



#### DAY ONE | EMBARK IN ASWAN

Board your 5-star deluxe Nile cruise boat, moored in a private dock in Aswan, where you will be welcomed by the reception staff.

Lunch will be served on board.

This afternoon you will have the chance to 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).

Enjoy afternoon tea served in the lounge. Tonight, you will be greeted by your Boat Manager as you enjoy a selection of canapés with some complimentary Egyptian wine and local beer. A gourmet dinner will be served on board.

Enjoy a Folkloric Show and Dervish Show after dinner.

# DAY TWO | PHILAE & KOM OMBO

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.

Later, an Egyptian cooking lesson will be presented on board. Enjoy lunch, while you cruise to Kom Ombo and visit the magnificent Temple of Kom Ombo dedicated to the crocodile-god Sobek. Afternoon tea will be served while you cruise to Edfu.

Tonight will be an "Egyptian Night" costume party for all guests, with a chance to dress up in traditional Egyptian "galabeyya". Dinner will be a lavish buffet of Egyptian specialties, followed by oriental music and dancing for everyone.



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



### DAY THREE | TEMPLE OF KHNUM AND TEMPLE OF HORUS

A breakfast buffet will be served on board. This morning, explore the extraordinary Temple of Horus.

Once you return to the boat, continue to enjoy your cruise onward to Esna, while enjoying your lunch.

This afternoon, your Egyptologist will guide you round the Greco-Roman Temple of Khnum at Esna. 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 while you sail to Luxor.

Tonight, a delicious dinner is served on board.

# DAY FOUR | EAST AND WEST BANK OF LUXOR

Breakfast is served on board.

This morning, your Egyptologist will guide you around the strikingly graceful Temple of Luxor, dedicated to the god Amun - and then onwards to the Temple of Karnak.

After lunch, visit 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 river Nile, you will pass by the famed Colossi of Memnon, known in Ancient Greek times for their haunting voices at dawn.

Return your luxury Nile Cruise boat where afternoon tea will be served in the lounge.

Tonight's farewell dinner will be a gala dinner, with white-gloved waiters serving gourmet cuisine.



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### **DAY FIVE | DISEMBARK IN LUXOR**

A buffet breakfast will be served on board, before check out at 8am.

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



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#### **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 cruise on Sanctuary Retreats Nile Cruises 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.



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