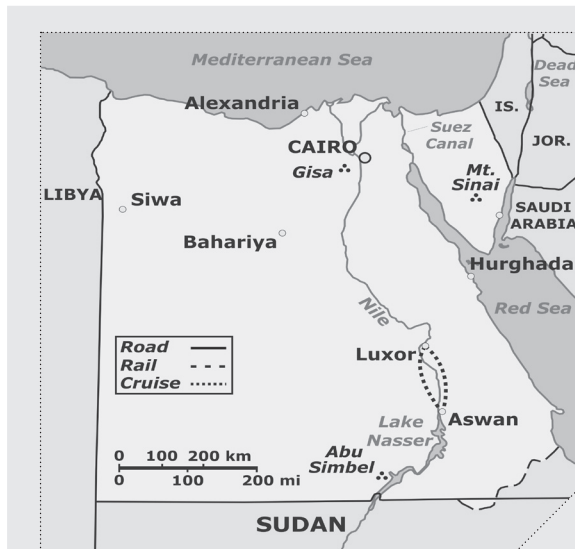


# Classic Nile Cruise



8 DAYS / PRIVATE TOUR / CRUISE /

Cutting through the desert, and lush farmland, the River Nile passes some of Egypt's most spectacular and well preserved ancient temples and tombs. This tour uses one of Egypt's famous Nile cruise boats (5-star deluxe level), sailing between Luxor and Aswan, where you experience the wonders of ancient Egypt as you go, enjoying all the comfort and luxury that modern Egypt has to offer. All sightseeing tours are private, with one of our own specialist Egyptologists, not joining the large boat groups.



**FLIGHT BOOKINGS AVAILABLE**  
See below for details

**We run this tour on private departures only. Call or check the website for dates and prices. Various tailor-made options are also available on request.**

Please see notes below or our website for details.

<b>FLIGHTS INCLUDED:*</b> ✗	<b>LOCAL PAYMENT:</b> ✗	<b>ENTRANCE FEES:</b> ✓	<b>AIRPORT TRANSFERS:</b> ✓
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## TOUR FACTS

<b>Tour Code:</b>	CUEGCN
<b>Group Size &amp; Age:</b>	Min. - 2 Max. - none / Min. age - none
<b>Travel Idea:</b>	Cruise
<b>Activity Level:</b>	Easy
<b>Comfort Rating:</b>	Luxury
<b>Accommodation:</b>	7 nights on a luxury Nile cruise boat
<b>Transport:</b>	A/C bus/minibus/car, cruiseboat,

## YOUR 8 DAY TOUR ITINERARY

- Day 1:** Arrive in Luxor. Transfer to cruise boat.
- Day 2:** Luxor - East Bank tour. Sail to Esna.
- Day 3:** Visit Esna temple. Sail to Edfu & tour the temple. Sail to Komombo.
- Day 4:** Sail to Aswan & tour to Philae temple, Aswan dam.
- Day 5:** Aswan - (Abu Simbel option) Island felucca trip (some boats leave for Komombo this afternoon).
- Day 6:** Sail to Komombo and tour the temple. Sail to Edfu, and on to Luxor.
- Day 7:** Luxor - (hot air balloon flight option) West Bank tour.
- Day 8:** Luxor - Free time. Transfer to airport for departure.

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## DETAILED ITINERARY

### DAY 1 / ARRIVE IN LUXOR

You arrive at Luxor airport where we greet and transfer you to your 5-star-deluxe Nile cruise boat. Our Egypt Uncovered rep. welcomes you, introduces you to your Egyptologist guide, and outlines the plan for the next few days.

**Note:** we send our own Egyptologist guides on the cruise boat so you get a personal private service for all of the sightseeing tours - you will not be joining the large groups and cruise boat guides.

You have your own en-suite, air-conditioned cabins (we book upper deck cabins wherever possible). The cruise boat has most of the facilities of a normal 5-star hotel, including a sun deck and swimming pool, and all your meals are included.

