

**Vintage Nile 2019**  
**A Classic Adventure on the Nile River of Africa**  
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**The Pyramids and Steamship SUDAN**

**Departure Day, Tuesday, December 10, 2019:**

Board your flight(s) to Egypt. Flights are booked separately and can be arranged through Goodspeed.

**Day One, Wednesday, December 11: Old Cairo**

Upon arrival in Cairo, meet your trip director and transfer to our 5-star hotel originally built by Khedive Ismail as the Gezira Palace in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. (Meet and greet is based on arrival of at least 6 travelers at a time). After checking in, you may wish to visit



the nearby shop Nomad, which is one of the few remaining sources for genuine ethnographic items and handcrafted goods and jewelry. There are a number of dining options for you to enjoy at your leisure. Join fellow adventurers in the gardens for an optional nightcap.

**Included Meals: In-flight**

**Breakfast**

**Meals on your own: Lunch, Dinner**

**O/N Cairo**

**Day Two, Thursday, December 12: The Pyramids**

After a sumptuous breakfast, visit the sole survivor of the traditional Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. The Great Pyramid stood almost 500 feet high when it was completed around 2550 BCE. A highlight is the Giza Solar Boat Museum where we will explore the intricacies of Khufu's ship, an essentially intact vessel from the middle of the third millennium BCE. Our visit in Giza would not be complete without viewing the Sphinx, standing guard over the pyramids. In the afternoon, take a break at Café Riche, famous for being the haunt of 20<sup>th</sup> century literati. Afterwards, stop into the Egyptian Museum to view the treasures of King Tutankhamen's tomb. We will stretch our legs in the famous souq, Khan El-Khalili where we will visit the last genuine fez maker in Egypt. In the evening, transfer to the airfield for the short flight to Luxor where we will spend

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the night at the Winter Palace Hotel. Meet in the bar for an optional late night drink and realize how this was the hot spot for Egyptology in the 1920s.

Included Meals: Breakfast

**Meals on your own: Lunch at the Café Riche, Dinner in the airport  
O/N Winter Palace Hotel**

## **Day Three, Friday, December 13: The West Bank of the Nile**

This morning, we'll cross the Nile from the Winter Palace and visit "The Place of Truth." This is the ancient name of Deir el-Medina, the Valley of the Artisans whose workers built and maintained the Valley of the Kings and the Valley of the Queens. This UNESCO World Heritage site is an extraordinary window into the past with paintings and carvings providing stunning tableaux of life as an ancient Egyptian. Some argue that the artisans saved their best work for themselves. Time permitting, we will visit the Temple of Ramesses III at Medinet Habu, one of the best preserved from the New Kingdom, which displays important military reliefs and religious compositions.



Afterwards, join fellow adventurers for an optional lunch at the Winter Palace. Relax in the gardens, arguably the most beautiful in Egypt. This is where kings and presidents, writers and explorers spent time while in Luxor. This was also the de facto headquarters of

archeologist Howard Carter and his patron, Lord Carnarvon. Their ghosts roam the gardens.... In the afternoon, board the Steamship SUDAN and settle into your unique Edwardian cabin or suite. Tea will be served. Join your fellow adventurers at the welcome dinner in the SUDAN's sumptuous dining room.

Included Meals: Afternoon Tea, Welcome Dinner

**Meals on your own: Lunch**

**O/N Steamship SUDAN**

## **Day Four, Saturday, December 14: Temples in Luxor**

After breakfast, visit the Temple of Karnak. Walking among the obelisks, pylons and sanctuaries, we will be astounded by the beautiful relief decoration and the thousands of hieroglyphic inscriptions. Lunch awaits back onboard. In the afternoon, take time to visit the souq of Luxor where treasures are to be found. In the evening, discover the Temple of Luxor where important scenes and inscriptions from the time of Tutankhamun

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record the festival of Opet, an annual rite renewing divine and royal power. Dinner and overnight on board.

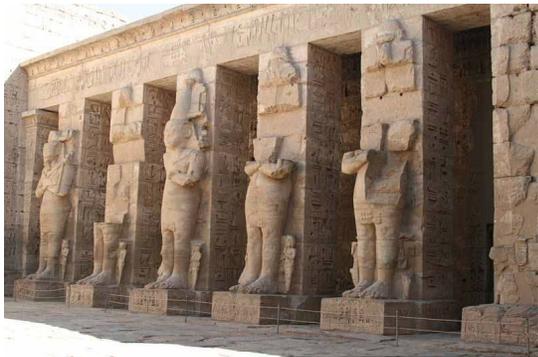
**Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Tea, Dinner**

