The Nile River, Egypt

The opulent interior of Sun Boat IV

An iconic river yacht for the most iconic of rivers

When exploring some of the world's most stirring archaeological wonders along the longest and most enigmatic river on earth, only a luxurious and elegant floating palace will do. With 38 stately cabins, a clue-is-in-the-name Sun Deck and Art Deco interior flourishes, the Sun Boat IV cuts a sleek yachtish figure on the Nile. There's a massage suite for dedicated pampering, and a pool lined with daybeds and parasols for lizard-like lounging. An expert Egyptologist guide is on hand for shore excursions to legendary ancient sites, and musicians and dancers bring the country's traditions vividly to life with unforgettable onboard performances.

Six Reasons to Choose Sun Boat IV

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An expert Egyptologist guide

Offers a day-by-day, expert-guided introduction to 5,000 years' worth of history.

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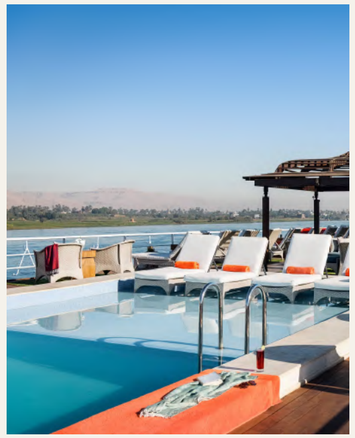

The plunge pool on the top deck

Possibly the chicest sun deck on the Nile, with a pool, daybeds and bar service.

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Set sail in a traditional felucca

The opportunity to circumnavigate the spectacular Philae temples under sail aboard a felucca.

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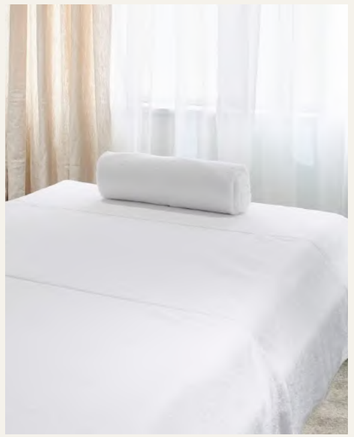

Relax with an onboard treatment

A dedicated massage suite for sublime unwinding.

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The head chef shares local recipes

Memorable barbecue lunches on the outdoor dining deck, plus a cooking class with the head chef.

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A sumptuous Royal Suite

Royal Suites with their own balconies to view the passing Nile in style.

The Riverboat

As it gently meanders up and down the Nile – delivering guests ashore to explore the region's great archaeological treasures up close with an Egyptologist – the 72-metre, four-deck Sun Boat IV cuts a yachtish figure. Its sleek exterior is topped by a chic upper Sun Deck, where guests cool off in the turquoise-tiled pool and lounge on daybeds shaded by parasols, ordering refreshing ice-clinking drinks from the bar service. The sense of conviviality continues indoors in the lounge bar and restaurant, where musicians and dancers entertain with spirit-lifting performances.

Refined interiors throughout incorporate natural materials, ceramic ornaments and delicately etched metalwork to add local flavor to its contemporary styling and Art Deco flourishes. The 38 cabins (all with Nile views; many through floor-to-ceiling windows) are air-conditioned and have king-size beds and ensuite bathrooms. Sun Boat IV's facilities include a small gym with a treadmill, cycling machine and dumbbells, plus a massage room and a gift shop.

Nile views from the dining room

"Local musicians often entertain guests in the elegant lounge bar."

The spacious lounge is the social hub

The Riverboat

BAR AND LOUNGE

Guests can enjoy their favorite – expertly mixed – cocktails in the ample comfortable sofas and armchairs of the indoor lounge, or with the balmy river breeze in their face on the top deck.

SWIMMING POOL

The Sun Deck has shaded cabanas, day beds, and a plunge pool for blissful afternoons, plus a bar service delivering thirst-quenching drinks when the mercury rises.

EGYPTIAN BOUTIQUE

Take home tangible memories of Egypt from the onboard boutique, which sells everything from Egyptian art, pharaonic statuettes and hieroglyphic pendants to books, jewelry and jewelry boxes.

SPA AND WELLNESS

In the dedicated massage suite, choose from a range of styles, including Swedish, sports, aromatherapy and deep tissue, or have one of the expert therapists focus on hands, neck, shoulders and other areas of tension. For fitness aficionados, the onboard gym has a treadmill, cycling machine and dumbbells.

