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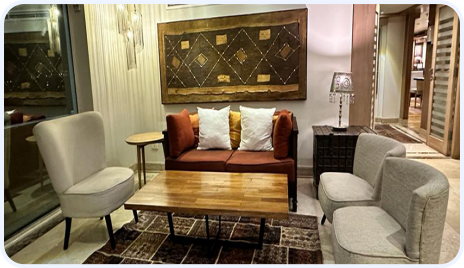

About

The Salima Nile Cruise offers an unforgettable journey through the heart of ancient Egypt, combining comfortable accommodation, attentive service, and immersive sightseeing with the relaxing atmosphere of cruising along the Nile.

Sailing between Luxor and Aswan, the cruise allows you to discover some of Egypt's most celebrated archaeological treasures, including Karnak Temple, Luxor Temple, the Valley of the Kings, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, Colossi of Memnon, Edfu Temple, Kom Ombo Temple, Philae Temple, the High Dam, and the Unfinished Obelisk. Optional excursions to Abu Simbel, a Hot Air Balloon Ride, and a traditional Nubian Village provide even more opportunities to enrich your journey.

Designed for comfort and relaxation, the cruise features elegant cabins with panoramic Nile views, a spacious restaurant, lounge bar, sun deck swimming pool, spa and massage facilities, Wi-Fi access, boutique, gift shop, and a welcoming atmosphere throughout your stay. Whether you're admiring the ever-changing scenery from the sun deck or exploring Egypt's extraordinary monuments with your Egyptologist guide, every day offers a memorable experience.

Why book with Journey To Egypt?

- U.S.-registered corporation and travel agent
- TripAdvisor Traveler's Choice Award Winner from 2016 to 2024
- Expert local guides and authentic experiences

Why You'll Love This

- Deluxe Nile Cruise with elegant cabins and panoramic Nile views.
- Full-board accommodation throughout the cruise.
- Visit Egypt's most famous temples and archaeological sites.
- Professional English-speaking Egyptologist guide.
- Comfortable air-conditioned cabins with private bathrooms.
- Sun deck with swimming pool and panoramic seating.
- Restaurant, lounge bar, spa, massage room, Wi-Fi, boutique, and gift shop.
- Complimentary pickup and drop-off from Luxor or Aswan East Bank.
- Small group sightseeing for a more personalized experience.
- Optional tours including Abu Simbel, Hot Air Balloon, and Nubian Village.

Related Cities

Luxor

Egypt

Edfu

Egypt

Aswan

Egypt

Kom Ombo

Egypt

Included

- 3 or 4 nights accommodation aboard Salima Nile Cruise on a Full Board basis.
- Meet and assist upon arrival and departure.
- All transfers by modern air-conditioned vehicles.
- Private sightseeing tours according to the itinerary.
- Entrance fees to all included attractions.
- Professional English-speaking Egyptologist guide.
- Complimentary bottled water during sightseeing.
- Pickup and drop-off from Luxor or Aswan Airport, Train Station, or East Bank hotels.
- All service charges and taxes.

Excluded

- International or domestic flights.
- Optional excursions.
- Additional meals and drinks.
- Personal expenses.
- Laundry service.
- Gratuities for guides, drivers, and cruise staff.

Day By Day Itinerary

Day

4 Day / 3 Night Salima Nile Cruise Itinerary (Every Friday from Aswan)

Day 1: Embarkation in Aswan – High Dam, Philae Temple & Unfinished Obelisk

Arrive in Aswan and embark on the elegant **Salima Nile Cruise** before lunch. After settling into your cabin and enjoying your first meal onboard, begin discovering the highlights of Egypt's southern gateway.

Your sightseeing starts with a visit to the impressive **High Dam**, one of modern Egypt's greatest engineering achievements. Built to control the annual flooding of the Nile, the dam also created the magnificent Lake Nasser and continues to provide irrigation and hydroelectric power across the country.

Next, board a motorboat to reach the enchanting **Philae Temple**, beautifully located on Agilkia Island. Dedicated to the goddess Isis, this elegant temple was carefully relocated stone by stone during UNESCO's rescue campaign, preserving one of Egypt's most beautiful ancient sanctuaries.

Continue to the **Unfinished Obelisk**, where you'll explore the ancient granite quarries and discover how the Egyptians carved massive monuments directly from solid bedrock. The unfinished monument provides fascinating insight into ancient stone-working techniques.

