



EGYPT: 38 CABINS



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 Boat, Sanctuary Sun Boat IV.

Furnished in a contemporary style with an art deco influence, the modern fittings and cutting edge technology on board the boutique Sanctuary Sun Boat IV are combined with sophisticated public areas with luxurious teak flooring for an elegant finish.

Harmonious colours and teak flooring are used throughout the boat which, along with modern and eye-catching furniture, makes it a luxurious floating haven.

## **USPS**

- · Choice of four and eight night itineraries, led by best Egyptologists
- Exclusive docking area at Luxor and Aswan
- · Award-winning chefs
- · Two Royal and two Presidential suites offer luxury for the discerning traveller

# **ACCOMMODATION AND FACILITIES**

#### The Sanctuary Sun Boat IV has 38 beautifully designed cabins and suites:

- 2 Royal Suites with private balconies (55m2)
- 2 Presidential Suites (38m<sup>2</sup>)
- 34 standard cabins (15-18m<sup>2</sup>)

The boat was launched in 1996 and fully renovated in 2018. Boasting floor to ceiling windows (except on the Nile Deck), the 38 luxury cabins are the perfect solace from which to enjoy a relaxing and comforting stay. The two Royal Suites of the Sanctuary Sun Boat IV are an oasis of luxury for the discerning traveller. Calm, yet vibrant tones of the furnishings provide guests with a relaxing ambience. Both of the spacious and indulgent Presidential Suites offer a splendid window into the enchanting and ancient sights during your journey. There is an auto wake-up call; and an extra cabin key, if needed.

Every cabin is fully air-conditioned and has a beautiful Nile view. All the suites have bathtubs, while all standard cabins have showers. There is a hairdryer, mini bar and LCD television (with information channels) with satellite available in all cabins and suites. International telephone access is available through the reception.

The Sanctuary Sun Boat IV has an upper sun deck with swimming pool (heated to 28 degrees during winter), a shaded deck and a lounge bar. The restaurant is spacious and seats 85. In addition, there is a library and games room with computer and internet access. Along with a gymnasium and a massage room, there is also a gift shop and laundry services. There is a doctor on-board, 24 hours a day. For guests wishing to relax there is room service. There is a no smoking policy throughout the boat, except on the open decks and there is a no mobile policy. For safety on board: a very sensitive fire alarm system, security gate, fire fighting team, emergency lights and signs, life jackets and exit plans behind cabins' doors; and security on board (on board security officers 24 hours a day and two police guards during sailing.) Wheelchair access is available on a complimentary basis but if client requires staff assistance, an extra charge will be added. A screen projector is available upon request. There is a Nile mail service with cards and stamps are available at the reception desk. There is also a Lost & Found system on board.

# LOCATION AND GETTING THERE

Our four night cruises depart from Aswan and Luxor. There are two major airports: Luxor Airport and Aswan Airport. To reach the docks, we recommend flying from Cairo to either destination.

#### Flying times:

- Cairo to Luxor 1 hour
- Cairo to Aswan—1 hour and 30 minutes

#### **Transfer times:**

- Luxor Airport to dock 30 minutes
- Aswan Airport to dock—45 minutes



#### The Sanctuary Sun Boat IV offers two itineraries:

#### 4 night itinerary Downstream from Aswan to Luxor

- Day 1: Check in, Lunch, felucca Ride, afternoon tea, welcome reception, dinner
- Day 2: Breakfast, Philae Temple, Unfinished Obelisk, Lunch, sail to Kom Ombo, afternoon tea, visit Kom Ombo, dinner, movie
- Day 3: Breakfast, sail to Edfu, visit Edfu Temple, sail to Luxor, lunch, cooking class, afternoon tea, Luxor temple, dinner, galabeyya party
- Day 4: Breakfast, West Bank of Luxor, lunch, Karnak Temple, afternoon tea, belly dancer and Dervish show, farewell dinner.
- Day 5: Breakfast and check out.

#### 4 night itinerary Upstream: Luxor to Aswan

- · Day 1: Arrive in Luxor, lunch on board, East Bank of Luxor, afternoon Tea, welcome reception, dinner
- Day 2: Breakfast, West Bank of Luxor, lunch on board, sail to Esna, afternoon Tea, dinner, movie
- Day 3: Breakfast, sail to Edfu, Temple of Edfu, sail to Kom Ombo, lunch, cooking class, afternoon tea. visit Kom Ombo, sail
  to Aswan, dinner, galabeyya party
- Day 4: Breakfast, Philae Temple, Unfinished Obelisk, lunch, felucca ride, afternoon tea, bellydancer and Dervish show, farewell dinner.
- Day 5: Breakfast and check out.

