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**The Steam Ship Sudan, an authentic steamship built at the dawn of the 20th century, brings turn-of-the-century travel to life again.**



## **THE DYNASTIC**

### **Luxor to Aswan 6 days – 5 nights.**

#### **D1 – LUXOR TO QENA**

Transfer to the ship. Settle in on board and into your cabin. Lunch on board. Afternoon visit of Luxor's east bank through the discovery of the Karnak Temple Complex, one of the largest sacred site in the world; it especially comprises the Temple of Amun,, the patron deity of Karnak. Its construction lasted from the Middle Kingdom till the Ptolemaic Kingdom.

Visit of the Temple of Luxor. Built under Amenophis III and extended under Ramesses II, the Temple of Luxor is the most elegant pharaonic building.

Sailing towards Qena, located north of Luxor. Only a few ships sail this splendid stretch of the river Nile where you will be able to enjoy the sunset and admire both banks of the Nile. Dinner and overnight stay on board in Qena.

#### **D2– QENA / DENDERA / ABYDOS / LUXOR**

Early start (2 hours drive) to Abydos, a holy city and the cult centre of Osiris, regent of the Kingdom of the Dead and god of resurrection. From the Ancient Kingdom era, Abydos was an exceptional site of pilgrimage. The Temple of Seti I is a wonder with its colourful and fine bas-reliefs which mark the birth of Ramesside art.

Visit of the Temple of Dendera on the way back. Dendera is the name of the spectacular temple of Hathor, Goddess of love and joy, also known for protecting women and nursing Pharaohs. Secluded at the border of cultivated land and desert, with its richly decorated chapels, its Hathor-headed columns, its obscure corridors and stairs, the unique vestige of the ancient city of Dendera is one of the most famous best preserved monuments in Egypt and offers a splendid view of Upper-Egypt countryside from the roof.

Back on board for lunch. Relaxing afternoon sailing to Luxor. Dinner and overnight stay on board in Luxor.

#### **D 3 - LUXOR / ESNA / EDFU**

Early start to the Theban Necropolis. The Valley of the Kings was the Pharaoh's burial site, and the Valley of the Queens was the Pharaohs' wives and daughters necropolis during the Dynasties XIX and XX. The Valley of the Nobles hosts the Tomb of Ramose. Its beautiful and fine reliefs show an exceptional realism.

Visit of the Temple of Ramesses III in Medinet Habu ; almost entirely preserved, it is the most perfect mortuary temple of the Ramesside Dynasty.

Back on board and sailing to Esna for an evening passing through the Esna lock and more night sailing to Edfu.

#### **D4– EDFU / KOM OMBO**

Morning visit of the Temple of Edfu. Dedicated to Horus and Hathor, its construction started during the 3rd Century BC under the Ptolemaic Dynasty and was completed 170 years later; it's one of the best preserved building of Ancient Egypt.

Back on board and sailing to Kom Ombo for sunset. Evening visit of the Temple of Kom Ombo, a unique architectural and religious type of complex in Egypt as it was dedicated to two divinities. Two temples are gathered on the same site. The south part is dedicated to Horus, the Falcon God and the north part to Sobek, the Crocodile God.

Overnight on board.

### **D5 – KOM OMBO TO ASWAN**

Sailing to Aswan at the end of the Nile Valley, where ancient Nubia begins. Large sandy banks are slowly replacing cultivated land along the Nile. This is where civilisation once ended. From the 3rd Century, Elephantine Island was a trading centre. Nubia (which means gold in Nubian) had a rich soil, providing to Egypt not only gold but also soldiers, precious woods and ivory.

Visit of the Temple of Philae, home to Isis, Goddess of marriage, fertility, motherhood, magic and medicine who ruled over life, death and resurrection. Philae was one of the most important sanctuary in Egypt and Nubia till 550 AD, when Byzantine emperor Justinian ordered its closing.

Free time in Aswan before dinner. Optional « Light and Sound » show in Philae.

Overnight stay in Aswan.

