A luxurious journey aboard the MS Grand Palm

Price Starting From: \$0

5 Days-4 Nights Luxor, Aswan Egypt

5-Day Nile Cruise with MS Grand Palm: Luxor to Aswan

Experience the ultimate adventure on this 5-day Nile cruise aboard the luxurious MS Grand Palm, beginning in Luxor and concluding in Aswan. This Egypt Tours package takes you through remarkable ancient sites, including Kom Ombo, Edfu, Esna, and El Qantara East Bank. Along the way, you'll enjoy exciting activities like snorkeling, swimming, and fishing, making this cruise an unforgettable escape.

When you arrive in Aswan, don't miss exploring its amazing highlights, especially the Philae Temple, an ancient site dedicated to the goddess Isis.

Overview Inclusion

- Meet and greet services upon your arrival and departure are provided by Cairo Top Tours representatives.
- Dedicated guest relations assistance throughout your tours in Egypt.
- All transfers are in a modern, air-conditioned vehicle for your comfort.
- Full board accommodation aboard the MS Grand Palm Nile Cruise.
- All private Egypt Nile Cruise tours as detailed in the itinerary.
- Entrance fees to all attractions between Luxor and Aswan that are part of your cruise experience.
- An English-speaking tour guide to accompany you during your Egypt tour package.
- All service charges and taxes are included during your Egypt day tours.
- Optional shopping tours during your excursions in Luxor and Aswan.
- Snack stops are available upon request.
- Enjoy a soft drink at a local café during your tour (time permitting).

Exclusion

- Any optional excursions or Egypt day tours not listed in the program.
- Gratuities are not included in any of our Egypt travel packages.
- Personal expenses are not covered.
- International airfare is excluded.
- Egypt entry visa fees.
- Drinks during meals are not included.

Itinerary

Day 1 onboard MS Grand Palm Nile Cruise: Embarkation and East Bank Tour

After Meeting our representative at <u>Luxor Airport</u> or railway station, we'll be embarking on our Luxor Aswan Nile cruise, the MS Grand Palm Nile cruise. Start your first Egypt Day Tours and explore the <u>Luxor East Bank Tours</u>. You will spend your first day on board exploring the temples of Karnak and Luxor.

We've heard that the best way to see these sites is by boat, so that's what we'll do! We'll start at the sprawling Karnak Temple, where you can explore the ancient ruins and learn about the history of this site. You'll also have time to explore the surrounding area—which includes a beautiful view of Thebes as well as the Karnak Open Air Museum which is a treasure trove of small shrines, huge boulders, statues, and the recently restored Red Chapel of Hatchepsut.

Afterward, we'll head over to <u>Luxor Temple</u>, which is one of Egypt's most famous monuments. This temple was built during the New Kingdom period (1539-1075 BC) and has been used as a place of worship for thousands of years before that. It's located in an area with many other temples—including ones dedicated to Egyptian gods such as Isis or Horus—so there's plenty to explore here on this day!

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2 onboard MS Grand Palm Nile Cruise: West bank tour - Sail to Esna

Today, we'll be visiting the <u>Luxor West Bank Tours</u>. On our tour, we'll see the Hatshepsut Temple and Valley of the Kings, as well as the Colossi Memnon, and resume Luxor excursions.

The <u>Hatshepsut Temple</u> was built during the reign of Hatshepsut, who reigned from 1478-1458 BCE. It's a beautiful example of Egyptian architecture and artistry, and it's one of the best-preserved temples in ancient Egypt. The temple was built using limestone blocks covered with white sandstone, which gives it its characteristic color. We'll also get to see some of the many hieroglyphic inscriptions that cover its walls.

Queen Hatshepsut decided to build her funerary temple on the west bank of Thebes to face the great temple of her father god Amen and to be close to her tomb in the valley of the kings.

Afterward, you'll have free time to explore on your own or take an optional excursion to Dendara Temple Complex.

Then you'll head over to visit Valley of the Kings and Colossi Memnon—two iconic sites that are must-sees when visiting Luxor! The <u>Valley of the Kings</u> which is a necropolis that contains the tombs of many pharaohs from Ancie is where we'll see some of the most famous tombs, like those belonging to Tutankhamun, Ramses II, and Seti I.nt Egypt's New Kingdom where many pharaohs were buried; it has been used since approximately 1550 BCE up until today. You might recognize it from movies like "The Mummy" or "Raiders of the Lost Ark."

Take a stroll through <u>Colossi Memnon</u>, two colossal statues that were once part of a temple dedicated to Amenhotep III, and after that, sail to Esna overnight.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 onboard MS Grand Palm Nile Cruise: Edfu Kom Ombo Temples - Sail to Aswan

Today we'll be exploring the temples of Edfu and Kom Ombo. These temples are very well preserved, with many beautiful examples of ancient Egyptian art that have been preserved for thousands of years. We'll also get a chance to explore the surrounding area and see how people in Egypt live today.

The first stop on this day will be the <u>Temple of Horus at Edfu</u>. The temple was built by Ptolemy VI Philometor, and it's one of the best-preserved temples in Egypt. Its facade is decorated with scenes of Horus fighting Seth, while inside you'll find a huge Hypostyle Hall with 134 columns supporting a roof that consists of eight rows of pillars.

Afterward, it's off to Kom Ombo Temple—which was built by Nero Claudius Caesar. This temple was dedicated to two gods: Sobek, who represented fertility and protection against crocodiles; and Haroeris, who represented Horus' healing powers.

Then it's time for lunch! We're serving up a buffet lunch at one of our onboard restaurants so you can enjoy your meal without rushing around trying to find things you like. After lunch, we'll head back out on the Nile cruise toward Aswan

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 onboard MS Grand Palm Nile Cruise: Aswan day tours

Of all the attractions in Aswan, our favorite is the High Dam. So The first stop of your Aswan excursions is the <u>High Dam</u> which is considered to be one of the greatest engineering feats in history to control the flow of water from Lake Nasser and prevent flooding. It was built across the Nile River in 1964 by Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser and is still used today to regulate water flow in Egypt and Sudan.

After visiting the dam, you'll head over to <u>Philae Temple</u>, which is set on an island in Lake Nasser. The temple is dedicated to the goddess Isis, who was worshiped here before it became part of Egypt under Alexander the Great. Your guide will take you around the island and tell you stories about how it was built and why this spot is so important to Egyptians today. It's interesting!

After exploring Philae Temple and its ruins, you'll head back on board for lunch before heading off to visit the Unfinished Obelisk. Finally, if you're feeling adventurous and want to see something really cool but not too touristy, check out <u>Unfinished Obelisk</u>: it's an obelisk that was started by Ramses II but never finished because he died before he could finish it up! You'll definitely get some good pictures there.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 onboard MS Grand Palm Nile Cruise: Disembarkation

Today, we will be disembarking the MS Grand Palm Nile cruise ship and then transferring by a private vehicle to Aswan Airport or railway station. We hope you have enjoyed your time on board and that your journey has been an unforgettable experience.

Meals: Breakfast