



Steam Ship

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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

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 Ptoleamic 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

The morning is dedicated to the discovery of the Theban necropolis, land of mysteries and god Osiris home under the New Kingdom: the Valley of the Pharaohs, whose beautifully decorated tombs which tell us the travel of the deceased through the afterlife and visit the tomb of Ramses VI which measures 116 meters long ; the Valley of the Queens, secret necropolis of the royal wives and visit the tomb of Nefertari, the best known of the wives of Ramses VI (according to the affluence, this visit is not guaranteed); the Valley of the Nobles, which is the necropolis of officials, high dignitaries and the court in general, who did not come from royalty and visit the tomb of Ramose ; the Valley of Craftsmen known as Deir el-Medina, created to welcome the sculptors, painters and stonemasons who worked on the necropolises.

Then we join the boat for lunch. Navigation towards Esna, then Edfu. Dinner on board.

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, departure from the ship after breakfast.



THE ETERNAL RIVER

Aswan – Luxor 6 days – 5 nights

D1 ASWAN

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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Departure from the boat before lunch.



DATES OF DEPARTURE

DYNASTIC CRUISE

ETERNAL RIVER CRUISE

LUXOR/ASWAN

ASWAN/LUXOR

JANUARY 2019

7th, 17th, 27th

2nd, 12th, 22nd

FEBRUARY 2019

6th, 16th, 26th

1st, 11th, 21st

MARCH 2019

8th, 18th, 28th

3rd, 13th, 23rd

APRIL 2019

7th, 17th, 27th

2nd, 12th, 22nd

MAY 2019

7th, 17th, 27th

2nd, 12th, 22nd

JUNE 2019 (maintenance)

JULY 2019 (maintenance until the 15th)

16th, 26th

21st, 31st

AUGUST 2019

5th, 15th, 25th

10th, 20th, 30th

SEPTEMBER 2019

4th, 14th, 24th

9th, 19th, 29th

OCTOBER 2019

4th, 14th, 24th

9th, 19th, 29th

NOVEMBER 2019

3rd, 13th 23rd

8th, 18th, 28th

DECEMBER 2019

3rd, 13th 23rd

8th, 18th, 28th

