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About

Discover the Timeless Magic of the Nile with Safiya Dahabiya Nile Cruise

Embark on a captivating journey through the heart of ancient Egypt aboard the Safiya Dahabiya Nile Cruise, where timeless elegance meets modern comfort. Experience the authentic charm of the Nile in style, as you sail aboard this beautifully crafted wooden sailing boat, designed to replicate the opulence of 19th-century travel. If you seek to immerse yourself in the rich cultural tapestry of Egypt while enjoying unparalleled relaxation and stunning scenery, the Safiya Dahabiya Nile Cruise is your perfect getaway.

Why Choose Safiya Dahabiya?

- Authentic Experience: Sail the Nile in a traditional wooden Dahabiya with private cabins and ensuite bathrooms, reflecting the elegance of 19th-century travel.
- Personalized Service: Gain in-depth knowledge of ancient monuments and local life, including bird-watching and village tours.
- Cultural Connections: Visit villages along the Nile, meet local families, and participate in traditional activities like bread-making and fishing.
- Gastronomic Delights: Our chef serves a fusion of local and international cuisine, tailored to guest preferences and highlighting regional flavors.
- Eco-Conscious Sailing: Experience the serene flow of the Nile with minimal noise and a reduced carbon footprint, preserving the natural ambiance.

Embark on a captivating 3-night journey along the majestic Nile River aboard the Safiya Dahabiya Nile Cruise. Each day unveils a new chapter in the storied history of ancient Egypt, blending awe-inspiring archaeological wonders with tranquil village life and authentic cultural encounters.

Book Your Nile Adventure Today!
Don’t just visit Egypt – immerse yourself in its heart and soul aboard the Safiya Dahabiya Nile Cruise. Discover ancient temples, bustling markets, and the authentic rhythms of village life while sailing in unparalleled comfort and style. Secure your place on this exclusive Egypt tour today and embark on a journey that promises memories to last 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

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Important to Know

Important Information:

✦ Boat Selection: The Safiya Dahabiya Nile Cruise may vary in size based on guest bookings, but all vessels maintain the same high standards.

✦ Comfort Onboard: All cabins feature ensuite bathrooms with hot water showers. Air conditioning operates when the generator is on (typically all day, except 10 PM to 6 AM).

✦ Power and Backup: During generator off-hours, essential lights and water pressure are maintained with backup batteries. A backup generator can be arranged for medical equipment.

✦ Modest Attire Recommended: During village visits, we recommend modest dress out of respect for local customs.

✦ Alcohol Policy: Alcohol is not served onboard, but guests may bring their own, with refrigeration and glassware provided.

✦ Activities: Opportunities for swimming and kayaking are available. Please notify us in advance for kayaking arrangements.

Related Cities



Edfu

Egypt



Luxor

Egypt

Included

- All transfers from your hotel in Aswan
- All excursions as outlined above
- Accommodation on the Dahabiya Safiya
- Entrance fees to the temples
- Professional English-speaking guides

Excluded

- Personal expenses
- Beverages
- Tips for the crew and guides
- Airport pickup in Aswan (this can be arranged for an additional fee)

Day By Day Itinerary

Day 1

The Mystical Temples of Aswan & the Serene Nile

Your adventure begins with a morning pickup from your Aswan hotel. Our first stop is the ethereal Philae Temple, a majestic island sanctuary dedicated to the goddess Isis. Wander through its grand colonnades and intricate reliefs, feeling the divine presence that lingers in this ancient holy site.

Next, we visit the impressive High Dam, a modern engineering wonder that forever changed the course of the Nile, creating the vast Lake Nasser and reshaping the landscape of southern Egypt.

By noon, we board the elegant Safiya Dahabiya. Enjoy a freshly prepared lunch as the boat sets sail, leaving Aswan behind and gliding towards Daraw, where we anchor for the night.

As the afternoon sun casts golden reflections on the water, there’s time for a refreshing swim or a tranquil kayaking experience. (Please inform us two days before your cruise if you'd like to kayak, so we can have the equipment ready.)