*Overnight on board Nile cruise boat in Luxor (L D).*

### DAY 2 / LUXOR, EAST BANK TOUR

After breakfast on the boat, we take you on a tour of the East Bank of Luxor. A hot air balloon flight is available this morning over the west bank if you wish.

The town of Luxor is built on and around the ancient site of Thebes, and boasts the largest concentration of ancient ruins in the Nile Valley. To the West of the Nile lies the City of the Dead, with its mortuary temples and rock-hewn tombs, whilst to the east lie the Temples of Luxor and Karnak. Your tour of the East Bank will include a visit to the Temple of Luxor, and the huge temple complex at Karnak. The great Temple of Amun at Karnak was once the religious centre of Thebes and Upper Egypt. It was linked to Luxor by an extensive avenue, which was lined with sphinxes, and the whole complex was in turn linked to the Nile via a canal through which moved the sacred boats of the god Amun. Entering through a smaller sphinx-lined avenue, built by Ramesses II, you come to the immense pylon entrance. Inside the huge Courtyard are

three chapels dedicated to the gods Amun, Khus and Mut. The remarkable Hypostyle Hall has 134 towering columns, each carved with scenes of gods and pharaohs, and hieroglyphic inscriptions adorn the walls. Lying 3 km to the south of Karnak in the centre of town, the Temple of Luxor was built by Amenophis III and later enlarged by Ramses II. The partially damaged statues inside all represent Ramses II, and it was he who built the colonnaded forecourt. The Colonnade and Court of Amenophis III are perhaps the most striking parts of the temple.

We leave Luxor this afternoon and sail to Esna, where there is a lock on the Nile at which we may need to wait a little as there are many boats passing up and down the river.

*Overnight on board Nile cruise boat in Esna (B L D).*

### DAY 2 EXTRA OPTIONS

#### Hot air balloon option

### DAY 3 / ESNA & EDFU TEMPLES. SAIL TO KOMOMBO

Our first tour today is to the temple at Esna. Esna was originally the site of a major temple to the god Khnum. It was later used for both Roman and Greek temples, and it is only these later structures that are visible today. Only the hypostyle hall has been excavated and other buildings from the original temple remain buried under the modern town. Leaving Esna, we sail upriver and stop at Edfu Temple, a well-preserved complex dedicated to the God Horus. We end the day a little further south, moored outside the temple of Komombo.

*Overnight on board Nile cruise boat in Komombo (B L D).*

### DAY 4 / ASWAN. PHILAE TEMPLE & ASWAN DAM

We arrive this morning in Aswan, which is Egypt's most southerly city and throughout history has controlled the trade routes both to the north and the south, and has acted as a gateway to and from Africa. Situated on the banks of the Nile it now lies at the northern end of Lake Nasser. This 360 mile long and 6 mile wide lake was

created after the building of the High Dam, and covers the area once occupied by the ancient kingdom of Nubia. The Nile here is at its most picturesque, with cascading rapids, lush green islands, and a myriad of feluccas sailing to and fro. The city is a melting pot of African and Middle Eastern cultures, which can most easily be experienced by wandering through the fascinating and exotic souqs, which assail the senses with a riot of colour, sound, and smell.

Your afternoon consists of a tour to the Temple of Philae, a complex dedicated to Isis and reclaimed from the rising waters of Lake Nasser, which we reach by boat. We also stop to visit the Aswan Dam.

*Overnight on board Nile cruise boat in Aswan (B L D).*

### DAY 5 / ASWAN, ISLAND FELUCCA TRIP

The morning is free for you to explore the town at your leisure, visit the Nubian Museum, or to take a flight to the remarkable temple of Abu Simbel (see options section below).

After lunch we take you on a tour of the islands around Aswan on a traditional Egyptian felucca sailboat, stopping at Kitchener Island, with its beautiful and peaceful botanical gardens.

We spend another night moored up in Aswan tonight.

