



Stunning Abu Simbel © Stephen Cameron

ABU SIMBEL BY AIR

Daily ex Aswan

Price per person from: Twin Single
 \$620 \$708

INCLUSIONS

Return hotel/airport transfer, return flights Aswan/Abu Simbel, private guided tour (local guide) in Abu Simbel and entrance fees.

Situated 280km south of Aswan, the majestic Temple of Ramses II at Abu Simbel is the most impressive monument in Egypt. Built in 1300 BC in the Nile Valley, it would have been destroyed by the building of the High Dam, but was rescued in an incredible feat of engineering.

ITINERARY

Transfer from your hotel to Aswan airport for the 45 minute flight to Abu Simbel. On arrival you will be met by our representative and taken on a private guided tour of Abu Simbel (approx. 1.5 hrs). Fly back to Aswan and transfer to your hotel or airport. There are a number of flights to Abu Simbel each day from 0600 to 1200 noon.

HANY ELKATOURI - EGYPTOLOGIST

Our resident Egyptologist, Hany grew up in Giza and spent his childhood years marvelling at the pyramids. This inspired him to study Egyptology at the University of Cairo before going on to lead tours across the length and breadth of Egypt. His favourite place to visit is the Valley of the Kings, and he loves the colours, decorations and stories that are inscribed within the tombs.



INSIGHTS FROM HANY

No visit to Egypt is complete without visiting the awe-inspiring temples of Abu Simbel. Built by Ramses II in the 13th Century BC, Ramses had four gigantic statues of himself hewn from the mountainside. The largest ever built in Egypt, they were created to impress upon the Nubians his power and greatness. In the 1960's, due to the construction of the Aswan High Dam, the temples were carefully moved, block by block, and fitted back together in a specially constructed artificial cliff. The whole project took almost 4 years to complete, and was so precisely measured that twice a year, in February and October, the rising sun penetrates all the way to the temple's interior as it was originally constructed.



Impressive Nefertari Temple, Abu Simbel @Stephen Cameron