

Cruise Lake Nasser

11 days | Starts/Ends: Cairo



Cross the Tropic of Cancer, cruising Lake Nasser from the spectacular temple of Abu Simbel to Aswan, on board a decadent cruise ship. Also discover the hidden gems of the Temple of Amada and the ancient wonders of Luxor on this 11 day tour of Egypt which starts and ends in Cairo, home to the legendary Pyramids of Giza.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Cairo - marvel at the legendary Pyramids of Giza and explore the Necropolis of Saqqara
- Cairo - discover the Citadel, Mohamed Ali Mosque, Khan el Khalili Bazaar & the Egyptian Museum
- Abu Simbel - visit this awe-inspiring temple, one of the most impressive in all of Egypt
- Aswan - take leisurely boat trip to Agilika Island to explore the romantic Philae Temple
- Lake Nasser cruising - relax onboard your luxury cruise boat and enjoy the stunning scenery as you sail
- Lake Nasser sightseeing - discover a number of temples along the way

- including Kaser Ibrim, the temple of Amada and the temple of Wadi El Seboua
- Kom Ombo - visit the unique double Temple of Kom Ombo located on the banks of the Nile
- Luxor - uncover the tombs of pharaohs in the Valley of the Kings and investigate the incredible burial temple of Queen Hatshepsut
- Luxor - explore Luxor Temple and the vast Karnak Temple complex

What's Included

- Breakfast daily and all meals aboard Cruiser
- 7 nights superior hotels, 3 nights deluxe Lake Cruiser (en suite cabin), includes daily sightseeing excursions and evening entertainment
- Economy class flight Cairo - Abu Simbel, Luxor - Cairo
- Touring of Cairo, Aswan, Kom Ombo and Luxor
- Airport arrival and departure transfer on day 1 and day 11
- Qualified Egyptologist guide at all sites of antiquity
- Private air-conditioned transportation and all relevant transfers
- Entrance fees for all included sightseeing

What's Not Included

- International flights and visa

- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- Laundry, drinks, items of a personal nature

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Welcome to Egypt

Welcome to Egypt! Upon arrival into Cairo, you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Overnight - Cairo (B)

Day 2 : Pyramids & Saqqara

Day 2, tour the Pyramids at Giza, the planet's oldest tourist attraction. The largest is Khufu (Cheops), constructed from 2.5 million quarried limestone blocks, weighing in at a mammoth 6 million tonnes. We continue on to the famous Egyptian Museum to view the immaculately preserved treasures of King Tutankhamun and his legendary funerary mask.

This afternoon we'll continue to The Citadel. This monumental Islamic-era fortification, in the heart of Cairo, was once the seat of government from the 13th to the 19th centuries. Here we'll visit the beautiful Mosque of Muhammed Ali. Built in the 1830's this impressive structure is made from alabaster stone and is a smaller version of the Blue Mosque, found in Istanbul.

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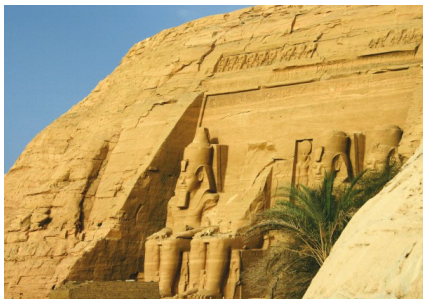
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Later today we visit the new Grand Egyptian Museum, which houses a giant exhibition containing the treasures of King Tutankhamun. Many pieces on show are being displayed for the first time and artefacts have been brought together from across Egypt and the world to this one fantastic location. The museum also makes use of new technology including virtual reality. Note: the Grand Egyptian Museum is set to open in 2020. An official date has yet to be released. If travelling prior to the opening of the new facility we'll visit the Egyptian Museum this morning in its place. **Overnight - Cairo**

Day 3 : Abu Simbel



Cairo – Abu Simbel. This morning we'll take a short domestic flight to Abu Simbel, possibly the most awe-inspiring temple of all ancient Egypt, built to revere the mighty King Ramses II. Here you'll board your 5 star cruiser and have lunch on board before embarking on a guided tour of the mighty temples of Abu Simbel. Afternoon tea is served back on the sundeck before watching an Abu Simbel Sound & Light show this evening. **Overnight - Onboard Cruiser - Abu Simbel (B, L, D)**

Day 4 : Lake Nasser

Abu Simbel– Lake Nasser. A modern feat of engineering, the High Dam contains 18 times the amount of material used in the construction of Cheops, the largest pyramid at Giza. The by-product for this awesome construction is Lake Nasser – the world's largest artificial lake. This morning set sail on Lake Nasser. The first of many hidden gems you'll see is Kasr Ibrim, an ancient Nubian citadel. Information about the site is provided from the ship's sundeck as entrance to the site is not permitted. En route to Wadi El Seboua, explore the Temple of Amada, the oldest of

Lake Nasser's monuments and home to some of the most finely and vibrant reliefs.

