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About

Welcome Aboard the Dahabiya MINYA – Your Nile Cruise Adventure

Step aboard the stunning Dahabiya MINYA, the "happy bride" of the Nile, and embark on a journey like no other. This 45-meter long and 8-meter wide traditional sailing ship is the epitome of elegance, designed to offer you an intimate, romantic experience as you glide along the legendary Nile River. With a capacity for just 14 guests, the MINYA offers an exclusive cruise with personalized service, ensuring that every moment of your journey is extraordinary.

The Dahabiya MINYA was completed in 2021, boasting six beautifully appointed cabins and one opulent suite. As you step inside, you'll be surrounded by a blend of comfort and Egyptian craftsmanship, from locally sourced bed linens to hand-picked decorative elements that reflect the heart of Egypt. The MINYA is not just a ship—it's a floating sanctuary, offering the most refined sailing experience on the Nile.

Whether you’re here to witness the ancient wonders or to relax in style, every moment aboard is curated to make your Egypt tour unforgettable.

5 Days / 4 Nights: Luxor (Esna) to Aswan (every Monday)

Step aboard the Dahabiya MINYA for a journey through the heart of Egypt, where ancient wonders meet modern comfort on the timeless Nile. With each day, you’ll uncover a new chapter of Egypt's rich history, all while floating in unparalleled comfort. Here’s your unforgettable adventure.

Ready to Experience the Magic of the Nile?
The Dahabiya MINYA invites you to immerse yourself in the romance and history of Egypt on an unforgettable Nile cruise.

From the timeless temples to the tranquil riverbanks, every moment aboard this intimate sailing vessel is designed to create memories you’ll cherish forever.

Book your journey now and set sail on the adventure of a lifetime.

Why book with Journey To Egypt?

- U.S.-registered corporation and travel agent
- TripAdvisor Traveler's Choice Award Winner from 2016 to 2024
- Expert local guides and authentic experiences

Why You'll Love This

Why Choose a Dahabiya Cruise?

Unlike large cruise ships, Dahabiyas like the MINYA offer an intimate escape from the bustling crowds, allowing you to explore Egypt’s hidden treasures at your own pace. These traditional sailing vessels, once beloved by early 20th-century explorers, have seen a revival as travelers seek the romantic and serene experience of cruising the Nile.

On a Dahabiya, you’ll enjoy exclusive access to spots that larger ships simply can’t reach—quaint islands, charming villages, and tranquil riverbanks where you can walk, explore, and immerse yourself in the local culture. The gentle wind in the sails, the sound of the river, and the picturesque sunsets over the Nile make every moment on board a dream come true.

Important to Know

Dahabiya MINYA – A Floating Retreat

The Dahabiya MINYA is designed for the discerning traveler who values comfort, elegance, and authenticity. Here’s what makes it special:

- Cabins and Suite: Six double cabins and one spacious suite. Every cabin features air conditioning, a private bathroom with a shower, and two windows for scenic views.
- Suite: The 40m² suite offers a king-size bed, a private bathroom, and full-length glass doors with a panoramic view of the Nile. Equipped with a refrigerator, kettle, and hair dryer, this suite is the perfect sanctuary for your journey.
- Shaded Sun Deck: Relax on the 280m² sun deck with stunning views of the Nile. Perfect for unwinding, watching the stars, or enjoying a refreshing drink.
- Fresh, Locally Sourced Meals: Savor gourmet meals made from locally grown produce, with options tailored to your dietary needs, whether you’re vegan, vegetarian, or prefer traditional Egyptian dishes.

Related Cities

Luxor

Egypt

Edfu

Egypt

Included

- Transfer from and to the city of Luxor and/or Aswan
- Full board: breakfast, lunch, tea time, and dinner
- Unlimited mineral water, tea, Nescafe coffee, and soft drinks
- All transfers from the boat to the sights
- Sightseeing and admission tickets
- Tour guide services on board

Excluded

- Personal expenses
- Specialty coffees (Turkish/French coffee, cappuccino, etc.)
- Fresh fruit juices
- Alcoholic beverages
- Tips

Day By Day Itinerary

Day 1

Welcome to Luxor and Esna Temple

Arrive in Luxor, a city steeped in ancient history and vibrant culture.

We will pick you up from your hotel and take you on a scenic one-hour drive to Esna, where the Dahabiya MINYA awaits. Before settling in, we will visit the **Temple of Khnum**, a striking Greco-Roman temple dedicated to the ram-headed god of creation.

- **Afterwards, enjoy a relaxing evening onboard as the boat remains moored at a serene island.**
- **Dinner is served under the star-lit sky.**

Day 2

Edfu Temple and Wadi Shatt

Today, we will visit **Edfu**, home to the magnificent Temple of Horus, the best-preserved temple in Egypt. After exploring the temple, we'll continue to Wadi Shatt, where you can take a guided walk through picturesque plantations and traditional villages.

- **Dinner will be served onboard as we dock near Gebel el Silsila.**

Day 3

Gebel el Silsila and Kom Ombo Temple

The day begins with a visit to Gebel el Silsila, the ancient quarry site where pharaohs once sourced stones for their grand temples. Explore the rock-cut chapels and see the fascinating hieroglyphic inscriptions. Later, we head to **Kom Ombo** to visit the unique double temple dedicated to Haroeris and Sobek.

- **Dinner is served on the riverbank, under the magical night sky.**

Day 4

Daraw Village and Local Markets

Immerse yourself in the vibrant local culture with a visit to **Daraw Village.** Wander through the bustling market stalls, vibrant with colorful produce, fragrant spices, and handcrafted wares.

Capture the essence of village life before returning to the Dahabiya MINYA for a relaxing evening onboard.

Day 5

Farewell and Transfer to Aswan

After a leisurely breakfast,

it’s time to say goodbye to Captain Mohammed and his dedicated crew.

We will then transfer you by car to your hotel in Aswan, the airport, or train station, marking the end of an unforgettable Nile cruise experience.

Location & Meeting Point

Meeting point: Luxor Airport (or any other location, including the train station or your hotel)

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