Sailing Through History: EasyJet Holidays' Maiden Voyage on the Nile

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I was lucky enough to experience EasyJet Holidays' maiden seven-night River Nile cruise. Sailing from Luxor to Aswan, this luxurious trip combines ancient history, stunning scenery, and plenty of relaxation. In addition, it offers a luxurious, hassle-free way to explore some of the world's most iconic landmarks, all while enjoying the comforts of a 5-star ship.

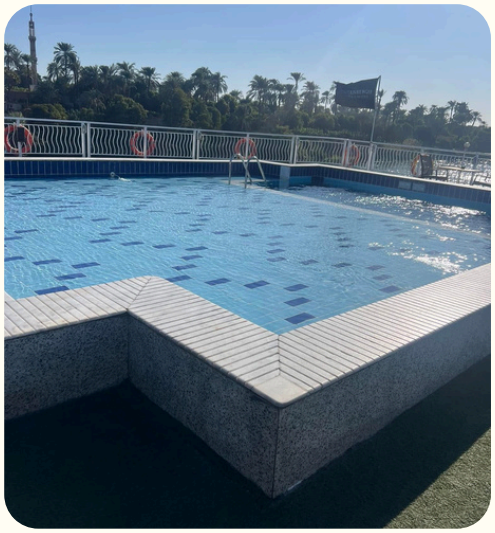
Imagine gliding along the Nile, waking up to a new adventure each day, and immersing yourself in the rich tapestry of Egypt's history and culture.











This cruise is perfect for history enthusiasts, featuring iconic sites like the Valley of the Kings, Philae Temple, and Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. Most excursions are included, with optional add-ons available locally. A knowledgeable guide accompanies you throughout, sharing fascinating insights. Between visits, relax on board or enjoy the scenic sail along the tranquil Nile River. This trip strikes the perfect balance between discovery and relaxation.





Day 1 - The Journey Begins: Luxor to Aswan

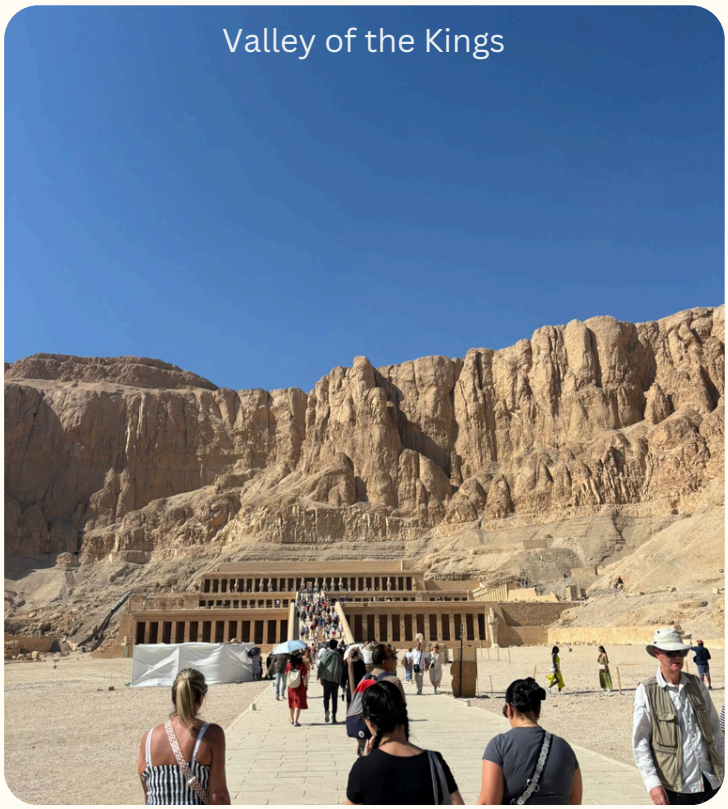
Fly directly from London Gatwick to Luxor on EasyJet's new route and step into a world of timeless elegance aboard the 5-star Steigenberger Legacy. From the moment you board, the grandeur and impeccable cleanliness of the ship will captivate you. Opt for a French balcony cabin on the upper deck for breathtaking morning views of the Nile as you sip your coffee.





Day 2 - Ancient Wonders of Luxor

We started the day exploring the Valley of the Kings, a must-visit for history enthusiasts. Wandering through ancient tombs, including the option to see Tutankhamun's tomb for just $14, was unforgettable. Next, we visited the impressive Colossi of Memnon and the awe-inspiring Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, soaking up their fascinating history. Back on the ship, we enjoyed lunch before sailing towards Edfu via the Esna Lock, with time to relax onboard. Tea and cake on the sun deck during a breathtaking sunset was a highlight, and the day ended on a festive note with the Captain's cocktail party.



