# Explore the beautiful landmarks through the Nile on Dolphin Nile cruise tour

**Price Starting From: \$610** 

4 Days / 3 Nights Aswan / Luxor Egypt One Country Two Cities

Get on a mesmerizing journey through the <u>history of Egypt</u> aboard the luxurious MS Nile Dolphin. This Nile cruise takes you deep into the heart of ancient Egypt, where each destination unveils a new chapter of the region's rich heritage. From magnificent temples to ancient tombs, the legacy of pharaohs and deities is intricately woven into every aspect of your adventure, showcasing the grandeur of <u>Egypt's History</u>.

Starting in <u>Aswan</u>, a city celebrated for its beauty and historical importance, you'll visit iconic sites like the Philae Temple and the Unfinished Obelisk. Aswan serves as a gateway to Nubian culture, making it the perfect launch point for your exploration of Egypt's southern treasures along the Nile.

Onboard the MS Nile Dolphin, our <u>Nile Cruise Tours</u> provide unmatched comfort and sophistication. As you glide along the Nile, indulge in first-class amenities, exquisite dining, and the expertise of knowledgeable guides who enhance your experience with fascinating insights into Egypt's extraordinary sites and history.

The journey concludes in <u>Luxor</u>, home to the Valley of the Kings, Karnak Temple, and the breathtaking Luxor Temple. Often called the world's greatest open-air museum, this city is filled with some of the most important monuments of ancient Egypt, offering a glimpse into a civilization that has profoundly influenced human history.

## Overview Inclusion

- Assistance was provided by the Cairo Top Tours tour manager upon arrival at Aswan Airport and departure from Luxor.
- Expert customer care throughout the 4-day Nile cruise.
- Modern air-conditioned vehicle transportation during the MS Nile Dolphin Nile Cruise.
- Full board accommodation on the Egypt Nile River Cruise.
- Private Egypt tours as specified in the itinerary.
- All admission fees and tickets to sites are included.
- Snack stops are available upon request.
- A soft drink at a local café during Egypt Day Tours (if time allows).
- Accredited Egyptologist guide is provided for all Egypt Travel Packages.
- Taxes and service charges are included in the Nile cruise from Aswan to Luxor.
- Shopping tours are available during excursions in Luxor and Aswan Sightseeing Tours (upon request).

#### **Exclusion**

- International airfare is not included.
- Personal spending is not covered.

- Optional tours are not included.
- Tipping is not included in the price of Egypt Tours Packages.
- Beverages during meals are not included

#### **Itinerary**

### Day 1: Check-in - High Dam - Philae Temple

Begin your luxurious Nile cruise adventure in Aswan, where the captivating landscapes of Egypt set the scene for an unforgettable exploration of ancient wonders. Throughout the day, delve into the ancient tale of **Horus and Osiris**, a key myth that represents the cycle of life, death, and rebirth, deeply embedded in Egyptian culture.

Your journey starts at the remarkable Aswan <u>High Dam</u>, a modern engineering marvel that has transformed Egypt's economy by regulating the Nile's waters and producing essential electricity. Next, visit the <u>Unfinished Obelisk</u>, an intriguing artifact that offers a rare insight into the monumental stoneworking techniques of ancient Egypt, left incomplete in its quarry. Discover the magnificent <u>Temple of Philae</u>, dedicated to the goddess Isis, which was meticulously relocated to Agilkia Island after the construction of the High Dam, preserving its ancient splendor.

At the center of the Temple of Philae is the goddess Isis, honored as the mother and protector. Her presence is felt throughout the temple, reflecting her significance in Egyptian mythology and spiritual life. As night approaches, continue your peaceful cruise from <u>Aswan to Luxor</u>, taking in the serene views of the Nile and its timeless beauty as you venture further into Egypt's ancient realm. Reflect on the legacy of <u>Queen Hatshepsut</u>, Egypt's second female pharaoh, renowned for her remarkable reign and ambitious architectural endeavors, which you will explore later during the cruise.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 2: Sailing to Edfu

On the second day, start a thoughtfully designed **Egypt Day Tour** that provides an in-depth exploration of the ancient sites along the Nile, merging history, mythology, and culture. Your first destination is the **Kom Ombo Temple**, a distinctive structure dedicated to two gods, exemplifying the symmetrical design and intriguing religious duality of ancient Egypt. One side of the temple is dedicated to **Sobek**, the crocodile god of fertility and guardian of the Nile, symbolizing the life-giving force of the river that nurtured Egyptian civilization.

Constructed during the <u>Ptolemaic Kingdom</u>, the Kom Ombo Temple showcases a blend of Egyptian and Greek influences, highlighting the cultural fusion that occurred under the Ptolemaic dynasty. The other side of the temple honors Haroeris, or Horus the Elder, the falcon-headed god associated with the sky and kingship, providing a striking contrast to Sobek's earthly realm.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 3: Edfu Temple - Karnak Temple - Luxor Temple

On the third day, explore the magnificent <u>Temple of Edfu</u>, dedicated to Horus. As one of Egypt's best-preserved temples, Edfu provides insight into the spiritual life of ancient Egyptians and their reverence for the falcon god.

Next, head to the West Bank of Luxor, where you'll encounter the <u>Colossi of Memnon</u>. These two monumental statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III stand as silent guardians over the remains of his expansive mortuary temple.

Conclude your day at the breathtaking **Karnak Temple in Luxor**, one of the largest religious complexes in the world. With its towering columns, sacred obelisks, and grand courtyards, Karnak exemplifies the power and magnificence of ancient Egyptian architecture.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

## Day 4: Luxor's Ancient Wonders and Departure

Enjoy your last breakfast aboard before disembarking the Nile cruise. You'll meet your guide in Luxor for a day of exploration, starting with the <u>Valley of the Kings</u>, a site famed for its <u>New Kingdom</u> royal tombs carved into the mountains.

Next, visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, a stunning architectural marvel built by Egypt's second female pharaoh. The tour also includes the Colossi of Memnon, two grand statues honoring Pharaoh Amenhotep III. After the excursion, you'll be transferred to <a href="Luxor Airport">Luxor Airport</a> or the railway station, depending on your preference. We hope your journey on the MS Nile Dolphin from Aswan to Luxor was unforgettable.

Meals: Breakfast.