



SANCTUARY  
ZEIN NILE CHATEAU

NILE RIVER



EGYPT: 6 CABINS

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## LUXURY, NATURALLY

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Adventure, enchantment and 'Luxury, naturally' - all delivered with a quiet, understated charm and understanding of place – is the guiding philosophy of Sanctuary Retreats and our luxury Nile cruise sailing boat, Sanctuary Zein Nile Chateau.

The Sanctuary Zein Nile Chateau is a bespoke dahabiya (traditional sailing boat) that is the first of its kind on the Nile; available for charter. With only four cabins and two suites, it is the epitome of style. The Sanctuary Zein Nile Chateau offers you the unique opportunity to tailor your Egypt cruise and each day's sightseeing by offering an "a la carte" style touring itinerary. Bask in the beauty of the surrounding views – unchanged for hundreds of years – as you sip on delicate cocktails from the comfort of the dahabiya. This is what sailing on the Nile was meant to be.

## USPS

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- Your itinerary can be personalised to suit your needs
- Being the smallest of the Sanctuary Retreats' boats cruising the Nile River - the Zein can dock in more places
- Exclusive docking area at Luxor and Aswan
- An authentic "dahabiya" (traditional Egyptian sailing boat) offering a completely bespoke service
- Available for charter, accommodating maximum 12 guests
- Perfect for celebrations and family groups

## ACCOMMODATION AND FACILITIES

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The Sanctuary Zein Nile Chateau features 6 beautifully designed cabins:

- The Farouk Suite (93m<sup>2</sup>)
- The Napoleon Suite (43m<sup>2</sup>)
- The Philae Cabin (20m<sup>2</sup>)
- The Nubia Cabin (20m<sup>2</sup>)
- The Baladi Cabin (20m<sup>2</sup>)
- The Lake Nasser Cabin (20m<sup>2</sup>)

The boat was launched in 2010. The Farouk Suite is inspired by Egypt's Royal era, seen in the furniture, décor and photographs on the walls, the centre piece is an original hand-woven rug, a replica of a family letter sent by King Farouk to his mother. The Napoleon Suite reflects Egypt's influential Napoleonic era. A drawing of the route his forces took through Egypt spreads across the suite walls and the suite features a four poster bed. Each of the four additional cabins is decorated in its own original style with influences drawn from Egypt's history, culture and geography. All cabins are fitted with luxurious amenities, modern bathrooms, showers (guests in the Farouk Suite will be spoilt by a bathtub and jacuzzi), air-conditioning with individual control and equipped with mini bar and LCD television (with information channel.) There is international telephone access is available in cabins. There is an auto wakeup call service for guests. An extra cabin key is available upon request.

There is an upper deck, a luxurious Arabian themed sun deck with dipping pool (heated to 28 degrees during winter), dining area and lounge. A doctor can be called upon request, 24 hours a day. Laundry service and room service are available. There is a no smoking policy throughout the boat, except on the open decks and there is also a no mobile policy. A massage service is available to guests. Wheelchairs are available upon request on a complimentary basis, but if client requires staff assistance, an extra charge will be added. For safety on board: very sensitive fire alarm system, security gate, fire fighting team, emergency lights and signs, life jackets and exit plans behind cabins' doors. Nile mail service with cards and stamps are available at the reception desk.

## LOCATION AND GETTING THERE

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The seven night cruise departs from Luxor and sails to Aswan, before returning to Luxor again. We recommend flying from Cairo to Luxor directly.

### **Flying times:**

- Cairo to Luxor - 1 hour

### **Transfer times:**

- Luxor Airport to dock - 30 minutes



## ITINERARIES

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Our seven night cruise departs from Luxor and sails to Aswan, before returning to Luxor again. The boat is closed in June and July every year.

The cruising itinerary for the Sanctuary Zein Nile Chateau is unique in that it does not follow a specific itinerary with regular sites. This is a fully tailor-made affair, giving you a choice of the sites you would like to see during your Nile sailing experience.

Due to its small size, the Sanctuary Zein Nile Chateau can dock more easily than a larger Nile cruise boat and so has the freedom to make the touring bespoke. There is the chance to see sites that are off the beaten track. One intriguing example the Valley of the Workers, was a self-contained village on the West Bank where the workmen who built the kings' and queens' tombs lived in mud brick houses with their families. The site gives archaeologists a view of how urban people lived in ancient Egypt. You can also visit the tombs that the workmen created for themselves, to admire the art in ordinary people's tombs.