**O/N: On board Steamship SUDAN**

## **Day Five, Sunday, December 15:**

### **The Valley of the Kings and the Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut**

Today, we will get an early start. Crossing the Nile, we will start our exploration with the Theban Necropolis at the Valley of the Kings, the burial site of the major rulers of the



New Kingdom Egypt. Here incomparable tomb paintings decorate the passages and chambers of the pharaohs. After the discovery of King Tut's tomb and the resulting Egyptomania, the Valley became the most famous archeological site in the world. Nearby, we will visit the Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut, considered one of the incomparable monuments in Egypt. With towering cliffs serving as a backdrop, the temple

boasts long ramps connecting colonnaded terraces. Inside, a relief sculpture depicts the divine birth of a female pharaoh. Back on board SUDAN, a well-deserved lunch awaits. The afternoon will be at leisure as we bid Luxor farewell and steam southward, sipping chilled white wine on deck. Today, we will have an opportunity to learn about the engineering of the Steamship SUDAN. Built in the teens, she is the last authentic Belle Epoque paddle steamer. Her broad teak decks, brassware, and wood paneling are the stuff of romantic stories. The gangways exude a sweet aroma of beeswax; the woven rattan furniture on the deck provides the perfect place to daydream as you watch the desert palms glide past. Dinner will be served before we pass through the fascinating Esna lock. Watch the stars appear as SUDAN steams through the night to Edfu.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Tea, Dinner**

**O/N: On board Steamship SUDAN**

## **Day Six, Monday, December 16: Edfu – Kom Ombo**

After breakfast this morning, visit the Temple of Edfu, one of the best-preserved buildings from ancient Egypt. Built in honor of the falcon-headed cosmic deity Horus, the temple lay partially buried under a protective covering of debris and sand until French Egyptologist Auguste Mariette cleared the structure in the 1860s. Back on board, lunch awaits. Relax on the upper deck in the afternoon as we steam deeper into the heart of Upper Egypt. As tea is served, we will pass Gebel Silsila, one of the largest quarries of the ancient world and site of important shrines and stelae relating to the Nile flood and associated nautical festivals. Take in the relaxing rhythm of the voyage, as we continue our journey to the pillars of the temple at Kom Ombo on the banks of the Nile.

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Dedicated to Sobek, the crocodile god, the surviving temple dates back to ca. 180 BCE during the Ptolemaic era with later Roman additions. Dinner is served onboard SUDAN.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Tea, Dinner**

**O/N: On board Steamship SUDAN**

## **Day Seven, Tuesday, December 17: Aswan**

This morning, SUDAN steams to Aswan at the frontier of traditional Egypt, where ancient Nubia begins. The mighty desert slowly replaces cultivated land as we proceed up the Nile. It is easy to see that this is where



pharaonic civilization once ended. The lands above the great cataracts nourished the Nile Valley with mineral-rich silt during the floods. Nubia also provided Egypt with gold, precious woods and ivory, as well as soldiers for its military machine. In the afternoon, journey to the temple of Isis, once located on the island of Philae, and moved in the 1960s to the island of Agilka when the Aswan High Dam was constructed.

Enjoy some free time on deck before the farewell dinner on board SUDAN.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Tea, Dinner**

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## **Day Eight, Wednesday, December 18: Return Day**

For those travelers who must return home, transfer to the airport for the return flights.

**TOUR COST** (Space is limited. The program is first come, first served):

**\$3997** per person based 30 guests in double occupancy

**\$4999** per person based 20 guests in double occupancy

**\$1469** single supplement (limited availability)

**\$709** suite upgrade (limited availability; Steamship SUDAN only)

## **OVERNIGHTS (subject to change):**

December 11 - 12 Cairo Marriott

December 12 - 13 Luxor Winter Palace Hotel

December 13 -18 On the Nile Steamship SUDAN

## **INCLUDED:**

- Overnight accommodations as listed above
- Breakfasts in the hotels
- Transfers between airports and hotels
- Portage of bags in the hotels
- Guided tour of the Sphinx and Pyramids of Giza

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- Tour of the Solar Boat
- Tour of the famous souq, Khan El-Khalili
- Visit of the last genuine fez maker in Egypt
- Guided tour of the King Tut highlights of the Egyptian Museum
- Flight from Cairo to Luxor
- Exclusive trip director from Goodspeed & Bach in Cairo
- Six days and five nights on the luxurious privately chartered Steamship SUDAN
- Transfers between airports and the steamship
- Porterage of bags on the Steamship SUDAN
- Sumptuous breakfasts, lunches, teas and dinners on Steamship SUDAN
- Guided exploration of the Temple of Philae
- Guided exploration of the Temple of Kom Ombo
- Shipboard viewing of the ancient quarries of Gebel Silsila
- Guided exploration of the Temple of Edfu
- Guided exploration of the Temple of Karnak
- Guided exploration of the Temple of Luxor
- Guided exploration of the Valley of the Kings
- Guided exploration of Deir el-Medina
- Guided exploration of Temple of Ramesses III at Medinet Habu
- Guided exploration of the Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut
- Tour of the engine room of the Steamship SUDAN
- Exclusive trip director from Goodspeed & Bach

