

### 8 Days Nile Cruise from Luxor to Aswan



### **BASIC INFORMATION**

Duration: 8 Days

Location: Luxor and Aswan

Runs On: Everyday

Type: Private

# **OVERVIEW**

Taste the richest luxuries and unforgettable feelings of history in an 8-day cruise from Luxor to Aswan aboard Elite Nile Cruise for a never-fading experience of fun. This unforgettable adventure promises to merge into Egypt's rich heritage with unequaled comfort and indulgence. Your journeys begin in ancient Luxor, the city that introduces you to two magnificent temples: Karnak and Luxor. Be amazed by their enormous structures and intricate carvings. You will discover the secrets of the Valley of the Kings and the magnificent Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir El Bahari. These iconic sites, steeped in history, reveal the splendor of ancient Egypt.Another discovery each day, another relaxation, as you cruise along the Nile. Visit the very well-preserved Temple of Horus in Edfu and the unusual Temple of Sobek in Kom Ombo, sharing worship with both the falcon god Horus and the crocodile god Sobek. Spend relaxing days on board, admiring the panoramic views; swim, or rejuvenate with spa treatments.In Aswan, visit the High Dam—one of the projects that has made the Nile a truly Egyptian River—the ancient Granite Quarries with the Unfinished Obelisk, and the lovely Philae Temple, built to the goddess Isis and the city's great historic site.Savor sublime cuisine throughout your Nile Cruise, with gourmet lunches and dinners inspired by international and traditional Egyptian flavors. Every evening rings with the rhythm of cultural shows, live music, and theme parties to celebrate each night like an unforgettable day.Be it luxury, history, or adventure, Elite Nile Cruise is a combination of the best of all worlds to create the most ideal vacation for any traveler seeking a different and enriching experience along the Nile.

### ITINERARY

1 Embarkation and Discovering Luxor's Iconic Temples

Your Elite Nile Cruise 8-day voyage will begin with boarding before midday in Luxor. After getting your luxurious cabin ready for occupation, the journey starts off with visits to two of the amazing <u>temples in Egypt</u>. Wander the vast temple of Karnak, a massive complex dedicated to the Theban gods, with gigantic pillars and exquisite carvings that speak of the life habits and traditions of ancient Egyptians.

Next, visit the grand <u>Luxor Temple</u>, surely among the most beautiful buildings that still straddles the east bank of the Nile River to this day. Stepping across these imposing corridors, it will be impossible not to marvel at pharaonic architecture and genius.

Enjoy dinner onboard, with breathtaking views. Spend your first night aboard in Luxor, moored, and prepared to learn more about this fascinating history and culture that Egypt will be in for, the next few days.

#### 2 Cruise to Edfu

Start the day with a delicious breakfast on board the Nile Cruise. The cruise will head towards <u>Edfu</u>. Feel serenity at the views of the Nile with its lush landscapes and timeless beauty while gliding downstream.

This is a day for lazing on the sun deck, refreshing oneself with a swim, or rejuvenating with a pampering spa treatment. Be further soothed by the gentle lapping of the waves against the riverbanks and luxurious on-board facilities.

Arrival in the evening at Edfu, gourmet dinner aboard. Spend your night on board in Edfu with all its ancient wonders waiting to be discovered the next day.

#### **3 Visiting Ancient Temples**

Enjoy your breakfast on board the Elite Nile Cruise, then visit one of the beautiful temples, that of Horus at Edfu. This exceptionally preserved temple dedicated to the falcon-headed god Horus bears evidence of both the architectural great genius and theological frenzy of the ancient people of Egypt.

After the visit, take a sail back on the cruise to Kom Ombo. On arrival, visit the unique dual temples of Sobek and Haroeris. The temples dedicated to both the crocodile god Sobek and the falcon-headed god Haroeris are a massive part of ancient Egyptian mythology and its practice of dual worship.

This afternoon, your pictorial cruise continues along the Nile to the enchanting city of Aswan. Scenic cruise with the serenity of the Nile adding to your voyage.

This evening, you will arrive in Aswan, where you can enjoy a delicious dinner on board. Spend the night moored in Aswan, ready to further explore its historical riches the next day.

