

9-DAY

EL HANEM DAHABIYA

· ASWAN *to* LUXOR ·

The classic dahabiya sailing route aboard the intimate
El Hanem - Cairo - Aswan - Luxor - Cairo, by Rail & Sail.

Chase the **Eclipse**.

Discover **Ancient Wonders**.

Sail the **Timeless Nile**.



RAIL & SAIL

Scenic rail journey
to the Nile



ASWAN

Uncover ancient Aswan
and the Philae Temple



LUXOR

Explore the world's
greatest open-air museum



THE NILE

Sail aboard the
classic dahabiya



LOWER CARBON FOOTPRINT

Travel consciously.
Preserve timeless beauty.



SCENIC RAIL JOURNEY

Relax in comfort as you travel in style
between Cairo and Aswan on your
journey to the Nile.



ATTENTIVE SERVICE

Dedicated crew providing personalized
service to ensure a memorable
and seamless journey.



RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

Unwind in our inviting restaurant
and lounge with panoramic views
and exceptional service.



ANCIENT WONDERS. ELEGANT JOURNEY.



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FROM

\$8,997



Sail & Rail

The Tour

July 27: Arrival in Cairo
July 28: Pyramids & Grand Egypt Museum
July 29: Arrive in Aswan & City Tour
July 30: Optional Abu Simbel & Nile Sailing
July 31: Esna - Luxor
August 1 - Luxor Sightseeing
August 2 - Eclipse viewing and train to Cairo
August 3 - Cairo & Farewell Dinner
August 4 - Farewell, Egypt



Trip Overview

Your Itinerary

DEPARTURE : July 27, 2027

Embark on an unforgettable 9 day journey through Egypt, combining ancient wonders with authentic rail and Nile sailing experiences, highlighted by the once in a lifetime Total Solar Eclipse on 2 August 2027 in Luxor.

Your adventure begins in Cairo, exploring the iconic Pyramids of Giza, the Sphinx, and the magnificent Grand Egyptian Museum.

Travel south aboard the sleeper train to Aswan, enjoying a relaxing and sustainable journey through the Egyptian countryside with dinner and breakfast served onboard in your private cabin. Upon arrival in Aswan, enjoy a unique overnight stay in a traditional Nubian Village before embarking on your elegant Dahabiya sailing boat. Cruise peacefully north towards Luxor, visiting Philae Temple, Kom Ombo Temple, and Esna while admiring the beautiful Nile scenery and authentic riverside life.

In Luxor, witness the spectacular Total Solar Eclipse on 2 August 2027, an unforgettable moment set against the timeless landscapes of ancient Egypt.

Discover the wonders of Karnak Temple, Luxor Temple, and the legendary West Bank, including the Valley of the Kings and the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut.

Return to Cairo by sleeper train before your final transfer to the airport, concluding a journey filled with ancient history, Nile sailing, Nubian culture, and the rare beauty of the Total Solar Eclipse.

July 27: Arrival in Cairo

Upon arrival at Cairo International Airport, you will be met and assisted before being transferred to your hotel for check-in and a comfortable overnight stay, preparing for the adventure ahead.

July 28: Pyramids & Grand Egypt Museum

Today, after breakfast, you will begin your adventure with a visit to the **Grand Egyptian Museum** — a landmark project that took Egypt over ten years to complete.

It houses the largest collection of Pharaonic treasures in the world, including the magnificent artefacts of Tutankhamun. Later, you will head to the Giza Plateau to enjoy lunch with spectacular views of the iconic Pyramids.

Afterwards, explore the Pyramids and admire the enigmatic Sphinx before transferring to the railway station for the overnight sleeper train to Aswan.

Dinner will be served in your cabin, airline-style, as you travel south along the Nile Valley **B-L-D**



July 29: Arrive in Aswan & City Tour

Upon arrival in Aswan, begin exploring the city's highlights, including Philae Temple, the High Dam, and the Unfinished Obelisk. In the afternoon, enjoy a relaxing felucca sailing experience on the Nile before you check into your Nubian hotel for dinner and an overnight at teh Nubian Village **Meals: B-D**



July 30: Optional Abu Simbel & Nile Sailing

Enjoy an optional early morning excursion to Abu Simbel before boarding your boat and continuing your journey along the Nile. Savour lunch while sailing past the lush green landscapes lining both banks of the river, observing local farmers and children enjoying the refreshing waters of the Nile. Relax onboard and unwind in the jacuzzi on the sundeck.

Later, visit the remarkable Kom Ombo Temple, uniquely located on the riverbank and dedicated to Sobek, the crocodile god, and Horus, the falcon god. Continue sailing towards Esna for your overnight stay.

B-L-D

July 31: Esna – Luxor

Visit the Temple of Esna, dedicated to the ram-headed god Khnum and renowned for its beautifully preserved carvings, vibrant painted ceilings, and impressive recent restoration work. After exploring the temple, sail through the Esna Lock and continue your journey along the Nile towards Luxor.

Arrive in Luxor and spend your first memorable night in the heart of ancient Thebes. As the sun sets over the Nile, enjoy the peaceful atmosphere of this historic city, where ancient temples and timeless landscapes create an unforgettable setting.

B-L-D

August 1 – Luxor Sightseeing

Start your day early with a visit to Luxor's legendary West Bank before the heat of the day sets in. Explore the fascinating Valley of the Kings, the magnificent Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, and the impressive Colossi of Memnon. Return to the cruise for lunch and time to relax onboard. In the evening, experience the magical atmosphere of Luxor Temple beautifully illuminated under the night sky.

B-L-D



August 2 – Eclipse viewing and train to Cairo

As early as 5:00 AM, begin your visit to the magnificent Karnak Temple before the heat of the day rises, then return to your Nile cruise for one of the most extraordinary experiences of your journey. Witness the breathtaking total solar eclipse from the sundeck of your Nile cruise, with an optional viewing experience available at a nearby farm.

In the afternoon, transfer to Luxor Railway Station to board the sleeper train to Cairo. Relax and enjoy the unique experience of rail travel through Egypt while dinner and breakfast are served onboard the train.

B-L-D

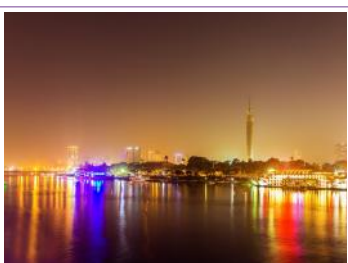
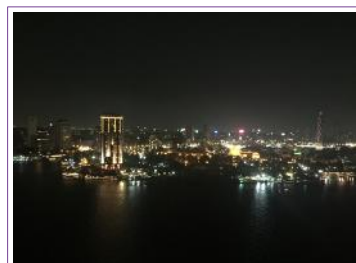
August 3 – Cairo & Farewell Dinner

Arrive early morning in Cairo and transfer to Khan El Khalili for a unique early morning visit to the historic bazaar. Enjoy a traditional Egyptian breakfast at a local café while experiencing the quiet and authentic atmosphere before the crowds begin to fill the streets. Wander through the beautiful Islamic alleys and enjoy relaxed shopping without the usual bustle, discovering a different side of Islamic Cairo and Khan El Khalili rarely experienced by visitors.

Afterwards, transfer to your hotel for check-in and time to relax.

In the evening, enjoy a special farewell dinner aboard a private Nile dahabiya, an elegant sailing experience through the illuminated skyline of Cairo at night. Return to the hotel for your overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner (B-D)



August 4 – Farewell, Egypt

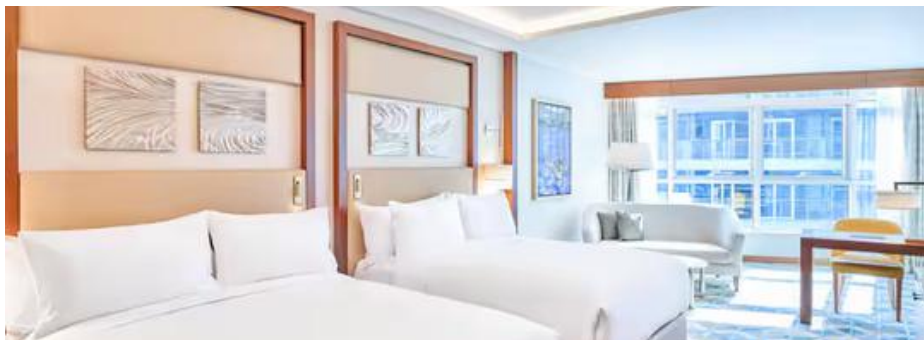
After breakfast, check out from your hotel and transfer to Cairo International Airport for your onward journey.

