

Begin your Nile journey

Island temples, monumental statues and your first evening on the river.

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Aswan

You will be collected from your hotel or Aswan International Airport and meet your private driver and Egyptologist guide before beginning today's sightseeing.



- **Philae Temple** - Explore a beautiful island sanctuary dedicated to the goddess Isis.

After today's tour, you will be taken to the cruise ship. Check in, enjoy dinner and the night's entertainment onboard.

DOMESTIC FLIGHTS

Flights from Cairo to Aswan can be included on request.

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Abu Simbel & Kom Ombo

An early start at approximately 5:00 AM takes you south to Abu Simbel by private vehicle. The drive normally takes around three to four hours each way.



- **Abu Simbel Temple** - Stand before the colossal rock-cut temple built by Ramses II.
- **Temple of Nefertari** - Visit the neighbouring Temple of Hathor, dedicated to Ramses II's beloved wife, Queen Nefertari.

Return to Aswan and rejoin the Nile cruise. Enjoy lunch onboard and begin sailing north towards Kom Ombo.

- **Kom Ombo Temple** - Explore this unique riverside double temple dedicated to the gods Sobek and Horus.

Return to the ship for dinner and enjoy the night's entertainment onboard.

Temples, tombs and timeless Luxor

Sail through Esna, explore Luxor's great temples and discover the royal West Bank.

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Edfu & Luxor East Bank

Enjoy breakfast onboard before or after your private guided visit to Edfu Temple.



- **Edfu Temple** - Discover the Temple of Horus, one of Egypt's best-preserved ancient sanctuaries. Return to the cruise ship, enjoy lunch onboard and continue sailing towards Luxor.

- **Esna Lock** - Relax on the sun deck as the ship passes through the lock and local vendors in small boats draw alongside to sell their products and haggle with guests.

On arrival in Luxor, meet your private driver and Egyptologist guide to explore:

- **Karnak Temple Complex** - Walk through the largest ancient religious complex in the world, renowned for its forest of 134 gigantic columns.
- **Luxor Temple** - Discover a masterpiece of ancient Egypt, with graceful columns, monumental statues and an atmospheric riverside setting.

Return to the ship for dinner and enjoy the night's entertainment onboard.

CRUISE TIMING

If the ship reaches Luxor after 3:30 PM, Karnak Temple will move to Day 4.

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Luxor West Bank

After breakfast, check out from the cruise ship and begin your private guided exploration of Luxor's legendary West Bank.



- **Valley of the Kings** - Enter the royal burial ground of New Kingdom pharaohs, used from approximately 1550 to 1070 BC.
- **Queen Hatshepsut Temple** - Admire the dramatic terraced temple honouring one of Egypt's most powerful female pharaohs.
- **Colossi of Memnon** - Pause for photographs beside the two towering statues of Amenhotep III that have stood for more than 3,400 years.

At the end of today's tour, take a private transfer to your hotel or Luxor International Airport. Flights from Luxor to Cairo can be included on request.

OPTIONAL HOT AIR BALLOON

Begin before sunrise and soar above Luxor's West Bank before returning for breakfast and the day's tour. Flights are subject to weather and availability and are offered at an additional cost.

AN UNFORGETTABLE DAWN

RISE ABOVE LUXOR



OPTIONAL HOT AIR BALLOON EXPERIENCE

Begin before sunrise and float above Luxor's West Bank as the first light reveals ancient temples, fertile fields and desert mountains below.

● **PRE-DAWN PICKUP**

Timed around your Day 4 touring

● **RETURN BEFORE BREAKFAST**

Continue with the West Bank itinerary

● **WEATHER DEPENDENT**

Subject to availability and conditions

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