## **OPTIONAL ITEMS AND ITEMS ON YOUR OWN:**

- Airfare
- Entrance fee increases (this is possible before departure)
- Extensions before or after the voyage
- Upgrades for any services or accommodations
- Any meal listed as “optional” or “on your own” or not specifically included
- Any beverages (cocktails, beer, wine, Champagne) not included with the meals
- Any gratuity to the guides, ship crew or trip director
- Porterage of baggage except on the SUDAN
- Any item of a personal nature (i.e. binoculars, pith helmets, leg gaiters)
- Any item not mentioned in the itinerary
- Trip protection is available and recommended by Goodspeed & Bach, Inc.

## **Land Deposit Schedule**

- \$ 200 per person deposit due upon registration
- \$ 2000 per person payment due April 1, 2019
- Final payment due 90 days prior to departure

**Land Booking Conditions and Refunds** □

- \$ 100 is non-refundable upon registration
- Up to 121 days prior to departure: Full refund less \$500 per traveler
- 120 days prior to departure: Full refund less \$750 per traveler. □
- 65 days prior to departure: No refund - Travel protection is strongly recommended and available □ from Goodspeed & Bach, Inc. □

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**The Aswan Extension**

**Extension Day One, Wednesday, December 18: Aswan**

For those continuing the adventure, take a boat across the Nile to the spectacular necropolis of ancient Aswan, Qubbet el-Hawa. Here are the hieroglyphic autobiographical inscriptions of the first known African explorer, Harkhuf, who went into Nubia to fetch a special dancer for the king. Next, cruise up the Nile in a small vessel to the island of Sehel, where the impressive granite boulders and rocky pinnacles are covered with ancient rock inscriptions—a site almost never seen by tourists. In the early afternoon, check in to the grand Old Cataract Hotel, home to famous travelers including Agatha Christie and her famous literary creation Hercule Poirot. This evening, enjoy an optional cocktail overlooking Elephantine Island, home of the temple of Khnum, and the grotto of the ancient temple of Satis, the goddess of the Nile's cataracts. A sumptuous a la carte dinner is optionally planned in the 1902 restaurant. You will be transported back to the 1920's and the Golden Age of Archaeology.

**Included Meal: Breakfast**

**Meals on your own: Lunch, Dinner**

**O/N: Aswan**

**Extension Day Two, Thursday, December 19: Aswan**

This morning, visit the archaeological site of Elephantine, with continuous habitation from 3200 BCE until the Roman Era. In the afternoon, beat the heat by sipping cocktails by the pool or on the terrace of the Old Cataract. Enjoy a final a la carte dinner as the sun sets in the western horizon, descending into the Netherworld.

**Included Meal: Breakfast**

**Meals on your own: Lunch, Dinner**

**O/N: Aswan**

**Extension Day Three, Friday, December 20: Return Day**

This morning, bid the Nile River adieu and transfer to the Aswan airport for the flights home. Farewell!

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**EXTENSION COST** (Space is limited. First come, first served):

**\$595** per person based on 20 guests in double occupancy

**\$300** single supplement (based on availability)

**OVERNIGHTS** (subject to change):

December 18 – 20                      Aswan Old Cataract Hotel

**INCLUDED:**

- Overnight accommodations as listed above
- Breakfasts in the hotel
- Transfers between hotel and airport
- Porterage of bags in the hotel
- Tour the Aswan necropolis
- Tour Sehel Island
- Tour Elephantine Island
- Exclusive trip director from Goodspeed & Bach in Cairo

**OPTIONAL ITEMS AND ITEMS ON YOUR OWN:**

- Optional excursion to Abu Simbel (\$200 per person)
- Airfare from Egypt after the extension
- Upgrades for any services or accommodations
- Any meal listed as “a la carte” or not specifically included
- Porterage of bags outside of the hotel
- Any beverages (cocktails, beer, wine, Champagne) not included with the meals
- Any gratuity to the local guides, drivers, porters or trip director
- Any item of a personal nature (i.e. sunblock, jodhpurs, parasol)
- Any item not mentioned in the itinerary
- Trip protection is available and recommended by Goodspeed & Bach, Inc.

**Land Deposit Schedule, Conditions and Refunds**

Per main program.

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