

Voyage Through the Ages: 7 nights/ 8 Days Nile Cruise from Luxor to Aswan via Dendera

Embark on an extended journey down the Nile, combining the classic southern route with an exceptional northern excursion to the sacred sites of Abydos and Dendara. This 7-night long cruise offers a deeper immersion into Egypt's pharaonic legacy.

- **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 by Night

- **Activity:** Board your cruise ship in **Luxor**. Begin your adventure by exploring the east bank of ancient Thebes. Stand in awe amidst the colossal columns of the **Karnak Temple Complex**, then witness the graceful beauty of **Luxor Temple**, often spectacularly illuminated after dark.
- **Evening:** Overnight docked in **Luxor**.

East Bank: Karnak Temple



East Bank: Luxor Temple



Day 2: The Royal Necropolis & Sailing North

- **Morning:** Cross the Nile to explore the **West Bank of Luxor**. Discover the famed **Valley of the Kings**, the majestic **Temple of Hatshepsut** carved into the cliffs at Deir el-Bahari, and the monumental **Colossi of Memnon**.
- **Afternoon:** Set sail northwards, a unique segment of this long cruise, traveling upstream towards **Dendara**.
- **Evening:** Overnight docked near **Dendara**.

West Bank: Valley of the Kings & Queens



West Bank: Temple of Hatshepsut



West Bank: Colossi of Memnon



Day 3: Pilgrimage to Osiris & The House of Hathor

- **Full Day Excursion:** Journey by road to the profoundly sacred site of **Abydos**, one of Egypt's oldest religious centers. Explore the magnificent **Temple of Seti I**, renowned for its exquisite reliefs and the mysterious Abydos King List.
- **Afternoon:** Return to **Dendara** to visit the incredibly preserved **Temple of Hathor**. Admire its stunning astronomical ceiling, secret crypts, and iconic Hathor-headed columns in this superb example of Ptolemaic architecture.
- **Evening:** Sail back south to **Luxor** for an overnight stay.

Temple of Seti I



Temple of Hathor



Day 4: A Day of Scenic Sailing

- **Day:** Relax and enjoy the ever-changing Nile landscapes as your ship sails south from Luxor towards **Edfu**. Watch rural Egyptian life unfold along the riverbanks from the sun deck.
- **Evening:** Overnight docked near **Edfu** (at El Fawaza Island).

Day 5: The Falcon God & Ancient Quarries

- **Morning:** Visit the immense and remarkably intact **Temple of Edfu**, dedicated to the god Horus. Its towering pylon gateway and complete inner halls offer a perfect glimpse into ancient Egyptian temple design.
- **Afternoon:** Sail to the historic quarry site of **El Silsila**. Explore the sandstone cliffs, cavernous quarries, and rock-cut shrines that supplied stone for great temples.
- **Late Afternoon:** Continue sailing to **Kom Ombo**.
- **Evening:** Overnight docked near Kom Ombo (at El Ramady Island).

El Silsila Quarry & Riverside Shrines



Temple of Horus



Gebel El-Silsila



Day 6: Dual Divinity & The Island of Isis

- **Morning:** Visit the unique riverside **Temple of Kom Ombo**, dedicated equally to the crocodile god Sobek and the falcon god Horus the Elder. See ancient surgical instruments carved on the walls and a crypt of mummified crocodiles.
- **Afternoon:** Sail to **Aswan**. Upon arrival, take a motorboat to the beautiful **Philae Temple** on Agilkia Island, a sanctuary to the goddess Isis saved from the rising Nile waters.
- **Evening:** Overnight docked in **Aswan**.

Philae Temple



The Dual Temple of Sobek & Haroeris



Day 7: Aswan's Monuments: Ancient & Modern

- **Tour:** Explore Aswan's key sites: the modern **Aswan High Dam**, a pivotal piece of 20th-century infrastructure; the earlier **Old Aswan Dam**; and the fascinating **Unfinished Obelisk**, which reveals the advanced stone-working techniques of the ancients.
- **Evening:** Final overnight on board in **Aswan**.

High Dam



Old Aswan Dam



Unfinished Obelisk



Day 8: Disembarkation

- **Morning:** After breakfast, disembark in **Aswan**, concluding your extensive Nile journey.

- **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