



EGYPT & THE NILE: A HOLIDAY JOURNEY - A LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY (2024)

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North Africa & Middle East,
Egypt



10 days from AU\$22,880 pp



34 Guests

Journey Overview

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Journey Highlights

- Cruise the Nile in style for four nights aboard luxurious Sanctuary Sun Boat III on an exclusive holiday charter
- Fly within Egypt aboard an aircraft chartered exclusively for A&K guests
- Visit the Grand Egyptian Museum in Giza as some of the first visitors on a soft opening featuring 12 spectacular galleries, and also visit the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities to view the treasures from King Tut's tomb
- Venture inside one of the pyramids and view the enigmatic Great Sphinx on the Giza Plateau, getting up close to its massive paws on a special private visit
- Descend into the tombs of King Tut, Seti I and the colourful tomb of Nefertari, one of Egypt's most famous queens
- Be among the few privileged visitors to enter the Wahtye Tomb at Sakkara, discovered only recently after 4,400 years, on a private visit specially arranged by A&K
- View the Royal Mummies, and countless other artifacts, as you tour the National Museum of Egyptian Civilisation

Special Offers

- Save Up to \$4,500 per person on all cabin categories for double or single occupancy or kids (10-18 years old) save 50% off when sharing with an adult in a Nile or Promenade Deck cabin.

For more information please view dates and prices information, [contact us](#) or your Travel Advisor.



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Cairo, Egypt

Arrive in Cairo, Egypt's bustling capital city, where you are met and transferred to your luxury hotel with fantastic views of the Nile.

Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza

Day 2: Cairo | The Pyramids & Paws of the Sphinx

Today, visit the Giza Plateau, site of the pyramids of Mycerinus and Chefred as well as the Great Pyramid. Built in the Fourth Dynasty (approximately 2690 BC), it is the only survivor of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Step inside one of the pyramids, entering passages and chambers once lost to antiquity. For a very special treat, meet the Great Sphinx and enjoy rare private access to the paws of this enigmatic monument. After lunch, accompany your A&K Egyptologist for the unveiling of 12 never-before-seen main galleries at the long-awaited Grand Egyptian Museum, part of a soft opening that showcases 15,000 artifacts spanning Egypt's history. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity puts you up close with items, from the stone tools and pottery of the earliest human settlements along the Nile to the artifacts of the Graeco-Roman era, that reflect the evolution of one of the world's most remarkable civilizations. This evening, gather with your fellow guests at a welcome dinner.

Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Cairo | Discover Ancient Treasures

This morning, accompany your Resident Tour Director — who is also an expert Egyptologist — for an exploration of the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities to view its huge collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts including the treasures from King Tut's tomb. After lunch at a local restaurant, experience the vast and fascinating Khan el-Khalili Bazaar, reputedly the largest bazaar in the Middle East. Wander through its labyrinth of narrow streets to discover workshops and stalls selling all manner of crafts, from woodwork, glassware and leather goods to perfumes, fabrics and Pharaonic curiosities.

Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza | Meals: BL

Day 4: Abu Simbel | Temples of Ramses II & Nefertari

Fly by exclusive charter to Abu Simbel via Aswan. At Abu Simbel, discover the commanding twin temples of Ramses II and his wife, Queen Nefertari. The former's façade is dominated by four 21-metre-tall statues of the pharaoh. Perhaps even more impressive, this entire site was disassembled and moved here to save it from the floodwaters caused by the creation of the Aswan High Dam. Fly to Aswan where you step aboard Sanctuary Sun Boat III, your elegant, award-winning river cruiser. Tonight, enjoy cocktails and canapés prior to dinner on board.

