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Welcome Aboard the Merit Dahabiyas Nile Cruise – An Intimate Journey Through Timeless Egypt

Cruise Schedule: Starts Every Saturday (Overnight in Luxor, Sailing Sunday)

Picture yourself drifting along the legendary Nile, surrounded by palm-lined shores, ancient temples, and golden-hued sunsets. Welcome to the **Merit Dahabiyas Nile Cruise**, where tradition meets comfort on a voyage designed for those seeking a more personal, serene, and authentic Egyptian experience.

The **Merit Dahabiyas** are beautifully crafted traditional sailboats—elegant, quiet, and rich in character. Without the hum of motors, the boat is gently guided by a tugboat, allowing you to soak in the peaceful rhythms of the river. Unlike larger vessels, the Dahabiyas can access hidden gems like **Al Ramady Island** and **Hor Diab Island**, where you can swim in crystal-clear waters and explore secluded landscapes untouched by mass tourism.

Each of the **Four Merit Dahabiyas** offers the same thoughtfully curated experience—identical in design, service standards, and amenities—operated by our trusted partners to ensure a consistently high level of comfort and care. On board, you'll enjoy:

- Twin Deluxe Cabins and Large Deluxe Cabins.
- Sun Deck with heated Jacuzzi and panoramic views.
- Fully operational kitchens, emergency handling systems, and staff.

Cabin Amenities:

- Minibar
- Safe
- Air-conditioning
- Panoramic windows with openable views.

This is not just a cruise—it's a voyage into Egypt's soul. From the warmth of Egyptian hospitality to daily encounters with history, culture, and natural beauty, **every moment aboard the Merit Dahabiya is unforgettable**.

To view detailed photos of each boat, click below:

- [Merit Dahabiya 1](#)
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Get ready to make memories that will last a lifetime—your Nile adventure begins here.

Ready to Book Your Dream Nile Cruise?

The Merit Dahabiya is waiting to welcome you to Egypt's heart. With comfort, culture, and adventure at every turn, this is a journey you'll never forget.

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- Relaxed 4-night Dahabiya Nile Cruise in a standard cabin with private en-suite facilities - no engine on board!
- All cabins with private bathroom & air-conditioning.
- All meals on board, including hot and soft drinks
- Guided sightseeing tours with a certified English-speaking tour guide
- Private transfers in Aswan and Luxor with licensed, professional drivers
- All taxes and service charges

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- Internal Air.
- Personal spending.
- Tipping for Cruise crew, Drivers and Tour guide.

Day 1

(Saturday): The Journey Begins in Luxor – Where Time Stands Still

Your journey begins in the ancient city of **Luxor**, the world's greatest open-air museum. Upon arrival, you'll be welcomed aboard the Merit Dahabiya with a delicious lunch. You'll visit the **grand Luxor Temple** and **the majestic Karnak Temple**, two of Egypt's most iconic monuments. These sacred sites, with their towering pillars and intricate carvings, will leave you speechless as you step back in time to the glory of ancient Egypt.

As the sun sets over the Nile, you'll enjoy a gourmet dinner on board while soaking in the views from the West Bank, where you'll spend the night. The river, the temples, the stars—all combine to create a magical atmosphere as you drift off to sleep.

Day 2

(Sunday): A Journey Through the Valley of Kings – Unveiling the Secrets of the Pharaohs

Your adventure continues with a visit to the **West Bank**, where Egypt's most famous royal tombs are hidden in the Valley of the Kings. Walk in the footsteps of pharaohs as you explore the tombs of ancient rulers, including the legendary Tutankhamun. After marveling at these treasures, visit the awe-inspiring Hatshepsut Temple, dedicated to one of Egypt's most powerful queens.

Later, you'll sail to **Esna**, where tea time on the sun deck offers the perfect opportunity to unwind.

As you continue sailing, **dinner will be served**, and you'll spend the night moored beside a tranquil island, surrounded by nature's beauty.

Day 3

(Monday): The Sacred Temple of Edfu – Legends of the Gods

Wake up to the soft glow of the morning sun as you sail towards Edfu, home to one of the best-preserved temples in Egypt, the Temple of Edfu. Dedicated to the falcon-headed god Horus, this temple is a masterpiece of ancient architecture and mythology. As you explore its towering columns and intricate hieroglyphs, you'll feel connected to the stories of Egypt's divine past.

In the afternoon, **sail to Al Ramady Island, a peaceful oasis on the Nile.**

Here, **you'll enjoy a delightful dinner on board**, followed by a peaceful overnight stay, surrounded by the sounds of nature.

Day 4

(Tuesday): The Majestic Kom Ombo Temple – Witnessing the Power of the Gods

This morning, you'll sail to **Gebel El Silsila**, a site known for its ancient quarries, before making your way to Kom Ombo Temple, where you'll uncover the mysteries of the crocodile god Sobek and the falcon-headed god Horus. This double temple, set on the banks of the Nile, is one of the most unique in Egypt, offering a glimpse into the duality of Egyptian gods and their roles in everyday life.

Afterward, **you'll continue your journey to El Sheikh Fadl Island**, where you can unwind with tea and dinner while taking in the serene landscape.

As you sail toward Aswan, the tranquil waters of the Nile will cradle you into the night.

Day 5

(Wednesday): The Heart of Aswan – A City of Ancient Wonders

Your final day aboard the Merit Dahabiya begins with an early arrival in Aswan, one of Egypt's most picturesque cities.

After breakfast, you'll explore the breathtaking Philae Temple, dedicated to the goddess Isis, and the awe-inspiring High Dam, which changed the course of Egypt's history. As your journey comes to an end, you'll disembark in Aswan, filled with memories of the ancient sites, serene waters, and the warmth of Egyptian culture.