



Magic Along the Nile:

Aswan, Luxor and Cairo | Includes a 3-night Nile Cruise
January 10-22, 2027



Tour arrangements by Classical Excursions



The Great Temple of Abu Simbel – Photograph by Lani Summerville, January 2024. The single entrance is flanked by four colossal, (66 ft) statues, each representing Ramesses II seated on a throne and wearing the double crown of Upper and Lower Egypt. We will have our optional visit on Monday, 5 January with an early morning flight to Abu Simbel to view these magnificent temples, with return just past noon on the same day.

Overview of our Days

Day for departures from USA · January 9, 2027: We recommend you consider Egyptair departing New York's JFK for non-stop flight to Cairo with a connection onto Aswan – this is the most direct and easiest way to reach Aswan to start our tour. Other options include connecting flights through Europe or the Middle East. If need be you can also fly into Cairo a day early and rest at the Le Meridien Airport hotel and connect to Aswan on the morning of January 10th. Many flights through Heathrow on Egyptair also connect easily to Aswan flights the same day.

January 10 · The tour starts this evening in Aswan: Arrive Egypt, fly to Aswan. Check-in to the historic **Aswan Old Cataract Hotel**. Meet our tour co-hosts Lani Summerville and Cosmo Brockway, who will be with us for the entire journey. Day to rest and recoup. **Welcome dinner** that night.

January 11: We have an *optional* early morning flight to **Abu Simbel** to view the magnificent temples, with return around noon on the same day. Afternoon walk through a **Nubian village** with time to shop for handmade scarves, spices etc.. followed by a sunset sail on the Nile in a traditional **Dahabiya**. Dinner on your own and an overnight at the Old Cataract Hotel.

January 12 · Ship: At Noon we board the **Senator Cruise Ship**, which is a small luxury ship with only 16 all-suites cabins. The ship has been leased for our exclusive use. Lunch on board, then touring in the afternoon to the **Temple of Philae**, and the **Unfinished Obelisk**. Welcome cocktail reception on board that evening, followed by dinner.

January 13 · Ship: Visit to the **Temple of Kom Ombo**, lunch aboard while sailing to Edfu. Then visit to the **Temple at Edfu**. Afternoon Tea aboard while sailing to Esna for the night. Dinner aboard.

January 14 · Ship: Morning visit to the Esna Temple, then sailing to Luxor. After lunch, visits to **Karnak and the Luxor Temples**. Dinner aboard.

January 15 · Luxor: Disembark the Senator. Today we visit the West Bank and **Valley of the Kings and Queens, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut** and more. Afternoon textile shopping and browsing in the markets. Check-in to the **Al Moudira Hotel** for 3-nights. Dinner in Luxor.

January 16 · Luxor: Special visit to see **Howard Carter's villa** and the **Tombs of Nobles**, with a private evening viewing of **Nefertari's or Seti's Tomb** in the Valley of the Queens or Kings. Dinner in Luxor.

January 17· Luxor: An optional early morning **Hot Air Balloon ride** over the Valley of the Kings, followed by an afternoon visit to the **Medinet Habu Temple**, which is the Mortuary Temple of Ramesses III and is considered to be one of the largest and best-preserved examples of this type of building. Alternative leisure time at the beautiful Al Moudira Hotel.

January 18 · Cairo: Depart this morning for flight to Cairo. Afternoon visit to the **Egyptian Museum**. Check-in to the **Four Seasons Cairo at the First Residence** for 4-nights.

January 19 · Cairo: Full day of touring, including the **Islamic Cairo** and the **Mosque of Ibn Tulum**, and **Gayer Anderson House**. Curated shopping with Cosmo Brockway. Dinner in a private home.

January 20 · Cairo: A full day visit to the ancient necropolis of Saqqara to see the world's oldest pyramid, the **Step Pyramid of Djoser, burial tombs** and the extraordinary **Serapeum**. **Dinner in Cairo**

January 21 · Cairo: Morning visit to the **Great Pyramids at Giza, the Sphinx** and the **Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM)**. Farewell dinner in a special location.

January 22 · Independent departures.

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January 10, 2027 · Arrive Egypt, fly to Aswan. Check-in to the Old Cataract Hotel. Day to rest and recoup. Dinner at the hotel tonight.

January 11, 2027 · Depart hotel at approximately 7:30 am for our flight to Abu Simbel for this special visit to the Great and Small Temples. We'll spend several hours here before our return flight to Aswan where we return to the Old Cataract Hotel for the evening.



Senator Nile Cruise

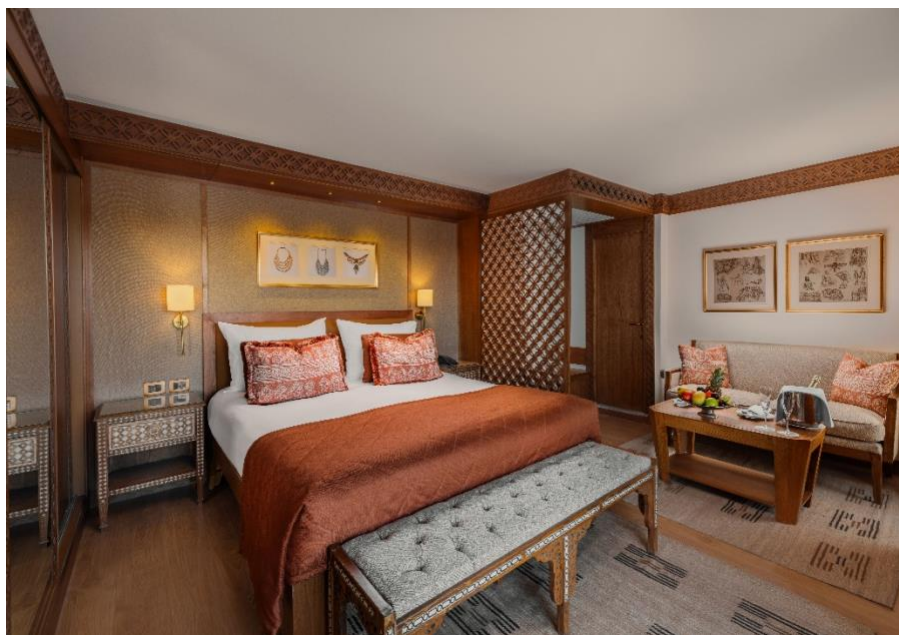
As you step aboard Steigenberger's Senator, prepare to be transported into a world of unparalleled luxury and opulence. The Senator's architecture seamlessly fuses modern sophistication with oriental allure. Every aspect, from the sleek lines of the furnishings to the intricate patterns gracing the walls, is meticulously crafted to captivate and inspire. The interiors exude an ambience of timeless elegance, paying homage to the region's rich cultural heritage.

