

# **Journey Through Ancient Egypt: 7 nights/ 8 days Nile Cruise from Aswan to Luxor**

Embark on a timeless voyage down the Nile, tracing the path of the pharaohs from Aswan to the monumental city of Thebes (Luxor). This 7-night classic cruise blends profound historical discovery with serene river travel.

- **Tips for Your Trip:** This itinerary involves significant walking at archaeological sites, often on uneven ground. Comfortable shoes, sun protection, and water are essential. The sailing schedule and overnight mooring locations are subject to change based on river and lock conditions

# Day 1: Embarkation & The Island of Isis

- **Activity:** Board your cruise ship in **Aswan**. Begin your exploration with a visit to the exquisite **Philae Temple**. Accessed by a short motorboat ride, this temple complex dedicated to the goddess Isis was rescued from the rising Nile and rebuilt on Agilkia Island, showcasing stunning Ptolemaic architecture.
- **Evening:** Overnight docked in **Aswan**.

# Philae Temple



# Day 2: Modern Engineering & Ancient Ambitions

- **Morning:** Discover Aswan's modern history and ancient industry. Visit the **Aswan High Dam**, a pivotal 20th-century feat of engineering controlling the Nile's floodwaters. See the **Old Aswan Dam** and the fascinating **Unfinished Obelisk**, which offers a unique glimpse into ancient stone-cutting techniques.
- **Afternoon:** Set sail north, enjoying the scenic river views.
- **Evening:** Overnight moored at the tranquil **El Herdiab Island**.

# High Dam



# Old Aswan Dam



# Unfinished Obelisk



# Day 3: The Dual Temple & Sacred Quarries

- **Morning:** Sail to **Kom Ombo**.
- **Afternoon:** Visit the unique **Temple of Kom Ombo**, symmetrically dedicated to two gods: the falcon-headed Horus the Elder and the crocodile-headed Sobek. Explore its halls, see ancient mummified crocodiles, and enjoy its dramatic riverside location.
- **Late Afternoon:** Continue sailing to the historic site of **El Silsila**.
- **Evening:** Overnight docked at **El Silsila**.

# The Dual Temple of Sobek & Haroeris



# Day 4: Sandstone Source & The Falcon's Citadel

- **Morning:** Explore **El Silsila**, the major sandstone quarry of ancient Egypt. Tour the cliff-side shrines and see the famous "Speos of Horemheb" cut into the rock.
- **Afternoon:** Sail to **Edfu**.
- **Late Afternoon:** Visit the incredibly well-preserved **Temple of Edfu**, the largest temple dedicated to the god Horus. Its colossal pylons, courtyard, and intact inner chambers make it one of Egypt's most complete ancient monuments.
- **Evening:** Overnight docked near **Edfu** (at El Fawaza Island).

# El Silsila Quarry & Riverside Shrines



# Temple of Horus



# Gebel El-Silsila



# Day 5: Sailing North & The Esna Lock

- **Day:** Relax on the sun deck as your ship sails towards Luxor. Witness the fascinating process of passing through the **Esna Lock**, a modern gateway that regulates the river's flow.
- **Evening:** Arrive in **Luxor**, the ancient city of Thebes, for an overnight stay.

# Esna Lock



# Day 6: Thebes' Necropolis – City of the Dead

- **Full Day Exploration:** Cross to the **West Bank of Luxor** to explore the vast Theban Necropolis. Highlights typically include the **Valley of the Kings** (entrance to three tombs included, often excluding Tutankhamun's), the imposing **Temple of Hatshepsut** at Deir el-Bahari, and the towering **Colossi of Memnon**.
- **Evening:** Overnight docked in **Luxor**

# West Bank: Valley of the Kings & Queens



# West Bank: Temple of Hatshepsut



# West Bank: Colossi of Memnon



# Day 7: Thebes' Grandest Monuments – Karnak & Luxor

- **Morning:** Visit the colossal **Karnak Temple Complex**, a vast open-air museum and the largest religious site in the ancient world. Walk through the awe-inspiring Great Hypostyle Hall with its 134 massive columns.
- **Afternoon/Evening:** Explore the elegant **Luxor Temple**, beautifully located on the Corniche. Its grandeur is especially captivating at dusk when the stones are illuminated.
- **Evening:** Final overnight on board in **Luxor**.

# East Bank: Karnak Temple



# East Bank: Luxor Temple



# Day 8: Disembarkation

**Morning:** After breakfast, disembark from your cruise ship in **Luxor**, concluding your journey through millennia of history.

- **Travel Notes:** This itinerary provides a general framework; the order of visits on specific days may be adjusted by your tour operator. Comfortable walking shoes, sun protection, and water are essential for daily excursions