

Saqqara - 8 Days / 7 Nights

8 days 7 Nights Nile Cruise in Dahabeya C La Vie Egypte
Luxor – Aswan – Luxor
Guaranteed departure every Monday
Private stay from the 1st to the last day
English-speaking Egyptologist Guide During The Cruise

The Dahabiya is a type of traditional Egyptian sailing boat, used for tourist cruises on the Nile. The name "Dahabiya" means "little golden boat" in Arabic, and it is often seen as a symbol of luxury and elegance.

Historically, the Dahabiya was used as a means of transport for wealthy European tourists visiting Egypt in the 19th century. The boat offered a comfortable and scenic travel experience, cruising the Nile with white sails and ornate wooden decks.

Over the years, the Dahabiya has become less popular due to the rise of cruising on larger, more modern ships. However, in the 1990s there was a resurgence of interest in traditional boats, and the Dahabiya became a popular option for Nile cruises, offering travelers a more intimate and authentic travel experience.

Modern Dahabiyas are equipped with all modern conveniences, while retaining their traditional charm and elegance. They often have spacious cabins, sunny decks and comfortable lounges, as well as delicious cuisine offering local and international cuisine.

Today, the Dahabiya has become an icon of tourism in Egypt, offering visitors a unique experience to learn about the ancient history of the country while navigating the famous Nile River.



The description of the dahabieh C La Vie EGYPT

Number of Cabins:

4 Cabins with Large bed Or two beds. + 2 Suite with private terrace + 1 Cabin for Guide

4 Cabins of 15 m²+ bathroom 3 m²

2 Suite of 17 m² + bathroom 3 m²

Dahabiya length 30 M - Width 8 M

Cabins:

Cabins with large panoramic view windows - Safe – TV - Private bathrooms with shower - Traditional Egyptian cuisine - Water filter - Air conditioning - Laundry and cleaning service - Hairdryer, Oriental lounge area - Soft drinks - Call medical

All cabins are equipped with air-conditioned electrical outlets. The dahabiya has an electricity generator and a large terrace where you can relax and watch the landscape. There is also a fully equipped kitchen where your chef will prepare excellent Egyptian cuisine daily.

Cabins and Suites:

All cabins and suites aboard Dahabiyas have been designed and styled to make you feel comfortable at all times.



Itinerary 8 Days/ 7 Nights

Day 1 Arrival in Luxor Boarding on Dahabeya Luxor (the west bank of the Nile - the east bank of the Nile)

Upon your arrival in Luxor, our representative welcomes you and transfers you to visit the necropolis of Thebes on the west bank of the Nile, followed by the Valley of the Kings where the tombs of many New Kingdom pharaohs are located, as well as their families and nobles in favor, a continuation of visits with the Colossi of Memnon, the last vestiges of the temple of Amenhotep III and Deir el Bahari, the funerary temple of Queen Hatshepsut. Dug out of the rock in the mountain of Thebes, this temple with three terraces built in -1455 is harmonious and modern. Although dedicated to Amon, there are also chapels of Anubis and Hathor, the protective goddess of women.

Transfer to your Dahabiya for lunch. In the afternoon, visit the southern part of ancient Thebes, where the temple of Karnak is located. The temple is connected by a dromos, a long alley lined with sphinxes, and are dedicated to Amon. After the visits, Return to your cruise, Your English-speaking Guide will escort you in an air-conditioned vehicle, to the Dahabaya cruise in Esna where you will check in at noon. lunch on board and continue the cruise to the island of El Hegz, where the dahabeya will stop for dinner and overnight on board.

Meals included: Full Board

In the evening (optional sound and light show at Karnak Temple)



Karnak Temple:

Karnak temple is one of the holiest places in the world and is one of the largest religious man-made constructions in the world. It was known as Ipet-isu The Most Selected Of Places and Pr-lmn House Of Amon. It dates to more than 4000 years when it was the center of the religious worship of the entire ancient Egyptian kingdom for more than 1500 years to many deities but was dedicated mainly to the Theban triad which consisted of God Amun with his wife the Goddess of Justice Mut and his son the moon god Khnsou, plus other gods like the great Osiris, Montu, Ptah and Isis. The Karnak complex was able to immortalize the way of life and the legacy for endless generations.