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT

An ancient site around every bend

The shaded Sun Deck has brilliant views

A cosy corner of the lounge

The Riverboat

Sleek décor with intricate metalwork

The outdoor beckons for cocktail hour

River	The Nile River
Length	72m
Number of Rooms	38
Maximum Number of Guests	76
Child Policy	Children aged 10 and over are welcome. Children under 15 must share with an adult
Guide Accommodation	Yes
Wheelchair Accessible	Limited Access
WiFi Available	Yes, in all areas
Credit cards Accepted	Visa, MasterCard, and Amex
Currencies Accepted	USD, Pound, Euro and Egyptian Pound
Swimming Pool	Yes
Spa/Treatment Room	Yes

The Cabins & Suites

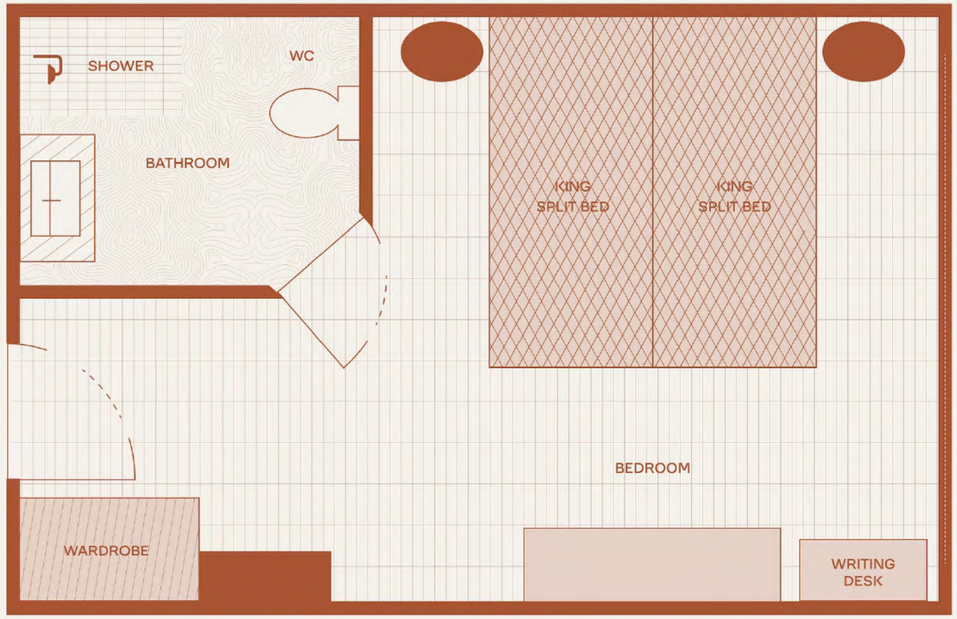
Regionally inspired design and Art Deco accents are combined to elegant effect in Sun Boat IV's 38 Nile-view cabins (including two Presidential Suites and two Royal Suites). They are spread over four decks, and many have floor-to-ceiling windows. All are air-conditioned, and all have satellite TVs, minibars, laundry service, ensuite bathrooms and king-size beds (convertible to twins). Full room service is also available — for when guests want to maximise relaxation in their stylish Nile-facing room.

A stylish ensuite bathroom

"Floor-to-ceiling windows in many cabins frame sublime snapshots of the legendary river."

Enjoy Nile views from the comfort of bed

The Standard Cabins

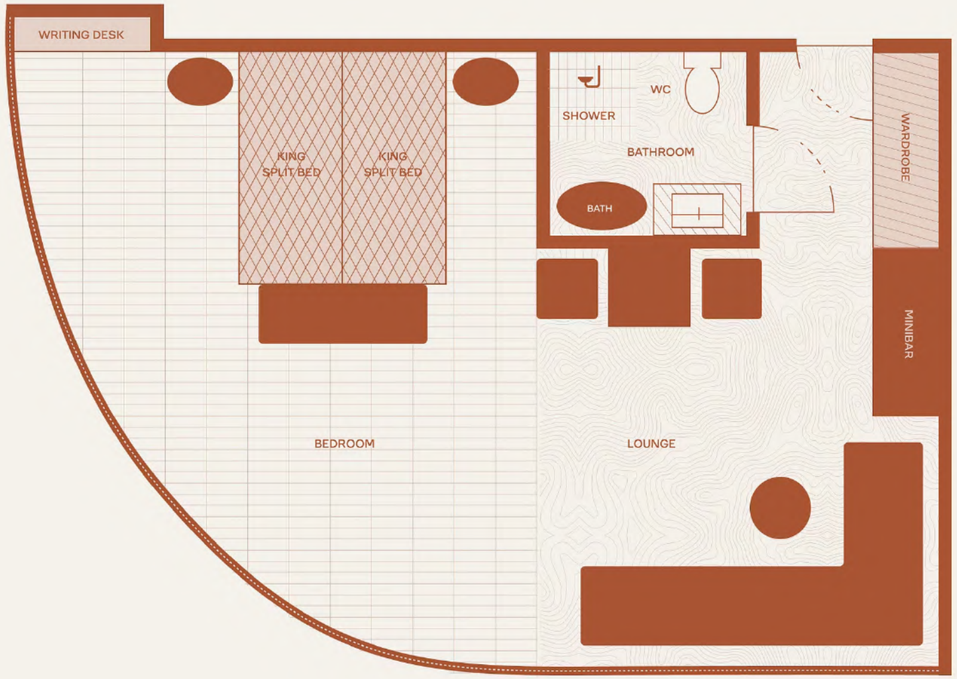


Room Size	15-18m2
Bed Configuration (King or Twin)	All rooms can be converted to a king or twins
Triple Rooms Available	Yes
Mini Bar	Yes
Tea and Coffee Station	Yes
Air Conditioning	Yes
Overhead Fan	No
Plug Type	Type G Plug, USB and USB Type C
Bath	No
Shower	Yes
Hairdryer	Yes

STANDARD CABIN | SLEEPS 2 | 15-18 SQM

Rooms on the Nile Deck, the ship's lowest, have cabin windows; the rest have floor-to-ceiling windows – all have ensuite shower rooms. The wooden furniture, patterned rugs, and weighty curtains give a classic feel.

The Presidential Suites



PRESIDENTIAL SUITE | SLEEPS 2 | 38 SQM

Decked in earthy fabrics and contemporary fittings, these roomy suites have spectacular views of the river and its surrounds through expansive floor-to-ceiling windows. Ensuite bathrooms have a shower and a bathtub.

Room Size	38m2
Bed Configuration (King or Twin)	All rooms can be converted to a king or twins
Triple Rooms Available	No
Mini Bar	Yes
Tea and Coffee Station	Yes
Air Conditioning	Yes
Overhead Fan	No
Plug Type	Type G Plug, USB and USB Type C
Bath	Yes
Shower	Yes
Hairdryer	Yes
Balcony	Yes

The Royal Suites

Room Size	55m2
Bed Configuration (King or Twin)	All rooms can be converted to a king or twins
Triple Rooms Available	No
Mini Bar	Yes
Tea and Coffee Station	Yes
Air Conditioning	Yes
Overhead Fan	No
Plug Type	Type G Plug, USB and USB Type C
Bath	Yes
Shower	Yes
Hairdryer	Yes
Balcony	Yes

ROYAL SUITE | SLEEPS 2 | 55 SQM

These sumptuously furnished suites feature private balconies for open-air views of the Nile, and bright, light living spaces. There are king-size four-poster beds and ensuite bathrooms with a bathtub.

Regional flavors and international favorites are served in the dining room

Food & Drink

Guests on board Sun Boat IV can experience local and regional flavors via the excellent cuisine. Kushari, a spicy mix of black lentils, rice and chickpeas with tomato and fried onion, is a standout dish — and those keen to take home a recipe can learn how to make it during a cookery class. Middle Eastern and international options are also available, accompanied by a carefully curated selection of wines and spirits. While the dining room is the scene of elegantly served meals three times a day, a barbecue lunch on the outdoor deck is a particular highlight. Individual dietary requirements, including fully vegetarian menus and menus for children, are expertly catered for.

- American-style buffet breakfast, including international favorites such as eggs and pancakes, with some à la carte Egyptian dishes.
- Buffet lunch, with a wide range of salads, cheeses, cold meats and Egyptian dishes plus a barbecue on one day, weather permitting.
- Afternoon tea with a selection of pastries, cookies and fresh fruit.
- A la carte dinner, with two or three choices per course – and a purely Egyptian menu on one of the evenings.
- Cooking classes with the head chef, learning to make Egyptian dishes such as kushari and om ali (a baked dessert of pastry, pistachios, raisins and coconut).
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, plus choices from an extensive local and international wine lists at additional cost.

Food is fresh and delicately plated

The Nile Location

Welcome to Southern Egypt, crucible of Ancient Egyptian culture. The River Nile wends its way more than 4,000 miles from Lake Victoria to the Mediterranean Sea. Yet it is the 130-mile section between Aswan and Luxor in southern Egypt that exerts the most powerful hold on the collective imagination. Here are many of the largest, most elaborate and intriguing structures built in ancient times, including the massive Temple of Karnak, the Valley of the Kings, the Valley of the Queens, the Temple of Kom Ombo, the Temple of Horus in Edfu, and the Greco-Egyptian shrine to Isis at the Philae temple complex, painstakingly reconstructed on an island after the original site was threatened by floods.

The river and landscape themselves possess an elemental beauty and, with A&K Sanctuary, your journey along and through them will be exclusive and enlightening. Arriving in either Luxor (a one-hour flight from Cairo) or Aswan (1 hour 30 minutes), relax during a private transfer by road (30 or 45 minutes respectively) to the exclusive docking area where you step aboard Sun Boat IV. Stopping at key archaeological sites en route from Luxor to Aswan – or vice versa – you will step ashore with an Egyptologist guide who will bring to life 5,000 years of history in the living outdoor museum that is the River Nile.

Sun Boat IV excursions uncover an ancient world

The Nile is the lifeblood of southern Egypt

Getting There

Traditional feluccas are a romantic sight

Cairo Airport to Luxor Airport / Cairo Airport to Aswan Airport

1-hour flight / 1-hour 30-minute flight

Luxor Airport to private dock / Aswan Airport to private dock

30-minute drive / 45-minute drive

Experiences

Whether traveling upstream from Aswan to Luxor or downstream from Luxor to Aswan, twice-daily excursions to must-see sites in the company of an expert guide will help guests get their dynasties in order. Incredible historic sites aside, guests can get a sense of the vibrant life along the Nile with a sailing trip on a traditional felucca, a visit to a colorful Nubian village to meet the locals, a sense-tingling trip to a spice market and a hot-air balloon ride to put it all into perspective.

Hot-air balloons deliver a bird's-eye view

LUXOR

Home to more than half of Egypt's antiquities, Luxor – formerly Thebes, the capital of Ancient Egypt at the height of its glory – is the gateway to the Nile or the end point of the voyage. Visit the bustling market before touring its legendary archaeological sites.

Atmospheric ancient ruins abound in Luxor

LUXOR TEMPLE

Luxor honors “kingship", rather than any deity. Alexander the Great claimed to have been crowned in the city, and he, Amenhotep III, Tutankhamun and Ramesses II built sections of the temple. Nearby were a legionary fortress and a seat of government in Roman times.

Explore UNESCO-protected sites with a local guide

KARNAK TEMPLE

This vast complex of temples, pylons, chapels and other structures, including the Great Hypostyle Hall, was built between the Middle Kingdom and Ptolemaic periods. Some 30 pharaohs added works and structures to what is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Intricate hieroglyphics adorn a tomb

THE VALLEY OF THE KINGS

This historic burial ground for nobles and pharaohs, including Tutankhamun, is one of the world’s key archaeological sites. Hidden within rocky cliffs, 63 decorated tombs showcase exquisite hieroglyphics, paintings and treasures, proof of royal belief in the afterlife.

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Aswan marks ancient Egypt's southern frontier

ASWAN

The gateway to southern Egypt since 2,000BC, Aswan still delivers astonishing finds. In recent years, archaeologists have uncovered a bust of the Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius, a sphinx and 35 mummies in a tomb dating back to the Ptolemaic Dynasty.

This shrine to the goddess Isis was saved from rising waters

PHILAE TEMPLE

This ravishingly beautiful Greco-Egyptian shrine to Isis, extraordinary in its own right, was made even more famous when, in 1971, it was relocated from its original site to higher ground on nearby Agilika Island when rising Nile waters threatened to submerge it.

Many ancient ruins are remarkably well preserved

KOM OMBO TEMPLE

Kom Ombo is remarkable for many reasons, not least its dramatic position, symmetrical design and dedication to two gods rather than one – crocodile-headed Sobek and falcon-headed Horus. The mummified reptiles in the Crocodile Museum are surprisingly moving.

Some stone inscriptions are 2,000 years old

TEMPLE OF EDFU

One of the best-preserved shrines in the whole of Egypt, the Temple of Edfu was built between 237 and 57 BC. Inscriptions on the walls give intriguing information about the myths, language and religions following the death of Alexander the Great in 323 BC.

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Traditional feluccas are known for their lateen sails

SAILING A FELUCCA

An outing aboard one of these gracious traditional sailboats, nonchalantly piloted by a skipper with a bare foot on the tiller, is the most serene way to explore the waters around Elephantine Island, Lord Kitchener's Botanical Gardens, and the Agha Khan Mausoleum.

Visit locals in their colorful Nubian homes

NUBIAN VILLAGE

Venture further south along the Nile to Sohail Island, in what was once Nubia – the region where the Kerma civilization, one of the oldest in Africa, flourished from 2500 BC to 1500 BC. Explore a time-warp village where Nubian culture is preserved, taking a camel ride through its alleys and meeting villagers in their colorfully painted homes. Optional experience. Additional cost.

The spice market is the place to pick up gifts to take home

ASWAN SPICE MARKET

As soon as you enter the souk, the powerful aroma of Egyptian herbs and spices engulfs you. Browse the stalls, with their colorful displays, and immerse yourself in the traditional way of life as you wander. Optional experience. Additional cost.

From the water to the air: an alternative view of the Nile

HOT-AIR BALLOON RIDE

You get a fresh perspective on the spectacular Valleys of the Kings and Queens as you soar above them in a hot-air balloon for a memorable, once-in-a-lifetime experience. Optional experience. Additional cost.

Your Nile Cruise Four-Night Itinerary

ASWAN TO LUXOR

DAY 1: A WARM WELCOME IN ASWAN

A traditional musical procession welcomes guests aboard Sun Boat IV, their five-star A&K Sanctuary riverboat, and sets the tone for this immersive trip in ancient and living Egypt.

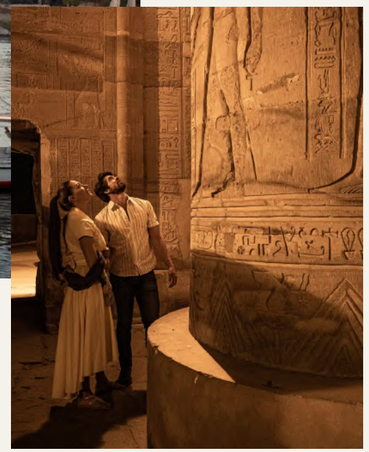
After boarding via a private dock in Aswan – whose temples have stood guard over the Nile since the seventh century BC – the first post-lunch excursion is in a traditional felucca (weather permitting) for a sail around Elephantine Island, declared a World Heritage Site on account of its many archaeological digs.

Back on board afternoon tea is served in the lounge to the accompaniment of an oud trio, and the day is topped off by a gourmet dinner prepared by talented chefs.

DAY 2: EXPLORE TEMPLES OF PHILAE AND KOM OMBO

Agilika Island is the scene for the next archaeological discovery, where the nearby Philae temple complex was relocated and painstakingly reassembled to save it from floods created when the Old Aswan Dam was built. The hieroglyphic reliefs and a visit to the Granite Quarries that supplied most of the stone used to build pyramids are a highlight.

As guests enjoy lunch and afternoon tea, the riverboat cruises to Kom Ombo. That evening, visit the magnificent Temple of Kom Ombo, dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek. The day ends with a memorable dinner onboard, followed by a movie night.



Serene sailing in a felucca

Days offer fascinating excursions

Your Nile Cruise Four-Night Itinerary

ASWAN TO LUXOR

DAY 3: DISCOVER EDFU AND CULTURAL IMMERSION

Post breakfast, the day begins with a visit to the dramatic Temple of Edfu on the Nile's west bank – one of the best-preserved shrines in Egypt, built between 237 and 57BC. Marvel at the inscriptions on its walls, which reveal much about language, myth and religion during the Hellenistic period in the country.

