# Explore the magnificent and historical sites from Macedonia across the Nile.

**Price Starting From: \$650** 

4 Days / 3 Nights Aswan / Luxor Egypt One Country Two Cities

Get on a luxurious MS Nile Dolphin Nile Cruise from Macedonia to discover the remarkable <u>history of Egypt</u>. This exclusive journey from Aswan to <u>Luxor</u> offers a unique opportunity to experience the wonders of Egypt's history up close. Begin in <u>Aswan</u>, where ancient monuments like the Temple of Philae and the Unfinished Obelisk reveal the ingenuity of Egypt's past. As you sail along the Nile, unwind in comfort while the serene landscapes unfold before you.

Your journey will take you to Luxor, the heart of ancient Egypt and home to some of the world's most iconic historical sites. Explore the Valley of the Kings, where pharaohs rest in splendor, and the awe-inspiring Karnak and Luxor Temples, all under the guidance of expert historians. Throughout this <u>Nile Cruise Tour</u>, every moment is designed to enrich your understanding of Egypt's illustrious past, combining luxury with the timeless allure of one of the world's greatest civilizations.

### Overview Inclusion

- Assistance was provided by the Cairo Top Tours tour manager upon arrival at Aswan Airport and departure from Luxor.
- Expert customer care throughout the 4-day Nile cruise.
- Modern air-conditioned vehicle transportation during the MS Nile Dolphin Nile Cruise.
- Full board accommodation on the Egypt Nile River Cruise.
- Private Egypt tours as specified in the itinerary.
- All admission fees and tickets to sites are included.
- Snack stops are available upon request.
- A soft drink at a local café during Egypt Day Tours (if time allows).
- Accredited Egyptologist guide is provided for all Egypt Travel Packages.
- Taxes and service charges are included in the Nile cruise from Aswan to Luxor.
- Shopping tours are available during excursions in Luxor and Aswan Sightseeing Tours (upon request).

#### Exclusion

- International airfare is not included.
- Personal spending is not covered.
- Optional tours are not included.
- Tipping is not included in the price of Egypt Tours Packages.
- Beverages during meals are not included

#### **Itinerary**

### Day 1: Aswan – Beginning Your Egypt Nile Cruise Adventure

Your **Egypt Nile Cruise Tours** begin with a visit to Aswan, where you'll discover the fascinating blend of history and natural beauty that this region has to offer.

Start your journey by exploring the legendary <u>story of Horus and Osiris</u>. These ancient deities played a pivotal role in Egyptian mythology, symbolizing the eternal battle between good and evil, life and death. Their tale weaves through the very temples you will be visiting.

Next, we will visit the modern marvel of the <u>High Dam</u>, an engineering feat that transformed Egypt's economy and reshaped the landscape of the Nile. Learn how this structure changed the flow of the river and created the vast Lake Nasser.

Afterward, head to the <u>Unfinished Obelisk</u>, an ancient testament to the immense skill of Egyptian stoneworkers. This massive piece of granite, still attached to its quarry, offers unique insights into the methods used by the ancient Egyptians to carve these towering monuments.

Your tour continues to the stunning <u>Temple of Philae</u>, dedicated to the goddess <u>Isis</u>. Situated on a beautiful island, the temple was relocated to its current location due to the construction of the High Dam, preserving its exquisite artistry and historical significance.

From here, you will start on the renowned <u>Aswan to Luxor Nile Cruise</u>, where the breathtaking scenery of the Nile will unfold as you relax aboard your luxury vessel, setting the stage for more incredible discoveries.

The day concludes with a visit to the <u>Temple of Queen Hatshepsut</u>. One of Egypt's most powerful female rulers, Queen Hatshepsut's temple is an architectural marvel nestled into the cliffs of Deir el-Bahari, providing a glimpse into her reign and influence on Egypt's golden era.

This day offers a rich introduction to Egypt's wonders, laying the foundation for an unforgettable cruise along the majestic Nile.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

## Day 2: Sailing to Kom Ombo – Exploring Ancient Temples and Deities

Your second day of **Egypt Day Tours** begins as your Nile cruise approaches Kom Ombo, a city known for its unique twin-temple structure that overlooks the riverbank.

The highlight of the day is the visit to the **Kom Ombo Temple**, an extraordinary site that stands out due to its dual dedication to two gods. This symmetrical temple was designed to honor both Sobek, the crocodile god, and **Haroeris**, the falcon-headed god, offering a fascinating exploration of ancient Egyptian religion and architecture.

<u>Sobek</u>, the god of the Nile and fertility, was believed to protect the Egyptian people from the dangers lurking in the waters. As you explore the temple's chambers, you'll encounter carvings and statues that reflect his powerful association with crocodiles, including a display of mummified crocodiles from the region.

The temple's architecture also reflects influences from the <u>Ptolemaic Kingdom</u>, the dynasty that ruled Egypt after the conquest of Alexander the Great. Their blend of Egyptian and Hellenistic styles can be seen in the intricate carvings and artistic details that adorn the temple walls.

On the other side of the temple, you will learn about Haroeris, also known as Horus the Elder. As a god of healing and protection, Haroeris shares the temple space with Sobek, creating a unique duality within the same sacred ground.

As your day draws to a close, you'll return to your Nile cruise ship, reflecting on the rich history and mythology that continues to shape Egypt's timeless allure.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 3: Edfu to Luxor – Immersing in Egypt's Grand Monuments

On the third day of your journey, your Nile cruise will arrive at **Edfu**, home to one of the most well-preserved temples in Egypt. The **Temple of Edfu**, dedicated to Horus, offers a captivating glimpse into ancient rituals and beliefs. As you explore its towering columns and intricate carvings, you'll feel the weight of history in every detail of this impressive sanctuary.

Continuing along the Nile, your next stop is the famed <u>Colossi of Memnon</u>. These two massive stone statues, standing guard over the Theban Necropolis, once marked the entrance to a vast mortuary temple of Pharaoh Amenhotep III. The sheer scale and grandeur of these monuments make them an unforgettable sight, steeped in centuries of myth and legend.

Your day culminates with a visit to the majestic **Karnak Temple in Luxor**. This sprawling complex, dedicated to the god Amun, is one of the most significant religious sites in all of ancient Egypt. As you wander through the Hypostyle Hall, with its forest of colossal columns, and marvel at the sacred lake, you'll experience the awe that this architectural masterpiece continues to inspire.

This day immerses you in the grandeur of ancient Egypt, from its meticulously preserved temples to its colossal statues, ensuring a deep connection with its fascinating past.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

#### Day 4: The conclusion of our unique journey

Your final breakfast will be served on board before you disembark the Nile cruise. You'll then meet your guide for day trips in Luxor, beginning with a visit to the <u>Valley of the Kings</u>, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its royal tombs from the <u>New Kingdom</u>. These impressive tombs were expertly carved into the mountains by the finest craftsmen of ancient Egypt.

Next, explore the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, also known as **El Deir El Bahari**. As the fifth pharaoh of the eighteenth dynasty and the second female pharaoh, Hatshepsut's temple is a remarkable architectural feat. Your excursion will also include visiting the Colossi of Memnon, two enormous statues dedicated to the pharaoh Amenhotep III. Afterward, depending on your preference, you will be dropped off at **Luxor Airport** 

or the railway station. We hope you have enjoyed the MS Nile Dolphin Nile Cruise from Aswan to Luxor.
Meals: Breakfast.