

Egypt and The Nile Luxury Trip

Price Starting From: \$1150

8 days Cairo, Luxor and Aswan Egypt

Luxurious Exploration of Egypt's Treasures

With an 8-day Egypt tour package, you can immerse yourself in the lap of luxury while discovering the country's captivating wonders. This meticulously crafted itinerary is designed to provide an amazing journey through Egypt's illustrious history and the pleasant ambiance along the iconic Nile River.

Your adventure begins with a captivating exploration of the famous Giza Pyramids, setting the stage for the extraordinary experiences that lie ahead. Throughout your Egypt luxury tours, you'll savor opulent lodgings, ensuring your comfort and well-being as you delve into the rich tapestry of this ancient land.

One of the highlights of your journey will be a cruise aboard the renowned Steinberger MS Minerva Nile, which will carry you along the magnificent Nile River, from Luxor to Aswan. Surrounded by the gorgeous scenery and the allure of ancient civilizations, this enchanting voyage will immerse you in the captivating history and culture of Egypt.

In just eight days, you'll have the opportunity to uncover the Pharaonic monuments of Aswan, explore the renowned Egyptian Museum in Cairo, and bask in the beauty of Egypt's natural landscapes, including the mighty Nile River and the expansive sandy deserts.

Egypt is a truly wondrous destination that captivates visitors from around the world. With its rich history, awe-inspiring monuments, and enchanting natural landscapes, the country offers a unique and unforgettable travel experience. Whether you're seeking to learn about the ancient Pharaohs, admire the stunning architecture, or simply immerse yourself in the serene beauty of the Nile, this 8-day luxury tour will leave you with cherished memories that will last a lifetime.

Overview Inclusion

- Meet-and-greet services at Cairo, Luxor, and Aswan airports by Cairo Top Tours representatives.
- 3-night stay at the luxurious Kempinski Nile Hotel Garden City Cairo or equivalent, with breakfast included.
- 4-night accommodation aboard the Steigenberger MS Minerva Nile Cruise or a similar vessel, with full-board meals.
- Domestic flights: Cairo to Luxor and return flight from Aswan to Cairo included.
- Entry tickets for all sites listed in the Egypt and Nile Cruise Luxury Tour itinerary.
- Tasty lunches at authentic local restaurants during your Cairo tours.

- Private, air-conditioned transfers for all airport pick-ups, hotel transfers, and excursions.
- Exclusive private tours in Cairo and during your Nile cruise.
- Complimentary bottled water and soft drinks during Cairo day tours.
- Snack breaks available on request.
- Enjoy a soft drink at a local café in Luxor or Aswan, time permitting, during all Egypt tour packages.
- Certified, English-speaking guides for all private tours.
- Meals provided at hotels, local restaurants, and on the Nile cruise, as per the itinerary.
- Shopping tours available in Cairo, Luxor, and Aswan (upon request).

Exclusion

- International airfare is not included.
- Entry visa for Egypt must be arranged separately.
- Optional tours in Cairo, Luxor, or Aswan are not included.
- Beverages during meals are not provided.

<u>Itinerary</u>

Day 1: Arrival in Cairo

Your luxury tour of Egypt begins with a warm welcome at the Cairo International Airport. Upon arrival, our dedicated representatives will be there to assist you and guide you through the arrival procedures, ensuring a smooth and hassle-free experience until you retrieve your luggage.

From the airport, you will be transferred to your hotel in Cairo, where you will have the opportunity to meet your tour manager. This will be your chance to review the details of your Egypt budget tours and confirm your check-in time, allowing you to settle in and prepare for the adventures that lie ahead.

Once you have checked in and had a moment to rest, your tour manager will escort you on a captivating morning tour of Cairo. This introductory exploration will immerse you in the rich history and cultural heritage of the Egyptian capital, setting the stage for the remarkable discoveries that await you throughout your luxury tour.

With the assistance of our attentive staff and the expertise of your knowledgeable tour manager, your journey in Egypt will commence with a seamless and seamless transition, allowing you to fully embrace the enchanting wonders of this ancient land from the very first day.