Spend the remainder of the day relaxing, you might wish to enjoying a cocktail or listen to the live music performances in the lounge bar onboard.

Overnight - Onboard Cruiser - Wadi El Seboua (B, L, D)

Day 5 : Wadi el Seboua



This morning explore the temple of Wadi El Seboua which was dedicated by Ramses II to the two Gods Amon Ra and Ra Harmakis. The temple features a sphinx-lined avenue and was once converted to a church by early Christians.

Returning to the ship, relax in the sun or shade as we glide along the water, crossing the Tropic of Cancer, bound for the Nubian city of Aswan. **Overnight - Onboard Cruiser - Aswan (B, L, D)**

Day 6 : Philae Temple

Lake Nasser – Aswan. Early this morning we make a stop at the Temple of Kalabsha. Originally built in 30BC and dedicated to the Nubian sun god Mandulis, it was moved in 1970 to it's current location due to rising water levels. Reaching Aswan we disembark and later in the day enjoy a trip to the mighty High Dam and Philae Temple. Philae was originally the site of an ancient temple complex that had to be dismantled and relocated to Agilkia Island after flooding caused by the High Dam project.

Overnight - Aswan (B)

Day 7 : Kom Ombo Temple

Aswan – Luxor. Today we depart Aswan and travel onwards to Luxor. We'll stop en route to visit the unique double Temple of Kom

Ombo, dedicated to the crocodile-headed god Sobek and the falcon-headed god Horus.

Overnight - Luxor (B)

Days 8-9 : Valley of the Kings



We'll start day 8 with a visit to Karnak Temple, a spectacular complex of sanctuaries, pylons, chapels, halls and obelisks, all dedicated to the Theban gods. Our next stop is Luxor Temple – built by Pharaoh Amenophis III.

On day 9, we tour the Valley of the Kings where we explore the myriad of tombs. We'll also visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, often considered one of the impressive architectural achievements of the ancient world. We'll end our touring today with a visit to the Colossi of Memnon, two huge statues of Amenhotep II. **Overnight - Luxor (B:2)**

Day 10 : Cairo

Luxor – Cairo. We fly back to Cairo today. You'll have some free time for a spot of last minute souvenir shopping or perhaps you could consider a city tour of old Islamic Cairo. **Overnight - Cairo (B)**

Day 11 : Cairo

After a heart breakfast your incredible journey through the land of the Pharaohs has come to an end. A transfer will be provided to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.

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Sonesta Hotel Cairo

The Sonesta Hotel & Casino is a sophisticated and luxurious hotel offering spacious, en-suit rooms with opulent furnishings. Enjoy a cocktail at the poolside bar or indulge in a relaxing massage or Turkish steam bath at the full-service spa. With 5 restaurants located within the hotel you'll be spoilt for choice over dining options.



Movenpick M/S Prince Abbas

The Mövenpick MS Prince Abbas offers a great chance to enjoy the beautiful scenery of Lake Nasser. Discover magnificent temples and tombs of the ancient world on your cruise down ancient Egyptian history. 65 cabins, incorporating junior suites and Royal suites are furnished to make your stay comfortable. Work out in the gym or just take in the view from your room or outside areas. Cruises leave from either Aswan or Abu Simbel.



Movenpick Hotel, Aswan

Situated on Elephantine Island, the Movenpick is a luxurious hotel with stunning views of the Nile River. There is a range of spacious and luxurious rooms with stylish furnishings, private balconies or terraces and a great selection of amenities including WiFi, satellite TV and tea/coffee making facilities. The Movenpick offers three restaurants as well as the Lounge Bar and Panorama Bar. Guests can also make use of the outdoor swimming pool and tennis courts.



Sonesta St. George Hotel

An elegant and luxurious classical hotel, the Sonesta's sophistication will ensure you a comfortable stay. The hotel has a sweeping terrace with fantastic views of the Nile, a grand entrance of polished marble and handsomely appointed furnishings with exquisite detail and a beautiful health spa. All its rooms offer views of the city or the river, complemented by a wide range of restaurants and cafes. Just minutes away you will find the temples at Luxor and Karnak, home to two of ancient Egypt's most famed sanctuaries.



Steigenberger Nile Palace

The Steigenberger Nile Palace is a grand hotel and stylishly furnished, with many rooms overlooking the Nile River. The hotel has a health club with massage rooms, sauna, steam room and fitness room, and a tennis court on the roof, not to mention a riverside pool. Its four restaurants offer a choice between Nubian, Lebanese, Italian, and Thai cuisine.



PRICES / DATES INFO

Prices shown are per person when there are 2 persons sharing a room. The single supplement price needs to be added to

the per person price if single rooms are required. If travelling solo, an additional '1-person' supplement will apply.

PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
04 Apr	USD 3,245	USD 4,125

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