#### 4 Discovering Aswan's Historic and Natural Wonders

Start the day with a flavorsome breakfast on board the Elite Nile Cruise, then extend your Aswan city tour to visit the <u>High Dam</u>, considered one of the giant projects undertaken in modern times by Egyptians to regulate the Nile's watering system.

Following that, you will go to the ancient Granite Quarries, where you can view the <u>unfinished obelisk</u>, which gives an insight unlike any other regarding the

methods of stone-carving used by the ancient Egyptians. Move on to the beautiful Philae Temple built for the goddess Isis and be amazed by the beautiful architecture in such a serene location at Agilkia Island.

Afternoon felucca ride on the Nile with views of <u>Aswan Botanical Garden</u> and the graceful Agha Khan Mausoleum. The peaceful boat ride allows for a great time to marvel at this beautiful area.

Again, back to the cruise for a relaxed evening and overnight in Aswan, folding up the memories of the day into great historic discoveries and captivating views.

#### **5** Leisure and Scenic Sailing

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast on board the Elite Nile Cruise. The morning is yours at leisure; indulge in the luxurious amenities onboard—maybe a well-needed spa treatment, swim in the pool, or just relax on the sun deck with a good book.

After lunch, the cruise sets off toward <u>Kom Ombo</u>. You are at liberty to spend your time relaxing or simply enjoying the views of the Nile as you sail downstream. Then head to Edfu, mooring up for the night.

Enjoy sumptuous dinner on board, then spend a quiet night in Edfu to get some rest for the next day's adventures.

#### 6 Sailing Back to Luxor

Start your day with a scrumptious breakfast on board the Elite Nile Cruise, as you sail to Esna. Spend some time onboard, enjoy the serenity of the Nile, and reflect on what fabulous sights you've come across up to this point.

You relax today, indulging in all the fancy trappings of the cruise. You can lounge on the top deck, swim in the pool, or treat yourself to a session at the spa. This is the day you take it easy.

Afternoon: The cruise will sail back to <u>Luxor</u>. Enjoy a gourmet dinner on board, then spend the night in Luxor to discover more about this ancient city tomorrow.

#### 7 Exploring Luxor's West Bank Treasures

After a delicious breakfast on board the Elite Nile Cruise, embark on a visit to historical wonders on the West Bank of Luxor. Take an early visit to the Valley of the Kings, where tombs of ancient pharaohs lie. Move to the Valley of the Queens, the final resting place of queens and royal children.

Visit next the very impressive Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir El Bahari, actually, an architectural masterpiece raised to one of the greatest and most successful, powerful pharaohs of Egypt. Wind up your morning tour by visiting the Colossi of Memnon—enormous stone statues that have been guarded for millennia.

Afterward, return to the cruise to spend a leisurely afternoon relaxing onboard, making full use of the luxurious facilities, lazing on the sun deck, or exploring Luxor on your own.

In the evening, enjoy a gourmet dinner onboard before spending your last night in Luxor—one that reaches back to the sights and experiences of this journey.

#### 8 Last Day at the Elite Nile Cruise

Enjoy your last breakfast on board the

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, and enjoy these last minutes of gracefulness which this journey has embarked on since its departure up the Nile. Immediately after breakfast, it's time for disembarkation.

As you step ashore, don't forget to carry with you these irreplaceable memories of ancient wonders, serene landscapes, and incomparable comfort and hospitality reaped during the past eight days. Safe travels, and may your adventures continue!

## INCLUSIONS

- Accommodation in luxurious cabins with panoramic glass windows.
- Individually controlled air conditioning in each cabin
- Private bathroom with shower
- Color TV and telephone in each cabin
- In-cabin music system and minibar
- Safe deposit box in each cabin
- Access to the one-sitting restaurant serving international cuisine
- Lounge and discotheque for evening entertainment
- Panoramic bar lounge with stunning views

### EXCLUSIONS

- Personal expenses such as additional minibar usage
- Any optional excursions or activities not mentioned in the itinerary
- Personal telephone calls from the cabin
- Tips and gratuities

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Luxor Temple
- Edfu Temple
- Kom Ombo Temple
- Aswan High Dam
- Unfinished Obelisk
- Aswan Botanical Garden
- Valley of the Kings
- The Mortuary temple of Hatshepsut
- Memnon Colossi

### **TOUR IMAGE**



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