



# NILE TRAIL APRIL 2022

12 DAYS UPSTREAM NILE CRUISE

CAIRO - ASWAN







## Overview

A breath taking long Nile cruise that embraces the beauty, majesty and history of the region. Taking you from the hustle and bustle of Cairo to the peace and tranquility of the river, you'll follow in the footsteps of Pharaohs as you travel by the Pyramids, Giza, Tell el-Amarna, Luxor, Karnak and Thebes. Float leisurely past temple complexes, stunning scenery and the rich green tapestry of the Nile Valley, before finally arriving at the Nile cataract and Aswan City twelve days after departing.

Enjoy all the amenities of the ship, watch history itself pass by from the sun deck, and experience the warmth, beauty and hospitality of this incredible region. Travel through time in complete luxury and enjoy making memories that you will never forget.

## Brief Itinerary

D1 Check-in , Cairo dinner cruise  
D2 Sail to Beni Suef  
D3 Sail Beni Suef to Minya  
D4 Visit Beni Hassan, sail to Tell el-Arnarna  
D5 Visit Tell el- Amarna, sail to Assuit  
D6 Sail to Sohag, visit monasteries

D7 Visit Abydos Temple, sail to Nagi Hamadi  
D8 Visit Dendara, sail to Luxor, visit Karnak & Luxor Temples  
D9 West Bank, Valley of the Kings  
D10 Visit Edfu, sail to Kom Ombo  
D11 Temples & Aswan Dams  
D12 Check-out. Optional Abu Simbel

## DETAILED ITINERARY

### Day 1: Cairo night cruise with show

From midday you can check-in for your Nile Cruise aboard the Champollion II. At about 6pm, join a cocktail reception to get acquainted with the ship's management team and the general manager. Then we will go up to the sundeck to attend the evening dinner. As you sail in Cairo for two hours, enjoy the traditional music and folkloric show. **Meals: Lunch & Dinner with show**

### Day 2: Depart Cairo & Sail to Beni Suef

With the first light of sunrise, we'll start sailing from Cairo. The ship will sail upstream along the southern agricultural oases of the Nile Valley. Enjoy the Crossing scenery from the sun deck with a cup of tea and relax. In the evening, you'll join your tour guide for a city walk in Beni Suef. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner & Sunset tea time**

### Day 3: Sail to Minya

With the first light of sunrise, we'll set sail again and continue our journey along the Nile, The scenery becomes more mesmerizing with every kilometre of the Nile Gardens and the limestone desert behind them. Watching the contemplative life of the native people and their herds on the Nile banks is an experience in itself. Dinner and overnight in Minya. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner & Sunset tea time**





#### **Day 4: Minya to Tell el-Amarna, Beni Hassan**

In the early morning, the guide will take you to the Western Desert to visit the tombs of **Beni Hassan** dedicated to the nobles and the rulers of the regions from the Middle Kingdom era. You can observe the prestigious and luxurious daily life of these sultans through the tombs and the frescoes inside. You will also see inscriptions of the manufacturers of the time such as the textile and gold industry, hunting, sports, and veterinary medicine. After the visit ends, you'll return to the ship and sail to Tell el-Amarna. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner & Sunset tea time**

#### **Day 5: Tell el-Amarna & Sail to Assiut**

Early in the morning, the tour guide will take you to **Tell el-Amarna** to explore the mysteries of the ancient city tombs, which were deserted before Akhenaten chose it as the country's capital. The two kings, Smenkhre and Tutankhamun, lived here before returning to Thebes. Next, you will visit Tuna al-Jabal tombs located around 18 km from Mallawi city, known at the time as the land of the pond or the holy lake because of the sacred ibis bird and holy baboon drank from it. After the tour, you'll return to the ship and sail to Assiut. Overnight in the governorate's marina.

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner & Sunset tea time**



#### **Day 6: Sail through Nile Valley to Sohag**

In the early morning, we'll sail to Sohag, arriving around 1pm. Then you'll go with the guide on a walking tour to visit the museum and then return to the boat. **Optional excursion to visit the Coptic Orthodox monasteries** including visiting the red and white monasteries (this tour is at a supplement). Evening free walking tour. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**





### **Day 7: Abydos Temple & Sail to Nagi Hamadi**

At 3am, you can, if you wish, watch the ship's crossing through Sohag Bridge. Then we'll sail to El Ballina to **visit the Abydos temple**. One of the most important ancient Egyptian temples it features unique architectural planning. The beauty of its inscriptions and the brightness of its colours are impressive despite the fact it was built more than 3300 years ago. It still stands tall to remain a witness to life in ancient Egypt. Also, we'll see the inscription of the story of the eternal love of Isis and Osiris. Next, we'll sail to the city of Nagi Hamadi and overnight on board the ship. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

### **Day 8: Dendera & Sail to Luxor, Karnak & Luxor Temples**

In the early morning, we'll sail down the Nile to Qena. Upon arriving, your tour guide will take you to visit the **Temple of Hathor in Dendera**, which is characterized by a unique architecture rich in paintings and inscriptions. Its walls and columns are decorated with hieroglyphs and engraved statues of great accuracy and beauty. After the tour, sail to Luxor. Upon arrival in Luxor, we'll start exploring **Karnak Temple and Luxor Temple** with the famous Rams Road, which was just reopened in a legendary ceremony. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

### **Day 9: Luxor, West Bank & Valley of the Kings**

Morning visit the west bank. You'll explore the Valley of the Kings, with its richly decorated Pharaoh's tombs. Then you'll visit the Hatshepsut Temple and the mighty Colossi of Memnon. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

### **Day 10: Sail Luxor to Edfu and on to Kom Ombo**

Early morning sail from Luxor to Edfu, passing through the Esna Lock. Then visit the Temple of Horus, which is unique among all the Egyptian temples in the Nile Valley. However, some of its parts and elements are still under the homes of the current city of Edfu. Then we'll sail to Kom Ombo and enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Nile in Upper Egypt, reaching Kom Ombo for the night. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner & Sunset tea time**

### **Day 11: Kom Ombo & Sail to Aswan**

At 7am, we'll visit the Temple of Sobek, Haris, and the Kom Ombo Museum. Then we'll sail the last section of the river trip, and Aswan begins! Immediately after arriving in the city of Aswan, we'll go with a tour guide to visit the Aswan dams: the High Dam and Aswan Reservoir. The British built the first dam in 1898-1902, which was the largest dam globally, and the Russians added a significant new high barrier in 1960-1971. After that, we'll visit the Temple of Philae, the Temple of Isis, and Hathor. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

### **Day 12: Aswan. Optional Abu Simbel tour**

Morning check-out from the ship. Today there is the option to visit Abu Simbel (at a supplement). Abu Simbel is approx. 4 hours away. Enjoy a guided tour with a local expert who will guide you through the impressive rock temples of Abu Simbel. **Meals: Breakfast**

### **Included:**

11 nights aboard the 5\* Nile Cruise Champollion II (Cairo to Aswan), all meals as per the itinerary, all excursion and transfers as per itinerary and entrance fees (Italian, French, Spanish, English Guides)

### **Not Included:**

Tips (recommended \$12 per day), all extras onboard, drinks, optional excursions (White Monasteries, The Nubian village, Abu Simbel by car, Sound and Light Show at Karanak, Hot Air Balloon)