

Journey Through Time: 7 nights/ 8 Days Nile Cruise from Luxor to Aswan

This detailed itinerary outlines your classic 7-night voyage, immersing you in the awe-inspiring monuments of ancient Egypt while enjoying the tranquil pace of 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 & Thebes' Grandest Sanctuary

- **Activity:** Embark on your cruise ship in Luxor. Your journey begins with a visit to the **Karnak Temple Complex**, the largest religious building ever constructed. Walk through the towering Great Hypostyle Hall and explore the vast precinct dedicated to the god Amun-Ra.
- **Evening:** Overnight docked in **Luxor**.

East Bank: Karnak Temple



Day 2: Thebes' Necropolis & The Evening Temple

- **Morning:** Cross the Nile to explore the **West Bank of Luxor**. Discover the Valley of the Kings (tombs of pharaohs like Tutankhamun), the imposing Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir el-Bahari, and the iconic Colossi of Memnon.
- **Afternoon/Evening:** Visit the elegant **Luxor Temple**, magnificently illuminated at night. Stroll through its courtyard and colonnades built by Amenhotep III and Ramesses II.
- **Overnight:** Docked in **Luxor**.

West Bank: Valley of the Kings & Queens



West Bank: Temple of Hatshepsut



West Bank: Colossi of Memnon



East Bank: Luxor Temple



Day 3: Sailing South & The Esna Lock

- **Day:** Relax on deck as your ship sails south towards Edfu, passing through the **Esna Lock**—an interesting feat of modern engineering.
- **Evening:** Overnight docked near **Edfu** (at El Fawaza Island).

Esna Lock



Day 4: The Falcon God's Home & Sailing to a Quarry

- **Morning:** Visit the remarkably well-preserved **Temple of Edfu**, dedicated to the falcon god Horus. Its colossal pylons, courtyard, and hypostyle halls are among the most complete in Egypt.
- **Afternoon:** Sail to the historic site of **El Silsila**.
- **Evening:** Overnight docked at **El Silsila**.

Temple of Horus



Day 5: Ancient Quarries & The Riverside Temple

- **Morning:** Explore **El Silsila**, the ancient sandstone quarry that provided material for many temples. See the rock-cut shrines and stelai carved for pharaohs and officials.
- **Afternoon:** Sail to **Kom Ombo**.
- **Evening:** Overnight docked near Kom Ombo (at El Ramady Island).

El Silsila Quarry & Riverside Shrines



Gebel El-Silsila



Day 6: Dual Divinity & The Island Sanctuary of Isis

- **Morning:** Visit the unique **Temple of Kom Ombo**, dedicated to two gods: the crocodile-headed Sobek and the falcon-headed Horus the Elder. Its symmetrical design and Nile-side location are stunning.
- Sail to **Aswan**. Upon arrival, take an air conditioned bus then motorboat to **Philae Temple**, dedicated to the goddess Isis. This beautiful complex was meticulously relocated to Agilkia Island to save it from the rising waters of the Nile.
- **Evening:** Overnight docked in **Aswan**

Philae Temple



The Dual Temple of Sobek & Haroeris



Day 7: Modern Marvels & Ancient Ambitions

- **Tour:** A sightseeing tour in Aswan covers three key sites:
 - The **Aswan High Dam**, a pivotal 20th-century engineering project.
 - The **Old Aswan Dam** (also known as the Low Dam).
 - The **Unfinished Obelisk**, a massive granite obelisk still attached to the bedrock, offering incredible insight into ancient stone-working techniques.
- **Evening:** Final overnight on board in **Aswan**.

High Dam



Old Aswan Dam



Unfinished Obelisk



Day 8: Disembarkation

- **Morning:** After breakfast, disembark from your cruise ship in Aswan, concluding your journey through ancient history.