## ON-BOARD ACTIVITIES

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Entertainment schedules during cruises are adjusted according to the needs of each group of guests and the exact sailing schedule.

**However, every cruise on will include:**

- A colourful "galabeya party" which gives each guest the opportunity to dress up in traditional Egyptian dress and dance to Arabic music.
- A lecture held by your Egyptologist guide.
- Cooking lesson (Three Egyptian items)
- In-house movies

## FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

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We welcome children of any age on the Sanctuary Zein Nile Chateau.

An extra bed can be provided on request - suite only. Baby cots and baby chairs can be provided upon request.

Children's menus are available at meal times.

## HONEYMOONS AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS

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Guests celebrating their honeymoon or a special occasion will receive special surprises during their stay.

**Our honeymoon services include:**

- Flowers and a romantic dinner (can be arranged upon prior request, at an extra charge)
- Heart shape cake and ceremony performed by staff (free of charge)



## DINING

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Breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner are included in your stay; as well as mineral water, tea and coffee during meals. Early riser tea and coffee service is available. International cuisine as well as local flavour ensure we cater to all tastes. Sumptuous buffets, elegant a la carte dinners and extensive local and international wine lists are all offered.

**Meals typically consist of the following:**

- Breakfast: American Buffet and a la carte Egyptian items
- Lunch: Buffet style (International, BBQ and Egyptian Buffets)
- Afternoon tea: (Selection of pastries, cookies and fresh fruits)
- Dinner: A la carte and choice menus

Our expert chefs can also cater to specific dietary needs of guests. Vegetarian and children's menus are available at meal times. Open doors meals (Breakfast, Tea, BBQ, Egyptian dinner) are served on the deck during sailing if the weather permits.

## CLIMATE

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Egypt has a hot dry climate. The temperatures are hot on summer days and warm on summer nights; warm or mild on winter days and cool on winter nights. The thin coastal strip at the north of Egypt has the most moderate temperatures, because of prevailing Mediterranean Sea winds.

- **Spring:** From May to August
- **Winter:** From November to March
- **Rainy:** From December to February

**Temperatures:**

- A minimum average of 9.5C (49.1 F) on winter nights
- 17C (63 F) on winter days
- Average minimum of 23C (73 F) on summer nights
- A maximum average of 31C (88 F) on summer days

Sometimes between March and May, a hot and dry sand storm, known as Khamasin winds, blows from the southwest. The best time to visit Egypt is from October through to April, as the weather is cooler.

## CLOTHING

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Dress code is free as the boat is available on a charter basis. Guests should pack cool and comfortable clothing.

Jerseys and heavier jackets are needed for spring and winter, light t-shirts and shorts can be worn during summer. Sturdy and comfortable shoes are essential.

**Accessories to pack include:** Camera; video recorder and cap or hat.



## HEALTH

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There is no requirement for vaccinations when travelling to Egypt (except for Yellow Fever if you are arriving from an infected area.)

## MONEY AND CREDIT CARDS

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Egyptian Pounds, Euros, UK pounds or US Dollars (2008 or newer) are accepted. Change given in local currency. We also accept travellers cheques, Visa, MasterCard and American Express.

## TIPPING GUIDELINE

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Tipping is not mandatory and is at the guests' discretion.

## SPECIAL REQUESTS

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Sanctuary Zein Nile Chateau prides itself on its personalised services. Please let us know if you have any special requests, interests, dietary requirements, allergies or medical conditions.

