# Egypt & the Nile



Programme Overview

Cruise in luxury on Sanctuary 'Sun Boat III,' travelling to off-the-beaten-path Denderah; exploring Egypt's pyramids from the inside out; and sailing the Nile in a felucca (sail boat).

Duration: 10 Days/ 9 Nights

Highlights:Cairo | Giza | Luxor | Nile | Aswan | Abu | Simbel

**A&K Advantages**

* Sail on a four-night Nile river cruise on board the luxurious and intimate Sanctuary 'Sun Boat III,' travelling to off-thebeaten- path Denderah, one of Egypt's best-preserved and less-frequented temples
* Enjoy guaranteed entry into one of Egypt's legendary pyramids, which you literally explore from the inside out
* Ride Like a Local on camel back in Giza and sail the Nile in a *felucca* (sail boat)
* Learn to make an Egyptian delicacy on board 'Sun Boat III' as part of a Chef's Table culinary experience
* Stay at the Palatial Mena House Hotel, with views of the Pyramids of Giza from your own private balcony, and at the luxurious Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza in a Nile View Room
* Avoid crowds and the hassle of navigating around other ships, with private docking facilities in Luxor and Aswan

**Day 1: Arrive Cairo**

After your arrival in Cairo, you are met by your A&K representative and escorted to your hotel with splendid views of the pyramids, which you explore tomorrow.

[*Mena House Hotel*](http://www.abercrombiekent.com/travel/?fuseaction=dsp_itinerary&tid=6050)

**Day 2: Giza**

Begin your day to explore the Great Sphinx and the pyramids of Cheops, Chephren and Mycerinus at Giza Plateau. Explore the interior of one of these legendary pyramids

Ride on a camelback like a Local before you continue to visit the Solar Boat Museum,where you view Khufu's solar boat remains, the most spectacular of all Egyptian boats.

Celebrate this evening with fellow guests at the festive welcome dinner, hosted by A&K.

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**Day 3: Cairo**

Today, visit the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, exhibits the world's most extensive collection of pharaonic antiquities, including artifacts dating back to 4000 BC and the famous Mummy Room, featuring the remains of ancient Egypt’s pharaohs and nobility.

Savor lunch before you begin with your drive to Memphis, capital of the ancient kingdom and now home to an open-air museum and giant statue of Ramses II. Then, visit Sakkara, home to hundreds of tombs and 14 pyramids, including the famous 204 feet high Step Pyramid of Djoser.

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**Day 4: Luxor**

This day, fly to Luxor, where you visit the Temple of Karnak, the largest in Egypt,comprising of a vast mix of decayed temples, chapels, pylons, and other buildings. Then, walk through the Great Hypostyle Hall to view itsskillfully aligned columns.

Later, embark theluxurious Sanctuary ‘Sun Boat III’ for your cruise along the verdant Nile. After lunch on board begin to cruise the west bank of the Nile. Visit the Necropolis of Thebes, the burial site of the Great Pharaohs of the New Kingdom. Continue to discover the Valley of the Kings, the legendary burial ground of the pharaohs.Step inside the tomb of Tutankhamun, to view its interiors.

Later, visit the charming Temple of Hatshepsut, ancient Egypt’s first female pharaoh.

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**Day 5: Cruising the Nile**

Continue with your journey andcruise alongthe scenic route to the Temple of Hathor at Denderah, one of the best-preserved temples in Egypt. Behold the sight of this complex, complete with a massive stone roof, dark chambers, underground passages and columns inscribed with hieroglyphs. Later, return to your deluxe Nile cruiser and sail back to Luxor.

This afternoon, journey once again to explore the east bank of the Nile to visit the city of Thebes and the striking Temple of Luxor. Along the front of the temple pylons, view the three remaining enormous statues of Ramses II, while behind the East Tower resides the Courtyard of Ramses II. Meanwhile, the Colonnade of Amenhotep III contains 14 papyrus-headed columns, some fully 50 feet in height and 32 feet in circumference, leading to the Court of Amenhotep III.