**Note:** some boats may leave Aswan late this afternoon and spend the night in Komombo.

*Overnight on board Nile cruise boat in Aswan (B L D).*

### DAY 5 EXTRA OPTIONS

#### Abu Simbel option

### DAY 6 / SAIL TO LUXOR. TOUR KOMOMBO TEMPLE

We spend the full day sailing down the Nile today, with a stop en-route at Komombo, where there are the remains of a temple dedicated to the Gods Sobek and Haroeris. You can enjoy all the sights and sounds of rural Egyptian life passing by as you sail down the river. We arrive in Luxor late this evening.

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## DAY 7 / LUXOR, WEST BANK TOUR

After a very early breakfast, we take a tour to the West Bank of the Nile, starting with the Valley of the Kings. Another option to do the hot air balloon flight is available this morning.

In the Valley of the Kings, you will see several of the elaborately painted underground tombs in which the Pharaohs were buried. Your guide will choose the best tombs open during your visit (the entry ticket covers 3 tombs - extra visits are available to the tombs of Tutankhamun and Ramses V & VI for an extra fee paid locally). Next we take you to visit the unique three-tiered Mortuary Temple of Queen Hatchepsut. Dedicated to the God Amun this temple complex framed by towering cliffs is a wondrous sight. We then visit Medinat Habu, a temple of Ramses III, which is not on most tourist itineraries, but has some of the very deepest carved hieroglyphs, and the best preserved coloured wall paintings, really giving you an idea of how these Egyptian temples looked in their prime. Finally you will stop to see the Colossi of Memnon, two huge 50 feet high statues of King Amenhotep II, before returning to the cruise boat for lunch. The afternoon is free for you to relax or explore Luxor. The afternoon is free to relax on the boat, or explore the markets in Luxor to make a relaxing end to your tour.

*Overnight on board Nile cruise boat in Luxor (B L D).*

## DAY 7 EXTRA OPTIONS

**Hot air balloon option**

## DAY 8 / TOUR ENDS

Your tour ends after breakfast and we transfer you to the airport for your flight home. (B).

## DAY 8 EXTRA OPTIONS

**Extra nights in Luxor, Cairo Extension**

## SMALL GROUP, PRIVATE AND TAILOR-MADE TOURS

### SMALL GROUP DEPARTURES:

We do not run set group departures on this tour. However, we are able to offer private and tailor-made departures as detailed below.

### PRIVATE DEPARTURES:

As this is one of our Special Interest Tours we only run the tour privately. This does allow us to be a little more flexible with the tour itinerary.

### TAILOR-MADE TOURS:

This tour can also be used as a base for a private tailor-made itinerary, to be run on any dates. You can make adjustments as per your own requirements (for example, adding extra days, slightly shortening the tour, adding a scuba-diving course etc.).

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### OPTIONS:

#### Booking and paying for options:

Options are split into three types

A - Those that must be booked and paid for in advance (mainly accommodation based).

B - Those that may be booked in advance or in Egypt (generally things you may know you definitely want to do. eg. Abu Simbel option, hot air balloon flights)

C - Those that are arranged while you are in Egypt (eg. extra city tours, sound & light shows etc.). Leaving decisions about these until you get to Egypt gives you more flexibility and means you won't lose

out if you were to book an option in advance and then not do it.

### Prices:

Prices for all of these options are given on our website and/or in a separate Option Price List provided on your arrival in Egypt and from our UK office.

### A - ADVANCE BOOKING OPTIONS

These may be booked by selecting them on our online reservation form, and can also be added after you have made your booking, subject to availability at the time.

### Single room supplement

If you have any single travellers in your party, then generally they need to add this supplement option to cover a single room on the cruise boat. Triple rooms with 3 separate full size beds are not generally available on the cruise boat. Extra beds may be available for children to share their parents' room if required, however this will make the room feel rather cramped. Please contact us if you have any questions about room allocations and prices for your party.

