

A WEEK ON THE
NILE

A seven night journey discovering the ancient wonders of the Nile
aboard the SS Misr

17th to 24th January & 24th to 31st January 2022

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Temple of Kom Ombo



If you are contemplating escaping the British winter for some warmth and enjoy discovering ancient sites with a small group of like-minded travellers, here is a perfect opportunity. Join us aboard the unique, 44-passenger SS Misr and follow in the wake of the pharaohs as we sail along the River Nile. Cruising from the ancient city of Luxor, we will discover some of the most iconic sites of Egypt on this truly captivating voyage. Pharaohs and queens of ancient Egypt often sailed along the Nile aboard luxurious royal boats – by far the most rewarding way to see the landscape and monuments of their realm. Evoking this regal way of travel in antiquity, we have chartered the SS Misr, the most elegant vessel on the River Nile, and we will approach the ancient monuments just as the Egyptians in the days of the pharaohs did, from the river Nile itself.



We will travel with expert local guides and will cruise at a gentle speed which is essential to be able to drink in the rhythm of life on the banks of the river. From the spacious decks of the elegant SS Misr you can observe the dramatic division between the fertile flood-plain and the arid majesty of the deserts flanking the river and witness traditional village life. Although the Egypt of the Pharaohs came to an end almost two millennia ago, this cruise will leave you with a wealth of memories about its people, its monuments and its mysteries.

Feluccas on the Nile at Aswan

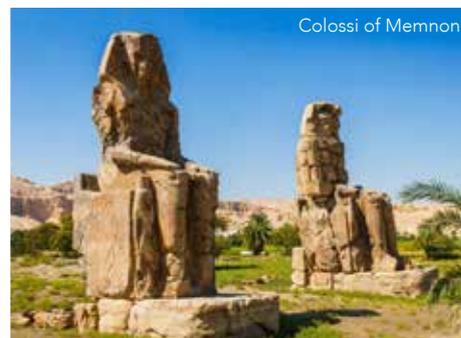


The Itinerary

Day 1 London Heathrow to Luxor, Egypt. Fly by scheduled flight to Luxor. Upon arrival transfer to the SS Misr and embark. Sail to Esna this evening for an overnight mooring.

Day 2 Esna to Edfu to Kom Ombo. This morning we take a leisurely walk to the temple of Esna. The temple dates back to the Ptolemaic and Roman period and is one of the last built in Egypt, it was dedicated to the god Khnum and several other deities including Neith, Heka, Satet and Menheyt and today stands nine metres below ground level in its excavation pit. We continue to sail to Edfu where this afternoon we will visit Edfu Temple, an ancient Egyptian temple that is set on the west bank of the Nile and is said to be one of the best preserved temples in Egypt. Dedicated to the Falcon God Horus it was built in the Ptolemaic period between 237 and 57 BC. Later today we will set sail to Kom Ombo where we will moor overnight.

Day 3 Kom Ombo to Aswan. We will leave the vessel early this morning for a visit to the temple of Kom Ombo which was built during the Ptolemaic dynasty and completed under the Roman Emperors. The



'double' design meant that there were courts, halls, sanctuaries and rooms duplicated for the two gods worshipped here. The southern half of the temple was dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek and the northern part of the temple was dedicated to the falcon god Haroeris. Among the carved reliefs are an ancient Egyptian calendar and a

display of surgical instruments. Once back on board we will sail to Aswan where we will enjoy a ride on either a boat or a felucca, for generations the traditional sailing boat of the Nile, to sail around Kitchener Island and Elephantine Island.

Day 4 Aswan. This morning we will visit the High Dam at Aswan, considered an engineering miracle when it was built in the 1960s with a huge impact on the economy and culture in Egypt in the last century. Today it provides electricity and irrigation for the whole of Egypt. We continue to the temple island of Philae, dedicated to the goddess Isis, wife of Osiris and mother of Horus. The story of Osiris is represented on the walls of the temple, with two of its inner chambers which are rich in symbolic imagery. The temple was originally on Philae Island but was dismantled in 1977 and reconstructed on a nearby higher island called Algilikia due to high water levels. The main elements of the temple such as the two Pylons, hypostyle halls and sanctuaries were built by the Ptolemaic kings. Later the Roman rulers added the colonnades in front of the temple as well as the ceremonial entrance to the island known as Trajan's Kiosk. After lunch we will visit the Nubian Museum, a complex that covers 50,000 square metres and is enclosed by walls to evoke the traditional Nubian village architecture.

Day 5 Aswan to Edfu. Enjoy a leisurely morning or alternatively take the optional excursion to the temples of Abu Simbel (by road approximately four hours each way) which are without doubt the most impressive of all Nubian antiquities. Not only can we admire the outstanding sculptures, culture and reliefs which embellished the temples of Ramesses the Great and Queen Nefertari cut out of the sandstone cliff around 3300 years ago, we can also applaud the achievement of archaeologists, architects and engineers in the 20th century AD who organised the rescue of the monuments to their new site above Lake Nasser. After lunch spend the afternoon on board admiring the beautiful passing scenery as we cruise the Nile to Edfu where we will moor overnight.

Day 6 Edfu to Luxor for Karnak. Spend a relaxing morning on board as we cruise the Nile to Luxor. After lunch we will visit the temples of Karnak, one of the most memorable and popular historical areas to visit in the world. Here you will witness the unbelievably vast array of monuments dedicated to Amun-Ra, king of the gods, his wife Mut and their son Khonsu. Just two of the highlights are the great hypostyle hall with over 130 columns some 22 metres high and the obelisk of the powerful Queen Pharaoh Hatshepsut. This afternoon we will enjoy a special cocktail reception with canapes, in the wonderful Victorian Lounge at the Old Winter Palace. We end our day with a visit to the illuminated Luxor Temple situated on the east bank of the river Nile.

