

MS Darakum 11 Night Cruise - Cairo to Luxor Itinerary

DAY 1: CAIRO

Fly to Egypt's capital city, Cairo. Check into the MS Dakarum, dinner and overnight on board.

DAY 2: CAIRO

Depart after breakfast to Giza, where the famous Pyramids stand as monuments to the Pharaohs of Ancient Egypt and the Great Sphinx, which has kept its secrets for centuries. After lunch, the tour continues to the Egyptian Museum containing treasures from Egypt's ancient past including the magnificent Tutankhamun collection. Cocktail party, Takht (Oriental Music), dinner and overnight on board.

DAY 3: CAIRO - BENI SUEF

Enjoy the beauty of the Nile whilst sailing from Cairo to Beni Suef. Dinner, crew show and overnight on board.

DAY 4: FAYOUM

After breakfast full day tour to 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. Return to the boat (approximately 1.5 hours), dinner and overnight Beni Suef.

Day 5: FAYOUM - MINYA

Morning sailing to Minya which takes around 12 hours. Lunch on board. Treasure Hunt, dinner and overnight in Minya.

DAY 6: MINYA

After breakfast visit Tuna El Gebel, the necropolis of Khmun, to visit the Tomb of Petosiris, tomb of Isadora and the sacred catacombs of Thoth. Continue to Ashmunein to visit its Open Air museum, the temple of Thoth and the sanctuary of Amun. Return to the boat for lunch. Afternoon visit to 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. Dinner. Folkloric show and overnight Minya.

Day 7: MINYA – TEL EL AMARNA - ASYUT

Early morning sailing to Tel El Amarna. After breakfast visit the tombs at the Tel El Amarna site, once the city of Akhenaten, the Pharaoh known for his revolutionary religion that worshiped Aten. Return to the boat for lunch. Sail to Asyut. Stop in front of Prince Tawdrous Monastery and view from the boat. Dinner and overnight Asyut.

DAY 8: ASYUT – SOHAG

Early morning sailing to Sohag. After lunch visit 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. Dinner, Black & White Party night and overnight in Sohag

DAY 9: SOHAG - QENA

Full day's sailing Naga Hammadi and Qena where you pass through some of the most beautiful scenery along the Nile. Dinner, Contest Party and overnight in Qena.

DAY 10: QENA - LUXOR

After breakfast visit Dendarah. The temple complex of is one of the best preserved in Egypt. Sail to Luxor. Belly Dancer show and overnight in Luxor.

DAY 11: LUXOR

Visit to the West Bank to the Valley of the Kings and the Temple of Hatshepsut followed by lunch. In the afternoon visit the East Bank Temples of Luxor and Karnak. Overnight in Luxor.

DAY 12: LUXOR

After breakfast check out transfer to Luxor 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.

