

As part of your Secrets of Egypt & the Nile journey, you have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit one of the world's most magnificent archaeological treasures, Abu Simbel. This more than 3,000-year-old UNESCO World Heritage Site dedicated to Ramses II, one of the most active of Egypt's pharaohs, also includes a smaller temple dedicated to his beloved chief wife, Queen Nefertari. Seize the day and be among an exclusive group of travelers to experience the wonders and delights of this ancient site.

## **Unique History**

Buried for years in the sand until being discovered in 1813, the temple was built along the banks of the Nile River and had to be moved with the creation of the Aswan High Dam. In a remarkable feat of engineering, the temple complex was dismantled in 1960 and rebuilt on a higher hill in Lake Nasser, one of the largest manmade reservoirs in the world.







### What's Included



Roundtrip transfer from your ship to the Aswan Airport and assistance inside the airport



Roundtrip economy class air



Roundtrip transfer in Abu Simbel



Admission to the Great Temple at Abu Simbel and the Temple of Hathor and Nefertari



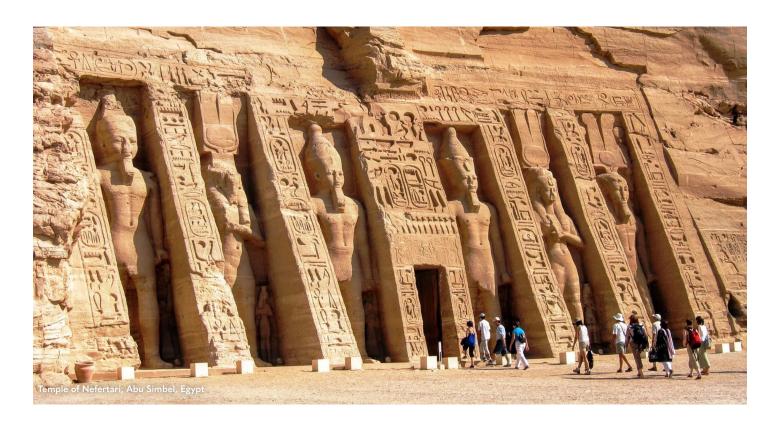
English-speaking Egyptologist who will join you throughout the excursion

Price Per Person

2024: \$395 | 2025: \$425

Contact your preferred travel advisor to add your optional excursion to Abu Simbel today!

# Abu Simbel Optional Excursion



## SECRETS OF EGYPT & THE NILE Itinerary from Day 6 to Day 8

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DAY	DESTINATION	ACTIVITIES	
Day 6	Edfu	Temple of Horus	
Day 7	Aswan	Free morning	
		OR Abu Simbel excursion	k
		Afternoon felucca ride	
		around Elephantine Island	
		Optional High Tea at the	
		historic Cataract Hotel	
Day 8	Aswan	Nubian Village visit and	
		Philae Temple	
	Kom Ombo	Great Temple of Kom Om	bo
		Traditional Galabia Evenin	



#### APPROXIMATE SCHEDULE\* ON DAY 7

Time	Activities	
6:00 AM	Transfer to Aswan Airport for your short 40-minute flight	
7:25 AM	Departure of your nonstop flight to Abu Simbel	
8:10 AM	Arrive at Abu Simbel Airport, transfer directly to the temple with your Egyptologist guide to start the visit to both temples in Abu Simbel, including some free time for photos	
10:10 AM	Transfer back to the airport for your flight back to Aswan	
11:15 AM	Depart for your nonstop 40-minute flight to Aswan	
12:00 PM	Arrive in Aswan and transfer back to your ship	

<sup>\*</sup>Schedule is a sample; day of week and exact times are subject to change.

Please note: During the hotter months of May, June and September, this excursion may be operated even earlier in the morning. Please refer to your final travel documents for the most updated information.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Twice a year, on October 22nd and February 22nd, believed to be Ramses II's birthday and coronation day, respectively, the rays of the sun align to illuminate the sculptures on the back wall of the Great Temple.