As your unforgettable adventure through Egypt comes to an end, take with you far more than photographs and souvenirs. Carry the memories of standing beneath the breathtaking shadow of the total solar eclipse, exploring magnificent temples that have witnessed thousands of years of history, and sailing along the timeless waters of the Nile.

This extraordinary journey has blended ancient wonders, celestial beauty, and unforgettable moments into an experience unlike any other – a farewell to Egypt, perhaps, but a story that will stay with you forever.

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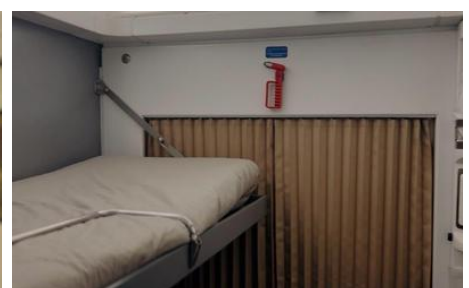
Hilton Cairo Nile Maadi offers a modern and elegant stay overlooking the majestic Nile River, combining contemporary comfort, exceptional dining, and warm Egyptian hospitality. Enjoy stunning river views, stylish accommodation, and easy access to Cairo's cultural treasures from the comfort of this premium riverside hotel.



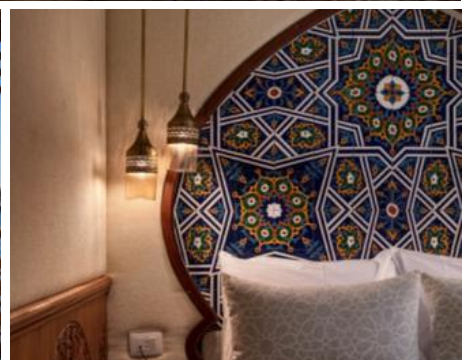
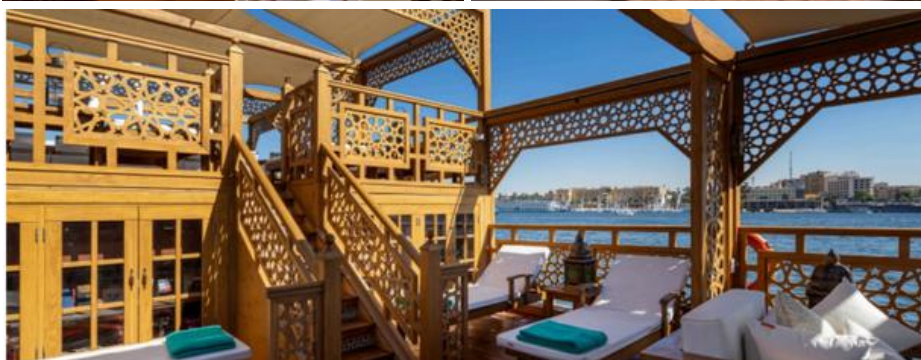
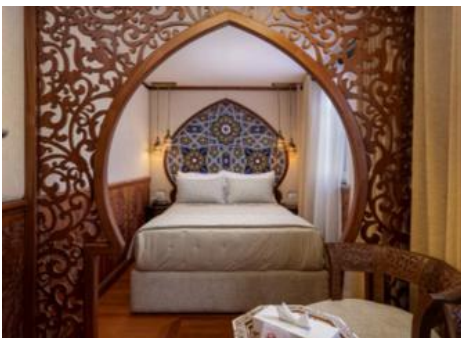
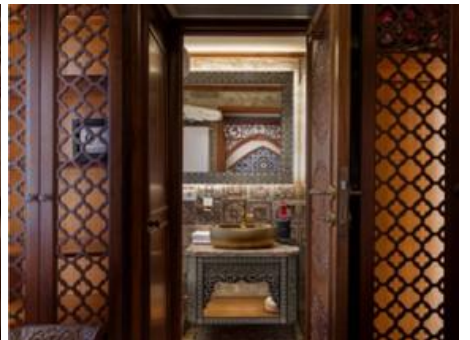
Your Elite Sleeper Train

