# On the Steigenberger Omar El Khayam Nile Cruiser, explore the delights of Aswan.

**Price Starting From: \$1180** 

5 Days / 4 Nights Aswan / Abu Simbel Egypt One Country One City Every Monday

Aswan is a mesmerizing city, known for its rich historical significance and stunning ancient landmarks. It attracts countless tourists daily due to its grand ancient sites and natural beauty. Explore this captivating city through a luxurious 5-star cruise on Lake Nasser aboard the Steigenberger Omar El Khayam.

Your **Egypt tour** could begin at Abu Simbel, home to two awe-inspiring temples built by Ramses II for himself and his beloved Queen Nefertari. These monumental structures, which took around 20 years to complete, represent the pinnacle of ancient Egyptian architecture from the New Kingdom era.

Located along the Nile, Aswan and <u>Abu Simbel</u> are famed for their tranquility and historical treasures, including the High Dam, Philae Temple, and the iconic temples of Ramses II and Nefertari.

Set sail on a <u>Nile cruise</u> that showcases the majestic wonders of Egypt, from the Pyramids of Giza to the awe-inspiring temples of Luxor, all while enjoying top-tier accommodations and world-class cuisine. This journey will immerse you in Egypt's ancient splendor and modern luxury.

## Overview Inclusion

- Meet and assist upon your arrival and departure, with our representatives on hand.
- Dedicated staff support throughout your Egypt tour.
- All transfers during the Egypt tour are provided by air-conditioned vehicles.
- Accommodation at the 5-star Steigenberger Omar El Khayam Lake Cruise Hotel with full board.
- A Nile cruise, as mentioned, is included in the tour of Egypt.
- Entry tickets and fees for all the highlighted sites between Aswan and Abu Simbel.
- An expert English-speaking guide for the duration of your trip to Egypt.
- All service charges and taxes are included.
- Optional shopping during a sightseeing tour in Aswan.
- Snack stops upon request.
- Enjoy a refreshing drink at a local café during day tours, time permitting.

#### **Exclusion**

- Any additional items not listed in the itinerary.
- Gratuities are not included in the prices for Nile River cruises in Egypt for 2024/2025.
- Beverages during meals are not included.

#### **Itinerary**

### Day 1: Hi from Aswan

Upon your arrival in Aswan, our welcoming team will greet you at the airport and assist with your luggage, ensuring a seamless transfer to your hotel. Once settled into your cozy accommodations, take a moment to unwind and recharge.

After a short rest, delight in a flavorful lunch at the hotel, where the finest local ingredients are beautifully presented. Following your meal, you'll have the afternoon at your leisure—whether that means exploring the charming surroundings at your own pace or simply lounging by the pool.

As the evening approaches, indulge in a gourmet dinner prepared by our expert chefs. While savoring your meal, enjoy the stunning view of Lake Nasser as the sun sets, casting a serene glow over the horizon—a peaceful prelude to the thrilling discoveries that await in the coming days.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 2: Explore the Jewels of Aswan

This itinerary begins with a delicious breakfast at the hotel, followed by an expertly guided tour of <u>Aswan's</u> fascinating historical landmarks.

Your journey starts at <u>Kalabsha Temple</u>, a Roman-era structure devoted to the Nubian god Mandulis. Renowned for its detailed carvings and hieroglyphics, your guide will shed light on its importance in the ancient Egyptian belief system and its unique architectural features.

Next, you'll explore **Beit El Wali**, a remarkable temple constructed by Ramses II. This site is famed for its intricate reliefs illustrating Ramses' military campaigns and daily life, showcasing his divine association. Your guide will delve into the temple's ancient rituals and explain its historical and architectural significance.

Following lunch, you'll continue to the legendary <u>Temple of Abu Simbel</u>, one of Egypt's most iconic archaeological treasures. Carved into the mountainside during Ramses II's reign, this colossal structure includes four towering statues of the pharaoh and remarkable wall carvings that narrate his military triumphs and deep devotion to the gods. Your guide will share the temple's rich history, including its impressive relocation to protect it from the rising waters of Lake Nasser during the construction of the Aswan High Dam.

