

NILE CRUISE & BEACH HOLIDAYS

Nile Cruise & Hurghada Twin Centre Holidays

Day 1: Friday: UK - Hurghada. Depart from Gatwick or Manchester for your flight to Hurghada. On arrival, transfer to your chosen hotel for a three night stay.

Day 4: Monday: Arriving in Luxor Transfer by road from Hurghada to Luxor, home to ancient monuments, tombs and temples is the starting point for your Nile cruise. Transfer to your chosen cruise ship.

Day 5: Tuesday: Western Thebes Breakfast on board before travelling to the West Bank of Thebes and the final resting place of a succession of mighty Pharaohs in the Valley of the Kings, littered with intricate tombs – beautifully coloured and decorated with hieroglyphics. A visit to the tomb of Tutankhamun is a popular optional excursion. On the West Bank discover the Temple of Hatshepsut, one Egypt's few female Pharaohs, and the gigantic statues of the Colossi of Memnon, two massive stone statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III, which have stood in the Theban necropolis for the last 3400 years.



Day 6: Wednesday: Luxor After breakfast visit the East bank of Thebes and the staggering Temples of Luxor and Karnak. The Luxor Temple was erected by Amenophis III for Mut, the vulture headed wife of the God Amun and was added to throughout the centuries by Tutankhamun, Ramses II and a host of Christians, Romans and Muslims. At the vast open air museum of Karnak, translated as "the Most Selected of Places" and the main place of worship of the eighteenth dynasty of the Theban Horus in Edfu temple Triad that had Amun as its head, you can marvel at the Great Hypostyle Hall with its 134 columns. In the afternoon, sail to Edfu via Esna lock.

Day 7: Thursday: Edfu/Kom Ombo During this day's sailing you'll have the opportunity to visit Edfu, home to the wonderfully preserved 2000+ year old Temple of Horus, the falcon-headed God of the Sun and Plants. Lunch on board as we continue towards Aswan and its mighty dam via the impressive sight of Kom Ombo standing sentinel on a headland at a bend in the river. Here you can visit the Sobek Temple, built in 250BC to honour the crocodile headed Sobek and the falcon-headed Horus.

Day 8: Friday: Aswan This morning is spent visiting the island of Agilika and Philae Temple, dedicated to Isis. The temple, comprising 40,000 blocks and weighing about 20,000 tonnes was moved to the island between 1972 and 1980 to save it from being flooded by the lake that was formed between the High Dam and the Old Dam when the new dam was built. After taking lunch, enjoy a felucca ride (traditional Egyptian sailing boat) along the Nile before returning for dinner.



Day 9: Saturday: Aswan & surrounding area Make the most of the onboard facilities as you sail to the Aswan area. Alternatively, you can take time out for one of the optional excursions, such as an early morning trip to Abu Simbel (by air or by bus) to see the great sun temple with its four gigantic statues of Ramses II hewn into the desert mountainside. Another option is to take a day trip to an Aswan Nubian Village and National Park. During the evening you take an optional excursion to experience the atmospheric Sound and Light show in the Philae Temple.

Day 10: Sunday: Cruise to Luxor A leisurely morning of sailing to Luxor via Esna (please note the cruise ship does not top here). Make the most of your last full day on the ship as you relax and enjoy all the amenities on offer and soak up the scenery. With evening comes the option of visiting the Sound and Light show at Karnak, where the pharaohs rise to tell of the birth of Karnak and Luxor the heroic achievements of the pharaohs and the god Amun.

Day 11: Monday: Leaving Luxor After Breakfast, relax on board before being transferred back to your Hurghada hotel for a final four night stay..

Day 14: Friday: Return to the UK Transfer from your hotel to the airport for the return flight to the UK.



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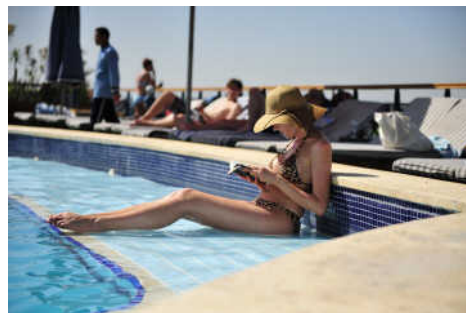
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WORLDWIDE

MS GRAND ROSE, NILE CRUISE BOAT

Elegant and sophisticated, this is one of the most beautiful ships sailing the Nile today. It's ideal for couples and singles of all ages, whether you want to explore the sites or simply while away the hours to the sound of water lapping gently against the bow, you will enjoy first class service from the experienced and attentive crew.

FACILITIES The MS Grand Rose is the height of understated luxury, offering panoramic views from the sun deck; exceptional international cuisine at the Jasmin restaurant; and the opportunity to relax and enjoy a cocktail in the Tulip bar as the sun sinks beneath the horizon – the perfect location for that special occasion.



CABINS: 351 en-suite guest rooms, each equipped with air conditioning, radio, satellite TV, mini bar, telephone and safe.

THE GRAND RESORT, HURGHADA

In the heart of the modern resort area of Hurghada, the Grand Resort's service and facilities are also on a grand scale. Built in an unusual figure of eight style, one side of the hotel has two pools plus two kids pools and is very lively, offering music and entertainment. The other side of the hotel, with its single large pool, is more quiet and relaxing, making it ideal for both families and couples alike.

LOCATION: Located 3 km from Hurghada airport and 9 km from the Old Town, the Grand Resort is in the centre of the tourist area. It is directly connected to the Grand Mall which offers a beauty centre, pharmacy, mini market, jewellery shops, restaurants and coffee shops. The nearest beach is through the gardens of the Grand Hotel just 300 m away.



FACILITIES: 3 pools and 2 children's pools – 2 heated in winter – with sun loungers, parasols and beach towels. Weekly folklore show, daily entertainment. Water aerobics, water polo, badminton, mini cricket. Shopping mall. Various beach sports. Health Club at Grand Hotel offering sauna, jacuzzi and massage. Table tennis, billiards. Internet cafe. 2 children's swimming pools, Maxi Kinder Club for 4 – 12 year olds with separate children's pool and playground. Daily mini disco and kids movies, baby Service. Daily shuttle bus to town centre.

ROOMS: In a number of adjacent buildings across 5 floors, all accessible by lift, the 828 standard rooms and junior suites feature twin, double or king sized beds. Junior suites are larger with an open plan seating area. All have balconies or terraces overlooking the pool area or gardens, and are fully equipped with bath or shower, WC, air conditioning, satellite TV, radio, safety deposit box and hairdryer. Use of the telephone and mini-bar is payable locally.

OFFER DETAILS - NILE CRUISE + HURGHADA

13 May - fly Gatwick to Hurghada and transfer on arrival to your hotel
3 nights Hurghada - The Grand Resort (Half Board) in a Standard room
16 May - transfer to Luxor
7 nights Nile cruise - MS Grand Rose (All Inclusive) in a Standard cabin
23 May - transfer back to Hurghada
4 nights Hurghada - The Grand Resort (Half Board) in a Standard room
27 May - transfer to the airport and fly Hurghada Gatwick
£939 per person

All special offers are subject to availability, which is very limited at these prices. Special offers may be withdrawn at any time, and prices are subject to change without prior notice. Selected offers are subject to special terms & conditions, which may include full payment at the time of booking - ask for details at the time of booking. Last update 28/04/2011.



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