Back on board, guests can join an Egyptian cooking class, followed by afternoon tea, as the boat sails to the city of Luxor (formerly the ancient city of Thebes). It reads like a Who's Who of ancient sites: the Temple of Luxor with its imposing obelisk, where an Egyptologist guide shares insightful stories; the iconic Valley of the Kings and the Queens, hidden away in the rocky folds of the landscape.

In the evening, guests enter into the spirit of local life as they dress in traditional galabeyya robes for an Egyptian Night on board, featuring a lavish dinner followed by dancing.

DAY 4: THE VALLEY OF THE KINGS EXPLORATION

The jewel in the crown awaits today: the Valley of the Kings where, for nearly 500 years, some 65 rock-cut tombs and chambers were excavated for nobles and pharaohs, followed by a visit to the nearby Valley of the Queens and the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut.

The final archaeological showstopper is the Temple of Karnak, a complex of temples, pylons and chapels which guests explore with an Egyptologist guide.

Back on the boat, afternoon tea allows for some downtime. The voyage concludes with a gala dinner with white-gloved waiters serving gourmet cuisine, plus a dervish show.

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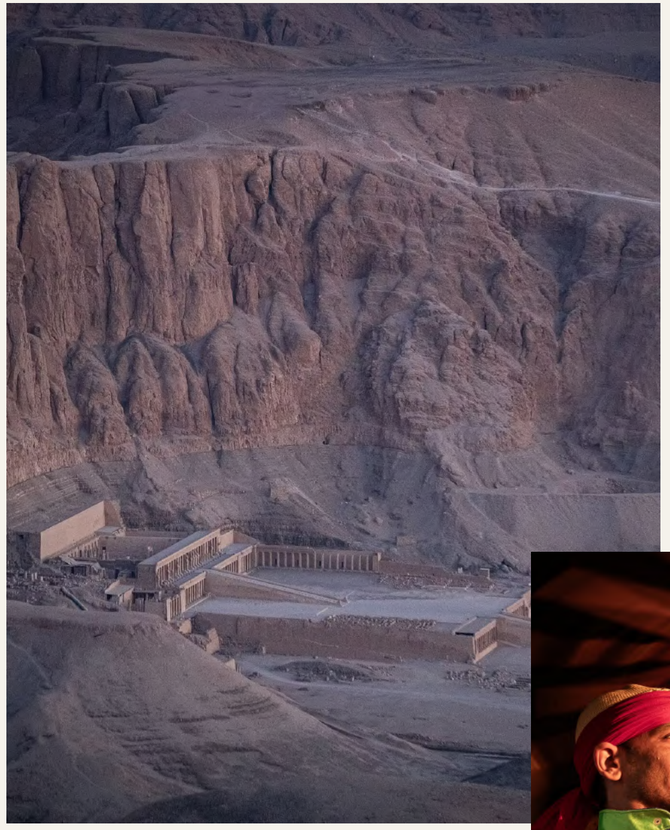

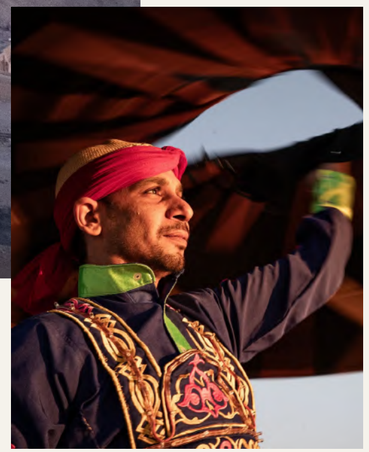

A trip to Egypt is impossibly romantic

Nile Seray offers guests an authentic experience

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LUXOR TO ASWAN

Welcome to an archaeological odyssey

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On the way back to the Nile, guests pass the Colossi of Memnon – two massive stone statues of the Pharaoh Amenhotep III, which, in ancient times, were said to sing hauntingly at dawn.

Back on the boat, a leisurely lunch and afternoon tea allows for some downtime, as the riverboat cruises to the city of Esna. The day ends with a delicious dinner followed by a movie night.