### **D6 – ASWAN**

End of the journey, transfer from the ship after breakfast.



## **THE ETERNAL RIVER**

### **Aswan – Luxor 6 days – 5 nights**

#### **D1 ASWAN**

Transfer to the Steam Ship Sudan. Settle in into your cabin.  
Lunch on board. Afternoon visit of the Temple of Philae – the Pearl of Egypt – in Nubia, dedicated to the cult of the Goddess Isis since the 3rd Century BC. Late afternoon free time in Aswan. Why not discover its colourful and popular souk.  
Dinner on board and overnight stay in Aswan.

#### **D2 ASWAN / KOM OMBO / EDFU**

Early start sailing to Kom Ombo, north of Aswan.  
Visit of the Temple of Kom Ombo, erected on the Nile banks, on one of the most seducing site of Upper-Egypt. This singular temple was dedicated to two devinities : Horus, the Falcon God and Sobek, the Crocodile God.  
Lunch on board while sailing to Edfu.  
Late afternoon visit of the best preserved temple of the Ptolemaic Dynasty; its buildings are perfect examples of Ancient Egypt sacred architecture.  
Back on board. Night sailing to Esna. Overnight stay in Esna.

#### **D 3 – ESNA / LUXOR**

After the passing of the Esna lock, sailing to Luxor, the Ancient Egyptian City of Thebes.  
Afternoon visit of the majestic site of Karnak, dedicated to the God Amun, patron of the New Kingdom's Pharaohs.  
Evening visit of the Temple of Luxor. The evening light particularly highlights the perfection of Amenophis III's columns. That's where the Feast of Opet was held every year to celebrate the floodings of the Nile and the fertility of the land.  
Dinner and overnight stay in Luxor.

#### **D4- LUXOR / QENA / DENDERA**

Sailing to Qena, north of Luxor. Only a few ships sail this splendid stretch of the river Nile where you will be able to enjoy a relaxing morning admiring both banks of the Nile.  
Lunch on board and visit of the Temple of Dendera.  
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Dinner and overnight stay in Qena.

#### **D5 –ABYDOS / LUXOR**

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Lunch on board. Relaxing afternoon sailing to Luxor. Dinner and overnight stay on board in Luxor.

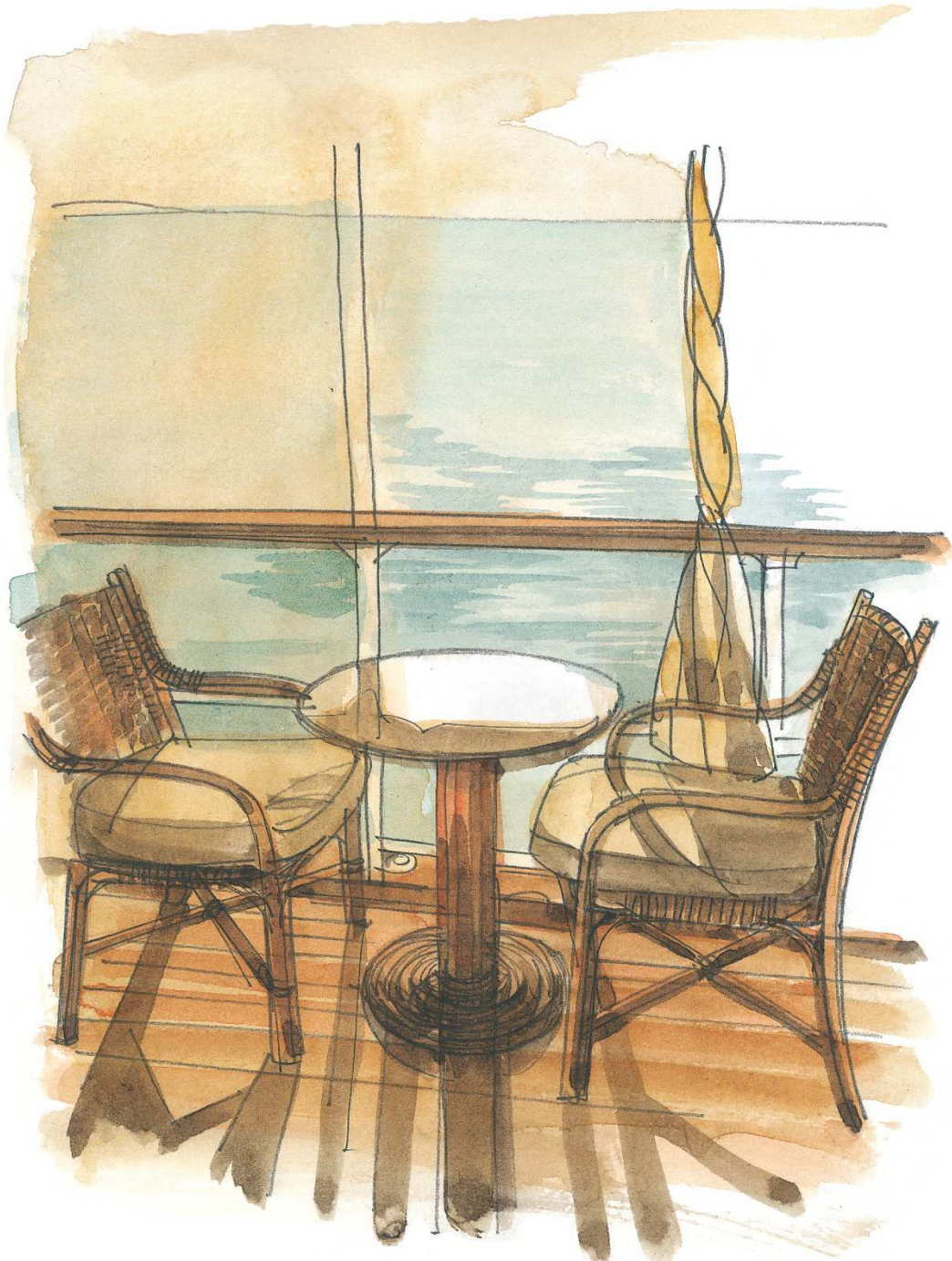
## D6 - LUXOR

Early start to the Theban Necropolis, a place of mysteries and the territory of Osiris under the New Kingdom,

Visit of the Valley of the Kings whose magnificently decorated tombs tell the afterlife journey of the dead.

Visit the Valley of the Queens, the secret necropolis of the royal wives. In the Valley of the Nobles, the Tomb of Ramose shows the art of the Akhenaten's era.

Late morning visit of the Temple of Medinet Habu where Ramesses III engraved for eternity its successful battles against the Sea People.



**DATES OF DEPARTURE**

**DYNASTIC CRUISE**

**ETERNAL RIVER CRUISE**

**LUXOR/ASWAN**

**ASWAN/LUXOR**

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**JANUARY 2018**

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**22nd**

**27th**

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**FEBRUARY 2018**

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**1st, 11th, 21st**

**6th, 16th, 26th**

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**MARCH 2018**

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**3rd, 13th, 23rd**

**8th, 18th, 28th**

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**APRIL 2018**

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**2nd, 12th, 22nd**

**7th, 17th, 27th**

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**MAY 2018**

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**2nd, 12th, 22nd**

**7th, 17th, 27th**

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**JUNE 2018**

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**1st, 11th, 21st**

**6th, 16th, 26th**

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**JULY 2018**

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**1st, 11th, 21st, 31st**

**6th, 16th, 26th**

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**AUGUST 2018**

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**10th, 20th, 30th**

**5th, 15th, 25th**

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**SEPTEMBER 2018**

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**9th, 19th, 29th**

**4th, 14th, 24th**

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**OCTOBER 2018**

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**9th, 19th, 29th**

**4th, 14th, 24th**

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**NOVEMBER 2018**

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**8th, 18th, 28th**

**3rd, 13th, 23rd**

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**DECEMBER 2018**

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**8th, 18th, 28th**

**3rd, 13th, 23rd**

