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 24 passengers, they are very comfortable and offer passengers luxurious amenities.

- Regions / Countries: **Egypt** **France**
- Duration: **11 Days / 10 Nights**
- Tags: **City, Popular, Nightlife, Music, Town, Village, Discovery, Mainland port, Romantic**
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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 Hyatt Regency Cairo West 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.

optional (evening):
Sound and light at the pyramids
In the early evening, the extraordinary sound and light show retracing the history of the great pharaohs and the construction of the site. The Giza plateau illuminated at night is beautiful.
Price per person: €60 (minimum 2 people) €65 in 2025

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 the Saladin Citadel and the Mohamed Ali Mosque. After a stroll in 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, one can observe the famous zodiac of Dendera, 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. Dinner and overnight on board.

optional (evening):
Night tour of the illuminated Luxor Temple
Departure in the early evening to discover the illuminated Temple of Luxor in the company of your French-speaking Egyptologist guide.
Price per person: €50 (minimum 2 people) €55 in 2025

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, the visit of three different tombs is included. The visit to the tomb of Tutankhamun is subject to reservation on site, if the program allows it, for a supplement of approximately €17 per person, to be paid on site. Visit to 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 navigation 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 on the narrowest part of the Nile, between majestic sandstone hills. This stopover will be an opportunity to contemplate the quarries of Djebel Silsila whose sandstone blocks allowed the construction of most 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 night on board facing the illuminated temple.

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

optional (evening):
Sound and light at the Philae temple
In the early evening, one of the most beautiful sound and light shows in Egypt, on the site of the temple of Philae.
Price per person: €60 (minimum 2 people) €65 in 2025

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 Aswan Dam was filled. 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.
At the end of the day, 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

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.


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