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

Your luxurious Egypt adventure begins with a delightful breakfast at your hotel's main restaurant, setting the stage for an unforgettable day of discovery. Energized and ready to explore, you will meet your specially selected tour guide, who will lead you on an enchanting journey to the legendary Pyramids of Giza.

Your first stop will be the awe-inspiring Great Pyramid of Cheops, a colossal structure that took over 20 years to build and stands as a testament to the engineering prowess of ancient Egypt. You will

then venture to the pyramids of Kings Chephren and Mycerinus, which are closely linked to the same royal dynasty.

No visit to the Giza Plateau would be complete without encountering the iconic Sphinx, the enigmatic human-headed lion that has guarded the necropolis for over 450 decades. Here, you will have the opportunity to capture breathtaking photographs and even enjoy an optional camel ride, immersing yourself in the timeless ambiance of this iconic site.

Your tour will then take you to the Valley Temple of King Chephren, where you will marvel at the exquisite granite and alabaster craftsmanship that was dedicated to the pharaoh's mummification process.

Afterward, your guide and private driver will escort you to the renowned Egyptian Museum, home to the world's largest and most precious collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts. Here, you will have the chance to behold the stunning treasures of the famous Golden Pharaoh, Tutankhamun, whose intact tomb was discovered in 1922 by the renowned archaeologist Howard Carter.

Your cultural exploration continues in the historic Coptic quarter of Cairo, where you will visit the ancient Roman fortress of Babylon, the Hanging Church, and the Church of St. Sergius, also known as the Church of the Cave or the Church of the Holy Family. This sacred site is said to have sheltered the Holy Family during their flight into Egypt.

As the day draws to a close, you will venture into the vibrant heart of Islamic Cairo, where you can stroll through the medieval walls and gates, browse the colorful traditional shops, and savor a refreshing mint tea at the renowned Al-Fishawy coffee shop in the Khan El Khalili Bazaar.

This extraordinary day in Cairo will leave you captivated by the city's rich history, architectural marvels, and cultural heritage, setting the stage for the enchanting adventures that await you throughout your luxurious Egypt tour.

Day 3: Luxor East Bank Tour

Your day begins with an early morning departure from your hotel in Cairo, followed by a transfer to the airport for your flight to the historic city of Luxor. Upon arrival, you will be met and assisted by our local representatives, who will ensure a seamless transition to your 5-star Nile cruise aboard the Steinberger MS Minerva.

After enjoying your first lunch aboard the ship, you will embark on a captivating tour of the eastern shore of Luxor. Your first stop will be the awe-inspiring Karnak Temple, the largest man-made religious complex in the world and a testament to the immense power and prosperity of ancient Egypt. This colossal site was once the central location from which the vast Egyptian empire was ruled, showcasing the grandeur and sophistication of the ancient civilization.

Your tour will then take you to the magnificent Luxor Temple, which will be beautifully illuminated at night. As you admire the temple's stunning architecture and intricate details, you will be transported back in time, marveling at the incredible vision and craftsmanship of the ancient Egyptians, who dared to build such monumental structures to worship their gods 3,800 years ago.

After completing your exploration of the eastern shore, you will be transferred back to the ship, where you can relax and enjoy a delectable dinner as you reflect on the day's remarkable experiences.

This seamless transition from Cairo to the enchanting Nile cruise sets the stage for a captivating journey through the heart of ancient Egypt, where you will be immersed in the rich cultural and historical legacy of this remarkable civilization.

Day 4: West Bank of Luxor - Edfu

Your day on the Nile cruise begins with a delightful buffet breakfast aboard the ship, fueling you for an exhilarating exploration of Luxor's renowned west bank. Your Egyptologist guide will lead you on a captivating tour, beginning with a visit to the colossal statues of Amenhotep III, known as the Colossi of Memnon.