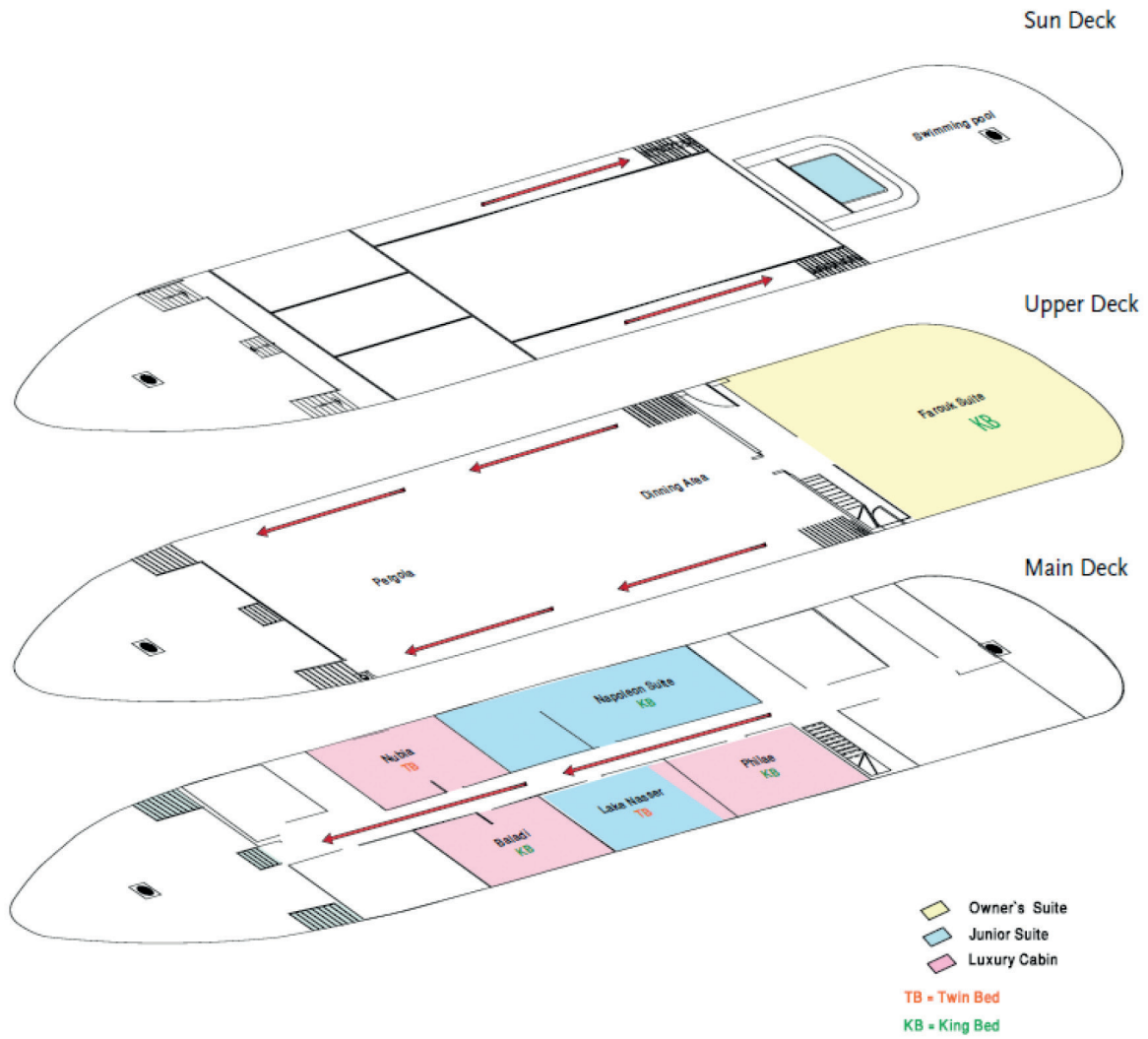
## ENVIRONMENT & RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

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- The boat is fitted with a state of the art sewage disposal and water treatment system in order to recycle and purify all used water on the boat.
- Sanctuary Retreats has cleaned and made extensive alterations to one of the docking areas – transforming an informal rubbish dump into a small garden.
- The crew follows an extensive recycling programme on board, with all waste materials sent to specialised recycling centres to minimise impact on the local environment.



## DECK PLAN



## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

- Length: 164ft / 50m
- Draft: 3.6ft / 1.1m
- Gross tonnage: 180
- Cruising speed: 6-8 km/hr
- Passenger decks: 3
- Life jackets: 2 in each cabin



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## LUXURY, NATURALLY

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Sanctuary Retreats was born in Africa with the launch of our first luxury safari camp, Sanctuary Olonana, in Kenya, in 1999. Today, the Sanctuary Retreats portfolio of luxury safari lodges and expedition ships brings a much wider choice of our boutique adventure than ever before – but our standards remain the same. We promise adventure, enchantment and 'Luxury, naturally', all delivered with a quiet, understated charm and understanding of place.