### Extra days - Price: subject to hotel & party make-up

These are available on request in Luxor before and after the main tour. If you wish, you may book a hotel at a higher or lower level than that used on the tour. In this case, we can offer a transfer to/from the group hotel for a small charge (paid locally). Prices include a night in the hotel, breakfast, all taxes and your airport transfer. Single room supplements apply.

### B - OPTIONS BOOKABLE IN ADVANCE AND IN EGYPT

You will receive more information on all the options available to you while you are in Egypt in the Welcome Pack we provide on your arrival, together with information on how and when to book

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and pay for them with your guide or our local reps.

Prices are set in Egyptian Pounds but payments may also be made with hard currency (GB Pounds, Euros, US Dollars) at our local exchange rate at the time, which is set monthly. Credit card payments are also accepted in Luxor for these payments (3% fee). Once booked and paid for, these options are not refundable if you choose not to do them while on the tour.

## Abu Simbel tour

In the morning on Day 5, there is the option of an early morning tour to Abu Simbel. Lying 280 km south of Aswan this remarkable temple, dismantled and rebuilt stone by stone to escape the rising waters of Lake Nasser, stands as a testament to the greatness of the Pharaoh Ramses II, and to modern engineering.

We join the early morning convoy which departs at 04.30, returning to Aswan around midday (approx. 3 hours drive each way, with 2 hours at the temples). You do not miss out on any other activities.

## Hot air balloon flight

This runs early in the morning in Luxor, so that you catch the early morning sun while you float over the west bank of the Nile. The option price is based on using one of the first flights of the day to see the rising sun over the West Bank of the Nile, so it is a very early start. All transfers are included and you get around 1 hour in the air. You do not miss out on any other activities.

If flights are cancelled for any reason (eg. very strong winds), a refund will be provided.

**Note:** Please remember to check that your travel insurance will cover hot air balloon flights as many require you to book and pay for the flight in advance. The balloon operators we use are fully licensed and insured - you may see cheaper options advertised locally for later start times and with operators which don't have all this cover in place.

## C - OPTIONS BOOKABLE IN EGYPT

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Sound & Light show at Karnak Temple (Luxor)

## INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE TOUR:

- Accommodation
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- All transfers, including 24-hour airport transfer service
- Tours & guides as indicated on the itinerary
- Entrance fees to all sites mentioned in the itinerary
- All transport
- Tipping Kitty

## NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE TOUR:

- International airfares
- Visa costs
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Drinks, snacks, tips, and other personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Any other items not mentioned above

## LUXURY NILE CRUISE BOAT:

We use several different cruise boats on the Nile, including the Al Jamila, Jaz Jubilee and Al Kahila boats (all boats used are at the Egyptian 5-star deluxe level). Unfortunately, we cannot confirm at the time of booking exactly which boat we will use, as the boats shuttle back and forth on the Nile between Aswan and Luxor, with regular breaks for cleaning and maintenance. However, we regularly inspect all the boats we use to ensure they are of the same standard. All meals, but not drinks are included.

## Notes:

- For practical reasons on the Nile, the cruise itineraries are subject to slight alterations at short notice while in Egypt.
- Most sailing is done during the day, but during some periods some sailing may be required after dark.
- At busy periods the boat may be required to wait for a short time to get through the lock on the Nile at Esna.
- When moored, several cruise boats may be required to moor alongside each other. This can restrict views and require clients to cross several boats to reach the shore. Assistance will be provided if required.
- On Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, the 5-star hotels and cruise boats normally run a very special Gala Dinner. The cost of this is compulsory, whether you attend or not, and is included in our group tour prices, and will be added to private and tailor-made tour prices as required.

## TRANSPORT:

This tour aims at balancing a comfortable and enjoyable travelling experience with seeing as much of Egypt and Egyptian life as possible. We therefore use private air-conditioned minibuses and coaches for all the sightseeing tours and transfers. Most vehicles used are fitted with speed limiters and all are inspected & checked daily.

