

# 5-Day Nile River Cruise from El Gouna

**Price Starting From : \$0**

5 Days Luxor/ Aswan  
Egypt  
Luxor. Aswan

Starting from El Gouna, this cruise will take you to breathtaking places starting from the grand temples and ancient tombs in Luxor to the historical sites in Aswan among other places with thousands of years of stories.

When you travel from El Gouna to Luxor and to Aswan, there will be options for you to engage in adventurous trips to places such as Abu Simbel which is a famous landmark, and the beautiful Philae Temple, which are both important parts of history in this great country. This tour is for the people who would like to have a full cultural experience, without forgetting the pleasure of looking at beautiful landscapes, rich in historical finds, as well as free time devoted to shopping, walking,, and enjoying the sights.

Admiring the famous temples of the Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut in Deir el-Bahari, the peaceful waters of the Nile, and the vast stretches of the sandy deserts among other places, Egypt exhibits unique attractions that incite visitors' interest in discovering its rich history as well as scenic beauty.

## [Overview](#)

### [Inclusion](#)

- As part of the package, our Egypt Top Tours tour leader will offer pick-up services from your hotel in Cairo.
- For four nights, accommodation will be provided on a 5-star cruise along the Nile with all the meals on board.
- Entrance fees and tickets meeting the requirements for all the above-mentioned places are covered.
- All the transportation will be provided in a private, modern, air-conditioned vehicle.
- A professional English-speaking tour guide will be provided for all Egypt Day Tours full activities only.
- This includes guides for all Aswan and Luxor tours included in the itinerary provided.
- As per the timetable.
- Including a five-day Nile cruise from El Gouna, bottled water will be provided free of charge.
- All taxes and service charges have been paid.

### [Exclusion](#)

- International flight tickets.
- Any optional activities not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Optional excursions.
- Tipping is not included.

## [Itinerary](#)

**Day 1- Transefer from El Gouna to Luxor- the Nile Cruise  
Check-in- Luxor East tours**

On the first day of your 5-day Nile cruise from El Gouna, your day starts with an early morning pick-up by another transfer representative from your hotel in Port Ghalib heading to Luxor. After you arrive at Luxor, a qualified professional will accompany you around Luxor's East Bank which includes other dominations such as Karnak Temple and Luxor Temple.

The first stop on the Nile cruise tour of Luxor will be the great Karnak Temple Complex whose construction lasted for about 1,000 years under the kingship of Amenhotep III, Ramses II and Merenptah. For centuries it was a place of worship, Karnak Temple covers an area of more than two square kilometers and boasts many important relics, including Domitian's famous Obelisk. A large open section of the temple known as the outer courtyard is quite impressive and is usually where the entertainers, musicians and dancers perform. The audience will be given the privilege of exploring this beautiful temple complex at their own leisure before proceeding to other temples.

Following this, you will check in for lunch and rest after boarding your Nile cruise ship. Later, join your private guide once again for an amazing evening activity.

Next, you visit the beautiful Luxor Temple, another New Kingdom architectural wonder that rises on the banks of the Nile. The Hypostyle Hall is a room so large that its stone columns give one the impression of stepping into a stone forest. This temple was built in honor of Amun-Ra, the creator and fertility god, and consists of several notable edifices- pylons, courts, halls, and sanctuaries.

Luxor Temple was founded during the reign of Pharaoh Amenhotep III, who constructed the inner area, and later modified by Pharaoh Ramses II in the outer section that includes enclosing walls and a trip of temples, one of which devoted to Hatshepsut.

Then enjoy your dinner and overnight at cruise.

Meals Included: Lunch, Dinner

## **Day 2: Luxor west bank tours- Sail to Edfu**

Get yourself ready for more exploration on the west bank of Luxor on the second day of your cruise onboard the Nile from El Gouna. The morning activity commences with a visit to the Valley of the Kings, the Temple of Hatshepsut, and lastly the spectacular Colossi of Memnon. Of course, you will also have a few minutes for some shopping activity before returning to the ka for the next sailing to Esna.