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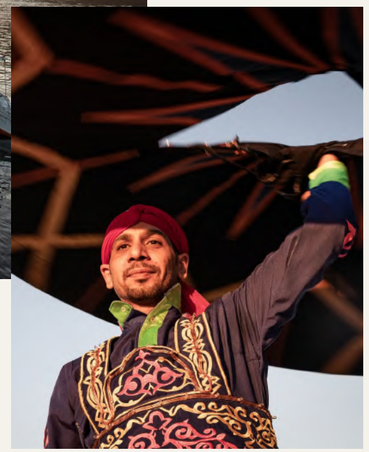
LUXOR TO ASWAN



Slow down on a traditional boat

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The Details

HONEYMOONS, ANNIVERSARIES & SPECIAL OCCASIONS

A journey aboard Sun Boat IV is effortlessly romantic. Couples can enjoy a private romantic dinner or flowers in their cabin while the crew adds thoughtful touches – from a celebratory cake to a special ceremony performed by staff – to mark life's milestones in unforgettable style.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Sun Boat IV welcomes children aged ten years and over.

INCLUSIONS

- All meals, mineral water, tea and coffee during meals, juices during breakfast, and afternoon tea
- Guided excursions as detailed in the itinerary, including transport and entrance fees, port charges and fees

EXCLUSIONS

- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, except water, tea and coffee during mealtimes
- International and domestic flights, and transfers
- Travel insurance, laundry, boutique purchases, spa treatments, gratuities and all other items of a personal nature

Sublime river views from the sleek top deck

Felucca trips are a slower way to get around

Travel Tips

WHAT TO PACK

Guests should pack cool and comfortable clothing. Jerseys and heavier jackets are needed for spring and winter, light t-shirts and shorts can be worn during summer. Sturdy and comfortable shoes are essential. Accessories to pack include: camera, sunglasses and sun hat.

The dress code on board is casual during the day, and smart casual for evening meals. Shorts and t-shirts are not permitted at dinner.

HEALTH

Please discuss health precautions for your travel itinerary with a qualified health professional at least six weeks before departure.

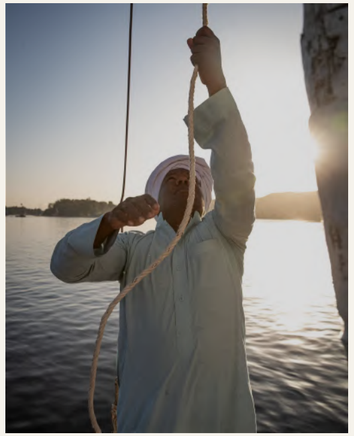
MONEY & CREDIT CARDS

All extras can be paid for with Visa, MasterCard, American Express and traveller's cheques. US dollars, British pounds, Euros and Egyptian Pounds are also accepted; however, change will be given in the local currency.

GRATUITY GUIDELINES

Tipping and gratuities remain entirely at your discretion.

All aboard for a sunset sailing



A&K Philanthropy Initiatives in Egypt

The Bike Shop at Funtasia Cultural Center is supported by A&K Philanthropy

JOURNEYS WITH PURPOSE IN EGYPT

A&K founder Geoffrey Kent pioneered the community-first approach to conservation more than 60 years ago. Today, through A&K Philanthropy (AKP), we support over 55 active projects in 24 countries, harnessing travel as a force for good. Guests cruising aboard Nile Seray may visit our partner initiatives in Egypt, seeing firsthand how meaningful investment in local communities can create lasting change.

FUNTASIA CHILDREN'S SCHOOL, LUXOR

In the heart of Luxor, AKP supports the Funtasia Cultural Center, an afterschool program that nurtures creativity, confidence, and opportunity for underprivileged children. Here, around 50 students aged 4–15 engage in workshops on pottery, painting, gardening, theatre, and wellbeing, learning practical and artistic skills that prepare them for brighter futures. Guests visiting Funtasia can join activities, meet children, and explore initiatives such as the Bike Shop and seasonal garden. Since its founding in 2014, the program has empowered over 250 children and 100 women, transforming lives on Luxor's West Bank.

MAGDI YACOUB HEART CENTRE, ASWAN

Founded in 2009 by world-renowned heart surgeon Sir Magdi Yacoub, the Aswan Heart Centre provides free, life-saving cardiovascular care to Egypt's most vulnerable patients. Supported by AKP, the center employs more than 370 doctors and nurses, combining advanced surgical facilities with pioneering research. Guests may take a guided behind-the-scenes tour, gaining insight into surgical theatres, family care programs, and cutting-edge imaging technology. With cardiovascular disease responsible for nearly half of Egypt's deaths, the center's impact is profound — offering hope, healing, and a brighter future to countless children and families.

A&K SANCTUARY