Egypt & the Nile (2015)

Luxury Small Group Journeys: The finest small-group travel experience

Limited to 18 guests
Days: 10 | From: $5,495 (was $7,495)

Offer **Save up to $2,500 per person (double occupancy) and up to $900 on the single supplement on select 2015 departures.**

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). On the October 2 departure, join A&K Egypt's Executive Director and other special guests on Sanctuary 'Sun Boat IV,' visiting the closed-to-the-public tomb of Queen Nefertari

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
- Discover Egypt's ancient capital of Memphis and the famous Step Pyramid of Djoser in Sakkara
- 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

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Cairo, Egypt
Arrive in Cairo where you are met by your A&K representative and transferred to your hotel with fantastic views of the pyramids, which you explore tomorrow.

Mena House Hotel

Day 2: Cairo | Legendary Pharaohs
Visit the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, home to the largest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts, including treasures from Tutankhamun and artifacts dating back to 4000 BC. The museum's most fascinating exhibit is its famous Mummy Room, featuring the remains of ancient Egypt's pharaohs and nobility, including Ramses II. After lunch, return to your hotel and enjoy time at leisure. Tonight, gather with fellow guests at an A&K-hosted welcome dinner.

Mena House Hotel | Meals: B L D

Day 3: Giza | The Pyramids & The Sphinx
This morning, embark on a tour of the Giza Plateau, site of the ancient pyramids of Mycerinus, Chefren and the Great Pyramid of Cheops, built in the Fourth Dynasty (approximately 2690 BC) and the oldest and only survivor of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Explore the interior of one of these legendary pyramids. Ride Like a Local on camelback before continuing to the Solar Boat Museum, site of Cheops' funerary boat, the world's oldest intact ship, and the enigmatic Great Sphinx. After lunch drive to Memphis, capital of the ancient kingdom and now home to an open-air museum and giant statue of Ramses II. Continue to Sakkara, home to hundreds of tombs and 14 pyramids, including the famous Step Pyramid of Djoser. Built by Pharaoh Djoser during his 19-year reign, it stands at 204 feet and was the largest building of its time.

Mena House Hotel | Meals: B L

Day 4: Luxor | Karnak and the Valley of the Kings
Fly to Luxor and journey to the Temple of Karnak, where generations of pharaohs wished to record their names. Walk through the Great Hypostyle Hall, its expertly aligned columns a sight to behold. Board Sanctuary 'Sun Boat III' and enjoy lunch onboard. Afterward, explore the west bank of the Nile and the Necropolis of Thebes, the burial site of the Great Pharaohs of the New Kingdom. Discover the Valley of the Kings, the legendary burial ground of the pharaohs, and step inside the tomb of Tutankhamun. Later, explore the lovely Temple of Hatshepsut, ancient Egypt's first female pharaoh).

Sanctuary 'Sun Boat III' | Meals: B L D

Day 5: Cruising the Nile | Temple of Hathor at Denderah
Today you cruise north on a scenic route — far from other ships and crowds — to the Temple of Hathor at Denderah, which is among the best-preserved temples in Egypt. This complex is a rare sight to behold, complete with a massive stone roof, dark chambers, underground passages and columns inscribed with hieroglyphs. From here, return to your deluxe Nile cruiser and sail back to Luxor. Later this afternoon, journey once again to explore the east bank of the Nile, this time visiting the city of Thebes and the striking Temple of Luxor. Along the front of the temple pylons, there were six large statues of Ramses II (of which three remain), 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:
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Sanctuary 'Sun Boat III' | Meals: B L D

Day 6: Cruising the Nile | Edfu to Kom Ombo
Continue cruising to Edfu and the Temple of Horus, the falconheaded god. Built in 230 BC by Ptolemy III and spending much of the modern era buried in sand and debris, this stunningly well-preserved and colorful structure reveals what temple worship in ancient Egypt was like. Join your chef onboard for a local cooking lesson. Later, disembark at Kom Ombo (hill of gold) to visit the Greco-Roman temple dedicated to Haroeris (the sun god) and Sobek (the crocodile 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.

