# Steigenberger MS Minerva cruise 4 Days from Aswan

**Price Starting From: \$720** 

4 Days/ 3 Nights Aswan and Luxor Egypt Aswan and Luxor Every Monday

Start a new adventure and embark on a 5-star Nile cruise that will host you for four days, sailing from Aswan to Luxor. During the sailing, you will have the opportunity to see the temples and museums of the two fascinating cities. Enjoy a special hosting service with a friendly staff offering you various activities onboard to make your tour more fun. Live the experience of discovering the best of Aswan Day Tours, seeing the High Dam, the Unfinished Obelisk, and the Philae Temple.

Then, you will enjoy sailing to Edfu and Kom-Ombo temples, which are very unique with their history and architectural style. Moreover, your cruise will sail to Luxor to see the best part of Egypt Nile cruise tours, see the Luxor Temple and Karnak Temple, which are two of the most enchanting artifacts in Luxor. Your tour guide will make you learn more about the stories from the history of Egypt behind the west bank of Luxor parts such as the Valley of Kings and Hatshepsut Temple.

## Overview Inclusion

Enjoy a meet and assist service during your arrival and departure by Cairo Top Tours representatives.

Luxurious transportation services are to be provided by modern nonsmoking air-conditioned vehicles.

Enjoy 3 Nights of accommodation aboard the deluxe Steigenberger Minerva Egypt Nile River Cruise during your Classic tours in Egypt.

Private basis for your tours, as mentioned in the Egypt Travel Packages program.

Pre-booked entrance fees and entry tickets to the stated sites within the tour itinerary.

A certified and professional tour guide for all your Egypt day tours.

All service charges and taxes are included.

Stops for snacks upon request.

Shopping tours during the Excursions in Luxor and Aswan DayTours. (upon request)

#### **Exclusion**

Drinks during your Egypt Nile cruise Tours

Domestic and international flights

Tipping for the staff shows appreciation for the offered services

Any extra activities not mentioned in your itinerary

Extra tickets for the non-mentioned tombs

#### **Itinerary**

### Day1 : check in - Aswan Day tour

Our representatives will be waiting for you to transfer you from any chosen pick-up point in Aswan to meet your tour guide, starting your tour to discover the best of Aswan Day Tours. Our first destination will be the High Dam. It is considered the largest and the best project for water security in Egypt and the Middle East due to how large it is and its benefits for Egypt. When you visit it, you will be amazed by its hugeness and the number of liters of water inside it. It is controlling the flow of the Great Nile River that you can have the best Egypt Nile cruise tours along it.

Our second destination will be the unfinished obelisk. It is a massive obelisk carved from the red granite. Historians believe that it was made and carved to be put in the Karnak temple. It is characterized by the enchanting symbols and history carved on it. Indeed, it has been exposed to bad luck by finding cracks that can be fixed in its body. The obelisk dates back to the reign of Queen Hatshepsut, one of the most powerful queens of Egypt.

You will be transferred for this time using a different transportation method, the motorboat, to see one of the best and most preserved temples in Egypt, Philae Temple. The story of the temple starts like that it was dedicated to worship the goddess Isis, the owner of the famous myth in the history of Egypt. This beautiful temple has faced the danger of sinking under the water of the Nile River. The Egyptian government and UNESCO cooperated to move the temple to another island, Agilica Island, without any damage.

Finally, let's get back to our cruise to relax and spend the night enjoying the sailing along the Nile River.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

#### Day 2: see the best temples of Kom-Ombo and Edfu

Start your tour by being accompanied by your tour guide, who will lead you to discover the Kom-Ombo temple. The temple of Kom Ombo is located on a high hill overlooking on the Nile River. It was constructed during the Roman reign, Its walls include authentic Egyptian inscriptions.

The temple includes twenty-two mummified bodies of crocodiles. The temple is characterized by its unique construction style for being built upon two axes, each of which is self-contained; in addition, it was built to worship two deities of Sobek and Horus. The temple is now known for its developed project for lighting the temple at night. The temple columns' heads are very different from any other temple for having the shapes of Hathor, Palm Heads, Lotus Heads, and Papyrus Heads.

After visiting this great temple, you will see another fascinating temple of Edfu. The temple is considered one of the best preserved temples in Egypt; moreover, the temple is known as the temple of Horus, which is an Egyptian god with a falcon head.

According to one of the most famous Egyptian histories, the temple was built in the location where the fight between Seth and Horus took place. The temple combines the Egyptian traditional methods mixed with the Greek impressions. One of the important parts of the temple is the Birth house, or what is known as Mamisi, which is the location of the divine birth of the Hathor or the Egyptian Pharaoh. Your tour guide will explain the temple in detail for you and the stories behind each part.

Finally, you will back to your Nile cruise to rest and get ready to discover Luxor.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and dinner

#### Day 3: Start discovering the East bank of Luxor

Enjoy your different morning while your Nile cruise reaches Luxor after sailing. It is time to discover the magic of the pharaonic civilization by seeing the temple of Luxor. The temple has a very distinctive facade with six statues of the great King Ramses II. The temple is known for the existing mosque on the hill of it for the Sufi Abulhajjaj al-Aqsari, which reflects the coherence of the different civilizations in Egypt, making Luxor one of the best cities in Egypt travel packages.

People come from around the world through Egypt shore excursion tours to this fascinating city and its valuable temples, making up the history of Egypt. When you visit the Luxor Temple, you will see the Avenue of Sphinxes, which is a road leading to the Karnak Temple surrounded by sphinx statues on both sides. Then, you will see the temple of Karnak.

Your tour guide will show and explain the temple of Karnak for you, which is not one temple, but a complex of temples. The process of building the complex of Karnak temple continued for more than two thousand years. In the ancient ages, there was an event or a celebration called the Obet that was held in the Rams Road between it and the Luxor Temple for many days to celebrate a significant event. When you start going inside, the road starts to narrow until you reach to the holy place, or the holy of holies, where the location of the statue of the goddess is.

After being accompanied by your tour guide, who will explain all the details of the temple, you will be transferred to your Nile cruise to enjoy the show and the events on your cruise.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

## Day 4: Luxor West Bank Discovery

Enjoy the last breakfast of your Nile cruise and check out from your cruise o start your tour. Your tour guide will lead you to discover the mortuary temple of Hatshepsut, which consists of many floors. it was built by Senninmot, who was responsible for managing the possessions of the pharaohs, gaining the name of manager

of Amun's possessions. It is also known as the Hatshepsut temple; however, there is a part of it for her father Thutmose I. The temple is also known for its enchanting inscriptions and the stories on its walls narrating the historical trips to another country.

Then we will see the colossi of Memnon, which are two massive statues in the desert. Historians believe that there was a mortuary temple in this location. The two statues are made to represent the king Amenhotep III. The statue includes two women carved on the sides of the statue for King Amenhotep's mother and wife, which reflects the position and the appreciation of Egyptian women in society. Then, your tour guide will accompany you to see one of the most significant sites in Egypt, attracting visitors to the Valley of Kings during the Egypt Nile cruise tours to see its beauty.

The Valley of the Kings is the place where the Egyptian kings chose to be buried, it is not a usual place. It is a carefully chosen location away from any possible damage or the threat of being robbed. It exists on the west bank of the Nile River. The valley includes many tombs for great kings like Tutankhamen and Set I.The tombs are characterized by the fascinating beauty of their design, colours which were still colorful a thousand years ago.

Finally, you will be transferred to the airport or to Luxor train station.

Meals: Breakfast