Next, you will venture into the necropolis of the Valley of the Kings, where more than 62 New Kingdom pharaohs, including the famous Tutankhamun and the great Ramses the Second, were laid to rest. These extraordinary tombs, carved into the surrounding mountain, are adorned with breathtaking paintings and filled with the riches that the pharaohs had planned to enjoy in the afterlife.

Your Luxor day tour continues with a visit to the magnificent Temple of Hatshepsut, also known as El Deir El Bahari. This remarkable site honors the first female ruler in Egyptian history, showcasing the architectural and artistic brilliance of the ancient civilization.

After a pleasant lunch, you will set sail to the town of Edfu, where you can look forward to a delightful dinner and entertainment aboard the Nile cruise ship.

As you settle in for the evening, you may have the opportunity to embark on an optional hot air balloon tour over the West Bank, offering a unique and unforgettable perspective of Luxor's ancient wonders.

This day of immersing yourself in the rich history and captivating sights of Luxor's west bank will leave you in awe of the enduring legacy of ancient Egypt, setting the stage for further discoveries as your Nile cruise continues.

Day 5: The temples of Edfu and Kom Ombo

Your day on the Nile cruise begins with another delightful oriental breakfast in the main restaurant, preparing you for the exciting discoveries that lie ahead.

First, you will visit the well-preserved Ptolemaic-era temple of Edfu, dedicated to the falcon-headed god Horus. This remarkably intact temple offers a glimpse into the architectural and spiritual traditions of ancient Egypt's later dynasties.

Continuing your journey, you will sail to the town of Kom Ombo, where you will visit the captivating Temple of Kom Ombo. This unique temple is dedicated to two different gods – the crocodile god Sobek and the falcon-headed god Horus the Elder – showcasing the complexity and diversity of ancient Egyptian religious beliefs.

After your exploration of these remarkable temples, you will enjoy a delicious lunch aboard the ship as you sail towards the city of Aswan. Here, you will have the opportunity to unwind and enjoy the

evening's dinner and accommodations on your luxury Nile cruise.

This day's itinerary allows you to delve deeper into the rich tapestry of ancient Egyptian culture, exploring the well-preserved temples that stand as enduring testaments to the ingenuity and spiritual beliefs of this remarkable civilization.

Day 6: Aswan Sightseeing Trip

Your day begins with a delightful breakfast aboard the Nile cruise, preparing you for an exciting exploration of Aswan's renowned landmarks.

Your guide will first take you to the famous High Dam, an engineering marvel and one of the most important projects in modern Egypt's history. This impressive structure has transformed the Nile River and had a profound impact on the country's agricultural and economic development.

Next, you will visit the fantastic Temple of Philae, dedicated to the goddess Isis. This beautiful temple, located on an island, can be reached by a pleasant motorboat ride, adding to the enchantment of the experience.

Your tour continues with a visit to the largest known obelisk in the granite quarries of Aswan, the Unfinished Obelisk. This impressive structure, left incomplete, offers a fascinating glimpse into the engineering and craftsmanship of ancient Egyptian stoneworkers.

After a day of exploring these remarkable sites, you will return to the cruise for a delightful dinner and an overnight stay on board.

For those interested in a more comprehensive experience, an optional tour to the iconic Abu Simbel temples can be arranged, allowing you to marvel at the colossal statues of Ramses II and the stunning temple dedicated to his wife, Nefertari.

Day 7: Back to Cairo

After your breakfast on the Steigenberger MS Minerva Nile cruise ship, you'll disembark and head to the Aswan airport to catch your return flight to Cairo. When you arrive at Cairo Airport, you'll be met and greeted by representatives from the tour company. They will then transfer you to your hotel in Cairo, where you can spend the rest of the day relaxing and doing as you please.

You'll be staying overnight at the hotel in Cairo.

The only meal included for the day is breakfast.

Day 8: Final Departure

Start your day with a buffet breakfast at the hotel and enjoy some leisure time. Afterward, you can choose from one of the daily tours available in Cairo. Later, you'll be transferred to Cairo International Airport for your departure.

Meals: Breakfast.