



*WoodenBoat Magazine's
Maritime Adventure
on the Nile River of Africa*



AUGUST 9 – 20, 2015

Join us for eleven incredible days exploring the Nile's finest ancient maritime attractions with Egyptologists Colleen and John Darnell.

After exploring Cairo's most fascinating sites, we'll move on to Aswan, where we'll board the legendary steam ship SUDAN for a four-day private cruise. This century-old paddle wheeler remains a symbol of the golden age of river travel, and carries her passengers in Belle Époque luxury and comfort.

To book your space or to request further details, contact Matt Moran at Goodspeed & Bach, 888-446-1789 or e-mail travel@goodspeedandbach.com.

Tour Highlights Include:

- Insider view of the fleet of Aswan feluccas
- The most elegant hotels in Cairo, Aswan, and Luxor
- Ancient Egyptian temples
- The Valley of the Kings
- The Giza Solar Boat Museum
- The Khufu Ship—the oldest, best preserved, and largest boat of antiquity
- Festive meals served on board *SUDAN*



TOUR ITINERARY

Departure Day, Sunday, August 9, Depart New York.

For those joining the group flight, depart New York on your jetliner to Cairo. Overnight aloft.

Day One, Monday, August 10: Cairo

After checking in and freshening up, join Egyptologists Colleen and John Darnell in the nineteenth century palace Omar Khayyam for a sumptuous welcome tea and an introductory talk about the central role of the boat in ancient Egypt. Later, join your fellow travelers in the hotel gardens before supper.

O/N Cairo

Day Two, Tuesday, August 11: Giza and Saqqara

After breakfast, visit the last of the Seven Wonders of the World. Alongside the Great Pyramid are five long pits that once contained the pharaoh's boats. A highlight is the Solar Boat Museum where we will explore the intricacies of the Khufu ship. One of the world's oldest, largest and best-preserved wooden boats from antiquity, it has been described as a masterpiece of woodcraft. After visiting the Sphinx and having lunch, visit Saqqara, site of Djoser's step pyramid, the oldest complete stone building complex known in history. In the afternoon, return to our palatial hotel to relax before dinner.

O/N Cairo

Day Three, Wednesday, August 12: Cairo

After a sumptuous breakfast, tour magnificent Old Cairo where early great world religions flourished. Visit the Ben Ezra Synagogue, St. Sergius Church and the Mohamed Ali Alabaster Mosque in the Citadel of Saladin. Tour the 13th century Khan El Khalili bazaar and taste local treats at lunch. In the afternoon, join John and Colleen to discover artifacts of the Pharaonic era and treasures of King Tutankhamen's tomb in the Egyptian Museum. Dinner awaits.

O/N Cairo





Day Four, Thursday, August 13: Aswan

This morning, transfer to the airport for your flight to Aswan. Freshen up at the grand Old Cataract Hotel, and join John and Colleen on an exploration of the rarely visited Sehel Island, home to many archaeological sites and sacred places. This evening, enjoy a cocktail overlooking Elephantine Island, home of the temple of Anuket, the goddess of the Nile's cataracts. Dinner awaits.

O/N Aswan

Day Five, Friday, August 14: Abu Simbel Option, Aswan

Today, relax by the pool or take a carriage to the Aswan markets. For those who have opted to visit Abu Simbel, travel to the Great Temples of Ramses II and his beloved Queen Nefertari. Marvel at the engineering that saved these monuments from the flooding of Lake Nasser in 1967. In the afternoon, return to Aswan to relax before dinner. Afterwards, join John and Colleen for a lecture on "Sailing in the Desert: The Origins of Boats in Ancient Egypt."

O/N Aswan

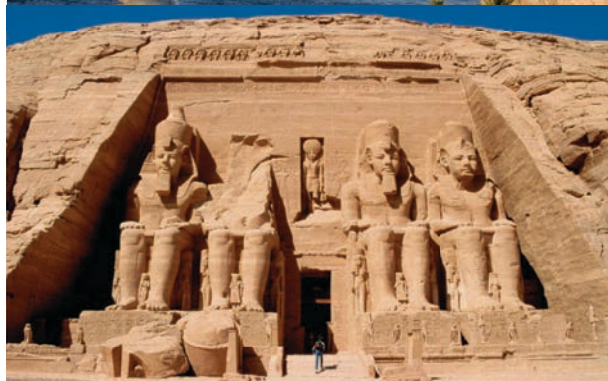
Day Six, Saturday, August 15: Steam Ship SUDAN

This morning, transfer to the exclusive Steamship SUDAN to settle into your unique Edwardian cabin or suite. After, sail on a traditional wooden felucca with rigs of one or two lateen sails. Visit shipwrights and felucca owners who will teach us about building and maintenance of these Nile boats. After lunch on the SUDAN, explore the Temple of Philae, dedicated to the goddess Isis, and one of the most important shrines of ancient Egypt and Nubia in the first millennium BCE. It was among the last functioning temples in Egypt and is the site of the last datable hieroglyphic inscription in 394 CE. After dining on board, you will have time visit the colorful markets of Aswan or simply watch the sunset from the deck bar of the SUDAN.

