Cruise Details

Name:	Splendors of Egypt & the Nile
Reference:	UNIWORLD58026
Operator:	Uniworld
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	S.S. Sphinx
Regions:	Nile
Departs On:	18 Dec 27
Departs From:	Cairo
Arrives On:	29 Dec 27
Arrives At:	Cairo
Cruise Nights:	11
Total Vacation Days:	12

Itinerary

Day 1: Cairo (Egypt)

Arrive at Cairo International Airport. If you have arranged a Uniworld arrival transfer, a Uniworld representative will be on hand to greet you and escort you to the opulent Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza or to the stunning Nile Ritz-Carlton (or similar).

Arrives On: 18 Dec 27

Day 2: Cairo (Egypt)

The ancient quarter of Cairo is intense—the colors, the sounds, the density of people—and it's likely been this way for thousands of years. Your local expert will show you a 12th-century citadel, the beautiful Alabaster Mosque, and the Grand Egyptian Museum.

Arrives On: 19 Dec 27

Day 3: Luxor (Egypt)

Prepare to be amazed at the legendary Temple of Karnak, a massive and absolutely astounding site, with gigantic columns, broad avenues lined with stone sphinxes and halls of truly epic proportions. This evening, you'll revel in a Welcome Reception and Dinner onboard.

Arrives On: 20 Dec 27

Day 4: Dendera (Egypt)

Like its twin shrine, the Temple of Karnak, the Temple of Luxor stands on the site of ancient Thebes, the once flourishing capital of Egypt's New Kingdom. It was built over hundreds of years and even in ruins it is still an extraordinary place. You'll also visit the Temple of Hathor, dedicated to the goddess of love and beauty.

Arrives On: 21 Dec 27

Day 5: Luxor (Egypt)

The word "colossal" will take on a whole new meaning after today's excursion to the gigantic twin statues known as the Colossi of Memnon. And that's just the beginning—you'll also visit the temple of one of Egypt's rare female pharaohs as well as the Valley of the Kings, used as a royal burial place for nearly 500 years and where the mummified remains of Tutankhamen are on display.

Arrives On: 22 Dec 27

Day 6: Kom Ombo (Egypt)

After visiting a temple dedicated to a crocodile god today (don't miss the display of some of the 300 mummified crocs found in the local area), hop aboard a small boat for a bird-watching excursion along the Nile.

Arrives On: 23 Dec 27

Day 7: Aswan (Egypt)

Today is an epic day, filled with wonders from start to finish. You'll visit a marvel of modern engineering—the Aswan High Dam—as well as the Unfinished Obelisk and the beautiful Philae Temple complex, which was moved from one island to another back in the 1970s. But wait, there's more. You'll also take a ride in a felucca—a traditional Egyptian sailboat—and enjoy afternoon tea at a famous hotel depicted in Agatha Christie's novel Death on the Nile.

Arrives On: 24 Dec 27

Day 8: Aswan (Egypt)

Spend the day at leisure or join us for an optional excursion to see the magnificent temples of Abu Simbel.

Arrives On: 25 Dec 27

Day 9: Esna (Egypt)

On today’s excursion, you’ll learn how the Temple of Esna was buried under debris for many centuries and is one of the last great Egyptian temples ever built. Your Egyptologist guide will share all sorts of fascinating insights about this significant cultural site and show you the façade bearing the last known hieroglyphic inscriptions ever recorded in Egypt.

Arrives On: 26 Dec 27

Day 10: Luxor (Egypt)

Disembark in Luxor and transfer to the airport for your return flight to Cairo. After checking in to your luxury hotel, you’ll have time to relax on your own and explore Cairo at your leisure.

Arrives On: 27 Dec 27

Day 11: Cairo (Egypt)

It’s a day of Bucket List Moments today as we venture to see a number of amazing monuments—including the enigmatic Great Sphinx. You’ll have a thrilling opportunity to view the pyramids from an up-close perspective, the only way to fully appreciate their remarkable size and grandeur.

Arrives On: 28 Dec 27

Day 12: Cairo (Egypt)

Check out of your hotel. If you have arranged a Uniworld departure transfer, you will be transferred to the Cairo International Airport for your flight home. Or, extend your trip with a memorable optional extension in Jerusalem or on the Red Sea.

Arrives On: 29 Dec 27

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