Return to the cruise for dinner and spend your first evening relaxing onboard in Aswan.

Meals Included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2: Optional Abu Simbel – Kom Ombo Temple – Sail to Edfu

Early risers may join an **optional** excursion to the magnificent **Abu Simbel Temples**. Carved directly into the sandstone cliffs by Ramses II, these extraordinary monuments dedicated to Ramses II and Queen Nefertari are among Egypt's greatest archaeological treasures and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

After returning to the cruise, begin sailing north toward Kom Ombo while enjoying lunch onboard and admiring the ever-changing scenery along the Nile.

Upon arrival, visit the remarkable **Kom Ombo Temple**, the only double temple in ancient Egypt, uniquely dedicated to Sobek, the crocodile god, and Horus the Elder. Explore its symmetrical halls, beautifully preserved reliefs, ancient medical carvings, and fascinating chambers before visiting the nearby **Crocodile Museum**, home to a collection of mummified crocodiles discovered in the region.

Return to the cruise and continue sailing toward Edfu. Dinner and overnight onboard.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3: Edfu Temple – Sail to Luxor – East Bank Tour

After breakfast, travel by traditional horse-drawn carriage to visit the magnificent **Temple of Horus at Edfu**, one of the best-

preserved temples in all of Egypt. Dedicated to the falcon-headed god Horus, the temple features towering pylons, impressive courtyards, beautifully carved reliefs, and sacred chambers that vividly illustrate ancient Egyptian religious beliefs.

Return to the cruise and continue sailing toward Luxor while enjoying lunch onboard and the peaceful beauty of the Nile Valley.

Upon arrival in Luxor, begin exploring the city's famous East Bank with a guided visit to the magnificent **Karnak Temple Complex**, the largest religious complex ever built in ancient Egypt. Walk through its monumental gateways, towering columns, sacred lake, and magnificent sanctuaries dedicated to Amun-Ra.

Continue to the beautiful **Luxor Temple**, an impressive monument that once formed part of the grand Avenue of Sphinxes connecting it to Karnak Temple. Admire its colossal statues, elegant courtyards, and beautifully illuminated architecture before returning to the cruise.

Dinner and overnight onboard in Luxor.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4: Luxor West Bank – Valley of the Kings & Disembarkation

Enjoy breakfast onboard before checking out and beginning your final excursion on Luxor's legendary West Bank.

Explore the world-famous **Valley of the Kings**, where generations of New Kingdom pharaohs were buried in richly decorated tombs hidden deep within the Theban hills. Your visit includes three royal tombs, with the option to purchase a separate ticket for Tutankhamun's Tomb.

Continue to the magnificent **Temple of Queen Hatshepsut**, an architectural masterpiece built against the limestone cliffs of Deir El Bahari. Dedicated to Egypt's most successful female ruler, the temple is celebrated for its elegant terraces and beautifully preserved reliefs.

Your final stop is at the impressive **Colossi of Memnon**, the two colossal statues of Amenhotep III that have watched over the Theban Necropolis for more than three millennia.

After completing your sightseeing, your unforgettable journey aboard the Salima Nile Cruise comes to an end.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Day

5 Day / 4 Night Salima Nile Cruise Itinerary (Every Monday from Luxor)

Day 1: Embarkation in Luxor – Discover the Wonders of the East Bank

Your unforgettable Nile adventure begins in **Luxor**, where you will board the elegant **Salima Nile Cruise** before lunch. After settling into your comfortable cabin and enjoying your first meal onboard, set out to explore the magnificent temples that made ancient Thebes one of the world's greatest religious capitals.

Your afternoon sightseeing starts at the spectacular **Karnak Temple Complex**, the largest religious complex ever built in ancient Egypt. Wander through its enormous pylons, towering columns, sacred lake, obelisks, and beautifully decorated sanctuaries while learning about more than 1,500 years of Egyptian history dedicated primarily to the worship of Amun-Ra.

Continue to the remarkable **Luxor Temple**, an elegant monument located in the heart of the city. Admire the colossal statues of Ramses II, the impressive avenue of sphinxes, magnificent courtyards, and beautifully preserved reliefs that illustrate the grandeur of the New Kingdom.

Return to the cruise for afternoon tea as you relax on the sun deck overlooking the Nile. Enjoy dinner onboard before spending your first peaceful night moored in Luxor.