The Senator boasts 16 opulent suites, each a sanctuary of indulgence. Their spacious layouts, each features a lounge area and a private terrace, plush bedding, and lavish amenities promise unparalleled comfort and style. With arabesque motifs adorning every corner, each suite is a masterpiece of refined luxury.

The Senator offers a culinary journey curated by our talented chefs, where each dish is a work of art and every bite evokes a symphony of flavors. The Lounge Bar is an elegant space offering a refined ambience for relaxation and socializing. Indulge in the splendor of the sun deck aboard the Senator, an elevated oasis on the majestic Nile.

GUEST SUITES & FEATURES:

16 opulent guest suites, each featuring a lounge area and a private terrace. • Suites size: 32 m2 • Fully air conditioned suites (individually controlled) • Satellite TV • Suites are equipped with private bathrooms, shower cabin, and hairdryer • In cabin safe box • Full stocked minibar refilled once upon arrival • A complimentary bottle of local wine and a fruit basket upon arrival • Bathrobe & Slippers • Deluxe suite amenities • Tea and coffee tray facilities • Espresso machine • An array of diverse pastries is provided in suites during cruise sailing.



SHIP FEATURES: 24-hour reception • Room Service • Luxurious sun deck with swimming pool & pool bar • Luxurious lounge bar • 2 Game tables • Library • Complimentary Wifi • Gym • Sauna • Major credit cards accepted • Beauty salon available upon request*, Massage*, Gift shop*, Doctor on call*, Local & International dial-up access*, Laundry service* • Electric current 220 volts 50 cycles.

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PROGRAM INCLUDES:

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Hotels and Ship for 12-nights with the Aswan Old Cataract Hotel (2-night), Senator (3-nights), Hotel Al Moudira in Luxor (3-nights) and the Four Seasons Cairo Hotel at First Residence (4-nights).

MEALS:

Breakfast daily, all lunches and most dinners. A number of lunches and dinners will be in private homes.

TOURING:

All tours and admissions are included. We will be joined by Cosmo Brockway, an expert with great connections for some private and very special visits and meals. The archaeological visits are led by a noted Egyptologist.

MOTOR COACHES:

All buses are air conditioned.

FLIGHTS:

We include the flight from Aswan to Abu Simbel and Luxor to Cairo.

TAXES:

Included are service charges on hotels/restaurants as well as taxes levied by local governments and authorities.

TIPS & GRATUITIES:

Not Included: Tips to drivers, guides and extra security are not included.

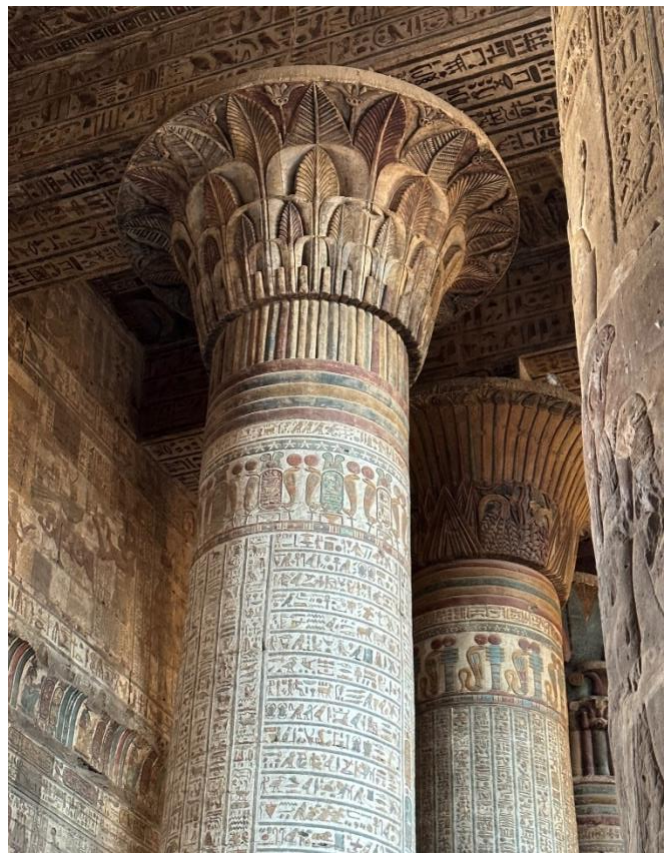
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Information updated as of June 2026 | Itinerary subject to change without notice.

A few photos by Lani Summerville



Top: The pyramids at Giza, Cairo
Left: The tower at the Ibn Tulun Mosque, Cairo | Right: Column at the Temple of Esna on the Nile

Saqqara with the Step Pyramid of Djoser and surrounding temples