Now after breakfast on the cruise, get set for the journey, which will start with its famous tombs of the Valley of the Kings, a site that is known for the tombs of the Pharaohs during the New Kingdom that are elaborately furnished. The tombs that are cut within the high-raised limestone cliffs have beautiful illustrations of gods wrapped in hieroglyphics and so many other features any enthusiast about ancient history would find captivating. You will have access to quite a few tombs, all of which contain some lovely, fascinating work that you will be able to see at leisure.

When this valley is left behind, head to the Temple of Hatshepsut, a wonderful structure most certainly constructed for one of the very few monarchs who were women in Egypt.

The Great Temple of Hatshepsut is a magnificent edifice with lofty columns and incredible sculptures. Set upon a series of terraces constructed to honor Queen Hatshepsut is perhaps Egypt's most splendid relief. The tour comes to an end with the Colossi of Memnon Tour. The Colossi of Memnon are extraordinary twin figures that used to stand at the entrance of the great mortuary temple of Amenhotep III. This imposing pair is 32 m high and can still be found standing even after many years of eroding time as one of the glories of Egypt.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 3: Visit Edfu & Kom Ombo Temple- Sail to Aswan

After breakfast onboard your Nile cruise, you will continue sailing until you'll see the temples of Edfu and Kom Ombo. These are two of the most important temples in Egypt, and they have been around since at least the time of Ramesses II (1279-1213 B.C.).

Start with the Temple of Horus in Edfu, which was built in 237 BC and is dedicated to Horus, the falcon-headed god who was both king of gods and lord of the sky. This temple was built by [Ptolemy VII](#) between 237 and 57 BCE, and it's considered one of the best-preserved temples in Egypt. It's located on the west bank of the Nile River, an hour away from Aswan. It's also famous for its reliefs that depict scenes from the Book of Gates (a book in the Egyptian Book of the Dead), which is why it's often called "the Temple of Millions of Years."

After visiting this temple, you will proceed to Kom Ombo temple, another ancient Egyptian temple that was carved out of a mountain during the Ptolemaic period. The temple itself is dedicated to two gods: Horus and Sobek—both of whom are important figures in Ancient Egyptian mythology.

In the end, return back to your Nile cruise where you will continue sailing until you reach Aswan city.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 4: Tour at Abu Simbel Temples

The day will start with breakfast on the cruise. After breakfast, we will proceed to Abu Simbel temple. The temple was built by Ramesses II during the New Kingdom. It was dedicated to his beloved wife Nefertari and their son, Ramses. The temple consists of four main temples, which are connected by a long hall known as "The Hypostyle Hall", which is decorated with scenes depicting the Battle of Kadesh, Ramesses II's victory over the Hittites in 1274 B.C., and other events from Egyptian history. The walls were also decorated with scenes from various religions including Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. There are also many statues inside these temples that are carved out of rock and depict ancient gods such as Isis and Osiris among others.

There is also a museum there that has information about Egypt's history and culture, as well as an area where you can see some artifacts from when they were building the temple.

After your tour at Abu Simbel Temples, we'll make our way back down south toward Aswan.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 5: Visit Aswan Attractions- end your Nile cruise from Port Ghalib

Today is the last day of your Nile cruise. In the morning, we will have breakfast onboard the cruise and check out to visit the High Dam, which is a massive structure built to regulate and control the flow of water from Lake Nasser. In recent years, it's become a popular tourist attraction for its impressive architecture and for providing a stunning view of Lake Nasser.

Next up, we'll go to Philae Temple—a beautiful structure with pharaohs' statues carved into its walls. This temple was once submerged in water but has since been excavated and restored as an archaeological site.

Finally, we'll visit an unfinished obelisk that was commissioned by Pharaoh Tuthmosis III in 1450 BC. The obelisk was never completed due to a lack of resources during construction; however, some parts of it were reconstructed in 1964 by UNESCO archaeologists who hope to finish what Tuthmosis III started.

You'll end your day at the port of Ghalib, where your Nile cruise will come to an end after 5 days of exploring Egypt's most famous river.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch