

### MS Grand Sun Nile Cruise from Luxor

### **Price Starting From: \$0**

- 5 Days-4 Nights
- Luxor, Aswan
- Egypt



Enjoy a five-night cruise on the MS Grand Sun Nile, provided by <u>Egypt tour packages</u>, to visit the wonders between Luxor and Aswan with our <u>Egypt Day tours</u>. The MS Grand Sun Cruise and the MS Grand Sun Nile are the two ships in this fleet that have alternating schedules and routes. While the amenities on both are comparable, the MS Grand Sun Cruise is newer and includes more contemporary attractions, including an outdoor movie theater.

The cruise starts in Luxor and takes you through the heart of the Valley of the Kings and Queens. You will visit the Colossi of Memnon, Karnak Temple, and Hatshepsut Temple (the oldest temple in Egypt). You'll also see several other temples along the way. And ends in Aswan, where you can take a tour from Egypt to Elephantine Island to see some of the ancient ruins there, among other attractions.

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## Overview Inclusion

- Pick-up & drop-off services are covered by <u>Cairo Top Tours</u> representatives.
- Your accommodation for 4 nights aboard a 5-star Nile Cruise from Aswan to Luxor on a full board basis.
- Transports are done by private air-conditioned vehicles.
- A certified English-speaking tour guide during your Egypt tours.
- Entrance fees to the sites as mentioned during this 5 Days Grand Sun Nile Cruise Tour.
- All Egypt Nile Cruise Tours are to be done privately and guided.
- Daily bottled mineral water during all our <u>Egypt Classic Tours</u>.

- All service charges and taxes of Egypt tours are covered.
- Shopping tours during the Excursions in Luxor and Aswan Sightseeing Tours. (upon request)
- Stops for snacks upon request.
- A soft drink in a local Cafe during **Egypt Day Tours**. (if we have time)

#### **Exclusion**

- International Airfare.
- Any extras that are not specified in the **Egypt Travel Packages** itinerary.
- Tips or gratuities are not included in the prices of your Egypt Nile River Cruises.
- Beverage during meals.

### **Itinerary**

# Day 1 onboard Grand Sun Nile Cruise: Embarkation and Luxor East Bank Tour

At <u>Luxor Airport</u> or train station, a Cairo Top Tours representative will welcome and assist you. You will be driven to your Nile cruise in an air-conditioned car to start your 5-day Nile cruise with MS Grand Sun.

The first day will be spent getting settled, and we'll start off by exploring <u>Luxor East Bank Tours</u>. Visit the <u>Luxor Temple</u>, a temple dedicated to the Theban Triad of Amun, Mut, and Khonsu. It is believed to be one of the best-preserved temples of ancient Egypt, with many of its original decorations intact.

Continue to visit the <u>Karnak Temple</u>, which is one of the largest ancient religious complexes (covering over 200 acres) in the world. It contains an assortment of temples, chapels, pylons, avenues, and other buildings. The centerpieces are two massive sanctuaries: one dedicated to the god Amon-Ra (the other dedicated to his wife Mut) and one dedicated to the goddess Amunet (who was worshipped as a consort of Amon in Thebes).

The Karnak temple was enclosed by an enclosure wall to imitate the primeval ocean where the god Amen appeared and created the world and everything for life. This temple was dedicated to worshiping the god Amen and his triad which consists of Amen, Mut, and their child god Khonso.

In the end, you will return back to the cruise and overnight on board.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

# Day 2 onboard Grand Sun Nile Cruise: Luxor west bank tour - Sail to Esna

In the early morning, you can enjoy a <u>Hot Air Balloon ride in Luxor</u> (optional).

Today is the day we visit the <u>West Bank of Luxor tours</u>. We'll start with a visit to the <u>Temple of Queen Hatshepsut</u>, which is also known as Deir el-Bahri. It was built by King Thutmose III's daughter, and it has been named after her since its construction in the 15th century BCE. The temple was constructed

to celebrate and honor Amun, who had favored Hatshepsut and assisted her in becoming pharaoh, by providing her with a divine father figure: Amun himself.

Next up will be a visit to the <u>Valley of the Kings</u>, which is a necropolis that It contains numerous tombs built for the rulers and nobility of the New Kingdom of Egypt (1550–1069 BC), like those belonging to Tutankhamun, Ramses II, and Seti I.

After that, we'll head over to <u>colossi Memnon</u>, two giant stone statues of <u>Amenhotep III</u> that were moved to their current location in the 19th century CE.

Sailing to Edfu via Esna and overnight on board.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 3 onboard Grand Sun Nile Cruise: Edfu Kom Ombo Temples - Sail to Aswan

Today you will sail to reach Edfu, where you can see the <u>Temple of Horus</u>, one of the best-preserved monuments in Egypt. Enjoy a guided tour of the temple and take in its well-preserved reliefs depicting scenes from the life of Horus. From here, you will continue sailing to <u>Kom Ombo</u>, where you can explore another Temple dedicated to Horus that was built by Ptolemy VII Philometor (145–117 BC). Then, return to your cruise ship for a sumptuous lunch.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 4 onboard Grand Sun Nile Cruise: Aswan Sightseeing

After a relaxing night of sleep, we awoke to the sound of birds and a cool breeze coming from the Nile. It was time to get up and explore!

We started off with a visit to the <u>High Dam</u> as part of our <u>Aswan day tours</u>. The High Dam is actually two dams in one: one for water intake, and one for power generation. The water intake dam allows water from Lake Nasser to be pumped into the turbines for electricity production, which is then sold back to Egypt.

After that, we went to the <u>Temple of Philae</u> —one of only two existing temples still standing on the island of Philae—and <u>Unfinished Obelisk</u> which was started by Ramses II but never completed due to his death.

Dinner is served on board your Egyptian Nile cruise after an afternoon felucca ride on the Nile around Kitchener Island.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 5 onboard Grand Sun Nile Cruise: Day de departure

We will bid goodbye to the MS Grand Sun Egypt Nile River Cruise after a sumptuous breakfast on board. After leaving the Nile River Cruise, a Cairo Top Tours representative will take you to <u>Aswan airport</u> or Aswan railway station, where you can catch your flight. You can also take the train.

You can enjoy an optional tour from Aswan to Abu Simbel by bus

**Meals: Breakfast**