

Ramses Sunrise 11 days



See the best of ancient Egypt with the luxury of a 5 star Nile cruiser & hotels. Explore pyramids, temples & tombs & top it off with the amazing Sun Festival of King Ramses II - observe the awesome spectacle as sunlight floods the temple of Abu Simbel.

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Cairo / Ends in: Cairo
- Departs: 15 February 2013
- No local payment required
- Breakfast: 10, Lunch: 4, Dinner: 7
- Hotel Rating: 5 star
- Tour Guide: Yes

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - [click here](#)
- To book this trip - [click here](#)
- To enquire about this trip - [click here](#)

TOUR MAP:



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Day 1: Cairo

Friday 15th Feb 2013. Welcome to Egypt and the start of a wonderful holiday! Arrive Cairo airport, meet and greet service and included transfer to hotel. Overnight - [Cairo](#)

Day 2: Pyramids of Giza and Saqqara

Today we visit Egypt's most loved sight - The Great Pyramids of Giza. We explore the Gize plateau, pyramids and massive lion-headed Sphinx. Later, we tour Saqqara - an ancient necropolis with many half-buried tombs and the famous Zoser's step pyramid. Overnight sleeper cabin train south to Luxor with a light dinner included.

If you don't fancy travelling by overnight sleeper train, opt to undertake the journey by flight with our Jewel of the Nile Flight Upgrade. The option includes air travel between Cairo - Luxor and Aswan - Cairo with two nights accommodation in the comfort of 5 star hotels. Overnight - Sleeper Train



Day 3: Ancient Thebes

Home of the legendary Valley of the Kings and Temple of Karnak, 4000 year old Luxor is ancient Egypt at it's best. Upon arriving to Luxor, hotel check in and some rest and relaxation. Later this afternoon we visit the grand temples of Karnak. More than a temple, Karnak is a spectacular complex of sanctuaries, pylons and obelisks - built on a grand scale. During the height of Theban power, Karnak was the most important place of worship. Later, we visit to the Temple of Luxor built by Pharaoh Amenophis III. Luxor Temple looks stunning at dusk and is beautifully illuminated at night. Overnight - [Luxor](#)

Day 4: Valley of the Kings

An early start allows us to avoid some of the fierce midday heat as we venture to the tomb strewn Valley of the Kings. Consider opting to join our hot air ballooning excursion over ancient Thebes - fabulous early in the morning!

The massive pair of statues known as the Colossi of Memnon are

the first monuments you'll see during our visit to the West Bank of the River Nile. After we tour the famed Valley of the Kings and the colonnaded Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. Return to Luxor for check-in aboard our Nile 5 star cruiser. Overnight - [Nile Cruiser](#)



Day 5: Nile cruising & Kom Ombo Temple

Pull up a deck chair and relax as we sail upstream toward the Temple of Kom Ombo. Overnight - [Nile Cruiser](#)

Day 6: Nile Cruising

A relaxing day as we sail the Nile. Later today, we visit the waterside Temple of Kom Ombo. Arrive Aswan late evening and remainder on the evening at leisure. Overnight - [Nile Cruising](#)



Day 7: Aswan, Philae Temple & the High Dam

Nile Cruiser. Arriving to Aswan, we visit the Philae Temple. Later after lunch, a visit to the High Dam and take a felucca boat journey to Elephantine and Kitchener Island.

This evening relax and watch an amazing sunset in Egypt's southern most town straddling the River Nile. Just after midnight, we check out from our Nile Cruiser and travel due south toward the Temples of Abu Simbel. Our bus journey will take approximately 3.5 hours, arriving well before sunrise. Overnight - [Nile Cruiser/Bus to Abu Simbel](#).

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Day 8: SUN FESTIVAL – TEMPLE OF KING RAMSES II – ABU SIMBEL

SUN FESTIVAL – TEMPLE OF KING RAMSES II – ABU SIMBEL
 Saturday 22 Feb 2012. Abu Simbel – Aswan. As dawn breaks the magic will unfold and here we'll witness the spectacular Sun Festival of King Ramses II. Possibly the most awe-inspiring temple of all ancient Egypt, with its gargantuan rock-cut façade, the great Sun Temple of King Ramses II at Abu Simbel was created to revere the mighty Pharaonic ruler King Ramses II. Ramses the Bold, Ramses the Great, and Ramses the Narcissist are perhaps all apt titles for one of ancient Egypt's most powerful rulers. Celebrating a life that spanned nearly a centenary, Ramses had plenty of time for his more than 200 wives and concubines who produced him some 96 sons and 60 daughters. Built by Ramses II to demonstrate his political clout and divine backing to the ancient Nubians, Abu Simbel is an awesome self tribute. Guarding the entrance to the temple (built between 1290 and 1224 BC) hewn into the side of a mountain are four famous colossal statues of the pharaoh himself, which sit majestically staring out across the desert, seemingly since time began. Over the centuries, the desert sands imperceptibly shifted until the temple was all but lost to humanity. It was rediscovered by chance in 1813 by a Swiss explorer called John Lewis Burckhardt. Only one of the heads of the pharaohs was showing and only a small part of the rest of the colossal temple peeked above the desert sands. The other rock cut temple at Abu Simbel is the Temple of Hathor, which is fronted by six massive standing statues. Four of them represent King Ramses II, whilst the other two are of his beloved wife, Queen Nefertari. In a fit of precision and architectural egotism, Ramses II had Abu Simbel carefully angled and oriented in order that the sun's rays would align twice a year on his date of his ascension to the throne (21 February) and on his birthday (21 October) and illuminate the inner sanctum of the temple. This incredible natural phenomenon provides for a most spectacular sight, and is now known as the Sun Festival of King Ramses II. People gather before sunrise and watch the shafts of light slowly creeping through the rock hewn inner Hypostyle Hall and through to the Sanctuary. Significantly, the sun illuminates statues of Amun- Re, Re-Herakhte and Ramses the god, whilst the statue of Ptah - the god of darkness - remains in the shadows. Famously, the temple was re-located in a multimillion dollar operation in 1972, further up from the shoreline of Lake Nasser, which had threatened to erode the foundations of this monolithic temple complex. For this reason, the sun now strikes a day later than Ramses had originally planned, though the event this morning itself is no less stunning. After the grand finale, we'll explore the site in depth with a fully guided tour of the Sun Temple of King Ramses II and also the Temple of Hathor. You'll have time to independently explore and take plenty of pictures, before returning to Aswan. Upon arrival to Aswan, there is time to relax and enjoy the hotel facilities (a number of day use rooms will be provided for the group). Later this evening we board the overnight train for our journey back to Cairo. Enjoy a light dinner in the comfort of your sleeper cabin. Overnight - Sleeper Train