Valley of the Kings



Temple of Hatshepsut

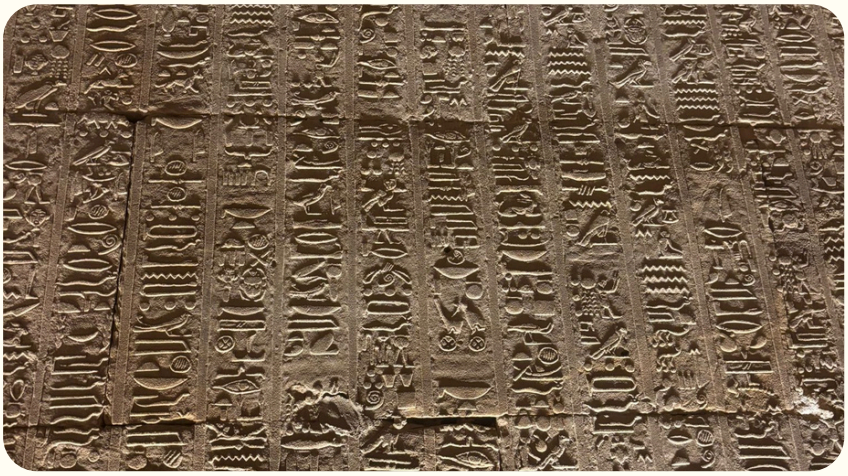




Colossi of Memnon

Day 3 - Edfu and Aswan Adventures

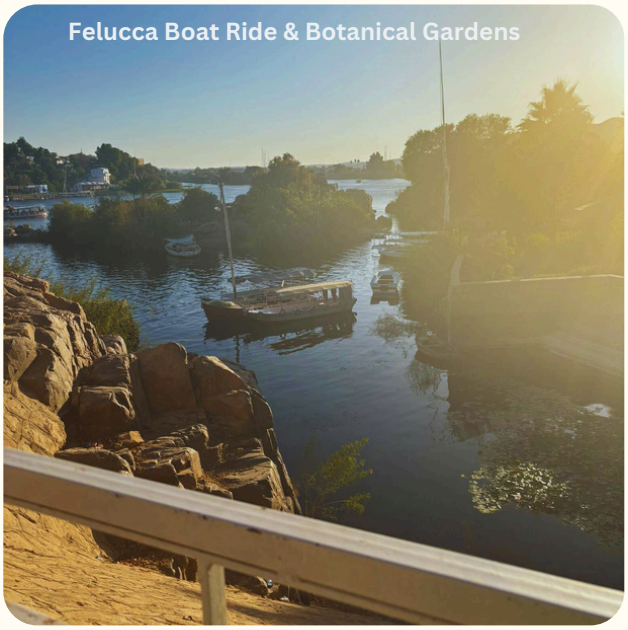
In Edfu, we visited one of Egypt's best-preserved temples, where our guide decoded the hieroglyphics for us. Back on the ship, I cooled off in the pool while we sailed to Aswan. There's something surreal about swimming with the Nile as your backdrop. Sunset tea followed by a fun Galabaya night (where everyone gets dressed up) was the perfect way to wind down.



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Day 4 - Magical Aswan

This day blew me away. The Philae Temple, on its own island, was a personal highlight. The boat ride there was so peaceful, and the views were unreal. Later, a Felucca ride around the Nile gave us a chance to see the Aga Khan Mausoleum and Elephantine Island, before stopping at the Botanical Gardens. The gardens were so calm and full of unique plants—a definite must-visit! That night, we enjoyed a Nubian show, which was so much fun.





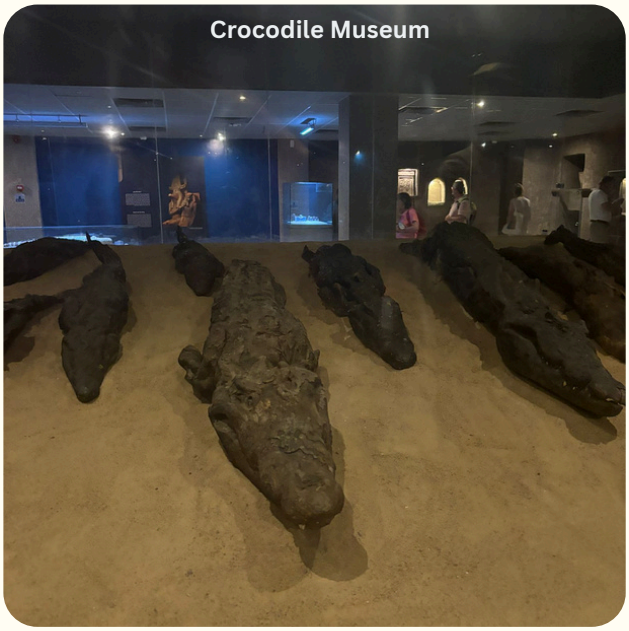
Day 5 - Chill or Explore

This was our day to choose: visit Abu Simbel or relax in Aswan. My group opted for a chilled day, which involved the most scenic McDonald's meal ever, sat outside with views of the Nile. Yes, it was a Big Mac—but the location made it unforgettable!

Day 6 - Kom Ombo and Crocodile Mummies

Waking up to views of Kom Ombo Temple was magical. After visiting the temple, we explored the Crocodile Museum, which is honestly so cool (ancient mummified crocodiles—who knew?). The afternoon was pure relaxation as we sailed back to Luxor, basking in the winter sunshine.


Kom Ombos


Crocodile Museum

Day 7 - Luxor's Final Gems

Our last full day was spent exploring Luxor Temple and Karnak Temple—two absolute stunners. Back onboard, we had a farewell dinner followed by a belly dancing show, making our final evening one to remember.


Luxor Temple


Karnak Temple

Day 8 - Homeward Bound

With a few hours left in Luxor, there was just enough time for some shopping and last-minute sunshine before heading to the airport.

Why It's a Must-Do

This cruise is perfect for anyone who loves luxury, history, and good vibes. The smaller ship felt so much more personal than an ocean cruise—there were always sunbeds free, and you got to know the other passengers really well. Plus, the warm winter weather made it an ideal escape from the UK cold.

Fleur's Pro Tips



- Bring US dollars, especially small ones—they're super handy.
- Get your eVisa online before you go—it's cheaper and saves you loads of time.

Final Thoughts

Whether you're after a winter sun getaway, a deep dive into history, or just a chance to relax in style, this Nile cruise ticks every box. Don't wait—book it now, and let the Nile work its magic!