Day 7 Luxor for Valley of the Kings. This morning we visit the West Bank, one of the most famous and important archaeological sites in the world. See the Valley of the Kings, the burial ground of the pharaohs for a period of 500 years. The tombs vividly depict the journey of the sun god and pharaoh through the dangers of the Underworld. In the temple of Queen Hatshepsut you will discover scenes commemorating the reign of this exceptional monarch such as the ambitious voyage where she sent her ships on the Red Sea to the mysterious land of Punt. We stop at the Colossi of Memnon to witness the two imposing 18 metre high quartzite seated statues which marked the entrance to the now vanished memorial temple of the Pharaoh Amenhotep III whose reign in the 14th century BC was one of the most opulent in Egyptian history.

Day 8 Luxor to London Heathrow. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for your return scheduled flight to London.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

| Cat | Cabin Description | Brochure Price |
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| 4 | Twin/Double cabin on lower/main deck | £2995 |
| 3 | Twin/Double cabin on upper deck | £3395 |
| 2 | Suite on main/upper deck | £3595 |
| 1 | Panorama suite on main deck | £3995 |
| 4 | Twin/Double cabin on lower/main deck for sole use | £3595 |

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Seven nights aboard the SS Misr on full board basis • Wine or beer & unlimited soft drinks with lunch & dinner • Shore excursions with local English speaking guides • Tour Manager • Gratuities • Transfers • Airport taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, Egyptian visa, optional excursion to Abu Simbel.

Business Class Flight Upgrade: We have a limited number of Business Class seats available for a supplement of £795 per person, subject to availability.

SS MISR

We are delighted to have chartered a very special and unique vessel, the SS Misr. Originally constructed in Preston by the Royal Navy in 1918, the SS Misr was purchased and later converted into a luxury Nile steamer for King Farouk. Now fully restored to a five-star deluxe propeller steam vessel she accommodates just 44 passengers in spacious, air-conditioned cabins and suites. Misr means ‘the Kingdom of Egypt’ and the décor throughout the vessel reflects the period.



Marasem Restaurant



Category 2 Suite



Category 1 Suite



Marasem Restaurant

Your Cabin/Suite

Each cabin and suite has its own individual style and all feature a private balcony, air conditioning, en-suite bathroom with bathtub and shower, hairdryer, mini-bar, robes and television. The suites on the Upper Deck are almost 50% larger in size than the standard cabins. The 14 category 3 and 4 twin/double cabins measure 21 square metres and feature a sweeping window that opens up to a private terrace with chairs. The category 2 suites are approximately 30 square metres. Spacious and welcoming, these exquisitely appointed suites offer the perfect refuge to unwind after a day of adventure and sightseeing. Luxuriously designed, each suite includes an elegant living area that contains a stylish loveseat and chairs, complemented by floor-to-ceiling windows that open to a private terrace. The category 1 panorama suites are approximately 35 square metres and are situated at the front of the vessel and offer impressive panoramic views. Unlike the other accommodations, these suites come with a private, furnished panoramic terrace that offers a spectacular 180-degree view of the Nile.

Your Dining

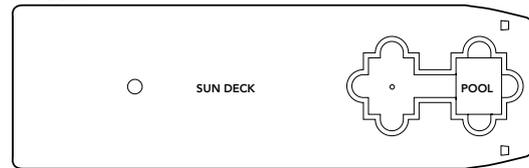
The Marasem Restaurant, situated on the main deck serves international cuisine and seats all passengers in one open seating arrangement. Breakfast and lunch are buffet-style whilst dinner is seated waiter service. Tables seat six to eight people. Tea and coffee are served on a complimentary basis after all meals and there are tea and coffee amenities in the cabins.

Your Space

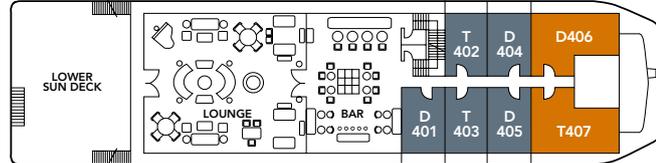
The SS Misr is both elegantly furnished and spacious throughout. The Saraya Lounge and Dahabia Bar are located on the higher decks offering wonderful views of the Nile. The period-style restaurant accommodates all guests at one sitting. There is also a lower Sun Deck with comfortable wicker chairs and an upper Sun Deck with a pool and sun beds for relaxation. The ship also has an onboard souvenir and gift shop selling jewellery and local handmade gifts.

DECK PLAN

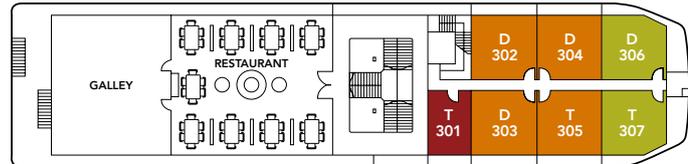
SUN DECK



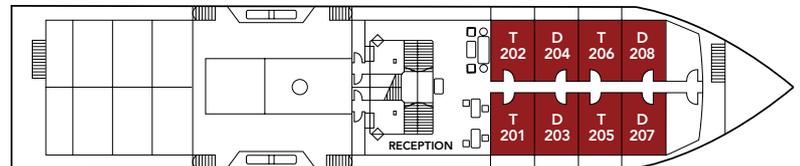
UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



LOWER DECK



■ CATEGORY 1
 ■ CATEGORY 2
 ■ CATEGORY 3
 ■ CATEGORY 4

T – Twin / D – Double

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Cover image: Trajan's Kiosk at the Philae Temple of Isis, Algilkia Island, Aswan.