



# CRUISE THE MYTHICAL NILE IN DAHABIEH: CAIRO, LUXOR, ASWAN

Exclusive, rare and more environmentally friendly, these are the Queen Isis dahabiehs, traditional boats built in 2022 and 2023. Accommodating a maximum of 26 passengers, they are very comfortable and offer passengers modern equipment and an atmosphere with oriental accents.

- ⦿ REGIONS / COUNTRIES: 🇪🇬 Egypt 🇫🇷 France
- ⦿ DURATION: 11 Days / 10 Nights
- ⦿ DATES: Jan 10, 2025; Feb 07, 2025; Mar 07, 2025; Apr 04, 2025; Apr 18, 2025; Sep 05, 2025; Sep 19, 2025; Oct 03, 2025; Oct 17, 2025; Oct 31, 2025; Nov 14, 2025; Nov 28, 2025; Dec 12, 2025
- ⦿ TAGS: City, Popular, Nightlife, Music, Town, Village, Discovery, Mainland port, Romantic
- ⦿ URL: <https://embarq.travel/boats/queen-isis-ii/cruise-the-mythical-nile-in-dahabieh-cairo-luxor-aswan/>



# Day 1



## Egypt / Cairo

City, Popular, Nightlife, Music

### DAY 1: FRANCE - CAIRO

Departure on scheduled flight. Arrival at Cairo airport where you will be met and assisted with visa formalities. Transfer to your Royal Maxime Place Kempinski 5\* hotel (or similar) in Cairo. Installation, dinner and overnight at the hotel.

# Day 2



## Egypt / Cairo

City, Popular, Nightlife, Music

### DAY 2: CAIRO

Departure after breakfast to discover the site of Giza, the last vestige of the Seven Wonders of the World. The pyramids of Cheops, Chephren and Mykerinos, originally entirely covered in white limestone, have always aroused fascination and still hold many mysteries today. A world heritage site, this multi-millennial funerary complex houses the legendary and monumental statue of the Sphinx, a name given by the ancient Greeks for its resemblance to the mythological monster with a woman's head and a lion's body. Lunch at the restaurant. Then visit the necropolis of Saqqara and the step pyramid of Djoser, an architectural masterpiece of the Old Kingdom and the first stone pyramid in Egypt. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

# Day 3



## Egypt / Cairo

City, Popular, Nightlife, Music

### DAY 3: CAIRO

Departure after breakfast for a visit to the Grand Egyptian Museum\*, one of the largest museums in the world with impressive dimensions, built near the Giza Plateau, and scheduled to open in 2023. The museum contains the world's largest collection of Egyptian antiquities and contains many archaeological treasures, including the entire collection of Tutankhamun's tomb, discovered a century ago. Lunch at the restaurant then discovery of the old city of Cairo, a sprawling and bustling city with undeniable charm: you will visit including the Saladin Citadel and the Mohamed Ali Mosque. After a stroll through the famous Khan-al Khalili souk, return to the hotel. Dinner and overnight in Cairo.

\*At the time of publication of this brochure, the Grand Egyptian Museum is not yet open. Until it opens, the visit will take place at the Egyptian Museum in Cairo, which currently houses the collection.

# Day 4



## Egypt / Luxor

Popular, Town

### DAY 4: CAIRO - LUXOR

Early morning transfer to Cairo airport and flight to Luxor. Welcome at the airport and departure to Dendera to visit the famous temple of Hathor, goddess of love, music and motherhood. Founded more than 2000 years before our era, this temple is one of the best preserved in Egypt and was embellished by many pharaohs, mainly the Ptolemaic dynasty. With a massive stone roof, it impresses with the quality of its hieroglyphs and underground chambers. In particular, you can observe the famous Dendera zodiac, the original being today preserved at the Louvre Museum. Return to Luxor and embarkation aboard the Queen Isis dahabieh. Welcome, refreshment and installation in the cabins. Lunch on board. On the afternoon program: visit to the mythical temple of Karnak, the most imposing religious complex of ancient Egypt. Built over the millennia, it is dedicated to the god Amon. At the entrance to the temple, 40 ram-headed sphinxes lead you to the great hypostyle hall with its spectacular forest of columns, the largest of all Egyptian temples. Visit to the temple of Luxor and return to the dahabieh. Dinner and night on board.

