Take in the Steigenberger Omar El Khayam Nile Cruiser's Magnificence of Aswan Landmarks.

Price Starting From: \$1180

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

With **Egypt Tours**, immerse yourself in the elegance and rich history of Egypt on the unforgettable 5-day Steigenberger Omar El Khayam cruise, where luxury seamlessly intertwines with heritage. This captivating journey along the Nile offers an in-depth exploration of Egypt's cultural treasures, featuring expertly curated tours that highlight the ancient landmarks that line the river. One of the most awe-inspiring stops is the renowned **Abu Simbel temples**, celebrated for their monumental architecture and profound historical significance, providing insight into the grandeur of Egypt's ancient past.

On board the Steigenberger Omar El Khayam, you'll indulge in first-class comfort with spacious cabins, exquisite dining experiences, and modern amenities designed to ensure a relaxing and enjoyable stay. Each meal is a culinary delight, showcasing the rich flavors of Egyptian cuisine. Throughout the cruise, knowledgeable Egyptologists will guide you through the fascinating stories of ancient Egyptian civilizations, offering insights that truly bring history to life as you visit each remarkable site along the way.

As you glide along the serene waters of the <u>Nile</u>, take in the breathtaking landscapes that unfold around you, from lush riverbanks to majestic temples and monuments. The blend of exploration and relaxation makes this cruise an ideal way to experience Egypt's historical legacy and its natural beauty. You'll have plenty of opportunities to engage with the local culture, enhancing your journey with authentic experiences.

The 5-day itinerary promises not only stunning views and enriching encounters but also meaningful connections to the ancient world. Each moment spent on this enchanting cruise will create lasting memories, ensuring your time in Egypt is filled with wonder and discovery. Prepare to be captivated by the charm and mystery of one of the world's most extraordinary destinations.

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: Aswan Day Tour

Upon your arrival in Aswan, our friendly team will greet you at the airport and assist you with your luggage, ensuring a seamless transfer to your hotel. Once you're settled into your comfortable accommodations, take some time to unwind and refresh after your journey.

After a brief rest, indulge in a delightful lunch at the hotel, where the rich local flavors are expertly presented. Following your meal, you have the afternoon free to explore the beautiful surroundings at your leisure or enjoy some relaxation by the pool.

As evening approaches, treat yourself to a gourmet dinner crafted by our skilled chefs. While you savor your meal, take in the stunning views of Lake Nasser as the sun sets, creating a serene atmosphere that perfectly sets the stage for the exciting adventures that lie ahead in the coming days.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2: Finding Aswan's Treasures

Start your day with a delicious breakfast at the hotel, preparing you for an exciting exploration of <u>Aswan's</u> historical treasures. After your meal, your knowledgeable guide will meet you to begin an immersive journey through Egypt's ancient past.

Your first stop is the magnificent **Kalabsha Temple**, which stands out for its unique location and impressive sandstone structure. Built during the Roman period and dedicated to the Nubian god Mandulis, this temple features exquisite carvings and hieroglyphics that showcase the fusion of Egyptian and Nubian architectural styles. As you stroll through the temple, your guide will enlighten you about its significance in the context of the ancient Egyptian belief system.

Next, you'll visit **Beit El Wali**, an important site built by Ramses II. This temple features intricate reliefs depicting scenes from the pharaoh's military campaigns and daily life. Unlike many other temples, Beit El Wali was specifically constructed to honor the deities and emphasize Ramses' power and divine connection. Your guide will share captivating stories about the temple's role in ancient rituals and its architectural significance. Afterward, enjoy a flavorful lunch at a local restaurant, where you can indulge in traditional Egyptian dishes made from fresh, local ingredients.

In the afternoon, head to the remarkable <u>Temple of Abu Simbel</u>, one of the most iconic archaeological sites in the world. Carved out of a mountainside during Ramses II's reign, this grand temple features four colossal statues of the pharaoh at the entrance, symbolizing his power and divine authority. Inside, the temple is adorned with stunning wall carvings that tell the story of Ramses' victories and devotion to the gods. Your guide will explain the temple's fascinating history, including its relocation during the construction of the Aswan High Dam to prevent it from being submerged.