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## TRANSFERS:

The tour includes a 24-hour airport meet & assist service in Luxor airport, your arrival and departure airport transfers and all other transfers.

## INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS:

In order to keep our tours flexible, and to make them accessible to as many people as possible, we do not include your international flights in the set tour itinerary or price.

However, we do hold an ATOL (UK flight sales license) and are happy to book your flights for you. If you let us know your ideal dates and departure airport, then we will be happy to provide you with some flight options that we can arrange for you. You can then choose whether to book the flights through us, or make your own arrangements. Either way, your airport arrival & departure transfers are included.

## TOUR LEADERS/GUIDES:

For this tour we provide a fully trained, local English-speaking Egyptologist to act as your tour guide whilst you are in Egypt. He/she will be with you throughout the cruise.

**Note:** We send our own guides on the cruise boat, so you will not be joining one of the large boats with other passengers from the boat, but will have private and flexible tours with your own guide.

Our local reps in all the towns and cities en-route are also at your service, and will be handling all the practical arrangements for the tour.

Our policy at Egypt Uncovered is to use only local guides and reps in Egypt. We feel this gives you the best experience of the country and the sites you are seeing. More details are given on our website.

## ENTRANCE FEES:

The tour price includes entrance fees to all the sites mentioned in the itinerary. In the Valley of the Kings, your entrance ticket covers 3 tombs. Extra tickets may be purchased locally to visit the tombs of Ramses V & VI (recommended, approx. £7 p/p) and of Tutankhamun (small tomb currently displaying the mummy of Tutankhamun, approx. £12 p/p).

Camera Fees may be applied at some of the sites, and these are not included in the tour price.

## TIPPING:

Tipping is very much a part of Egyptian culture and customs. To make our prices more transparent and so it is easier for you to budget and less hassle while in Egypt, we include a 'Tipping Kitty' in your tour price. This provides tips for a wide range of people you'll meet along the tour including hotel porters, train and station staff, drivers, local reps etc.. Your Egyptologist guide is not included in this kitty and you may tip them at the end of your tour subject to your satisfaction with and appreciation of the service they have provided.

## COUNTRY GUIDE:

For an in-depth overview of Egypt, please checkout the country guide pages on our website.

## DATES & PRICES:

We can run this tour privately for you, starting on any Monday, Thursday or Saturday throughout the year.

During the peak seasons of Easter and Christmas/New Year, we need to set a minimum number of 4 people for you to book this tour, as we only have a limited number of Egyptologist guides available.

Please contact our knowledgeable sales staff for more help on creating the right tour for you.

## HEALTH:

For up to date health information & vaccination requirements for Egypt we recommend that you contact your GP or a travel clinic (1st Contact travel clinic gives free advice tel. 0800 0393073).

General vaccination recommendations for Egypt include Tetanus, Typhoid, Polio and Hepatitis A.

## VISAS:

Many nationalities (including UK, USA, European, Australian, Canadian) can obtain their Egyptian visa on arrival in Luxor airport (cost US\$15 or equivalent).

All African nationals will need to arrange their Egypt visa in advance.



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## RESPONSIBLE TOURISM:

We take responsible travel seriously, and as well as taking this into consideration when we design our itineraries, and select the people and agents we work with, we also donate £2 for every person travelling on of our Egyptian tours. This is split between two projects - the Dar Al Rahman orphanage in Cairo, and a desert clean-up project in Wadi Rayan, near Al Fayoum. Full details of our responsible travel policy are given on our website.

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## PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION:

After booking, we will provide you with detailed information to help you prepare for the tour. This will include helpful advice on money, health, insurance, tipping, climate, clothing etc.

We also provide a Welcome Pack when you arrive in Egypt with more information including a tipping guide, local travel guide and an options information & booking sheet. Further information is also available in the County & Travel guides on our website.

## FACEBOOK / TWITTER / UNCOVER THE WORLD COMMUNITY:

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