EGYPT: 18 CABINS

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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 Cruise Boat, Sanctuary Sun Boat III.

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Modelled on the opulent era of the 20s and 30s, this graceful cruiser has exquisite facilities from delicious gourmet dining in the restaurant to sipping refreshing cocktails around the pool area on the sun deck, or enjoying afternoon tea in the stunning lounge. The Sanctuary Sun Boat III has 18 beautifully designed unique cabins, including two royal and two presidential suites.

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• Only 18 cabins, allowing for an intimate and personalised Nile cruise
• Award-winning chefs
• First boat in over 15 years to cruise from Cairo to Aswan, opening up new sites to guests including Beni Hassan rock tombs
• Exclusive docking area at Luxor and Aswan

ACCOMMODATION AND FACILITIES

The Sanctuary Sun Boat III has 18 beautifully designed cabins and suites:

• 2 Royal Suites with balconies (36m²)
• 2 Presidential Suites (29m²)
• 14 luxury cabins (17m²)

All cabins have Nile views, a mini-bar, safe deposit box, individual CD player and LCD television (with Information channel) with satellite and in-house movies, along with being fully air-conditioned with individual controls. Cabins’ bathroom has shower, while suites bathroom have bathtub—all have a hairdryer. International telephone access is available through the reception. There is an auto wakeup call service and an extra cabin key is available upon request. Wheelchair access is available upon request on a complimentary basis but if the client requires staff assistance, an extra charge will be added.

The boat was launched in 1993 and fully renovated in 2006. The Sanctuary Sun Boat III has an upper sun deck known as ‘Cleopatra’s Oasis’ with a swimming pool (heated to 28 degrees during winter), a shaded deck, the Sahara lounge and H. Carter lounge bar. The Copper Tray restaurant is spacious and seats 36. In addition, there is a games room with computer and internet access. Laundry service and room service are available. There is a no smoking policy throughout the boat, except on the open decks; and also a no mobile policy. There is a gym on board and also massage treatments available. A doctor is on board 24 hours a day and first aid medication is available. A screen projector is available upon request. A Nile mail service (cards and stamps—available at reception desk.) There is a Lost and Found system on board. For guests’ safety on board: very sensitive fire alarm system, security gate, fire-fighting team, emergency lights and signs, life jackets and exit plans behind cabins’ doors; and security on board (on-board security officers 24 hours a day and two police guards during sailing.)

LOCATION AND GETTING THERE

• The Sanctuary Sun Boat III is a high-end Nile cruise boat, cruising between Aswan and Luxor (downstream from Aswan to Luxor or upstream from Luxor to 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
ITINERARIES

The Sanctuary Sun Boat III is available for charter between Aswan and Luxor. It offers you the unique opportunity to tailor your Egypt cruise and each day’s sightseeing by offering an “a la carte” style touring itinerary. Below are two example itineraries which you can enjoy on board:

3 night itinerary Downstream from Aswan to Luxor (departs on Fridays):
• Day 1: Check in, Lunch, Unfinished Obelisk, Cocktail Reception, Dinner.
• Day 2: Breakfast, Philae Temple, Cooking Demonstration, Lunch, Kom Ombo Temple, Edfu Temple, Dinner.
• Day 3: Breakfast, Luxor Temple, Karnak Temple, Lunch, Valley Of The Kings and Queens, Hatshepsut Temple, Photo stop at Colossi of Memnon, Dinner.
• Day 4: Breakfast and check out.

4 night itinerary Upstream: Luxor to Aswan (departs on Mondays)
• Day 1: Arrive in Luxor, Karnak Temple, Check in, Lunch, Valley Of The Kings and Queens, Hatshepsut Temple, Photo stop at Colossi Of Memnon, Cocktail Reception, Dinner.
• Day 2: Early Sailing To Qena, Breakfast, Denderah, Lunch, Luxor Temple, Dinner.
• Day 3: Early Sailing To Edfu Passing By Esna, Breakfast, Edfu Temple, Lunch, Cooking Demonstration, Kom Ombo Temple, Dinner.
• Day 4: Breakfast, Philae Temple, Unfinshed Obelisk, Lunch, Felucca Ride, Dinner.
• Day 5: Breakfast and check out.

No departures in June due to dry dock maintenance.

ON-BOARD ACTIVITIES

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

Every cruise on the Sanctuary Sun Boat III includes:
• A colourful ‘galabeya party’ which gives guests the opportunity to dress up in traditional Egyptian clothing and dance to Arabic music and a whirling Dervish show.
• Cooking demonstration (Three Egyptian items) and a lecture held by the Egyptologist guide on board.
• In-house movies and in-house cinema.

HONEYMOONS AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS

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

Our honeymoon services include:
• Flowers and Romantic dinner (arranged with prior request and at an extra charge)
• Heart shape cake and ceremony performed by staff (free of charge)
**FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN**

From 2020, we will welcome children aged 10 and over on Sanctuary Sun Boat III.

Children aged 15 and younger are required to share with an adult.

An extra bed can be provided upon request in the Royal and Presidential Suites.

A children’s menu is available at meal times.

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**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 service for 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. A vegetarian and also a children’s menu is available to guests. Open door meals (Breakfast, Tea, BBQ, Egyptian dinner) are served on deck during sailing if the weather permits.

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**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 9.5°C (49.1 F) on winter nights
- 17°C (63 F) on winter days
- Average minimum of 23°C (73 F) on summer nights
- A maximum average of 31°C (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.

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**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 Sun Boat III 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 Sun Boat III 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.
**TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

- Length: 200ft / 61m
- Draft: 4.6ft / 1.4m
- Gross tonnage: 800
- Cruising speed: 12 km/hr
- Passenger decks: 4
- Life jackets: 2 in each cabin
- Lifeboats: 2
LUXURY NATURALLY

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.

RESERVATIONS AND ENQUIRIES

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