



## SHORT ESCAPE: EGYPT

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North Africa & Middle East,  
Egypt



8 days from AU\$7,075 pp



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## Journey Overview

The wonders of ancient Egypt come to life on this immersive private journey through the Land of the Pharaohs, featuring four nights on the Nile aboard stylish Sanctuary Nile Adventurer, along with expertly guided explorations of Egypt's most iconic sites.

### Journey Highlights

- Embark on a four-night Nile River cruise, gliding in comfort through stirring landscapes and going ashore to discover ancient Egypt's most awe-inspiring sites
- Explore the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities to view its vast trove of artifacts
- View the majestic Pyramids and Great Sphinx on the Giza Plateau
- Visit the great monuments of ancient Egypt along the Nile, including the temples of Luxor, Karnak, Edfu and Queen Hatshepsut



## Itinerary

### **Day 1: Arrive Cairo**

Arrive in Cairo, where you are met by your A&K representative and transferred to your Art Deco-inspired hotel on the banks of the Nile.

***Kempinski Nile Hotel Garden City Cairo***

### **Day 2: Cairo**

This morning, tour 7,000 years of history at the Egyptian Museum, home to the largest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts in the world. Key exhibits include the treasures of the “boy-king” Tutankhamun, including his gold mask, the solid gold sarcophagus that held his mummy and his beautiful throne.

***Kempinski Nile Hotel Garden City Cairo | Meals: B***

### **Day 3: Cairo**

The Great Pyramids of Giza are the only present-day survivors of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, built over 4,500 years ago as giant tombs for the pharaohs Khufu, Khafre, and Menkaure. Experience these truly monumental structures up close, with the largest of them constructed from over two million blocks. Nearby sits the enigmatic Great Sphinx with the body of a lion and the face of a man wearing a royal head cloth, believed to be standing guard over Khafre’s resting place.

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### **Day 4: Temples of Luxor & Karnak**

Fly to Luxor this morning to board Sanctuary Nile Adventurer, your five-star river cruiser, where you’re greeted with a welcome reception of live music and entertainment. Following lunch in the main restaurant, disembark for your first Nile shore excursion. Explore two of Egypt’s most enduring landmarks, the temples of Luxor and Karnak. In Luxor, view the three large statues of Ramses II along the front of the temple pylons, the Courtyard of Ramses II and the Colonnade of Amenhotep III, with its 15-metre-high columns. Karnak is even more impressive, with its Great Hypostyle Hall covering more area than Notre Dame Cathedral and its columns extending as high as 24 metres. Return to the ship for afternoon tea.

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### **Day 5: Valley of the Kings & Queens**

After a delicious breakfast buffet on board, your tour of the West Bank begins with a visit to Valley of the Kings. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, this unassuming stretch of desert was the pharaohs' burial ground for 500 years, and the most famous tomb ever excavated, that of Tutankhamun, was found here. Continue to the Valley of the Queens and the massive temple of Queen Hatshepsut, Egypt's first female pharaoh. On the way back to the boat, pass by the famed Colossi of Memnon, two great statues said to "sing" with the rising sun. Back on board, have dinner and enjoy a movie as the boat makes its way to Esna.

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### **Day 6: Kom Ombo**

Enjoy breakfast on board while the boat sails to Edfu. After breakfast, visit the well-preserved Temple of Horus

(the falcon god). Return to the boat to sail to Kom Ombo, enjoying lunch and an Egyptian cooking lesson along the way. Following afternoon tea in the lounge, explore 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 features an Egyptian costume party, with a chance to don a traditional galabeyya and dine from a lavish buffet of Egyptian specialties.

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### **Day 7: Philae Temple**

After breakfast, embark on a short motorboat ride to the majestic Philae Temple on the Island of Agilika. Next, proceed 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. Following lunch on board, you may ride in a felucca (a light Egyptian sailboat) around Elephantine Island, Lord Kitchener's Botanical Gardens and the Agha Khan Mausoleum. Afternoon tea is served accompanied by live music. Tonight's farewell dinner is a gala affair, with white-gloved waiters serving gourmet cuisine. Attend a dervish show and belly dancer performance after dinner.

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### **Day 8: Depart Cairo**

Bid farewell to your ship and crew in Aswan and fly back to Cairo to meet your homebound flight.

***Meals: B***



# Map



## Accommodation

### Sanctuary Nile Adventurer



Decorated in a modern, Pharaonic inspired lounge style and providing gourmet cuisine, the Sanctuary Nile Adventurer offers an intimate and relaxed cruising experience on the epic Nile River. The vessel's public areas are fitted with luxurious furniture and oriental ornaments that beautifully reflect Egypt's mix of East and West.

The sun deck, with its bamboo seats and teak floors, is the place to sip on a cocktail as you slip past the timeless landscapes of Upper Egypt, whilst the vibrant, contrasting colours of the lounge are a great backdrop for afternoon gatherings and lively evening conversation.

Two Presidential Suites with balcony are located on the Promenade Deck, two Junior Suite Cabins are located on the Main Deck and 30 Standard Cabins are located over all four decks. Each attractive intimate cabin or suite offers panoramic windows, air-conditioning, private bathroom with bathtub and shower, hairdryer, satellite television plus in-house movies, CD player, direct dial international phone, safe and mini-bar, all the facilities required for a memorable cruise. The public areas of this 66 metre cruiser offer stylish and decorative furnishings. Sunbathe on the spacious Sun and Promenade Decks and take a dip in the small swimming pool. Enjoy a refreshing drink in the outdoor bar, lounge or patio bar and enjoy the excellent cuisine in the restaurant. In-cabin dining is also available. Internet

access is available throughout the cruise at an extra charge, as well as access to the fleet physician. For your convenience a multi-lingual library and games room, small gym, laundry facilities, souvenir and gift shop are also to be found on board.

### **Why we like it**

- All 32 cabins and suites offer panoramic windows, air-conditioning and private bathrooms with bathtub and shower
- The spacious sun deck with swimming pool compliments the seating areas for relaxation in the sunshine on the Promenade Deck
- On-board facilities include a multi-lingual library and games room, small gym, laundry and gift shop
- The superb cuisine is also available as cabin service too
- We like the spacious Presidential Suites on the Promenade Deck



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