

Classic 7 Night Nile Cruise Itinerary

DAY 1: LUXOR

Transfer from Luxor International Airport to your Nile cruise boat.
Dinner on board or for late arrivals a light snack will be served.
Overnight in Luxor.

DAY 2: LUXOR - ESNA

After an early breakfast, travel a short distance to visit the 'world's largest greatest open air museum' known as Karnak Temple, which covers a large area of land and includes several temples, the largest of them being the Temple of Amun. Then drive a short distance to Luxor Temple. Originally, the temple was joined to Karnak by a long avenue of Sphinxes, many of which can still be seen today. Returning to the boat for Lunch as the boat sets sail to Esna where it will moor overnight. Dinner on board.

DAY 3: ESNA - KOM OMBO - ASWAN

Breakfast on board and morning visit of the Temple of Khnum at Esna. The temple is dedicated to the ram-headed god Khnum, who was patron god of cataracts. Continue the journey south, for a brief stop at Edfu (not visit) before sailing to Kom Ombo to visit the temple before dinner. This temple, unlike many others in Egypt, was dedicated to two gods; the Southern section is dedicated to Sobek, the crocodile headed man, god of fertility, and the Northern section to the Falcon headed god Horus. There is also a fascinating crocodile museum to visit with many artefacts and mummified crocodiles. Sail to Aswan and overnight in Aswan.

DAY 4: ASWAN

After breakfast, visit the High Dam in Aswan, built in 1960-1971 to provide electricity to the villages along the Nile, the Unfinished Obelisk and the Temple of Isis on Philae Island. Lunch on board and afternoon at leisure with an opportunity to revisit the Temple of Philae for an **optional sound & light show in the evening.

DAY 5: ASWAN

After breakfast there is the option of a morning at leisure or an early morning **optional visit to Abu Simbel. This impressive temple, built by Rameses II stands on the banks of Lake Nasser. After lunch on board, there is a relaxing boat trip around Elephantine Island to the Botanical Gardens on General Kitchener Island. Dinner and overnight in Aswan.

DAY 6: ASWAN - Edfu

Morning at leisure. Lunch on board and then set sail to Kom Ombo. After a brief stop at Kom Ombo, continue sailing to Edfu and overnight.

DAY 7: LUXOR

Breakfast on board, early morning visit to the West Bank including the Colossi of Memnon, Valley of the Kings and the Valley of the Queens, burial sites for many of the most powerful and successful pharaohs and high priests, the Temple of Hatshepsut and Medinet Habu Temple. Lunch on board.

DAY 8: LUXOR

Optional early morning balloon ride for the adventurous.

Breakfast on board followed by check-out and onward transfer to the airport or next destination.

Please note: the order or content of your itinerary may be amended due to lock closures, low water levels or any other unforeseeable circumstances. Due to the increasing number of boats on the Nile, at some docking points boats are moored side by side obstructing the view from cabins. Occasionally, due to operational difficulties a change of vessel can occur. However, the sightseeing itinerary will remain the same.

