EGYPT: 32 CABINS

The Sanctuary Nile Adventurer is an intimate and luxurious haven, offering four night cruises along the River Nile. The exquisite style of the boat takes its inspiration from thousands of years of both Pharaonic and modern Egyptian culture and heritage.
LUXURY, NATURALLY

Adventure, enchantment and ‘Luxury, naturally’ - all delivered with a quiet, understated charm and understanding of place - is the guiding philosophy of Sanctuary Retreats and our luxury Nile River Cruiser, Sanctuary Nile Adventurer.

The elegant Sanctuary Nile Adventurer has just 32 cabins, offering a luxurious yet relaxed cruise on the Nile. Decorated in a contemporary style, the ship's design combines modern Egyptian culture with seven thousand years of heritage. Add gourmet cuisine as well as sightseeing experiences with the country’s most experienced Egyptologists, this is a taste of genuine 5-star luxury on a timeless river. The ship has an exclusive docking area at Luxor and Aswan.

The Sanctuary Nile Adventurer seamlessly blends contemporary Egyptian culture with authentic character, a blend of East and West. The extensive sun deck areas, with their elegant teak floors, include private cabanas around the pool area, the perfect spot for relaxing while taking in the scenery.

USPS

- Chic and contemporary decor with a Pharaonic and modern Egyptian influence
- Four night itineraries, led by best Egyptologists
- Award-winning chefs
- All cabins have a Nile view and are air-conditioned

ACCOMMODATION AND FACILITIES

The Sanctuary Nile Adventurer has just 32 beautifully designed cabins:

- Two presidential suites (with private balconies)
- Two junior suites
- 28 standard cabins

All cabins are fully air-conditioned with individual control, and have Nile view plus private bathroom with bathtub, shower and hairdryer, mini bar and LCD television. International telephone access is available through the reception. An auto wake-up call is provided as well as an extra cabin key (upon request.) There is a lost and found system on board. Wheelchair access is available upon request on a complimentary basis but if client requires staff assistance, an extra charge will be added.

Launched in 1990, renovated in 2009 and again in 2019, the Sanctuary Nile Adventurer has an upper sun deck with swimming pool (which is heated up to 28 degrees during winter), a shaded deck with an outdoor bar and a lounge bar terrace. The restaurant is spacious and seats 75. In addition, there is a beautiful massage room on the promenade deck, as well as outdoor exercise machines. For guests wishing to relax, there is room service, and a sun deck snack bar. For added comfort, there is a no smoking policy throughout the boat, except on the open decks. A no mobile phone policy operates in the public areas to ensure relaxation. A doctor is on board at all times and first aid medicines are available. In terms of safety on board: there is a very sensitive fire alarm system, a security gate, well-trained fire fighting team, emergency lights and signs, life jackets and exit plans behind cabins’ doors. Security on board: there are on board security officers 24 hours a day and two police guards during sailing. Free WiFi is available in the main areas. A screen projector is available upon request. Guests have access to a Nile mail service (cards and stamps are available at the reception desk.)

LOCATION AND GETTING THERE

The elegant Sanctuary Nile Adventurer offers an intimate and relaxed cruising experience on the epic Nile River. Four night cruises depart from Luxor and Aswan.

There are two major airports: Luxor Airport and Aswan Airport. To reach the docks, we recommend flying from Cairo to either destination.

Flying times:
- Cairo to Luxor - 1 hour
- Cairo to Aswan - 1 hour and 30 minutes

Transfer times:
- Luxor Airport to dock - 30 minutes
- Aswan Airport to dock - 45 minutes
The Sanctuary Nile Adventurer offers two itineraries:

4 night itinerary Downstream from Aswan to Luxor

- Day 1: Check in, Lunch, Felucca Ride, Agha Khan Mausoleum, Dinner, Folkloric Show and Dervish Show.
- Day 2: Breakfast, Philae Temple, Cooking Demonstration, Lunch, Kom Ombo Temple, Dinner, Galabyya Party.
- Day 3: Breakfast, Temple of Horus, Esna, Temple of Khnum, Luxor, Dinner.
- Day 4: Breakfast, Luxor Temple, Karnak Temple, Lunch, Valley Of The Kings and Queens, Hatshepsut Temple, Photo stop at Colossi of Memnon, Gala Dinner.
- Day 5: Breakfast and check out.

4 night itinerary Upstream: Luxor to Aswan

- Day 1: Arrive in Luxor, Luxor Temple, Lunch onboard, West Bank of Luxor, Valley of the Kings and Queens, Hatshepsut Temple, Photo stop at Colossi Of Memnon, Dinner.
- Day 2: East Bank, Karnak Temple, Sail to Esna, Lunch, Temple of Khnum, Sail to Edfu, Dinner.
- Day 3: Temple of Edfu, Sail to Kom Ombo, Lunch, Temple of Kom Ombo, Cooking Demonstration, Dinner, Galabeyya Party.
- Day 4: Breakfast, Lunch, Philae Temple, Unfinshed Obelisk, Felucca Ride, Dinner, Folkloric show and Dervish show.
- Day 5: Breakfast and check out.

