

The Great Pyramids, Karnak, Egyptian Museum, West Bank are all here, but this tour sets itself apart by also including the formidable temples of Abu Simbel.



Visit the magnificent temples of Abu Simbel, amazingly repositioned in the 1960's to allow for the newly formed Lake Nasser

# Jewels of the Nile, Lake Nasser and Abu Simbel

## TOUR PACE

A leisurely tour with three nights cruising Lake Nasser and three nights cruising the Nile, book-ended with two night stays in Cairo; you'll certainly want to unpack your suitcases, relax and settle into your accommodation.

## HOTELS

The Marriott Cairo is located in an exotic garden setting on an island in the heart of the city. All cabins on your Egyptian cruise boats are fully air-conditioned with private facilities, TV, fridge and outside views of the amazing scenery.

**DAY 1 – CAIRO AT LEISURE.** Welcome to Egypt - a land that abounds in ancient wonders and mysteries which has enthralled travellers for centuries! You are met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Hotel: Marriott

**DAY 2 – CAIRO SIGHTSEEING.** Join your Tour Director for a detailed pre-tour briefing. Then commence your exploration of Cairo with *breathhtaking views over the city from the Citadel*, and visit the *alabaster mosque*. Then test your bargaining skills in the famous *Khan El Khalili bazaars*. This afternoon, *visit Tahrir Square, the sprawling urban space that became famous over 18 historic days of protests, that led to the resignation of President Hosni Mubarak*. Next is the *Egyptian Museum, an unrivaled warehouse of Pharaonic treasure, housing the golden treasure recovered from the tomb of King Tutankhamun*. (BB)

**DAY 3 – CAIRO – ASWAN – ABU SIMBEL – JOIN CRUISE.** Transfer to the airport for your flight via Aswan to the ancient Nubian lands near Egypt's southern border. On arrival, board your comfortable cruise boat on Lake Nasser. Get your camera ready for your visit to the *Great Temple of Abu Simbel. You are confronted by four towering statues of Rameses himself, carved out of a single slab of rock*. The smaller *Temple of Hathor*, is also guarded by six 10 metre statues. Spend some time exploring inside the 3,200 year old walls, depicting scenes of Rameses and the Gods. *Tonight, experience the monuments lit in all their glory at the sound and light show*. Ship: MS Prince Abbas (BB,L,D)

**DAY 4 – ON BOARD SHIP.** Enjoy the ever changing scenery as you cruise to the ancient ruined citadel of *Kasr Ibrim*, still occupying its original strategic high ground. Cruise on to *Amada*, noted for having the oldest surviving structure on Lake Nasser. Also, it has some of the finest carvings of any Nubian temple. *Explore the temple* dedicated to Amun-Re and Re-Harrakte and also visit the *Tomb of Pennut*, deputy of Nubia. (BB,L,D)

**DAY 5 – ON BOARD SHIP.** This morning you visit *Wadi El Sebou*, – the 'Valley of the Lions', named after the great Avenue of Sphinxes which led to the Temple of Rameses II. Now time to relax and enjoy your superb cruise facilities as you continue on to exotic *Aswan* - where the Middle East overlaps with Africa! (BB,L,D)

**DAY 6 – ASWAN – ON BOARD SHIP.** Visit the *Temple of Kalabsha*, built by the Roman Emperor Octavius Augustus and dedicated to the local fertility god Mandulis. Disembark now and cross over the *Aswan High Dam*. Take a *motorboat to the Temples of Philae, rising from the waters of the Nile*. Aswan granite was used by many of the Pharaohs to build their temples and tombs and you visit one of the quarries on your way to your *second cruise ship* which will transport you up the Nile. This afternoon, *enjoy high tea in English colonial style before sunset*. Ship: MS Giselle or MS Sapphire or MS La Boheme (BB,L,D)

**DAY 7 – ON BOARD SHIP.** For a change of mood, *embark on a traditional Nile sailing boat (felucca,)* around Aswan's Botanical Gardens. Cruise on to *Kom Ombo* to visit the *only temple in Egypt dedicated to two gods* - Horus the Elder

