## 5 Days Egypt Nile Cruise from El Gouna

**Price Starting From: \$0** 

5 Days Luxor/ Aswan Egypt Luxor. Aswan

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One excellent way to experience Egypt is on a Nile cruise. In addition to offering visitors an opportunity to experience some of the more isolated regions of the nation, it offers a distinctive viewpoint on the nation and its past.

Luxor, which is renowned for its ancient temples and tombs, and Aswan, which has numerous historic monuments that stretch back thousands of years, are just two of the most stunning places in Egypt that you will be able to explore on this incredible tour. After beginning your journey in El Gouna, you will travel to Luxor and Aswan, where you can engage in a variety of activities. For those who like to travel through Egypt in a completely immersive way, this journey is ideal. because you'll be able to admire some stunning landscapes, discover some historical sites, and visit places like Abu Simbel Temple and Philae Temple, which are closed to tourists. In addition, you'll have enough time to unwind on board and shop and explore Luxor and Aswan!

Egypt has charming locations like the Nile River and the desert, as well as interesting historic structures like the Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut in <u>Deir El-Bahri.</u> Egypt is a popular destination for tourists who want to see its beautiful sights and learn about its history.

# Overview Inclusion

Pick-up services by our tour leader from Cairo top tours.

Accommodation for four nights on board 5\* cruise on a full board basis.

Entrance fees and tickets to the mentioned sites.

All transports by an exclusive modern A/C vehicle.

Professional tour guide during all your Egypt Day Tours.

All Aswan and Luxor sightseeing tours mentioned are included.

Meals as mentioned in the itinerary.

Free bottled water during this 5 Days Nile Cruise tours from El Gouna.

All service charges and taxes are included in the price.

#### **Exclusion**

- International flight tickets.
- Any optional activities not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Optional excursions.
- Tipping is not included.

### **Itinerary**

# Day 1- Transefer from El Gouna to Luxor- the Nile Cruise Check-in- Luxor East tours

The first day of your 5-day Nile cruise from El Gouna will begin in the early morning when you'll be picked up at your hotel in Port Ghalib by our representative for your transfer to Luxor where you will accompany by a professional tour guide for a wonderful journey to the Luxor east bank tour visiting: Karnak Temple and the Luxor Temple.

Your first stop will be the Karnak Temple Complex, which was built over a period of more than 1,000 years by pharaohs of ancient Egypt: Amenhotep III, Ramses II, and Merenptah, and it served as a religious center for centuries. The temple is huge, covering over two square kilometers of land. It's also home to many important artifacts—including the famous Obelisk of Domitian—and it features a massive courtyard that's often used as a performance space for musicians and dancers. You'll have plenty of time to explore this amazing place on your own before heading off to see the other temples of Luxor.

Afterward, head to check-in on the Nile Cruise for lunch and relaxation onboard before joining your private guide once again for a great evening tour.

Your second stop will be one of the most beautiful temples in all of Egypt: Luxor Temple! Built during the New Kingdom period (1550-1070 BC), this temple sits along the Nile River and features some truly stunning architecture—in particular its Hypostyle Hall, which resembles an enormous tree with leaves made out of stone columns! The Temple is dedicated to Amun-Ra, who was worshipped as a god of creation and fertility. The temple consists of several structures that were used for different purposes throughout history; these include several pylons (gates), courts (open spaces) with columns, halls (rooms), and sanctuaries (places where gods could be worshiped).

Luxor temple was built by two great kings who were king Amenhotep III who built the inner part of the temple, then it was completed by king Ramses II who built the outer part of the temple including the triple shrine of Hatshpsut.

Finally, we will take you back to your cruise, where you can have dinner and overnight stay.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

## Day 2: Luxor west bank tours- Sail to Edfu

The second day of your Nile cruise from El Gouna will be a busy one as we will be exploring the west bank of Luxor. First, you'll take a tour of the valley of the kings and Hatshepsut temple before heading over to see the colossi of Memnon. You'll have time for shopping before boarding your boat to sail to Esna.

