

Egypt and The Nile Luxury Tour

Price Starting From: \$1150

8 days Cairo, Luxor and Aswan Egypt

Immerse yourself in ultimate luxury with our 8-day Egypt tours, crafted to offer an unforgettable journey through Egypt's rich heritage and the serene beauty of the Nile.

Begin your adventure by visiting the legendary Giza Pyramids, followed by stays in elegant accommodations that ensure your comfort throughout your Egypt luxury tour. Sail in style aboard the renowned Steinberger MS Minerva Nile cruise, as you glide from Luxor to Aswan. Experience the beauty of Egypt's ancient past as you journey along the scenic Nile River, where captivating landscapes and historical wonders await.

In just eight days, you'll explore Cairo's iconic landmarks, marvel at the Pharaonic treasures of Aswan, and enjoy a mesmerizing cruise along the Nile.

Overview Inclusion

- Greeted by Cairo Top Tours representatives upon arrival at Cairo, Luxor, and Aswan airports.
- Accommodation for 3 nights at the elegant Kempinski Nile Hotel Garden City Cairo or similar, including bed and breakfast.
- Stay for 4 nights aboard the luxurious Steigenberger MS Minerva Nile Cruise, or a comparable option, with full-board service.
- Domestic flights from Cairo to Luxor and return from Aswan to Cairo.
- Entry fees for all archaeological sites as outlined in the Egypt and Nile Cruise Luxury Tour itinerary.
- Enjoy delicious lunches at traditional restaurants during your Cairo excursions.
- All airport, hotel, and excursion transfers in private, air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicles.
- All excursions in Cairo and along the Nile during the cruise are conducted privately.
- Complimentary bottled water and soft drinks during your Cairo day trips.
- Snack stops available on request.
- A refreshing soft drink at a local café in Luxor or Aswan if time allows, during all our Egypt tours.
- Professional, English-speaking guides for all private tours.
- Meals provided at hotels, restaurants, and aboard the Nile cruise as per the itinerary.
- Optional shopping tours in Cairo, Luxor, and Aswan (available upon request).

Exclusion

- Flights to Egypt are not covered in the package.
- Visa for entry into Egypt needs to be obtained independently.
- Optional excursions in Cairo, Luxor, or Aswan are excluded.

• Drinks with meals are not included.

<u>Itinerary</u>

Day 1: Arrival in Cairo

Begin your luxury journey with a classic Egypt tour. Upon arrival at Cairo International Airport, our representative will be there to guide you through the arrival process and assist with your luggage. You'll then be transferred to your Cairo hotel, where you'll meet with your tour manager to review your Egypt budget tour itinerary and finalize your check-in details. After settling in, we'll assist you with check-in before embarking on a morning tour of Cairo.

Day 2: Giza Pyramids, the Egyptian Museum, and Coptic Cairo tour

Begin your day with a delicious breakfast at the hotel before meeting your dedicated tour guide for your first Cairo adventure. The day starts with a visit to the iconic Giza Pyramids, constructed 4,500 years ago.

Explore the Great Pyramid of Cheops, a monumental feat that took over two decades to complete, and then see the pyramids of Chephren and Mycerinus from the same royal lineage. Admire the Great Sphinx, a mythical lion with a human head that has stood guard over the necropolis for 4,500 years. Take in panoramic views of the pyramids from the plateau, and enjoy an optional camel ride for a unique photo opportunity. Next, visit the Valley Temple of King Chephren, known for its granite and alabaster construction, dedicated to the mummification rituals of the Pharaoh.

Following this, your guide and private driver will escort you to the Egyptian Museum, home to the world's most extensive collection of Egyptian artefacts, including the stunning treasures of Tutankhamun, discovered by Howard Carter in 1922.