Sanctuary 'Sun Boat III' | Meals: B L D

Day 7: Aswan | Majestic Philae
Today, cruise to Aswan and ride a motorized boat to Philae Temple on the island of Agilika, painstakingly moved and reconstructed here to avoid flood damage from Aswan's High Dam. Afterward, continue to the impressive granite quarries and site of the Unfinished Obelisk. Illustrating the skills of Egypt's stonemasons, this monolith structure measures onethird taller than any other ancient Egyptian obelisk — even in its unfinished state. End the day sailing around the Aswan islands like a local in a *felucca* (small sailboat), weather

permitting.

Sanctuary 'Sun Boat III' | Meals: B L D

Day 8: Abu Simbel | Temples of Ramses II & Nefertari
Bid farewell to 'Sun Boat III' and disembark to catch your flight to Abu Simbel. There, discover the site of the commanding twin temples of Ramses II, Egypt's longest-ruling pharaoh, and his wife, Queen Nefertari. The former's façade is dominated by four imposing statues of the pharaoh. All four towering sculptures — each nearly 70 feet tall — are impressive enough; 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 | Meals: B L

Day 9: Cairo | Bustling Souk
Walk from Bab el-Fotouh to Khan el-Khalili Bazaar, one of the city's major souks (open-air marketplace), where tightly packed stalls display 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. Explore the Mosque and Madrasa of Sultan Hassan, built in AD 1356. Among the finest examples of early Mamluk architecture, the mosque is one of the largest in the world.

Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza | Meals: B D

Day 10: Depart Cairo
Board your international departure flight or extend to Jordan.

Meals: B

Jordan Post-Tour Extension
5 days, priced from $1,995; internal air priced from $495
Available on the Jan 9, Feb 13, Mar 13, Mar 20, Apr 10, Sept 11, Oct 9, Oct 23, Nov 13 and Dec 18 departures.
DAY 1: Arrive in Amman and tour the Archaeological Museum and Roman Theater. Visit Jerash before transferring to your hotel. *InterContinental Amman Hotel | Meals: L*
DAY 2: Visit Madaba and Mount Nebo before taking a dip in the Dead Sea. *Mövenpick Petra | Meals: B L*
DAY 3: Spend a full day exploring Petra, including its markets, baths, tombs and temples. *Mövenpick Petra | Meals: B L*
DAY 4: Discover the mountains, desert vistas and Bedouins of Wadi Rum. *InterContinental Amman Hotel | Meals: B L D*
DAY 5: Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Please Note: *The Sanctuary 'Sun Boat IV' will be used instead of Sanctuary 'Sun Boat III' on the January 9, February 13, and October 2 departures.*

Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Sep. 11, 2015 - Sep. 20, 2015				
Nile Deck	$3,995 (was $6,495)	$1,295 (was $1,795)	$685	Sold Out ^
Promenade Deck	$4,295 (was $6,795)	$1,495 (was $1,995)	$685	Sold Out ^
Presidential Suite	$4,995 (was $7,495)	$2,195 (was $2,695)	$685	Sold Out ^
Royal Suite	$5,995 (was $8,495)	$2,895 (was $3,395)	$685	Sold Out ^
Sep. 18, 2015 - Sep. 27, 2015				
Nile Deck	$3,995 (was $6,495)	$1,295 (was $1,795)	$685	Sold Out
Promenade Deck	$4,295 (was $6,795)	$1,495 (was $1,995)	$685	Sold Out
Presidential Suite	$4,995 (was $7,495)	$2,195 (was $2,695)	$685	Sold Out
Royal Suite	$5,995 (was $8,495)	$2,895 (was $3,395)	$685	Sold Out
Oct. 02, 2015 - Oct. 11, 2015				
Nile Deck	$5,695 (was $7,695)	$1,695 (was $2,395)	$685	Available ^^ °
Main Deck	$5,795 (was $7,795)	$1,755 (was $2,455)	$685	Available ^^ °
Bridge Deck	$5,895 (was $7,895)	$1,815 (was $2,515)	$685	Call for Availability ^^ °
Promenade Deck	$5,995 (was $7,995)	$1,895 (was $2,595)	$685	Call for Availability ^^ °
Presidential Suite	$6,695 (was $8,695)	$2,595 (was $3,295)	$685	Sold Out ^^ °
Royal Suite	$7,695 (was $9,695)	$3,295 (was $3,995)	$685	Sold Out ^^ °
Oct. 09, 2015 - Oct. 18, 2015				
Nile Deck	$5,495 (was $7,495)	$1,595 (was $2,295)	$685	Sold Out ^
Promenade Deck	$5,795 (was $7,795)	$1,795 (was $2,495)	$685	Sold Out ^
Presidential Suite	$6,495 (was $8,495)	$2,495 (was $3,195)	$685	Sold Out ^
Royal Suite	$7,495 (was $9,495)	$3,195 (was $3,895)	$685	Sold Out ^
Oct. 23, 2015 - Nov. 01, 2015				
Nile Deck	$5,495 (was $7,495)	$1,595 (was $2,295)	$685	Call for Availability ^
Promenade Deck	$5,795 (was $7,795)	$1,795 (was $2,495)	$685	Call for Availability ^
Presidential Suite	$6,495 (was $8,495)	$2,495 (was $3,195)	$685	Call for Availability ^
Royal Suite	$7,495 (was $9,495)	$3,195 (was $3,895)	$685	Call for Availability ^
Nov. 06, 2015 - Nov. 15, 2015				

Nile Deck	$5,495 (was $7,495)	$1,595 (was $2,295)	$685	Call for Availability
Promenade Deck	$5,795 (was $7,795)	$1,795 (was $2,495)	$685	Call for Availability
Presidential Suite	$6,495 (was $8,495)	$2,495 (was $3,195)	$685	Call for Availability
Royal Suite	$7,495 (was $9,495)	$3,195 (was $3,895)	$685	Available
Nov. 13, 2015 - Nov. 22, 2015				
Nile Deck	$7,495	$2,295	$685	Call for Availability ^
Promenade Deck	$7,795	$2,495	$685	Call for Availability ^
Presidential Suite	$8,495	$3,195	$685	Limited Availability ^
Royal Suite	$9,495	$3,895	$685	Sold Out ^
Nov. 20, 2015 - Nov. 29, 2015				
Nile Deck	$7,495	$2,295	$685	Available
Promenade Deck	$7,795	$2,495	$685	Available
Presidential Suite	$8,495	$3,195	$685	Limited Availability
Royal Suite	$9,495	$3,895	$685	Limited Availability
Dec. 11, 2015 - Dec. 20, 2015				
Nile Deck	$7,495	$2,295	$685	Available
Promenade Deck	$7,795	$2,495	$685	Available
Presidential Suite	$8,495	$3,195	$685	Sold Out
Royal Suite	$9,495	$3,895	$685	Available
Dec. 18, 2015 - Dec. 27, 2015				
Nile Deck	$7,595	$2,695	$685	Available
Promenade Deck	$7,895	$2,895	$685	Available
Presidential Suite	$9,395	$3,695	$685	Available
Royal Suite	$10,595	$4,695	$685	Call for Availability

° This departure includes A&K Egypt's Executive Director and other special guests visiting the closed-to-the-public tomb of Queen Nefertari
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^ Optional post-tour extension available on this departure.

Take this Journey Private | This itinerary is also available as an independent journey, Signature Egypt & the Nile, with A&K local guides.

Journey Details

Child Policy: Minimum age: 10

Internal Air: Cairo/Luxor; Aswan/Abu Simbel/Cairo (from $685) Please note that two groups of 18 A&K guests may be travelling on board Sanctuary 'Sun Boat III.' Please note for November 17, 2014 - February 2015 Departures: Due to unexpected low water levels

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