The day concludes with a visit to <u>Wadi El Sebou</u>, a stunning desert landscape featuring ancient rock-cut tombs and temples. As the sun sets, enjoy a delightful dinner and reflect on the extraordinary wonders you've encountered throughout the day.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 3: Exploring Nubia for a Day

This tour begins with a fulfilling breakfast at the hotel, setting the stage for an immersive day of discovery. Afterward, you'll meet your expert guide, who will lead you on an exploration of the captivating region of **Nubia**.

The first destination is <u>Wadi El Sebou</u>, celebrated for its ancient rock carvings and ruins. As you explore, your guide will offer insight into the site's connection to <u>Ramses II</u> and its broader historical significance. Next, you'll visit the <u>Amada Temple</u>, a masterpiece from the reign of <u>Thutmose III</u>. Famous for its exquisite hieroglyphics and frescoes, this temple provides a fascinating glimpse into ancient Egyptian religious beliefs and rituals. Your guide will dive deep into the temple's historical context, narrating the stories depicted in the detailed carvings.

After your exploration, indulge in a delightful lunch at a nearby restaurant, where you'll enjoy authentic Egyptian cuisine with traditional dishes that capture the essence of local flavors.

In the afternoon, the journey continues with scenic views of Lake Nasser, an essential water source for the region, and its surrounding landscapes. As you take in the breathtaking scenery, the cultural legacy of Nubia and its importance to Egypt's history will come to life, leaving you with cherished memories.

The day winds down with a relaxing dinner back at the hotel, giving you time to reflect on the day's discoveries and the rich history you've encountered.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 4: Nile Cruise Tour

Begin your day with a delightful breakfast buffet as your cruise sets sail toward a site steeped in history, showcasing monuments from various periods of ancient Egypt. One of the notable highlights includes the tombs of Nubian rulers from the era of Pharaoh Thutmosis III. While these remarkable tombs can only be viewed from the outside, your guide will share captivating stories about their significance and the legacies of the rulers who once governed this extraordinary region.

As your journey continues, sail onward to the awe-inspiring Abu Simbel. This world-renowned temple complex, carved into the mountainside during the reign of Pharaoh Ramses II, features two magnificent temples—one dedicated to Ramses II himself and the other to his beloved queen, Nefertari. The grand rock reliefs and colossal statues not only reflect the exceptional artistry of the time but also commemorate Ramses' historic victory at the Battle of Kadesh. This site offers a profound glimpse into the power, spirituality, and architectural brilliance of ancient Egypt.

After exploring Abu Simbel, return to the ship for a relaxing lunch, allowing you to reflect on the marvels you've just witnessed. As the day transitions into the evening, enjoy a lavish dinner onboard, enveloped by the peaceful beauty of the Nile. The gentle sounds of the river and breathtaking surroundings will elevate your journey, as you continue this unforgettable adventure through Egypt.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 5: Going away from Aswan

On your last day in Egypt, enjoy a delightful breakfast on the cruise while soaking in the final scenic views of the Nile, reflecting on the remarkable journey you've experienced in this timeless land. After breakfast, you'll check out and prepare for your departure.

Depending on your flight schedule, you may have the chance to explore the vibrant markets in Aswan. Here, you can hunt for unique souvenirs and traditional crafts, allowing you to capture the essence of Egyptian culture one last time before leaving. From intricately designed jewelry to handwoven textiles, these markets offer a perfect opportunity to find memorable keepsakes that represent Egypt's rich heritage.

Once you finish your market visit, our team will assist you with your transfer to the airport, ensuring a smooth and hassle-free departure. As you travel home, you'll carry with you unforgettable memories of ancient temples, stunning landscapes, and serene moments along the Nile. Though your adventure in Egypt comes to an end, the stories and experiences you've collected will remain with you long after your return. Wishing you safe travels!

Meals: Breakfast