Valley of the Kings:

The valley of the kings is a stairway to heaven, it has been the final resting place to the greatest kings and queens of Egypt new kingdom (1570-1070 BC). It holds 63 tombs filled with various enchanting treasures, artifacts, statues, hypnotic decorations, and the remains of pharaohs like Ramses (I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, IX, X), Amenhotep I, Hatshepsut, and the famous boy-king Tutankhamun. The Valley became a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1979 due to its significance & beauty through the ages.



Hatshepsut Temple:

Hatshepsut Temple is a perfect example of allure and class, it was known as Djoser-Djeseru (Holy of Holies) and showcases the grandeur of the new kingdom and the vision of one of the most successful and powerful rulers in the history of Ancient Egypt Queen Hatshepsut. It was designed in 1479 BC and took 15 years to construct, the design of the temple is based on the concept of Classical Architecture as it has three levels with two wide ramps in a central position joining the levels together, and holds some of the most majestic statues, artifacts, monuments in all of Luxor.



Colossi of Memnon:

Colossi of Memnon are two colossal blocks of quartzite sandstone standing at the height of 18 m (60ft) weighing 720 tons each and has the shape of Pharaoh Amenhotep III(1386-1350). The colossi were damaged due to a large earthquake in 27 BC but were reconstructed again in 199 AD. The statues were very famous during the Greco-Roman period due to The Vocal Memnon which resulted from the statues making a singing voice from time to time at dawn which was nothing more than the sound of the wind passing through the statue.



Day 2 El Hegz – Edfu - Bisaw (Dahabeya Cruise)

After your breakfast on board, Navigation to Edfu, your lunch on board and you enjoy the magnificent landscape while sailing to Bisaw Island, where the boat will stop for the night. Free walk on the island and dinner on the shore. overnight on board.

Meals included: Full Board.

Edfu Temple:

Edfu temple is one of the last temples ever built in Ancient Egypt during the Ptolemaic era between 237 BC & 57 BC to be the official worship house of the sky falcon god Horus. It is believed it was built on the same spot where the battle between the devil god Set and Horus took Place according to Osiris Myth. It came into light when it was excavated in 1860 by Auguste Mariette a French Egyptologist 1860, the architecture & interior of the Edfu Temple is beautiful as it mixes between Greek and Egyptian design in the finest manner



Day 3 Gebel Silsileh – Kom Ombo (Dahabeya Cruise)

Breakfast and departure for visiting Gebel Silsileh, an archaeological site and Egypt's most crucial sandstone quarry. Placed under the protection of the god Hapy, this quarry provided the sandstone for nearly all the temples of Upper Egypt. On the river's west bank appears a sanctuary carved into the rock, dedicated to Horemheb and seven other deities, including the local god Sobek. Lunch on board and discovery on the foot of the old quarry before continuing the cruise to Kom Ombo. Dedicated to two deities, Sobek the crocodile in the South and Horus the falcon in the North; the temple has perfectly symmetrical architecture. Built on a hill by three Ptolemies, the Kom Ombo complex is surrounded by a surrounding wall covered with reliefs. Back and continue the cruise to El Ramady Island, where the boat will stop for the night. And dinner, overnight on board.

Meals included: Full Board.

Kom Ombo Temple:

Kom Ombo Temple "The Hill Of Gold" was constructed in the Greco-Roman period between 205 BC & 180 BC. The unique design of the temple is a distinctive double design divided into two identical sectors, one for the crocodile god Sobek and the other for the falcon sky god Horus



Day 6 Aswan (Temple of Philae)

Breakfast and the boat to continue up the river to Aswan, then departure to visit the temple of Philae on the island of Agilka, one of the most beautiful sanctuaries in Egypt. Started by Pharaoh Nectanebo I during the XXXth Dynasty and completed by the Romans, it is the main sanctuary dedicated to Isis. After, Back to the boat Lunch on board and dinner. overnight on board.

