



## DAY ONE | EMBARK IN ASWAN

Arrive on your 5-star deluxe Nile cruise boat, where you will be welcomed by the reception staff.

Lunch will be served on board.

After lunch, take a ride on a felucca (a typical Egyptian sail boat) around Elephantine Island, Lord Kitchener's Botanical Gardens, and the Agha Khan Mausoleum (weather permitting, life jackets will be provided).

Afternoon tea will be served in the lounge.

In the evening, you will be greeted by your Boat Manager for a cocktail reception, who will review your cruise program for the upcoming days.

Enjoy local Egyptian wine and beer, as well as a selection of canapés, followed by a gourmet dinner.

Enjoy a Folkloric Show and Dervish Show after dinner.

# DAY TWO | PHILEA TEMPLE AND UNFINISHED OBELISK

A breakfast buffet will be served on board, followed by a short motorboat ride to visit the romantic and majestic Philae Temple on the Island of Agilika. This will be followed by a visit to the Granite Quarries, which supplied the ancient Egyptians with most of the hard stone used in pyramids and temples, and still hold a huge unfinished obelisk.

Enjoy lunch, while you cruise to Kom Ombo. Spend the afternoon at leisure to enjoy the facilities on board, including the pool, games room and gymnasium. Afternoon tea will be served while you cruise to Edfu.

Enjoy an Egyptian buffet menu for tonight's dinner with the chance for guests to dress up in traditional Egyptian "galabeyya".



Please Note: Entertainment & sailing times are subject to change.



## DAY THREE | TEMPLE OF HORUS

Enjoy breakfast on board this morning, before exploring the extraordinary Temple of Horus.

Return to your boat. Lunch will be served while sailing to Esna.

Take time to enjoy the facilities on board, including the pool, games room and gymnasium.

Continue sailing to Luxor, while having your afternoon tea.

A gourmet dinner will be served on board.

# DAY FOUR | VALLEY OF THE KINGS

Breakfast will be served on board.

Spend the morning at leisure before enjoying a delicious lunch in the restaurant.

This afternoon, visit the West Bank of Luxor to explore the Valley of the Kings. You will have the chance to visit at least one tomb in the Valley of the Queens and visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. On the way back to the Nile River, you will pass by the famed Colossi of Memnon, known in Ancient Greek times for their haunting voices at dawn.

Return to your cruise and sample the delectable afternoon tea.

Tonight's farewell dinner will be on board the ship in Luxor.



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## DAY FIVE | EAST BANK

Enjoy breakfast on board. Afterwards, your Egyptologist will guide you around the East Bank of Luxor including the strikingly graceful Temple of Luxor, dedicated to the god Amun.

Lunch and afternoon tea will be served in the lounge.

In the evening, you will be greeted by your Boat Manager for a cocktail reception, who will review your cruise program for the upcoming days.

Enjoy local Egyptian wine and beer, as well as a selection of canapés, followed by a gourmet dinner.

#### DAY SIX | TEMPLE OF KARNAK AND TEMPLE OF KHNUM

A breakfast buffet will be served on board. After breakfast, Visit the Temple of Karnak, built over more than a thousand years by generations of Pharaohs. The great "Hypostyle Hall" is an incredible forest of giant pillars, covering an area larger than the whole of Notre Dame Cathedral.

Following a sail to Esna, your Egyptologist will guide you around the Greco-Roman Temple of Khnum. The beautifully preserved Great Hypostyle Hall was built during the reign of the Roman Emperor Claudius; it was excavated from the silt that had accumulated through centuries of annual Nile floods and is about nine meters below present-day street level.

Afternoon tea will be served on board during the cruise to Edfu.

In the evening, a gourmet dinner will be served on board.





#### DAY SEVEN | TEMPLE OF KOM OMBO

Breakfast will be served on board.

Spend the morning at leisure and enjoy the facilities on board, including the pool, games room and gymnasium.

Lunch and afternoon tea can be enjoyed on board.

This afternoon you will also have the chance to take part in an Egyptian cooking lesson, as you continue cruising to Kom Ombo.

Following afternoon tea, visit the Temple of Kom Ombo - dedicated to the crocodile-god Sobek. The temple stands at a bend in the Nile where, in ancient times, sacred crocodiles basked in the sun on the riverbank.

Tonight's entertainment will be an "Egyptian Night" costume party for all guests, with a chance to dress up in traditional

Egyptian "galabeyyas". Dinner will be a lavish buffet of Egyptian specialties.

#### DAY EIGHT | ASWAN

A breakfast buffet will be served on board.

You will have the day free to visit Aswan and enjoy the facilities on board, including the pool, games room and gymnasium.

Tonight's dinner will be a gala dinner, with whitegloved waiters serving gourmet cuisine.

Enjoy a Folkloric Show and a Dervish Show after dinner.





#### DAY NINE | DISEMBARK IN ASWAN

A buffet breakfast will be served before check-out at 08:00.

As your cruise comes to an end, we thank you for sailing with us and immersing yourself in the history of Egypt.





## **ENTERTAINMENT:**

Exact entertainment schedules during your cruise are adjusted according to the needs of each group and the sailing schedules of the boat are subject to change. However, every Sanctuary Retreats Nile Cruise will include:

- A colorful "galabeyya party" which gives each guest the opportunity to dress up in traditional Egyptian dress and dance to Arabic music.
- A Folkloric Show and Dervish Show.
- A lecture by your Egyptologist guide.

### **FOOD & BEVERAGE:**

Menus are changed on a seasonal basis to enable the Chef to use the freshest ingredients at all times. However, the following is applicable to every cruise:

- Most meals are served in the restaurant. However, at least one barbecue lunch (while sailing) will be served on deck (weather permitting).
- Mineral water, tea and American coffee are included with every meal.

**Please note:** that the strength of the WI-FI signals unavoidably varies depending on geographical location, especially whilst sailing in the more remote areas of Upper Egypt.

