

MS Darakum 12 Night Cruise - Aswan to Cairo Itinerary

DAY 1: ASWAN

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

DAY 2: ASWAN

Morning visit of the High Dam in Aswan and the Temple of Isis on Philae Island. Afternoon visit to the Nubian Museum. Dinner, Cocktail party and overnight Aswan.

DAY 3: ASWAN

Morning at leisure for those clients not taking the optional Abu Simbel trip, a chance to relax on the sun deck, or stroll around Aswan. After lunch sail to Kom Ombo and visit the Temple of Sobek and Haroeris. Sail to Edfu. Crew show, dinner and overnight at Edfu.

DAY 4: EDFU - LUXOR

Visit Edfu Temple, one of the best preserved temples in Egypt. Sail to Luxor via Esna Lock. Overnight in Luxor.

DAY 5: LUXOR

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

DAY 6: LUXOR - QENA

Early morning sailing to Qena. After lunch visit the impressive Denderah Temple complex which has some of the most vibrant and colourful paintings dating from antiquity. Return to the boat in Qena. Dinner and Contest Party. Overnight in Qena.

DAY 7: QENA - SOHAG

Full day sailing to Sohag via Naga Hammadi Bridge and Abu Homar's Lock. Sail to Balyana, Lunch on board. After lunch visit Abydos Temple. 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. Dinner, Galabeya night and Egyptian Wine Tasting and overnight at Sohag.

DAY 8: SOHAG - ASYUT

Enjoy the beauty of the Nile whilst sailing from Sohag to Tel El Amarna via Asyut Lock. Stop in front of Prince Tawdrous Monastery to view the monastery from the boat. Arrive El Amarna in time to visit the Amarna Visitor Centre with a presentation on Akhenaten and Nefertiti. Cookery lessons on board. Dinner and overnight in Tel El Amarna.

DAY 9: TEL EL AMARNA - MINYA

After breakfast visit the tombs at Tel El Amarna visit northern Tombs, Tomb of Ahmose, Tomb of Meryre, Tomb of Pentu, Tomb of Panehesy and the Great Palace of King Akhenaten and the small and great Temples of Aten. Return to the boat for lunch on board. After lunch Visit the Tuna El Gabal and Ashmuneim, Return to the boat and sail to Minya. Dinner and Folkloric show on board. Overnight in Minya.

DAY 10: MINYA - BENI SUEF

After breakfast visit Ben Hassan. Visit the Tomb of Baquet III, Tomb of Khety, Tomb of Amenemhet and Tomb of Khnumhotep II. Sail to Beni Suif, Lunch and Dinner on board. Quiz night and arrive in Beni Suif and overnight.

DAY 11: BENI SUIF- CAIRO

After breakfast visit the Hanging Coptic Church, Coptic Museum and the Jewish Synagogue. Dinner on board with Takht (Oriental Music). Overnight in Cairo.

DAY 12: CAIRO

After breakfast visit the Great Pyramids and Sphinx at Giza. Lunch on Board, afternoon lunch visit the Egyptian Cairo Museum. Dinner on board with overnight in Cairo.

DAY 13: CAIRO

Disembarkation.

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.

