

WATCH THE TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE ON AUGUST 2, 2027, LIKE A PHARAOH!

 <p>1</p> <p>July 28 – August 4, 2027 SOFITEL WINTER PALACE (Luxor-based plus cruise option to Cairo)</p>	 <p>2</p> <p>July 28 – August 5, 2027 Aboard the ms HAMEES (Luxor-based plus cruise option to Cairo)</p>	 <p>3</p> <p>July 27 – August 13, 2027 17-NIGHT NILE RIVER CRUISE (from Aswan to Cairo) Aboard the ss MISR</p>	 <p>4</p> <p>July 26 – August 3, 2027 6-NIGHT NILE RIVER CRUISE (from Aswan to Luxor) Aboard the ms Darakum</p>
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When the Moon completely covers the Sun on August 2, 2027, it's going to be the eclipse of a lifetime — because it offers the longest duration of totality (6^m 23^s) for the next 87 years. And you'll be able to witness this eclipse's extra-long totality in royal style on one of four exciting tours offered by *Sky & Telescope* and Insight Cruises.

The path of totality crosses the heart of Egypt and almost directly over Luxor, the famed ancient city of Thebes that served as the great capital of Upper Egypt during the New Kingdom. Today Luxor is a thriving metropolis of more than 125,000 that straddles the mighty Nile and serves as centrally located portal to some of the country's most amazing archaeological treasures. If you've dreamed of visiting Egypt, you'll have a challenging time choosing from among these tantalizing opportunities:

Tour 1: You'll enjoy views of the magnificent Nile from our base at the luxurious and legendary Sofitel Winter Palace, one of the world's iconic travel destinations. After the eclipse, you'll have the option of spending five nights cruising northward along the Nile, stopping for visits to ancient sites along the way, and four nights in Cairo.

Tour 2: If you're a fan of cruising, spend a week aboard the splendid *ms Hamees*, which will be docked directly in front of the Winter Palace by day but embark on scenic cruises on the Nile each evening during dinner. After the eclipse you'll have the option to stay two nights at the Winter Palace or stay aboard for nine more adventurous days and nights on the Nile and in Cairo.

Tour 3: Begin your 2½-week journey in Aswan, which has served as a gateway and cultural crossroad since antiquity. Then board the *ss Misr* — King Farouk's opulent yacht — for a 15-day Nile cruise that stops in Luxor for the eclipse before continuing northward to Cairo.

NEW! Tour 4: Your immersion in Egyptian culture begins with a two-night stay at the 5-star Old Cataract Hotel in Aswan, near ancient Egypt's southern frontier. You'll visit Abu Simbel, then board the *ms Darakum* for a six-night, 130-mile-long venture down the Nile to Luxor, where you'll have the option of viewing the eclipse from aboard the ship or from the historic Winter Palace — just steps away from the dock.



To enrich your stay in Egypt, all four venues offer an optional program of excursions to a choice selection of the Luxor region's monuments, temples, and tombs. You'll also have the option to enjoy captivating educational presentations by leading authorities on Egyptian archaeoastronomy and on the key aspects of civil engineering that made Ancient Egypt's sophisticated civilization possible.

These visually stunning tours are already booking quickly and will surely sell out long before the Moon's shadow streaks across Egypt. (For example, our 7-night stay at the Winter Palace — including virtually all meals — starts at just \$2,275!) So don't wait to secure your participation in a once-in-a-lifetime adventure that combines a stunning spectacle in the sky with the remarkable treasures of this ancient land. [Click here to get more details.](#)

Clear skies,
The Editors of *Sky & Telescope*