# Day 5



## Egypt / Luxor

Popular, Town

### DAY 5: LUXOR

After breakfast on board the dahabieh Isis, departure for the west bank of the Nile to discover the Theban necropolises of the Valley of the Kings, known for housing the tombs of the greatest pharaohs of Egypt and in particular that of Tutankhamun discovered intact in 1922. Depending on the opening/closing days of the tombs, visits to four different tombs are included, including the tomb of Tutankhamun. Visit the temple of Hatshepsut, a unique structure built against the rock face of the mountain. Pass in front of the famous Colossi of Memnon, monumental sculptures and the last remains of the temple of Amenhotep III. Return on board and sail to Esna. The dahabieh will dock away from any hustle and bustle to enjoy a peaceful night on the waters of the Nile. Dinner and overnight on board.

optional:

#### Hot air balloon flight over Thebes

Departure at dawn and hot air balloon flight over Luxor to admire the sunrise over the Valley of the Kings, the site of Karnak and its temples. An unforgettable experience!

Price per person: €110 (minimum 2 people) €120 in 2025

## Day 6



### Navigation

#### DAY 6: NAVIGATION

After breakfast, enjoy a day of sailing. Following the rhythm of the wind, the Queen Isis dahabieh will glide slowly and silently on the Nile, an opportunity to observe the nature and life of the river. The boat will dock on a small secret island near Edfu for a peaceful night under the stars. Small breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

# Day 7



## Egypt / djebel Silsila

📍 Village, Discovery

### DAY 7: EDFOU – DJEBEL SILSILA

Breakfast on board as you sail to Edfu. Visit the Greco-Roman temple of Horus, remarkable for its harmonious plan with perfect proportions. For nearly 2000 years this temple was buried under the desert sands, which explains its exceptional preservation.

The major interest of this temple lies in its inscriptions which have allowed Egyptologists to understand in detail the daily worship of Horus as well as the most sumptuous ceremonies of ancient Egypt. Return on board, lunch and navigation to the small island of Ramadi; after a short walk, arrival at the house of a local family to see the daily life of the inhabitants of the banks of the Nile: the fields, the garden, the animals, preparation of dishes etc. Return on board and navigation on the narrowest part of the Nile, between majestic sandstone hills. This stopover will be the opportunity to contemplate the quarries of the djebel Silsila whose sandstone blocks allowed the construction of most of the Egyptian temples as well as the temple of Horemheb, with steles sculpted into the cliff, once the center of large annual ceremonies related to the flooding of the Nile. Dedicated to the Theban triad as well as the gods of the Nile, this temple opens on the facade onto a spectacular gallery of pillars. Dinner and overnight on board.



## Day 8



### Egypt / Kom Ombo

📍 Village

#### DAY 8: KOM OMBO

Breakfast on board. Navigation through superb landscapes to Kom Ombo. Visit the Ptolemaic temple of Kom Ombo, a unique temple dedicated to the worship of two divinities: the falcon god Haroëris and the crocodile god Sobek. In ancient Egypt, the crocodile was a sacred animal symbolizing fertility and whose presence in the Nile announced floods favorable to the harvests. Return on board and navigation to Aswan to watch the sunset from the Nile. Lunch, dinner and overnight on board.

## Day 9



### Egypt / Abu Simbel

Town

#### DAY 9: ASWAN - ABU SIMBEL

Breakfast on board. From Aswan airport, flight to Abu Simbel. Visit the temple of Ramses II and its four colossi, a Nubian masterpiece moved under the aegis of UNESCO during the construction of the Aswan Dam in the 1960s. Next door, the temple of Hathor dedicated to Queen Nefertari, wife of the pharaoh, also has six massive statues of the couple on its façade. Return to Aswan and lunch on board. In the afternoon, visit the city of Aswan and its famous souk where you will find a profusion of spices, fabrics and local crafts. Dinner and overnight on board.

From January 2025, possibility to stay in Aswan in the legendary Sofitel Legend Old Cataract hotel

# Day 10



## Egypt / Aswan

Town

### DAY 10: ASWAN

Breakfast on board. Departure for the visit of the majestic temple of Isis, formerly built on the island of Philae. Built by one of the last Egyptian pharaohs in the 4th century BC, it was completed by the Romans. In the 1970s, it was moved to a neighboring island after the filling of the Aswan Dam. Return on board for lunch. In the afternoon, felucca ride on the Nile for a bucolic discovery of the islands, gardens, banks and Nubian villages of this part of the river; possibility of a tea/coffee break on the terrace overlooking the Nile of the legendary Old Cataract Hotel to watch the sunset.

Dinner and overnight stay on board

From January 2025:

At the end of the day, disembarkation and transfer to Aswan airport. Flight on a regular flight to Cairo. Baggage collection and transfer to the hotel restaurant near the airport for dinner.

# Day 11



## France / Paris

City, Mainland port, Popular, Romantic, Nightlife

### DAY 11: ASWAN - FRANCE

In the morning, disembarkation and transfer to Aswan airport. Flight on a scheduled flight, with stopover.

From January 2025:

On the night of the 10th to 11th day, return to Cairo airport and take a scheduled flight to France.