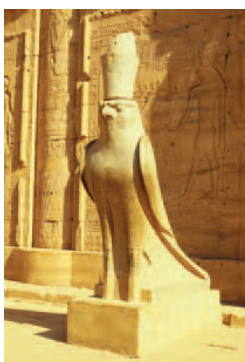
and the crocodile headed Sobek. In fact, crocodiles were kept in the temple and some mummified remains are still on show. Set sail again for *Edfu. Tonight celebrate in Egyptian style at an Oriental Dinner and Galabea Party*. (BB,L,HD)

**DAY 8 – ON BOARD SHIP.** In Edfu this morning, two black granite falcons guard the entrance to the *Temple of Horus, the Falcon God*. After exploring the *beautifully preserved wall reliefs*, continue your Nile cruise to *Luxor*. On arrival, visit the fabulous *Luxor Temple*. The obelisk now occupying the centre of the Place de la Concorde in Paris originally came from this temple. (BB L D)

**DAY 9 – DISEMBARK LUXOR – CAIRO.** Drive over to the west bank of the Nile for a photo stop at the towering *Colossi of Memnon*. Next, *visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, blending into the cliff face above. Continue to the Valley of the Kings, the burial place of many of the New Kingdom Pharaohs*. Return to Luxor to the *Temple complex of Karnak*. Among its splendours is the *Hypostyle Hall*, the largest of any temple in the world. Later, transfer to the airport to board your flight back to Cairo. Hotel: Marriott (BB)

**DAY 10 – CAIRO SIGHTSEEING.** Drive out to *Memphis*, to view the colossal statue of *Rameses II and great alabaster sphinx*. Nearby at *Sakkara*, view the *Step Pyramid of Zoser*; dating from 2686BC, it's the oldest in the world. *Your tour reaches its zenith with a guided tour of Giza where you see the enigmatic Sphinx and venture inside one of the magnificent Pyramids!* (BB)

**DAY 11 – DEPART CAIRO.** Your tour comes to a close with a transfer to the airport. (BB)



The deity Horus, depicted as a falcon



Visit the well preserved temple at Kom Ombo

Ramses II, one of the biggest statues made in Egypt for a pharaoh, the statue was constructed over 3500 years ago



See Tutankhamun's treasure in the Egyptian Museum in Cairo  
See the Great Pyramids and their guardian Sphinx with a highlight visit inside one of the pyramids  
Visit Tahrir Square, epicentre of the January 25 uprising that changed the course of Egyptian history

Embark on an excursion to the West bank of the Nile to visit Queen Hatshepsut's temple and the Valley of the Kings



Cruise aboard the MS Sapphire

Enjoy high tea in English colonial style

Tour the amazing temples of Rameses II  
Experience the temples of Abu Simbel by night at the Sound & Light Show

Egyptian dinner and Galabea Party



**Key**

- PREMIUM HIGHLIGHTS
- HIGHLIGHT DINNERS
- GUIDED SIGHTSEEING OR ORIENTATION TOUR
- CENTRAL HOTELS + NIGHTS
- CRUISE + NIGHTS



**Included Premium Highlights**

- Visit Tahrir Square, 'beating heart' of the recent 25 January 2011 Revolution
- Visit the Egyptian Museum in Cairo to see the treasure of Tutankhamun
- Visit the awe-inspiring Temples of Rameses II at Abu Simbel,
- Experience the monuments of Abu Simbel lit in all their glory at the sound and light show
- Take a motorboat to the Temple of Isis on Philae Island
- Enjoy high tea in English colonial style before the sun sets in Aswan
- Visit the Temple of Hatshepsut and tombs of the Pharaohs in the Valley of the Kings
- Venture inside one of the Pyramids of Giza and see the enigmatic Sphinx

**Included Other Excursions & Sights**

- Visit Mohammed Ali Mosque and enjoy views over Cairo from the Citadel
- Visit the famous Khan El Khalili bazaars
- Overview Kasr Ibrim and visit the Amada, Wadi El Sebou & Kalabsha temples
- Sail by traditional 'felucca' around the Botanical Gardens in Aswan
- Visit the Temple of Sobek at Kom Ombo and the Temple of Horus at Edfu
- Enjoy a visit to Luxor Temple which lay hidden for thousands of years
- Tour the Temple complex of Karnak with its vast Hypostyle Hall
- Photo opportunity at the towering Colossi of Memnon
- See the colossal statue of Rameses II and great alabaster sphinx in Memphis
- View the Step Pyramid of King Zoser, the oldest in the world