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Day 5: Cruising the Nile | Majestic Philae

Begin your day with a motorised boat ride to beautiful Philae Temple on the island of Agilika. A sacred complex dedicated to the goddess Isis that reflects a fusion of three great civilisations, Egyptian, Greek and Roman. Proceed to the granite quarries and site of the Unfinished Obelisk. Illustrating the skills of Egypt's stonemasons, this monolith is taller than any other ancient Egyptian obelisk. Later, Ride Like a Local around the Aswan Islands in a felucca (traditional sailboat), weather permitting. Back on board, learn to prepare local dishes on an authentic Chef's Table experience: a cooking lesson with an onboard chef. Enjoy a refreshing Scenic Sundowner as you cruise to Kom Ombo (Hill of Gold) and disembark to visit the Greco-Roman temple dedicated to Haroeris (the sun god) and Sobek (the crocodile god), whom some ancient Egyptians considered the creator of the world. View the mummified remains of several crocodiles that once basked along the ancient Nile shore, just as their descendants do today. Tonight's dinner on board features an Egyptian-themed costume party, with a chance to dress up in galabeyyas (traditional Egyptian garments), and a lavish buffet of Egyptian specialties, followed by local music and dancing.

Sanctuary Sun Boat III | Meals: BLD

Day 6: Cruising the Nile | Temples of Horus & Luxor

Today, view the Temple of Horus, falcon-headed god of the sky, at Edfu. Built in 230 BC by Ptolemy III, this amazingly well-preserved and colourful structure reveals what temple worship in ancient Egypt was like. Return to your vessel for lunch as you cruise toward Luxor, the ancient city of Thebes. Disembark onto the Nile's east bank and visit the Temple of Luxor, dedicated to the god Amun and situated right in the heart of the city. 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. Walk in their shadows, as visitors have done since antiquity, and ponder the astonishing feats of engineering it took to create them.

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Day 7: Luxor | Valley of the Kings & Karnak's Temple

Spend the day exploring the west bank of the Nile and the necropolis of Thebes, beginning with a photo stop at the Colossi of Memnon. Enjoy access to Queen Nefertari's tomb, famous for the colourful artwork that adorns its walls. Continue to the lovely Temple of Hatshepsut, ancient Egypt's first female pharaoh and regarded today as one of its most successful. Proceed to the Valley of the Kings, burial ground of pharaohs and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. For a period of 500 years beginning in the 16th century BC, tombs were built along this valley for pharaohs and nobles, including that of the "boy king," Tutankhamun. Unearthed in 1922 by British archaeologist and Egyptologist Howard Carter, the tomb of Tutankhamun is yours to explore, as you set foot inside its 35-century-old walls. Next, descend into the lesser-visited tomb of Seti I, the father of Ramses II, which is beautifully decorated and one of the best-preserved tombs in the Valley of the Kings. After returning to 'Sanctuary Sun Boat III' for lunch, disembark to visit the Temple of Karnak, where generations of pharaohs wished to record their names. Walk through the Great Hypostyle Hall, strolling among its expertly aligned columns, which soar 24 metres high. Toast to your adventure this evening at a gourmet farewell dinner onboard.

Sanctuary Sun Boat III | Meals: BLD

Day 8: Cairo | Behold the Royal Mummies

Today, bid farewell to Sanctuary Sun Boat III, as you disembark and fly to Cairo. Stop for lunch at a local restaurant before visiting the National Museum of Egyptian Civilisation. This museum overlooking Ain El-Seera Lake showcases Egyptian civilisation from prehistoric times to the present day. View its most famous exhibit, the Gallery of Royal Mummies.

Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza | Meals: BL

Day 9: Cairo | Sakkara & Special Access to Wahtye's Tomb

Drive to the legendary Old Kingdom city of Memphis, founded in 3100 BC, and Sakkara, a necropolis which is home to hundreds of tombs and 14 pyramids, including the Step Pyramid of Djoser. Admire beautiful tomb art, which yields rare insight into the lives of ancient Egyptians, and revel in exclusive, special access to the recently discovered Wahtye's Tomb, led by an expert from Egypt's Ministry of Antiquities. Explore its precious unearthed finds, which had remained untouched for 4,400 years, as featured in the popular Netflix series *Secrets of the Saqqara Tomb*. Enjoy your evening at leisure.

Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza | Meals: BL

Day 10: Depart Cairo

After breakfast, transfer to the airport to board your departing flight.

Meals: B

Journey Details

Internal air included: Cairo/Abu Simbel/Aswan; Luxor/Cairo

This journey contains some active elements.

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 7:00 a.m. on Day 2.

Last group event: End of sightseeing at 2:15 p.m. on Day 9.

Triple occupancy cabins are limited, contact A&K for details. Triple pricing is available on request.

Departures are not guaranteed to operate.

Included with every Luxury Small Group Journey

- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director[®] and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Luxury Accommodations
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Travelling Bell Boy[®] Luggage Handling
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Traveller's Valet[®] Laundry Service
- Internet Access
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support

Customise this Journey

Talk to one of our expert Journey Designers or your travel agent about booking this tour as a private journey for your own small group with family or friends. Or, if you would prefer to travel privately, find out more about creating the perfect bespoke Tailor-Made Journey based on this itinerary.

Map



Extensions



Jordan Pre-Tour Extension -
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Accommodation

Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza



The majestic Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza is a beacon of sophisticated hospitality on the legendary Corniche along the bank of the river. The hotel provides stunning views of the Nile and is within easy reach of the other-worldly sights and sounds of Cairo.

Reflecting the vibrancy of modern Cairo, the airy guest room interiors feature natural wood finishes and comfortable, stylish furnishings. Most have private outdoor terraces for relaxing or dining, and all have triple-glazed windows to ensure that interiors remain cool and quiet

Why we like it

- This hotel is located in the exclusive Garden City in the heart of Cairo and near the Cairo Museum on the banks of the Nile
- The rooms and suites offer views of the Nile or the Citadel and Garden City
- Three heated pools are located on the secluded rooftop terrace and surrounded by lush landscaping, shaded alcoves, cabanas and umbrellas
- Dining options amongst the hotel's seven restaurants include cucina rustica in Bella, authentic Cantonese cuisine in Spice, the genuine flavours of Egypt in Zitouni and tasty barbecues in the sunlit Shisha Lounge
- The Spa offers a comprehensive range of massages and all-natural treatments

Sanctuary Sun Boat III



Perfect for a relaxing journey along the River Nile, this stylish cruiser combines timeless beauty, grace and cutting-edge efficiency with the discreet ambience of an exclusive club. Smaller than the average Nile cruiser, her design ensures a more personalised service coupled with the leisurely pace of a longer cruise.

The luxury cabins (17m²) are located on two decks plus two Royal (36m²) and two Presidential (29m²) suites also available. All are fully air-conditioned, with panoramic windows and private bathrooms. Satellite television with inhouse movies, CD player, direct-dial international phone, safe and mini bar are among the features of these luxury cabins and suites.

The public areas are attractive and tastefully decorated. There is plenty of sunbathing space plus a heated plunge-pool, outdoor bar, lounge and patio bar. In-room dining, internet access and services of the fleet physician and masseuse are also available.

Sanctuary Sun Boat III is available for private charter.

Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

Dec 20, 2024 - Dec 29, 2024

Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Sanctuary Sun Boat III: Nile Deck	AU\$27,380 NOW ONLY AU\$22,880 pp	AU\$5,685	Included	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Sanctuary Sun Boat III: Promenade Deck	AU\$28,915 NOW ONLY AU\$24,415 pp	AU\$7,225	Included	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Sanctuary Sun Boat III: Presidential Suite	AU\$35,070 NOW ONLY AU\$30,570 pp	AU\$13,375	Included	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Sanctuary Sun Boat III: Royal Suite	AU\$36,610 NOW ONLY AU\$32,110 pp	AU\$14,915	Included	Call for Availability

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