

## MS Darakum 14 Night Cruise - Cairo to Aswan Itinerary

### DAY 1: CAIRO

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

### DAY 2: CAIRO

Depart after breakfast to visit Coptic Cairo. The visit will include the Hanging Church, Coptic museum and a Jewish synagogue. After lunch, the tour continues to the Egyptian Museum containing treasures from Egypt's ancient past including the magnificent Tutankhamun collection. Dinner and Takht (Oriental Music), and overnight on board.

### DAY 3: CAIRO

Enjoy breakfast on board before visiting 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. The tour continues to Memphis the ancient city of Egypt and Sakkara home to the Step Pyramid of King Zoser followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Dinner on board followed by the Manager's Cocktail Party. Overnight in Cairo.

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

### DAY 4: CAIRO - BENI SUEF

Enjoy the beauty of the Nile whilst sailing from Cairo to Beni Suef. Dinner followed by Egyptian Wine Tasting on board completes the evening. Overnight in Beni Suef.

### Day 5: MINYA

A full day's sailing to Minya which takes almost 12 hours. Lunch, dinner on board with music in the bar. Overnight on board in Minya.

### DAY 6: MINYA

After breakfast visit the 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. After lunch, visit 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 in Minya.

### Day 7: MINYA - TEL EL AMARNA - ASYUT

Morning sailing to Tel El Amarna. After lunch visit the Tel El Amarna site, once the city of Akhenaten, the Pharaoh known for his revolutionary religion that worshiped Aten. Sail to Asyut. Stop in front of Prince Tawdrous Monastery and view from the boat. Music in the bar. Dinner, Galabeya Party and overnight in Assyut.

### DAY 8: ASYUT - SOHAG

An eight hour sailing to Sohag. Enjoy breakfast, lunch and dinner on board. Black and White Party night. Overnight on board in Sohag.

### DAY 9: EL BALLYANA - ABYDOS - NAGA HAMMADI

An early morning sailing to El Balyana. Enjoy breakfast and visit Abydos Temple, the holy city of Osiris God of the Dead and the New Kingdom temple of Seti I. Return to the boat and sail to Naga Hammadi, via Naga Hammadi Bridges. Lunch and dinner on board. To night is Quiz night. Arrive and overnight in Naga Hammadi.

### DAY 10: QENA - LUXOR

Early morning sailing to Quene. After breakfast visit Dendarah. The temple complex of is one of the best preserved in Egypt. Return to the boat and sail to Luxor. Lunch on board. Enjoy an afternoon of cookery lessons on board. Dinner on board followed by a Belly Dancer show and overnight in Luxor.

### DAY 11: LUXOR

Breakfast on board followed by a visit to the West Bank to the Valley of the Kings and the Temple of Hatshepsut. Overnight in Luxor.

**DAY 12: LUXOR – EDFU**

After breakfast visit the East Bank Temples of Luxor and Karnak. Dinner on board. Sail to Edfu and overnight.

**DAY 13: EDFU – KOM OMBO - ASWAN**

After breakfast a morning visit to Edfu, one of the best preserved temples in Egypt. Sail to Kom Ombo and visit the Temple of Sobek and Haroeris. Sail to Aswan and overnight in Aswan.

**DAY 14: ASWAN**

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

**DAY 15: 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. Disembark after lunch and transfer to the airport for your flight home.

**CRUISE OPTIONS**

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**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.