## **ON-BOARD ACTIVITIES**

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

#### **Every cruise on the Sanctuary Sun Boat IV includes:**

- A colourful 'galabeya party' which gives guests the opportunity to dress up in traditional Egyptian clothing and dance to Arabic music
- A Dervish show and belly dancer performance
- A lecture by your Egyptologist guide
- Welcome Zaffa
- Music from an Oud trio

# HONEYMOONS AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS

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

#### Our honeymoon services include:

- Flowers and Romantic dinner (arranged with prior request and at an extra charge)
- Heart shape cake and ceremony performed by staff (free of charge)



# FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We welcome children aged 10 and over on the Sanctuary Sun Boat IV.

Children aged 15 and younger are required to share with an adult.

An extra bed can be provided on a case by case basis in Nile deck cabins, Presidential and Royal suites.

Children's menus are available at meal times.

### DINING

Breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner are included in your stay; as well as mineral water, tea and coffee during meals. There is an early riser tea and coffee service available to guests.

#### 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
- · Extensive local and international wine lists (additional cost)
- Upper deck barbecues

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

## **CLIMATE**

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.

Summer: 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**

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.

The dress code on board is casual during the day, and smart casual for evening meals. Shorts and t-shirts are not permitted at dinner.



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

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

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

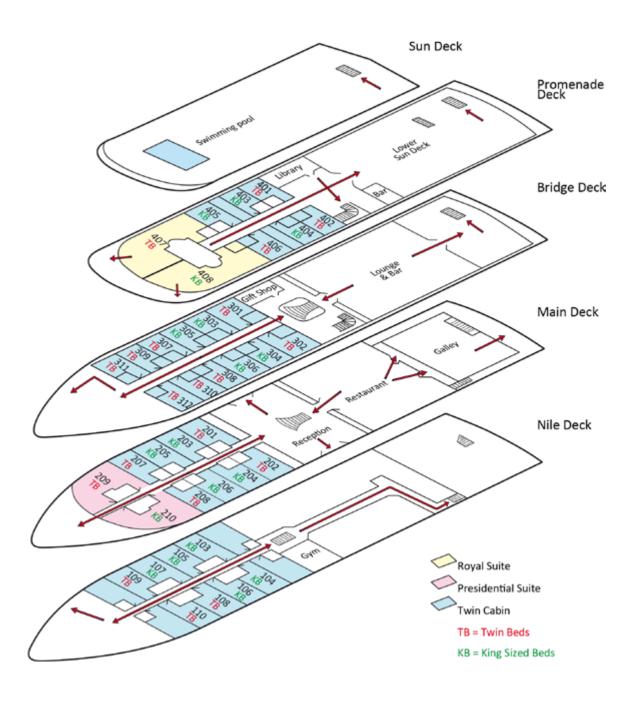
# SPECIAL REQUESTS

Sanctuary Sun Boat IV 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**

- The Sanctuary Sun Boat IV is one of a handful on the Nile that has the Germanischer-Lloyd Certificate, denoting
  the highest standard of safety for river cruisers worldwide.
- The ship 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.



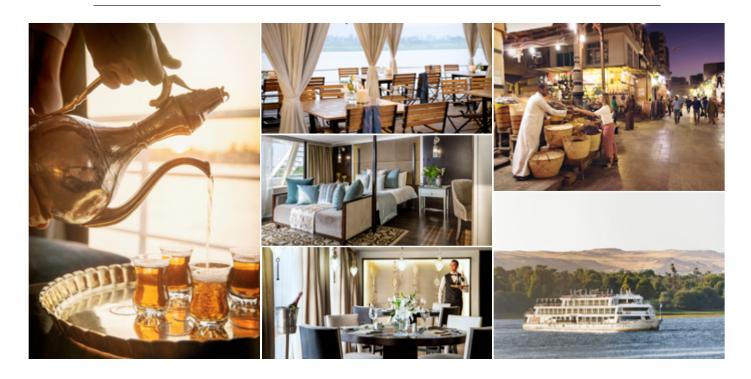


# **TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

- Length: 236.2ft / 72m
- Draft: 3.77ft / 1.15m
- Gross tonnage: 1200
- Cruising speed: 16 km/hr
- Passenger decks: 4
- Life jackets: 2 in each cabin
- Lifeboats: 2



# SANCTUARY SUN BOAT IV



# LUXURY, NATURALLY

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.



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