Wrap up your day with a visit to <u>Wadi El Sebou</u>, an area known for its breathtaking desert landscapes and historical significance. This site features ancient rock-cut tombs and temples that offer insights into the lives of the ancient Egyptians. Your exploration here will allow you to appreciate the natural beauty of the region while learning about its rich history. As the day comes to a close, return to your hotel for a delightful dinner, reflecting on the incredible sights and experiences of the day.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3: Nubia's Wonders

Start your day with a hearty breakfast at the hotel, energizing yourself for another exciting day tour in Egypt. Afterward, meet your expert guide and set out to explore the captivating region of Nubia.

Your first destination is <u>Wadi El Sebou</u>, renowned for its stunning rock carvings and ancient ruins. As you wander through this archaeological wonder, you'll learn about the site's historical significance and its connection to <u>Ramses II</u>. Marvel at the intricate engravings that depict scenes from daily life, mythology, and royal achievements, gaining a deeper insight into the ancient Nubian civilization.

Next, visit the <u>Amada Temple</u>, a magnificent structure dedicated to the sun god <u>Amon Ra</u> and built during the reign of <u>Thutmose III</u>. The temple is known for its beautifully preserved hieroglyphics and vibrant frescoes, which provide a fascinating glimpse into the religious practices and beliefs of ancient Egyptians. Your guide will share in-depth details about the temple's historical context and the stories intricately carved into its walls, highlighting its importance as a center of worship.

After your explorations, enjoy a flavorful lunch at a local restaurant, where you can savor authentic dishes that represent the rich culinary heritage of Egypt. Whether it's traditional koshari, fresh falafel, or aromatic grilled meats, each dish will give you a taste of local flavors.

In the afternoon, continue your journey with scenic views of Lake Nasser as you visit more historical sites in the area. This vast reservoir is not only a vital water source but also offers stunning vistas of the surrounding landscapes. As you explore the remnants of ancient civilizations, you'll develop a deeper appreciation for the cultural legacy of **Nubia** and its role in Egypt's history.

End the day with a relaxing dinner back at your hotel, where you can reflect on the rich experiences and discoveries you've made throughout your journey. Each moment spent exploring Egypt's treasures is sure to leave you with lasting memories, enriching your understanding of this remarkable land.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4: Nile Cruise Tour

Start your day with a delightful breakfast buffet as you cruise towards Qasr Ibrim, a site steeped in historical significance, featuring monuments that represent various eras of Egyptian history. Among the highlights are the tombs of Nubian rulers from the reign of Pharaoh Thutmosis III. Although the site can only be admired from the exterior, your guide will provide valuable insights into its importance and the legacies of those who once ruled this remarkable area.

Continuing your journey, sail onward to the awe-inspiring Abu Simbel. This world-renowned temple complex, intricately carved into a mountainside during the reign of Pharaoh Ramses II, features two magnificent temples. One temple is dedicated to Ramses II himself, while the other honors his beloved queen, Nefertari. The striking rock reliefs and colossal statues not only showcase extraordinary architectural skills but also celebrate Ramses' triumph in the historic Battle of Kadesh. This UNESCO World Heritage Site offers a breathtaking glimpse into ancient Egypt's power and artistry.

After your exploration of Abu Simbel, return to the ship for a relaxing lunch, allowing you to reflect on the wonders you've just witnessed. As the day winds down, indulge in a luxurious dinner onboard, surrounded by the tranquil beauty of the Nile. The soothing sounds of the river and the stunning views will enhance your experience as you continue your unforgettable adventure through Egypt.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5: Say Bye From Aswan

On your final day in Egypt, enjoy a delicious breakfast onboard the cruise, taking in the last scenic views of the Nile as you reflect on your incredible journey through this timeless land. After breakfast, you'll check out and prepare for your departure.

Depending on the timing of your flight, you may have a chance to visit the vibrant local markets in Aswan. Here, you can browse for unique souvenirs and traditional crafts, allowing you to capture the essence of Egyptian culture one last time before your departure. From handwoven textiles to intricate jewelry, these markets offer a perfect opportunity to find memorable keepsakes that reflect the rich heritage of Egypt.

Following your market visit, our team will assist you with your transfer to the airport, ensuring a seamless and stress-free departure. As you make your way home, you'll carry with you the unforgettable memories of exploring ancient temples, admiring vibrant landscapes, and enjoying serene moments along the Nile. Though your adventure in Egypt concludes, the stories and experiences you've gathered will remain with you long after you've returned. Safe travels!

Meals: Breakfast