

Renowned for its ancient civilisations, Egypt is home to some of the world's most famous monuments – the Great Sphinx and the Giza pyramid complex – and numerous ancient artefacts. Embark on an unforgettable journey designed to showcase its vibrant culture in a relaxed but exhiliarating fashion.











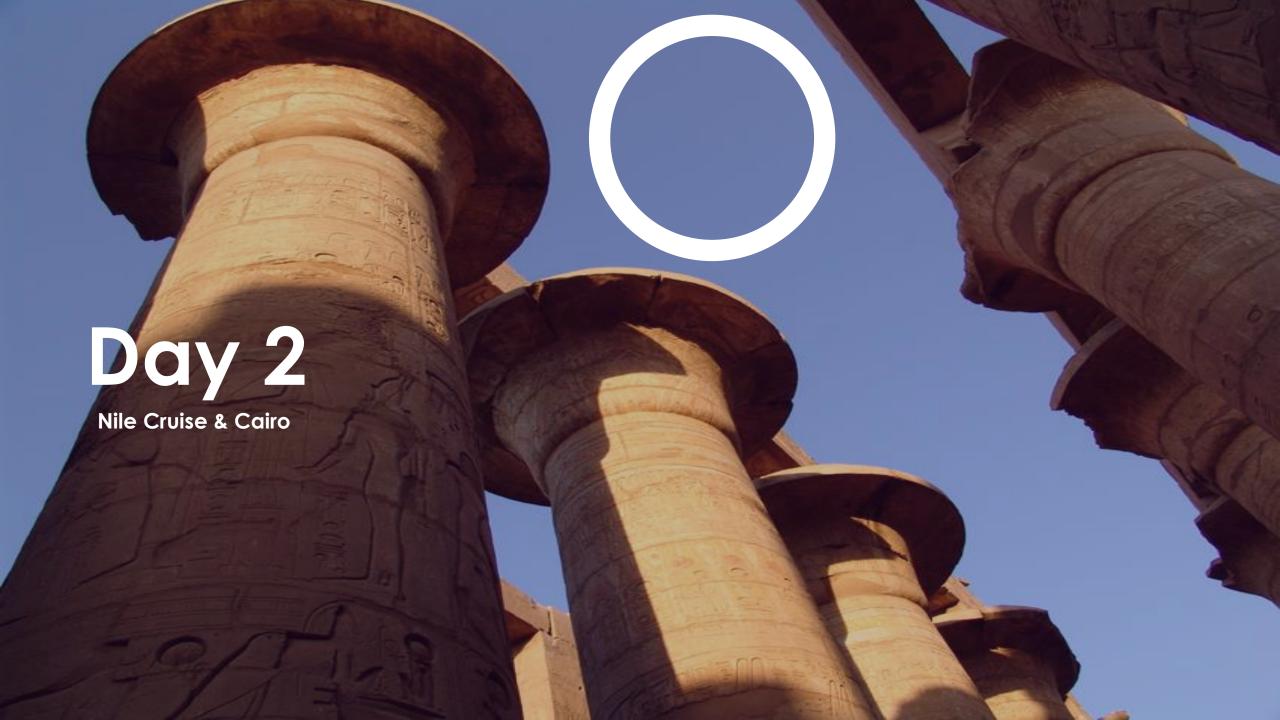
Arrival

Arrival at Cairo International Airport, transfer flight to the southern city of Luxor and escort to the ship of choice. Settle in to your floating home from home and gather with new friends for a welcome cocktail with the Captain and his crew.











Morning - West Bank

After breakfast onboard the ship the day begins with a crossing of the Nile to Luxor's West Bank where some of the majestic sights to be discovered include:

Memnon Colossi

Two gigantic seated statues which once flanked the entrance to the mortuary temple of pharaoh Amenhotep III.



The royal cemetery with palatial resting places of 62 Pharaohs.

Valley of the Queens

The burial place of several royal wives, princesses and nobles.

Temple of Queen Hatshepsut

Carved out of limestone, its design and decoration makes it one of the most characteristic temples in the whole of Egypt.



Afternoon - East Bank

Present day Luxor is built on the site of ancient Thebes where the imposing temples of Karnak and Luxor were formed by generations of builders to embellish and honour their gods.

This afternoon is yours to explore two; Luxor Temple which is separated from the Nile by just one street and served as a secret location for Amun, the lord of gods and Karnak Temple, the largest surviving religious complex in the world, a holy city of colossal statues, shrines and obelisks.













o Morning - Edfu

Visit the Temple of Horus, the Falcon God in Edfu. Not only is it the best preserved ancient temple in Egypt, its also the second largest after Karnak.



Afternoon - Kom Ombo

Sail to Kom Ombo and enjoy the scenery of the Egyptian countryside and the varied local life on the river and its banks. Lunch onboard. Visit the Temple of Kom Ombo which is actually two temples, one dedicated to Sobek and one to Haroeris. In ancient times, sacred crocodiles basked in the sun on the riverbank near here.



o Evening - Galabia Party

As the ship sails silently to Aswan, dress in traditional long robe tunics for dinner and an evening of party games and dancing.













Aswan

Explore three of the most popular sites in Aswan, one of the oldest inhabited places in Egypt. Walk on the granite High Dam which separates Lake Nasser from the Nile and marvel at the size of the Unfinished Obelisk. Sail on a felucca around Kitchener's Island and its Botanic Gardens.



o Evening - Nubian Night

For your final evening aboard the ship, enjoy an authentic folkloric show with a Nubian troupe playing traditional Egyptian musical instruments reflecting the country's folk culture.













Morning - Flight to Cairo

No visit to this city is complete without a visit to the Pyramids of Giza, over 4,500 years old and one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

A camel ride about the Pyramids adds to the magic. Stop to see The Sphinx, the 20m high, 57m long half man half lion guardian of a sun temple east of the Great Pyramid. Visit Sakkara pyramid & Memphis.



Evening

Dinner at a typical Egyptian Restaurant in a classic Arabesque setting.













Cairo

Immerse yourself further into the culture of Cairo with a visit to the famous Citadel, learn about the Islamic faith at the Mohamed Aly (Alabaster) Mosque. Stroll through the bustling Khan El Khalili Bazaars. Haggle for some souvenirs before enjoying a relaxing lunch overlooking the Nile. In the afternoon, explore the famous treasures of King Tutankhamun at the Egyptian Museum.



Evening - Manial Palace

Said to have been built for Prince Mohammad Ali between 1899 and 1929, the palace was given to the Egyptian nation in 1955. Its golden hall provides an elegant setting for an exquisite gala evening of fine food and live music as you reminisce over your time spent in enchanting Egypt.













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