***Please note for November 17, 2014 – February 2015 Departures:*** *Due to unexpected low water levels of the Nile River, the Sanctuary Sun Boats will not be able to sail north of the city of Luxor. To ensure the safety of all guests on board, we will be driving to Denderah for the scheduled sightseeing. The drive time between Luxor and Denderah is approximately 1 hour.*

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**Day 6: Cruising the Nile**

Continue with your cruise to Edfu and visit the Temple of Horus, considered the best-preserved cult temple in Egypt.Afterward, join your chef onboard for a local cooking lesson.

Later, disembark at KomOmbo (hill of gold), dedicated to Sobek the crocodile god, and Horus the falcon-headed god. The temple was so dedicated because crocodiles once basked on this stretch of Nile shore; inside, find several of these mummified crocodiles on display.

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**Day 7: Aswan**

Begin the day with a cruise to Aswan, continue aboard a motorized boat to Philae Temple on the island of Agilika, relocated here to avoid flood damage from Aswan’s High Dam. Further, visit the granite quarries and view the Unfinished Obelisk, a fine example of Egypt’s stonemasons.

Conclude the day with a sail through the Aswan islands (weather permitting) in a *felucca* (small sailboat).

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**Day 8: Abu Simbel**

This day, disembark ‘Sun Boat III’ and depart for Abu Simbel.

After arrival, discover the two historic temples built during the reign of Ramses II, viewing statues of Ra-Harakhte, Ptah, Amun-Ra and Ramses II himself. All four towering sculptures are an impressive sight to watch,as each statue is nearly 70 feet tall; but perhaps more astonishing is the fact that this entire site was disassembled and moved to its present location to save it from the floodwaters of the Aswan High Dam. Afterward, return to Cairo for an afternoon at leisure.

[*Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza*](http://www.abercrombiekent.com/travel/?fuseaction=dsp_itinerary&tid=6050)   |   *Meals: B L*

**Day 9: Cairo**

Today, visit Khan el-Khalili Bazaar, a major souk in the Islamic district of Cairo.Stroll through the tightly packed stalls displaying everything from spices and leather goods to jewelry and vegetables, and all on a street that has hardly changed for centuries. Bargaining is expected, so prepare to negotiate. Further, visit the Mosque and Madrasa of Sultan Hassan, built in AD 1356, considered stylistically the most compact and unified of all Cairo monuments, its massive Mamluk-era structure is designed with an egg-shaped dome, intricate details and soaring minarets.

[*Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza*](http://www.abercrombiekent.com/travel/?fuseaction=dsp_itinerary&tid=6050)   |   *Meals: B D*

**Day 10: Depart Cairo**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

*Meals: B*

**Jordan Post-Tour Extension**

**DAY 1**

**ARRIVE AMMAN**

After your arrival in Amman, begin with a city tour to view the Archaeological Museum and Roman Theater.

Further, visit Jerash, the 3rd-century “Pompeii of the Middle East,” with its well-preserved Roman ruins.

Later,travel back to your hotel.

*InterContinental Amman Hotel | Meals: L*

**DAY 2**

**PETRA**

Today, explore Madaba — the beautiful “City of Mosaics, one of the oldest preserved mosaic map, composed of two million pieces of colored stone, a serving guide to Jerusalem’s layout after its destruction and rebuilding in AD 70.

Further, visit Mount Nebo before taking a dip in the Dead Sea.

*Mövenpick Petra | Meals: B L*

**DAY 3:**

**PETRA**

Today, discover the mysteriously charming city of Petra. Admire the rock-carved rose-red city with rock-cut structures sculpted from mountains.Continue to view the baths, markets, treasury, tombs and temples

*Mövenpick Petra | Meals: B L*

**DAY 4:**

**AMMAN**

Travel to Wadi Rum, the Valley of the Moon,offering an astounding desert scenery view.Admire the views of rose-tinted mountains and desert vistas.

*InterContinental Amman Hotel | Meals: B L D*

**DAY 5:**

**DEPART AMMAN**

This day, you will be assisted with transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

***Please Note:****The Sanctuary Sun Boat IV will be used instead of Sanctuary Sun Boat III on the January 9 and February 13 departures.*