As featured by [The Man in Seat 61](#), Egypt's Abela sleeper train offers a nostalgic and comfortable way to travel between Cairo and Upper Egypt, allowing guests to experience the romance of classic rail travel while journeying through the changing landscapes of the Nile Valley.

Private sleeper cabins provide a cosy overnight experience, with dinner and breakfast served onboard, making the journey both practical and memorable. Popular with international travellers, the train offers a unique opportunity to experience Egypt beyond the typical tourist route while reducing domestic flights and travelling in a more sustainable way.



With just six elegantly appointed cabins, Dahabiya El Hanim offers one of the most intimate ways to experience the Nile. Combining traditional sailing charm with modern comforts, this boutique vessel provides a peaceful atmosphere where guests can slow down, enjoy the scenery, and experience Egypt from a quieter perspective. This vessel is ideal for travelers seeking privacy, exclusivity, and a more personal connection to the river.



GENERAL FEATURES

- 4 SUPERIOR KING CABINS
- 2 DELUXE DOUBLE CABINS
- AIR CONDITIONING
- WIFI
- MINI BAR
- SAFE BOX
- 2 LIFE JACKETS

Packages: 09 Days Nile Eclipse Odyssey

Included

- All transfers as per the itinerary
- All accommodation as per each selected option
- Meals as specified in the itinerary
- Round-trip sightseeing tours with an Egyptologist guide
- Round-trip sleeper train tickets
- Dinner and breakfast are served onboard the sleeper train in your private cabin on individual trays
- All entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Meet and assist upon arrival and departure
- Solar Eclipse viewing from the boat sundeck

Not Included

- Tips (approx. USD 25 per person per day)
- Optional excursions (e.g. Abu Simbel – USD 200 per person)
- Personal expenses, drinks, and extra meals
- Optional Open-Air Eclipse BBQ Festival setup in a stunning green field location (USD 300 per person)
- Optional meals in the sleeper train club car (USD 90 per person for breakfast and dinner)

Accommodation

- 1 night at Cairo Nile Hilton Maadi, Cairo, or a similar 5★+ BB
- 2 nights on a sleeper train on a half-board basis
- 4 nights on the El Hanaem Dahapiya on a full board basis, sailing from Aswan to Luxor
- 1 night at Cairo Nile Hilton Maadi on BB

Rates

Price Per Person in Double Room: USD 8,997

Price Per Person in Single Room: USD 10,994

Suite Supplement on Board Dahapiya: \$3000 PP

Terms & Conditions

Terms & Conditions: 2027 Egypt Solar Eclipse Expeditions

1. Booking & Reservations

- To secure a reservation for any of our 2027 Total Solar Eclipse itineraries, the initial deposit must be paid at the time of booking.
- Due to the immense global demand for the August 2027 eclipse, our premium allotments in Cairo and cabins on the Nile are blocked years in advance. Your reservation is only guaranteed once your first payment has been successfully processed and a formal booking confirmation is issued by Middle East Travel Alliance.