Dinner is served under the stars as the Nile whispers its ancient secrets.

- **Meals: Lunch, Dinner**
- **Important Note: Aswan visits must begin at 7:30 - 8:00 am to allow sufficient time to complete the sightseeing before boarding the Dahabiya, which departs from Aswan promptly at 1:00 pm.**

Day 2

Nubian Heritage, Camel Markets & Ancient Temples

Awake to the soft sounds of river life as we arrive in Daraw, a vibrant town known for its bustling markets. Today, we immerse ourselves in the local culture, beginning with a hands-on experience in the market. Learn the art of Egyptian-style shopping, as we source ingredients for tonight’s dinner – a delightful opportunity to connect with locals and practice your bargaining skills.

Next, we step back in time at the nearby Nubian Town, where centuries of history are woven into the very fabric of daily life. Discover the unique customs and traditions of the Nubian people, whose roots trace back to some of the earliest Nile Valley civilizations.

In the afternoon, we sail to the imposing Temple of Kom Ombo, a striking riverside structure dedicated to both the crocodile god Sobek and the falcon god Horus. As you explore the temple, feel the powerful connection to the Nile, where Sobek once ruled the waters. Don’t miss the Crocodile Museum, where mummified crocodiles and ancient relics tell tales of reverence and fear.

Our voyage continues as we sail to El Silsela, a site that once supplied the sandstone for Egypt’s grandest temples. Here, we take a leisurely walk through the El Silsela Quarry, visiting the Speos of Horemheb, a rock-cut chapel adorned with shrines and inscriptions. It’s a place where echoes of ancient stonecutters still resonate.

End the day with a magical dinner on the riverbank, surrounded by the soft glow of the Nile.

- **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

Day 3

Village Life & the Timeless Grandeur of Edfu

Today, we step ashore at **Bisaw Island**, a charming village where life moves to the gentle rhythm of the Nile River. Walk through the farms and meet local women as they demonstrate the age-old process of baking sun bread. It’s a warm and inviting experience that connects you to the soul of the village.

We also meet local fishermen, who generously share their techniques and stories – and perhaps even catch a fish that can be savored as part of tonight’s dinner.

Back on board, we enjoy lunch as we sail towards the grand Temple of Edfu, one of Egypt’s most well-preserved temples dedicated to the falcon god Horus. Wander through its colossal halls and gaze upon the intricate hieroglyphics that tell epic tales of divine battles.

Nearby, we explore Tell Edfu, an archaeological site where houses dating back to the Old and New Kingdoms stand as silent witnesses to centuries past.

As dusk settles, we continue our journey to El Hegz Village, where we anchor for the night. Here, a truly heartwarming encounter awaits – a visit to a local family eager to welcome guests from faraway lands. Engage in meaningful conversations, learn about their traditions, and share stories under the night sky.

- **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

Day 4

Esna’s Hidden Gems & Luxor’s Majestic Temples

After a final breakfast onboard the Safiya Dahabiya, it’s time to **disembark**.

From Esna, we journey to Luxor, the open-air museum of Egypt. Prepare to be awestruck as we visit the colossal Karnak Temple, a vast complex of towering columns and sacred obelisks that once stood as the center of ancient religious life.

Next, we cross to the West Bank to explore the Valley of the Kings, where the tombs of Egypt’s most powerful pharaohs lie hidden beneath the rugged cliffs. Feel the echoes of ancient rituals as you wander through these sacred burial chambers.

Our final stop is **the grand Temple of Hatshepsut**, an iconic structure carved into the limestone cliffs, standing as a tribute to Egypt’s most powerful queen.

As the journey concludes, we transfer you to Luxor Airport or your hotel, carrying with you the unforgettable memories of a Nile Cruise that intertwined history, culture, and the soul-soothing serenity of the Nile River.

- **Meals: Breakfast**
- **Important Note: The domestic flight from Luxor to Cairo must not be scheduled before 5:00 pm to ensure there is enough time to complete the Luxor sightseeing program.**

Location & Meeting Point

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

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