Day 9: Cairo

Cairo. Sleeper train travellers arrive to Cairo and hotel check in. Early this afternoon we all head out to tour the dazzling antiquities at the Egyptian Museum. Amongst the many exhibits are the treasures of King Tutankhamen. The remains of the afternoon and evening offer free time. Overnight - [Cairo](#)

Day 10: Explore Cairo - your own way.

Today offers free time for you to relax by the pool, enjoy the hotel facilities or maybe head to Khan el Khalili market for a little last minute souvenir shopping. Alternatively, you could join our Cairo city tour visiting old Cairo and the Islamic citadel.

Day 11: Cairo

Tuesday 25 February 2013. Our Ramses Sunrise tour concludes after breakfast and onward departure transfer to the airport.

WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- Abu Simbel - at sunrise, witness the grand accomplishment and feat of precision mastered by King Rames II at the Abu Simbel Sun Festival
- Cairo - Great Pyramids and Sphinx at Giza, Necropolis of Saqqara and The Egyptian Museum
- Luxor - Karnak Temple and Luxor Temple by night
- Luxor - West Bank - Valley of the Kings, Colossi of Memnon, Temple of Queen Hatshepsut
- Nile 5 star cruising
- Edfu - Temple of Horus
- Kom Ombo - Temple of Kom Ombo
- Aswan - High Dam, Philae Temple, River Nile by cruiser

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- Felucca sailing to Elephantine and Kitchener Islands

What's Included

- Breakfast daily, 4 lunches, 5 dinners - (2 aboard sleeper train)
- 4 nights 5 star hotels
- 4 nights aboard luxury 5 star cruiser (twin/double cabin with en suite bathroom)
- 2 overnight trains Cairo - Luxor and Aswan - Cairo (1st Class sleeper accommodation)
- Return coach journey (3.5hrs) to Abu Simbel
- Return coach journey Aswan - Abu Simbel for the Abu Simbel Sun Festival
- Guided visit to Abu Simbel at sunrise on 22nd February 2013
- Abu Simbel and Sun Festival entrance fee
- Felucca sailing afternoon, boat journey to Philae Temple
- Airport arrival transfer on day 1 and departure transfer on day 11
- Touring of Cairo, Aswan, Kom Ombo, Edfu, Luxor & Abu Simbel
- Escorted by an Egyptian tour leader/guide degree qualified in Egyptology
- All relevant transfer and transportation in private modern air-conditioned vehicles

What's Not Included

- International flights and visa
- Tip for your tour guide. We recommend you allow \$3 - 5 USD per day, per traveller. Tip for your Felucca Crew/ Nile Cruise staff, we recommend you allow \$10 USD. Tipping your guide and crew is an entirely personal gesture
- Entrance Fees: \$95-105 USD

BOLT-ONS:

Make the most of your time away! Listed below are the optional activities that are available on this trip. Please note that you will need to book these prior to travel as we cannot always guarantee availability of these activities once you are on holiday.

Hot Air Ballooning - USD \$199

An aerial adventure awaits in Luxor! Imagine drifting silently over temples, ancient sites, ruins and villages in the early morning sun. See ancient Thebes from a different angle as you float above the River Nile and wave down at the locals as you drift a few metres from their open rooftops!

Jewel of the Nile - flight option - USD \$399

If you don't fancy travelling by overnight sleeper train on the Jewel of the Nile, Jewel of the Nile Sun Festival or Ramses Sunrise

tours, then upgrade to our flight option, and fly from Cairo to Luxor and Aswan to Cairo. Enjoying two extra nights of comfort in 5* hotel accommodation.

PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$2,199

Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same sex on your tour, this can be arranged, (if another solo traveller of the same sex is already booked upon the tour), thus avoiding the single person supplement. All our scheduled tour departures are guaranteed subject to a minimum of 2 travellers.

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Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
15 FEB - 25 FEB	USD \$2,199	USD \$749

Supplementary Prices

	Price/Person	Single Supp.
Aswan to Cairo - 1 day	USD \$379	USD \$129

POSTCARDS:

Here's what some of our past travellers have written in to us and said about their experiences on this trip.

The wealth of knowledge of our guide made this special holiday even better. Absolutely fantastic!

[Helen Richards , Mar 2012](#)

Hi Ryan, I am back from Egypt after the Ramses Sunrise tour and I wish to thank On the Go for a wonderful holiday. I enjoyed myself immensely and had the time of my life. Everything was very well organized and the 5 star hotels as well as the cruise ship met all my expectations. Very nice group of people and I had a great time. Thanks once again for the perfect holiday.

[Christina, Mar 2010](#)