This immersive Egypt tour combines luxury and cultural exploration, offering a well-crafted itinerary that takes you through the heart of ancient Egyptian culture.

Begin your adventure with a visit to the awe-inspiring **Abu Simbel temples**, a masterpiece of ancient architecture, where the colossal statues and intricate carvings will leave a lasting impression. As you sail, you'll have the opportunity to explore other significant historical landmarks, including the temples of Amada, Wadi El Seboua, and Kalabsha, each revealing stories of Egypt's rich heritage.

On board, you'll enjoy world-class amenities, exceptional service, and spacious cabins designed for comfort. This Nile cruise tour provides a journey through time and a serene escape, as you sail past stunning landscapes and lesser-known treasures along the Nile. Whether you're a history enthusiast or simply seeking an extraordinary travel experience, this **Egypt tour** promises a unique and enriching adventure that blends relaxation with cultural discovery.

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.

<u>Itinerary</u>

Day 1: Embarkation and Welcome Aboard

Your journey begins with your arrival in <u>Aswan</u>, where you'll be warmly greeted and transferred to the elegant Steigenberger Omar El Khayam. After check-in, settle into your spacious and beautifully appointed cabin, where you can unwind and enjoy stunning views of <u>Lake Nasser</u>.

In the afternoon, enjoy a welcome reception on board as you meet your expert Egyptologist and fellow travelers. Take some time to explore the ship's luxurious amenities, including the sundeck, pool, and lounge areas. As the day draws to a close, indulge in a gourmet dinner prepared by the ship's talented culinary team, introducing you to the rich flavors of Egyptian and international cuisine.

In the evening, relax under the starlit sky as you cruise past Aswan's scenic shores, preparing for the adventures ahead. A tranquil night onboard will set the perfect tone for your exploration of Egypt's extraordinary historical sites in the days to come.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2: Exploring Aswan's Treasures and Kalabsha Temple

The <u>Aswan day tour</u> begins with a leisurely breakfast and takes you through a series of unforgettable excursions, each offering insight into ancient Egypt's enduring legacy. The first stop is the <u>Kalabsha Temple</u>, an architectural marvel dedicated to the Nubian god Mandulis.

The tour then travels back to Egypt's **18th Dynasty**, known for its cultural and architectural achievements. The visit to **Beit El Wali**, a rock-cut temple built by Pharaoh Ramesses II, showcases intricate reliefs depicting the king's military victories and his relationship with the gods. The tour also explores the gods **Amun-Re**, the chief deity of the ancient Egyptian pantheon, and **Khnum**, the god of creation and fertility.

The afternoon sails towards the iconic <u>Temple of Abu Simbel</u>, where you'll see the towering statues of Ramesses II. Along the way, you'll pass <u>Wadi El Sebou</u>, where several temples honor ancient gods, known as the "Valley of the Lions." After a day of exploration, you'll return to the ship for a relaxing evening, enjoying dinner and reflecting on the history and grandeur of the sites visited.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3: Historical Wonders Along Lake Nasser

The Nile cruise journeys along Lake Nasser, offering a unique cultural and historical experience. The first stop is **Wadi El Sebou**, a sacred temple complex called the **"Valley of the Lions."** The tour

then focuses on the legacy of <u>Ramses II</u>, a celebrated pharaoh known for his military conquests and monumental building projects. The temples and statues reflect his immense power and devotion to the gods.

The next stop is the Abada Temple, one of the oldest structures in the region, famous for its vivid reliefs and inscriptions. The temples along Lake Nasser are a testament to the close ties between Nubia and Egypt, and the guide will share stories of the rich cultural exchange between the two societies.

The next temple is dedicated to **Thutmose III**, a powerful ruler known for expanding Egypt's empire and leaving behind a legacy of military and cultural achievements. Throughout the tour, references to the god **Amon Ra** are encountered, reflecting the centrality of Egyptian worship. After a full day of exploration, guests can enjoy a freshly prepared lunch and dinner onboard.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 4: The Majestic Temples of Abu Simbel

The journey begins with a delicious breakfast before visiting the Temple of Abu Simbel, a UNESCO World Heritage Site carved by Pharaoh Ramses II. The temple complex features intricate carvings and frescoes depicting Ramses II's military victories and devotion to the gods.

The inner sanctuary houses statues of Ramses II, Amun-Ra, Ra-Horakhty, and Ptah, showcasing his divine connection. After exploring, the ship returns for lunch before sailing towards Aswan. In the afternoon, relax on board or participate in activities offered by the crew. Dinner is a gathering of fellow travelers, sharing stories and experiences.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5: Farewell to Lake Nasser and Departure

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