**Insight's Cairo & Nile Cruise**

- Insight's professional multi-lingual Egyptologist/Tour Director accompanies you
- Headsets for all guided visits and walking tours
- Sightseeing by air-conditioned coach
- Deluxe Cairo hotel with all service charges, taxes and portorage
- 3 night Lake Nasser cruise on MS Prince Abbas (or similar) and 3 night Nile cruise on MS Giselle or MS Sapphire or MS La Boheme (or similar) including all cruise boat gratuities
- Scheduled air travel Cairo/Aswan/Abu Simbel and Luxor/Cairo
- Services of Insight's Representative in Egypt
- Insight Traveller document wallet, Welcome on Tour book and information pack
- Arrival & departure transfers between the airport and your Insight tour hotel.

**Included Quality Dining**

- Egyptian dinner and Galabea Party (HD)
- 10 Buffet Breakfasts (BB), 6 Lunches (L) and 5 Dinners (D), plus bottled water, tea or coffee with included lunches and dinners while cruising
- Departures on tour for New Year's Eve, enjoy a festive celebration dinner

Cruise by motorboat to the Island of Philae to visit the Temple of Isis

**TOUR CODE: J945W** **Low prices and great quality**

Starts Cairo	Ends Cairo	Twin Share p.p.	Single Supp. Option	Triple Room Reduction	Starts Cairo	Ends Cairo	Twin Share p.p.	Single Supp. Option	Triple Room Reduction
Wed 02 Nov	- Sat 12 Nov	\$3199	\$885	n/a	Wed 18 Jan	- Sat 28 Jan	\$3199	\$885	n/a
Wed 09 Nov	- Sat 19 Nov	\$3199	\$885	n/a	Wed 25 Jan	- Sat 04 Feb	\$3199	\$885	n/a
Wed 16 Nov	- Sat 26 Nov	\$3199	\$885	n/a	Wed 01 Feb	- Sat 11 Feb	\$3199	\$885	n/a
Wed 23 Nov	- Sat 03 Dec	\$3199	\$885	n/a	Wed 08 Feb	- Sat 18 Feb	\$3199	\$885	n/a
Wed 30 Nov	- Sat 10 Dec	\$3199	\$885	n/a	Wed 15 Feb	- Sat 25 Feb	\$3199	\$885	n/a
Wed 07 Dec	- Sat 17 Dec	\$3199	\$885	n/a	Wed 22 Feb	- Sat 03 Mar	\$3199	\$885	n/a
Wed 14 Dec	- Sat 24 Dec	\$3225	\$915	n/a	Wed 29 Feb	- Sat 10 Mar	\$3199	\$885	n/a
Wed 21 Dec	- Sat 31 Dec	\$3535	\$1110	n/a	Wed 07 Mar	- Sat 17 Mar	\$3199	\$885	n/a
♦ Wed 28 Dec	- Sat 07 Jan	\$3699	\$1110	n/a	Wed 14 Mar	- Sat 24 Mar	\$3199	\$885	n/a
<b>2012:</b>					Wed 21 Mar	- Sat 31 Mar	\$3199	\$885	n/a
Wed 04 Jan	- Sat 14 Jan	\$3199	\$885	n/a	Wed 28 Mar	- Sat 07 Apr	\$3535	\$1110	n/a
Wed 11 Jan	- Sat 21 Jan	\$3199	\$885	n/a					

**Extra Accommodation**

Per person, per night	Twin	Single	Triple
Cairo Marriott			
23 Dec '11 - 03 Jan '12,			
04 Apr - 13 Apr '12	\$166	\$284	n/a
All other times	\$135	\$221	n/a

**Notes**  
All prices are in US dollars.  
**Additional Visa Requirements:** Check with your Travel Agent about visas for this tour.

**DEF**  **Definite Departures (DEF)**  
These are regularly updated and listed on our website [www.insightvacations.com](http://www.insightvacations.com) (see page 8 for details).

**Festive Highlights**

♦ New Year's Eve festive celebration dinner included

**Highlight Dinners & Included Sightseeing are worth approximately US\$370**

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