After breakfast onboard your Nile Cruise, start your day with a trip to the Valley of the Kings, one of the most famous archaeological sites in Egypt, and it contains some of the most beautiful and fascinating tombs in all of Egypt. This is a burial site that was used by several pharaohs from the New Kingdom period. The tombs were cut into the limestone cliffs in this area and are very well preserved. You'll see tombs that are beautifully decorated with hieroglyphics and sculptures of gods. And you will have time to explore these tombs on your own.

Next, visit Hatshepsut Temple, which was built during the time of Queen Hatshepsut (1473-1458 BC) who ruled alongside her husband Thutmose II (1481-1425). It's one of only two female pharaohs in Egyptian history, so it's especially significant for women! This temple sits on top of an artificial mountain and has some of the finest carvings in Egypt. The architecture is really interesting—you can see how it was built using columns and pillars to create a beautiful effect inside.

The tour concludes with a visit to The Colossi of Memnon: two giant statues that have been standing since ancient times which were built by Amenhotep III (1386-1349 BCE) and were moved from their original location where they were originally part of his funerary temple. These statues are 32 meters tall and are one of the most iconic images in Egypt today!

At the end of the day, you'll head over to Esna for a sail on Lake Nasser.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 3: Visit Edfu & Kom Ombo Temple- Sail to Aswan

After breakfast onboard your Nile cruise, you will continue sailing until you'll see the temples of Edfu and Kom Ombo. These are two of the most important temples in Egypt, and they have been around since at least the time of Ramesses II (1279-1213 B.C.).

Start with the Temple of Horus in Edfu, which was built in 237 BC and is dedicated to Horus, the falconheaded god who was both king of gods and lord of the sky. this temple was built by <a href="Ptolemy VII">Ptolemy VII</a> between 237 and 57 BCE, and it's considered one of the best-preserved temples in Egypt. It's located on the west bank of the Nile River, an hour away from Aswan. It's also famous for its reliefs that depict scenes from the Book of Gates (a book in the Egyptian Book of the Dead), which is why it's often called "the Temple of Millions of Years."

After visiting this temple, you will proceed to Kom Ombo temple, another ancient Egyptian temple that was carved out of a mountain during the Ptolemaic period. The temple itself is dedicated to two gods: Horus and Sobek—both of whom are important figures in Ancient Egyptian mythology.

In the end, return back to your Nile cruise where you will continue sailing until you reach Aswan city.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 4: Tour at Abu Simbel Temples

The day will start with breakfast on the cruise. After breakfast, we will proceed to Abu Simbel temple. The temple was built by Ramesses II during the New Kingdom. It was dedicated to his beloved wife Nefertari and their son, Ramses. The temple consists of four main temples, which are connected by a long hall known as "The Hypostyle Hall", which is decorated with scenes depicting the Battle of Kadesh, Ramesses II's victory over the Hittites in 1274 B.C., and other events from Egyptian history. The walls were also decorated with scenes from various religions including Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. There are also many statues inside these temples that are carved out of rock and depict ancient gods such as Isis and Osiris among others.

There is also a museum there that has information about Egypt's history and culture, as well as an area where you can see some artifacts from when they were building the temple.

After your tour at Abu Simbel Temples, we'll make our way back down south toward Aswan.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 5: Visit Aswan Attractions- end your Nile cruise from Port Ghalib

Today is the last day of your Nile cruise. In the morning, we will have breakfast onboard the cruise and check out to visit the High Dam, which is a massive structure built to regulate and control the flow of water from Lake Nasser. In recent years, it's become a popular tourist attraction for its impressive architecture and for providing a stunning view of Lake Nasser.

Next up, we'll go to Philae Temple—a beautiful structure with pharaohs' statues carved into its walls. This temple was once submerged in water but has since been excavated and restored as an archaeological site.

Finally, we'll visit an unfinished obelisk that was commissioned by Pharaoh Tuthmosis III in 1450 BC. The obelisk was never completed due to a lack of resources during construction; however, some parts of it were reconstructed in 1964 by UNESCO archaeologists who hope to finish what Tuthmosis III started.

You'll end your day at the port of Ghalib, where your Nile cruise will come to an end after 5 days of exploring Egypt's most famous river.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch