## Abu Simbel and Aswan Tour from Luxor

**Price Starting From: \$260** 

2 Days / 1 Night Egypt Luxor

Aswan, located in southern Egypt, is renowned for its stunning natural beauty and rich historical significance. This popular travel destination offers visitors the chance to explore various attractions, including the impressive Aswan High Dam, the bustling Aswan Souk market, the intriguing Philae Temple, the remarkable Abu Simbel Temples, the vibrant Nubian Village, Elephantine Island, and a delightful sail on a traditional felucca.

Embarking on a multi-day journey along the Nile River allows you to experience the region's historical and cultural wealth. In Aswan, you'll visit the Philae Temple, dedicated to the goddess Isis, and marvel at the engineering feat of the High Dam. Continuing the adventure, you'll reach Abu Simbel, where the awe-inspiring temples of Ramses II and his beloved wife Nefertari stand. These rock-cut temples are a testament to the grandeur and artistic skill of ancient Egyptian architecture.

Abu Simbel is a highlight of any Egyptian tour, featuring temples carved into a mountainside during the reign of Pharaoh Ramses II in the 13th century BC. The main temple honors the gods Amun, Ra-Horakhty, and Ptah, while the smaller temple is dedicated to Queen Nefertari, Ramses II's favorite wife. Explore our Egyptian tours and book your extraordinary trip to Abu Simbel and Aswan from Luxor, visiting the Philae Temple, the Unfinished Obelisk, and the High Dam in Aswan.

#### Overview

#### Inclusion

- Pick-up and drop-off from your hotel in Luxor by Cairo Top Tours guide.
- Private, air-conditioned vehicle for all transportation services.
- English-speaking Egyptologist tour guide for your Egypt day tours in Luxor.
- Entry tickets to the specified sites in Aswan and Abu Simbel temples.
- Lunch included during your Aswan day tours.
- One-night accommodation in Aswan, including bed and breakfast.
- Bottled water or soft drinks provided during Luxor excursions.
- All taxes and service charges are included in the Luxor to Aswan and Abu Simbel tour.

#### **Exclusion**

- Any extras not listed in the itinerary for the Aswan and Abu Simbel two-day trip.
- Tipping is not included in the price of the Aswan Sightseeing Tours.
- Any additional excursions during the Luxor to Aswan and Abu Simbel tour.
- Prices are valid during Christmas, New Year, and Egypt Easter tours.

#### **Itinerary**

## Day 1: Abu Simbel and Aswan Tour from Luxor

Enjoy our exciting two-day Aswan and Abu Simbel tour with Cairo Top Tours. Your knowledgeable Egyptologist guide will greet you in your hotel lobby to kick off your fantastic adventure, one of the premier Egypt day tours in Luxor.

You'll head to Aswan, where you'll visit the Unfinished Obelisk, still resting in the granite quarries. Next, explore the High Dam, a massive structure built across the Nile in Aswan to control floods and generate electricity, completed in 1971. The reservoir, named after President Nasser, was filled in 1979.

Continue your journey to the impressive Philae Temple, dedicated to the goddess Isis, now located on Agilika Island south of the old Aswan Dam. Enjoy a felucca ride to the Nubian Village at the base of Elephantine Island, where you can experience the simple, natural life of the Nubian people. Finally, you'll be transferred to your Aswan hotel for check-in and a leisurely evening, spending the night in Aswan.

Included Meals: Lunch.

# Day 2: Abu Simbel Trip from Aswan

### Discovering the Grandeur of Abu Simbel on Day Two

On the second day of your captivating journey, you will continue your exploration of the Abu Simbel Temples, one of the most remarkable historical sites in Egypt. After a hearty breakfast box prepared by your Aswan hotel, you will embark on a day tour of this awe-inspiring destination, accompanied by your knowledgeable English-speaking guide and driver.

The two temples of Abu Simbel, commissioned by the mighty Pharaoh Ramesses II, stand as a testament to the majesty and grandeur of the New Kingdom era. These impressive structures were nearly lost to the rising waters behind the Aswan High Dam until an international salvage campaign led by the Egyptian government and UNESCO ensured their preservation.

Nubia held great importance to the ancient Egyptians, as it was a valuable source of gold and other precious trade goods. Ramesses II constructed these grand temples to impress upon the Nubian people the might of the Egyptian Empire and to further integrate the region into the Egyptian cultural sphere.

The larger of the two temples is dedicated to the four universal gods of Ptah, Re-Horakhty, Amun-Re, and Ramesses II himself, who were deified. The smaller temple is a tribute to Ramesses II's beloved wife, Queen Nefertari, and the goddess Hathor, who was the wife of the sun god. In this symbolic way, the two temples unite Ramesses II, Nefertari, Hathor, and the sun god Amun as one.

After you explore these awe-inspiring monuments, you will be transferred back to Aswan, and then continue your journey back to Luxor, having experienced one of the best day tours and activities that this captivating region has to offer.