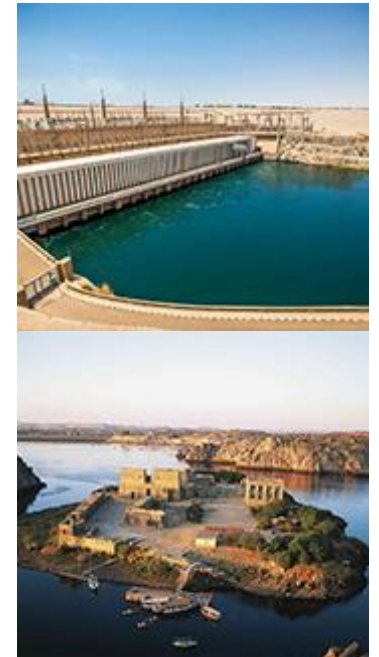
Meals included: Full Board.

The High Dam:

The High Dam is the only modern attraction of the city of Aswan, it was constructed between 1960 & 1970. The dam was designed as a co-operation project with Moscowbased Hydro project Institute in order to have better control over Nile flooding, generate Hydroelectricity, provide increased water storage for irrigation in its reservoir lake Nasser.

Philae Temple:

Philae temple is the gem of Aswan & the mother of the ancient Egyptian mythology as it holds on its walls the " Myth of Osiris" in which the husband of Isis "Osiris" is killed by His brother Set the god of the desert of chaos out of pure hatred & envy then Osiris is resurrected to be the ruler of the underworld afterward Set is defeated by Hours the sky God the son of Isis and Osiris starting age of peace, prosperity & justice. The temple was relocated in the 60s to the island of Agilkia as a part of a rescue mission led by UNESCO after the construction of the Aswan High Dam





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Day 5 Aswan (Cruise Dahabeya) (Abu Simbel optional)

Breakfast on board, free time, lunch, Dinner, and overnight on board,

Meals included: Full Board.

Day 6: Navigation (Temples of Kom Ombo - El Ramady) Cruise In Dahabeya

After breakfast on board, navigation will begin towards Kom Ombo. lunch on board then Navigation towards the island of El Ramady Snack Dinner and Night on board

Meals included: full board

Day 7 Edfu – Esna

Breakfast on board and start of the cruise to Edfou, lunch on board. On arrival, excursion by horse-drawn carriage or by Minibus to the Temple of Horus further inland. This sanctuary of the falcon god Horus is the largest temple of the dynasty of Ptolemy and the second in Egypt's size after Karnak. The intact paintings, inscriptions, and reliefs make it the best-preserved temple in Egypt. After the visit, return to the boat and continue the cruise towards Esna, dinner, Night on board your cruise.

Meals included: full board





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Day 8 Disembarkation from The Cruise

After breakfast, disembarkation Cruise. After departure formalities and according to your flight schedule, our representative will accompany you to Luxor Airport.

Meals included: Breakfast.

The order of the visits can be modified according to navigation or flight obligations



Our price includes the following:

- Meet and assistance on arrival and departure at international and domestic airports
- All transfers and travel during the visits in a modern air-conditioned private vehicle
- 7 Nights of 5* Luxury accommodation on a Dahabieh C LA VIE EGYPT Cruise on the Nile entire board (starting with lunch on the 1st day and ending with breakfast on the last day)
- Excursions as mentioned in the program, including entrance fees and an English-speaking Egyptologist guide
- East Bank of Luxor
- The West Bank of Luxor
- Edfu - Kom Ombo
- Aswan (Philae)
- Entrance fees to all sites mentioned in the program
- English-speaking Egyptologist guide during your stay
- Meals included during the stay in Egypt (Breakfast - lunch - dinner)
- Soft drinks and mineral water during the cruise
- Welcome service by our representative on arrival and departure
- Accompanying assistants throughout the stay
- Services and taxes



Our prices does not included:

- Entry visa to Egypt
- International and Domestic flight tickets)
- Optional excursions not mentioned in the program.
- Alcoholic beverages and personal expenses, and services not mentioned in the program
- Supplements not mentioned in the itinerary
- Entrance tickets to specific sites (the Tombs of Tutankhamun & Ramses V to the Valley of the Kings.)
- Optional excursions not mentioned in the itinerary
- Excursion to Abu Simbel Option as mentioned in the program, including entrance fees and an English-speaking Egyptologist guide
- Hot Air Balloon Excursion Option as mentioned in the program, including entrance fees and guide
- Carrying fees and tips for the cruise crew Nil (100€ per personne obligatory and to be paid on the spot in cash) except your guide