2. Payment Schedule

To make securing your spot more manageable, payments are split into three installments:

- **First Payment (Deposit):** 30% of the total package price is due immediately upon confirmation to secure your booking.
- **Second Payment:** 30% of the total package price must be paid in full no later than February 5, 2027.
- **Final Payment:** The remaining 40% balance must be paid in full no later than March 5, 2027.
- **Payment Method:** Payments can be made either by bank transfer or via a secure payment link.
- **Failure to meet any of the payment deadlines may result in the automatic cancellation of your booking and the forfeiture of all previous payments.**

3. Cancellation & Refund Policy

Because an eclipse of this magnitude is a rare, high-demand global event, our local suppliers, hotels, and cruise operators require strict, non-refundable financial commitments from us at each stage of the planning process. Standard travel cancellation policies do not apply. By booking, you agree to the following event-specific terms:

- All payments are strictly non-refundable once they are made.
- Once the 30% confirmation deposit is paid, it is non-refundable.
- Once the second 30% payment is made (on or before February 5, 2027), the total 60% paid is non-refundable.
- Once the final 40% payment is made (on or before March 5, 2027), the full 100% of the package price is non-refundable.
- All cancellation requests must be submitted in writing.

4. Eclipse Viewing & Weather Conditions

- **Standard Viewing:** All packages include eclipse viewing from the Sun Deck of your designated Nile cruise vessel.
- **Eclipse Viewing Festival Upgrade:** Guests wishing to secure an unobstructed view may opt into our exclusive Eclipse Viewing Festival for an additional \$300 USD per person. This takes place on an open-air private farm outside Luxor and includes round-trip transfers from/to your Nile Cruise, a barbeque lunch buffet, an open hydration bar, comfortable seating, and safe-viewing guidance.
- **Expert Guidance:** An expert onboard astronomer will sail with our groups, providing lectures throughout the cruise to prepare guests and offering on-site guidance during the Eclipse Viewing Festival.
- **Weather Disclaimer:** While August in Egypt historically provides pristine, cloudless skies, Middle East Travel Alliance cannot control the weather. No refunds will be provided in the event of poor weather, cloud cover, or any natural phenomena that obstruct the viewing of the eclipse.

Terms & Conditions

5. Passports, Visas, and Entry Requirements

- All guests are solely responsible for ensuring they have valid travel documents. Passports must be valid for at least six (6) months beyond the date of entry into Egypt.
- It is the guest's responsibility to obtain any required tourist visas prior to arrival or upon arrival, depending on their nationality.
- Middle East Travel Alliance is not liable for any delays, missed flights, or cancelled tours resulting from a guest's failure to obtain proper travel documentation, and no refunds will be issued in such cases.

6. Health, Medical & Mobility Requirements

- Guests must ensure they are medically and physically fit for travel. Nile cruises, traditional Dahabiyas, and temple excursions often involve climbing stairs, walking on uneven surfaces, and navigating gangways. The Eclipse Viewing Festival takes place on a natural farm setting.
- If any guest has specific medical conditions, mobility issues, or dietary requirements, they must notify Middle East Travel Alliance in writing at the time of booking. We reserve the right to decline any booking if we feel the individual cannot safely participate in the itinerary.

7. Force Majeure (Acts of God)

- Middle East Travel Alliance shall not be liable for any failure or delay in performing our obligations where such failure or delay results from any cause that is beyond our reasonable control. Such causes include, but are not limited to: Acts of God, pandemics, epidemics, war, threat of war, civil commotion, riots, strikes, government restrictions or travel bans, terrorist activity, or natural disasters.
- In the event of a Force Majeure, Middle East Travel Alliance reserves the right to alter, postpone, or cancel the expedition without liability for refunds.

8. Limitation of Liability

- Middle East Travel Alliance acts solely as the tour operator and makes arrangements with third-party suppliers (e.g., hotels, cruise vessels, transportation companies) to provide the services outlined in your package.
- We shall not be held liable for any personal injury, property damage, loss, delay, or irregularity that may be caused by the negligence, wrongful acts, or omissions of these third-party suppliers.

9. Photography & Media Release

- During the expedition and the Eclipse Viewing Festival, photographs or video recordings may be taken by Middle East Travel Alliance staff or hired professionals.
- By participating, guests grant Middle East Travel Alliance the right to use these images and footage for promotional and marketing purposes without compensation. Guests who prefer not to be photographed must notify our team in writing prior to departure.

10. Acceptance of Terms

By submitting the initial 30% confirmation payment, the lead passenger confirms that they have read, understood, and agreed to these Terms and Conditions on behalf of all individuals included in their booking party.