

MS Darakum 9 Night Cruise - Luxor to Cairo Itinerary

DAY 1: LUXOR

Embarkation on cruise in Luxor, dinner and overnight in Luxor.

DAY 2: LUXOR

Visit to the West Bank to the Valley of the Kings and the Temple of Hatshepsut. After lunch visit the East Bank Temples of Luxor and Karnak. Dinner, Belly Dancer show and overnight in Luxor.

DAY 3: LUXOR - QENA

After breakfast visit the impressive Denderah Temple complex which has some of the most vibrant and colourful paintings dating from antiquity. Return to boat. Dinner and Manager's Cocktail Party. Overnight in Qena.

DAY 4: QENA - SOHAG

After breakfast visit the Temple of Abydos. The main monument at Abydos is the Temple of Seti I, built around 1300 BC by Seti and his son Ramses II. It is especially notable for its fine reliefs, considered among the best of the New Kingdom. Sail to Sohag via the Naga Hammadi Bridge and the Abu Homar Lock. Dinner, Galabya Party night and overnight at Sohag.

DAY 5: SOHAG - MINYA

Enjoy the beauty of the Nile whilst sailing from Sohag to Tel El Amarna via Asyut. Dinner and overnight in Tel El Amarna.

DAY 6: TEL EL AMARNA - MINYA

After breakfast visit the tombs at Tel El Amarna, the Great Palace of King Akhenaten and the small and great temples of Aten. After visiting Tel El Amarna visit Tuna El Gebel and Ashmunein. Visit the Tomb of Petosiris, tomb of Isadora and the sacred catacombs of Thoth. In Ashmunein visit the Open Air museum, the temple of Thoth and the sanctuary of Amun. Lunch on board. Sail to Minya. Dinner and Folkloric show on board. Overnight in Minya.

DAY 7: MINYA - BENI SUEF

After breakfast visit in the rock-tombs of Beni Hassan that are carved into the high limestone cliffs of the east bank of the Nile. The painted scenes depict the daily lives of the rulers and their families including scenes of desert hunting, weaving and spinning, fishing, country living, gathering crops and catching birds. Return to the boat and sail to Beni Suef. Dinner and overnight at Beni Suef.

DAY 8: FAYOUM - CAIRO

After breakfast visit the Maydom Pyramid and the Hawara Pyramid in Fayoum. Maydom is the location of a large pyramid, and several large mud-brick mastabas. Hawara is an archaeological site of Ancient Egypt at the entrance to the depression of the Fayoum oasis where you will visit the Pyramid of Amenemhet III. Sail to Cairo and overnight.

DAY 9: CAIRO

After breakfast visit the Sphinx and Pyramids at Giza. Lunch on board. After lunch visit the Egyptian Museum in Cairo. Takht (Oriental Music), dinner and overnight in Cairo.

DAY 10: CAIRO

Check out and transfer to the airport for your flight home.

CRUISE OPTIONS

Optional excursions are payable in CASH at the time of booking. Orbital Travel act as agents for the activity operator/supplier only. The contract for these excursions, tours and activities is between the client and the local suppliers who offer them. Local suppliers are independent of Orbital Travel Limited.

Please note: The order or content of your itinerary may be amended due to lock closures, low water levels or any other unforeseeable circumstances. Due to the increasing number of boats on the Nile, at some docking points boats are moored side by side obstructing the view from cabins. Occasionally, due to operational difficulties a change of vessel can occur. However, the sightseeing itinerary will remain the same.