Expert Sanctuary Egyptologists, regarded as amongst the best on the Nile for their enthusiasm and knowledge, will accompany you throughout your ancient journey.

Walk amid the wonders of the Valley of the Kings with our renowned Egyptologists, stroll through the Temple of Kom

ON-BOARD ACTIVITIES

Entertainment schedules during cruises are adjusted according to the needs of each group of guests and the exact sailing schedule.

Every cruise on the Sanctuary Nile Adventurer includes:

- A colourful ‘galabeya party’ which gives guests the opportunity to dress up in traditional Egyptian clothing
- A Folkloric show accompanied by a whirling dervish
- Cooking demonstration
- A lecture held by the Egyptologist guide on board

HONEYMOONS AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Guests celebrating their honeymoon or a special occasion will receive special surprises during their stay.

Our honeymoon services include:

- Flowers (with prior request at extra charge)
- Romantic dinner (with prior request at extra charge)
- Heart shape cake and ceremony performed by staff (free of charge)
FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

From 2020, we will welcome children from the age of 10 years and over on the Sanctuary Nile Adventurer. Children aged 15 years and younger are required to share with an adult. An extra bed can be provided on a case by case basis in Nile deck cabins and Presidential Suites.

Children’s food menus are available for meal times.

DINING

Breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner are included in your stay; as well as mineral water, tea and coffee during meals. There is also an early riser tea and coffee offering available to guests.

Meals typically consist of the following:
• Breakfast: American Buffet and a la carte Egyptian items
• Lunch: Buffet style (International, BBQ and Egyptian Buffets)
• Afternoon tea: (Selection of pastries, cookies and fresh fruits)
• Dinner: A la carte and choice menus
• Extensive local and international wine lists (additional cost)
• Open deck barbecues

Our expert chefs can also cater to specific dietary needs of guests. Vegetarian and children’s menus are available. Open doors meals (Breakfast, Tea time, BBQ, Egyptian dinner) are served on the deck during sailing if the weather permits.

CLIMATE

Egypt has a hot dry climate. The temperatures are hot on summer days and warm on summer nights; warm or mild on winter days and cool on winter nights. The thin coastal strip at the north of Egypt has the most moderate temperatures, because of prevailing Mediterranean Sea winds.

• Summer: From May to August
• Winter: From November to March
• Rainy: From December to February

Temperatures:
• A minimum average of 9.5C (49.1 F) on winter nights
• 17C (63 F) on winter days
• Average minimum of 23C (73 F) on summer nights
• A maximum average of 31C (88 F) on summer days

Sometimes between March and May, a hot and dry sand storm, known as Khamasin winds, blows from the southwest. The best time to visit Egypt is from October through to April, as the weather is cooler.

CLOTHING

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, video recorder and cap or 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

There is no requirement for vaccinations when travelling to Egypt (except for Yellow Fever if you are arriving from an infected area.)

MONEY AND CREDIT CARDS

Egyptian Pounds, Euros, UK pounds or US Dollars (2008 or newer) are accepted. Change given in local currency. We also accept travellers cheques, Visa, MasterCard and American Express.

TIPPING GUIDELINE

Tipping is not mandatory and is at the guests’ discretion.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Sanctuary Nile Adventurer prides itself on its personalised services. Please let us know if you have any special requests, interests, dietary requirements, allergies or medical conditions.

ENVIRONMENT & RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

- The Sanctuary Nile Adventurer is one of a handful on the Nile that has the Germanischer-Lloyd Certificate, denoting the highest standard of safety for river cruisers worldwide.
- The ship is fitted with a state of the art sewage disposal and water treatment system in order to recycle and purify all used water on the boat.
- Sanctuary Retreats has cleaned and made extensive alterations to one of the docking areas – transforming an informal rubbish dump into a small garden.
- The crew follows an extensive recycling programme on board, with all waste materials sent to specialised recycling centres to minimise impact on the local environment.
• Length: 218.2 ft / 66.5 m
• Draft: 3.94 ft / 1.2 m
• Gross Tonnage: 1000
• Cruising Speed: 15 - 16 km/hr
• Passenger Decks: 4
• Life Jackets: 2 in each cabin
• Lifeboats: 2
Sanctuary Retreats was born in Africa with the launch of our first luxury safari camp, Sanctuary Olonana, in Kenya, in 1999. Today, the Sanctuary Retreats portfolio of luxury safari lodges and expedition ships brings a much wider choice of our boutique adventure than ever before – but our standards remain the same. We promise adventure, enchantment and ‘Luxury, naturally’, all delivered with a quiet, understated charm and understanding of place.