Meals Included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2: Luxor West Bank – Valley of the Kings, Hatshepsut Temple & Sailing to Edfu

Following breakfast, cross to Luxor's legendary West Bank, home to the royal necropolis of ancient Egypt.

Your first visit is the world-famous **Valley of the Kings**, where generations of New Kingdom pharaohs carved magnificent tombs deep into the limestone mountains. Explore three beautifully decorated royal tombs while discovering fascinating beliefs about the afterlife. Guests may also purchase an additional ticket to visit the Tomb of Tutankhamun.

Continue to the extraordinary **Temple of Queen Hatshepsut**, one of Egypt's finest architectural masterpieces. Built against the dramatic limestone cliffs of Deir El Bahari, this impressive mortuary temple honors Egypt's most successful female pharaoh and showcases elegant terraces, colonnades, and detailed reliefs.

Your final stop is at the impressive **Colossi of Memnon**, two gigantic statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III that have stood guard over the Theban Necropolis for more than 3,000 years.

Return to the cruise for lunch before beginning your scenic journey south. Enjoy the peaceful landscapes of Upper Egypt as the cruise sails through the famous **Esna Lock**, one of the highlights of Nile navigation, before continuing toward Edfu.

Dinner and overnight onboard while sailing.

Optional Tour: Experience an unforgettable sunrise hot air balloon flight over Luxor, offering spectacular panoramic views of the Nile, temples, and the Valley of the Kings.

Meals Included:

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3: Edfu Temple – Kom Ombo Temple – Sail to Aswan

After breakfast, travel by traditional horse-drawn carriage through the streets of Edfu to visit one of Egypt's best-preserved ancient temples.

Explore the magnificent **Temple of Horus at Edfu**, dedicated to Horus, the falcon-headed god of protection and kingship. Its impressive entrance, beautifully preserved halls, detailed inscriptions, and sacred sanctuary provide an exceptional glimpse into the religious traditions of the Ptolemaic era.

Return to your cruise and continue sailing toward Kom Ombo while enjoying lunch onboard and watching everyday life unfold along the banks of the Nile.

Later, visit the fascinating **Kom Ombo Temple**, a unique double temple dedicated to two different deities: Sobek, the crocodile god, and Horus the Elder. Explore its perfectly symmetrical design, remarkable medical carvings, ancient calendar reliefs, and beautifully decorated chambers before visiting the nearby **Crocodile Museum**, home to a remarkable collection of mummified crocodiles discovered in the area.

After your visit, return to the cruise and continue sailing toward Aswan. Enjoy dinner onboard while taking in the peaceful scenery of the Nile before your overnight stay.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4: Aswan Highlights – Philae Temple, High Dam & Unfinished Obelisk

Wake up in the beautiful city of Aswan and enjoy breakfast before beginning a guided tour of its most famous attractions.

Start at the impressive **High Dam**, one of Egypt's greatest modern engineering achievements, which transformed agriculture and electricity production while creating the vast Lake Nasser.

Continue with a short motorboat ride to the enchanting **Philae Temple**, beautifully situated on Agilkia Island. Dedicated to the goddess Isis, this graceful temple was carefully relocated during UNESCO's famous rescue project and remains one of Egypt's most picturesque ancient monuments.

Your final stop is the **Unfinished Obelisk**, located inside Aswan's ancient granite quarries. Here you'll discover how enormous obelisks were carved directly from solid rock and gain valuable insight into the remarkable engineering skills of ancient Egyptian craftsmen.

Return to the cruise for lunch and spend the afternoon relaxing onboard while enjoying the peaceful atmosphere of Aswan.

Optional Tour: Visit a traditional Nubian Village, where colorful houses, friendly local families, and centuries-old traditions offer a unique cultural experience along the Nile.

Dinner and overnight onboard in Aswan.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5: Disembarkation in Aswan

Enjoy your final breakfast onboard before disembarking from the Salima Nile Cruise.

If you wish to extend your adventure, you may join an early morning **optional** excursion to the legendary **Abu Simbel Temples**. These monumental rock-cut temples, built by Ramses II and dedicated to himself and Queen Nefertari, are considered among the greatest masterpieces of ancient Egyptian civilization and were famously relocated by UNESCO to protect them from the rising waters of Lake Nasser.

Your memorable Nile journey comes to an end, leaving you with unforgettable memories of Egypt's timeless monuments and breathtaking landscapes.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Location & Meeting Point

Meeting point: Luxor/Aswan Airport (or any other location, including the train station or your hotel)

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