Continue your exploration with a trip to Coptic Cairo. Visit the ancient Roman fortress of Babylon, the Hanging Church perched on ancient towers, and the Church of St. Sergius, located over the crypt where the Holy Family is believed to have rested. Discover the Ben Ezra Synagogue, reputed to be the site where the Pharaoh's daughter found Moses.

After lunch, head to Islamic Cairo to marvel at the medieval city walls and gates built by the Fatimid leader Badr Al Gamali, and wander through the vibrant, narrow streets lined with shops from the 10th century. End your day with a visit to Al-Fishawy, one of Khan El Khalili Bazaar's oldest coffeehouses, where you can enjoy mint tea and soak in the local atmosphere.

Meals: Breakfast and lunch.

Day 3: Luxor East Bank Trip

After enjoying an early breakfast, check out of your hotel and head to Cairo Airport for your flight to Luxor. Upon arrival, our representatives will assist you as part of our Egypt day tours or packages. You will then be transferred to your 5-star Nile cruise ship, the Steinberger MS Minerva.

Following a delightful lunch on board, start your exploration of Luxor's eastern shore. Visit the grand Karnak Temple, the largest religious site ever built, which once served as the heart of ancient Egypt's vast empire. Next, admire the stunning Luxor Temple, particularly captivating when illuminated at night, reflecting the grandeur and ambition of the ancient Egyptians who constructed these monumental structures to honour their gods.

After your eastern shore tour, return to the ship for dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 4: West Bank of Luxor - Edfu Tours

Start your day with a delicious buffet breakfast on your Nile cruise ship before your Egyptologist guide takes you on a west bank tour of Luxor. Visit the impressive Colossi of Memnon, colossal statues of Amenhotep III, and marvel at the Valley of the Kings, where over 62 pharaohs from the New Kingdom, including the renowned Tutankhamun and Ramses II, were buried. The tombs, intricately carved into the mountains and adorned with stunning paintings, were filled with treasures intended for the pharaohs' afterlife.

Continue your Luxor tour with a visit to the Temple of Hatshepsut, also known as El Deir El Bahari, dedicated to Egypt's first female pharaoh.

After a delightful lunch, set sail to Edfu. Enjoy dinner and onboard entertainment as you cruise.

You'll spend the night on the Nile cruise.

Optional: Luxor hot air balloon tour.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 5: The temples of Edfu and Kom Ombo

Following a hearty breakfast in the main restaurant of your Nile cruise, you'll explore the Temple of Edfu, an exceptionally well-preserved Ptolemaic-era structure dedicated to Horus, the falcon-headed deity. Next, set sail to Kom Ombo to discover the unique Temple of Kom Ombo, dedicated to Sobek, the crocodile god. Enjoy lunch on board as you continue your journey to Aswan. After dinner on the cruise, you'll spend the night on the luxurious Nile ship.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 6: Aswan Sightseeing Tour

Enjoy breakfast on your Nile cruise before your guide takes you to the remarkable High Dam, an impressive feat of modern engineering and a pivotal project for contemporary Egypt. Next, visit the stunning Temple of Philae, dedicated to the goddess Isis, situated on an island that can be reached by a charming boat ride. You'll also explore the Unfinished Obelisk, the largest known obelisk found in Aswan's granite quarries. Return to the cruise for dinner and an overnight stay.

Optional: Abu Simbel Tour.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 7: Back to Cairo

After breakfast, check out of the Steigenberger MS Minerva Nile cruise ship and head to Aswan airport for your flight back to Cairo. Once you arrive at Cairo Airport, our representatives will welcome you and transfer you to your hotel. You'll have the remainder of the day free to relax or explore at your own pace.

Overnight stay at the Cairo hotel.

Meals: Breakfast.

Day 8: Final Departure

On your final day, you'll start with a buffet breakfast at your hotel in Cairo. After breakfast, you'll have free time to do as you please.

Later, you'll join one of the daily tours of Cairo. When the tour is finished, you'll be transferred to Cairo International Airport to catch your flight home.

The only meal included for the day is breakfast.