O/N Nile

Day Seven, Sunday, August 16: Steam Ship SUDAN from Aswan to Kom Ombo, Edfu and Esna

Anchors aweigh! Enjoy a bountiful breakfast as we steam north to view the temple at Kom Ombo. Dedicated to Sobek, the crocodile god, the temple dates back to 180 BCE during the Ptolemaic era with Roman structures added later.





After lunch on board, pause at Gebel Silsila, one of the greatest quarries of the ancient world and site of important shrines and stelae relating to the Nile flood and nautical festivals. Continue our voyage 145 kilometers north to Edfu, during which John and Colleen will give us updates on their digs and answer questions about their discoveries. Also learn about the engineering of the SUDAN, the last authentic Belle Epoque paddle steamer. Broad teak decks, brassware and wood paneling are the stuff of romantic stories. This afternoon explore the temple at Edfu. Built in honor of the falcon-headed sky god, Horus, the temple lay buried under a protective coating of sand until it was excavated in the 1860s. Enjoy cocktail hour while steaming gracefully towards Esna. After dinner, John and Colleen will prepare us for Luxor with a lecture on New Kingdom vessels: "Boats and the Theban Festival Cycle." Overnight on board.
O/N Nile

Day Eight, Monday, August 17: Steam Ship SUDAN in Esna and Luxor

After passing through the lock at Esna, the SUDAN navigates north to Luxor. We will set out to discover the Temple of Karnak and the Temple of Amun, the largest religious structure ever built with beautiful relief decoration and the thousands of hieroglyphic inscriptions of the obelisks, pylons and sanctuaries. After sunset, discover the Temple of Luxor when the klieg lights accentuate the perfection of the columns. After dinner John and Colleen will host a lecture on Egyptian military and naval history. Overnight onboard.
O/N Nile

Day Nine, Tuesday, August 19: Valley of the Kings

Depart early for the Valley of the Kings, burial site of New Kingdom pharaohs from the reign of Hatshepsut through the Twentieth Dynasty. Visit the magnificent temple of Medinet Habu, built for the pharaoh Ramses III. Afterwards, disembark in Luxor and transfer to the Winter Palace Hotel where a farewell dinner awaits
O/N Luxor

Day Ten, Wednesday, August 20: Return

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





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

- \$4095** double occupancy based on 25 paying guests
- \$679** single supplement (**\$899** for suites in Aswan and on the SUDAN)
- \$399 Suite upgrade (Aswan and the Steamship SUDAN)

OVERNIGHTS (hotels subject to change):

- August 10-13 Cairo Hotel Omar Khayyam
- August 13-15 Aswan Old Cataract Hotel
- August 15-19 On the Nile Steamship SUDAN
- August 19-20 Luxor Winter Palace Hotel

INCLUDED:

- Overnight accommodations as listed above
 - Gift bags provided by WoodenBoat Magazine
 - Lectures by Profs. John and Colleen Darnell, Egyptologists
 - Transfers between airports and hotels
 - Portage of bags in hotels and on the Steamship SUDAN
 - Garden tea in the Omar Khayyam palace garden upon arrival
 - Dinners in the Omar Khayyam palace as described in the itinerary
 - Boxed lunch in the Valley of the Kings
 - Guided tour of the Sphinx and Pyramids of Giza
 - Tour of the Solar Boat
 - Lunch in the Mena House of Giza
 - Tour of Saqqara
 - Guided city tour of Old Cairo
 - Guided tour of the highlights of the Egyptian Museum
 - Flight from Cairo to Aswan (a \$110 supplement applies for guests not flying on the transatlantic flights)
 - Visit of Sehel Island
 - Dinners in the Old Cataract hotel as described in the itinerary
 - Sailing on the Nile in a felucca
 - Meet shipwrights and felucca owners
 - Four days and three nights on the luxurious privately chartered Steamship SUDAN
 - Festive lunches & 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, Temple of Karnak & Temple of Luxor
 - Guided exploration of the Valley of the Kings
 - Boxed lunch in the Valley of the Kings
 - Farewell dinner in the Winter Palace hotel
 - Exclusive trip director from Goodspeed & Bach

OPTIONAL ITEMS

Group air JFK – Cairo; Luxor – JFK (*See below*)
 Visa services (available from our expeditor)

Excursion to Abu Simbel from Aswan
(\$400 per person)

Upgrades for any services or accommodations

Any beverages (cocktails, beer, wine, Champagne) not included with the meals

Any gratuity to the ship crew or trip director
 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

\$500 per person deposit due upon registration
 \$500 per person payment due February 15, 2015
 Final payment due 90 days prior to departure

Land Booking Conditions and Refunds

Visas are mandatory for this program. Visas are available through the Egyptian embassy or consulate. Visas are also available through our expeditor. Fees apply.

Up to 121 days prior to departure: Full refund less \$100 total for administrative costs

120 days prior to departure: Full refund less \$250 per traveler.

65 days prior to departure: Full refund less \$500 per traveler

30 days: No refund - Travel protection is strongly recommended and available from Goodspeed & Bach, Inc.

All terms and conditions found at www.goodspeedandbach.com apply

GROUP AIR

Conditions for air travel are set by the airline and cannot be amended by Goodspeed & Bach, Inc. Ticket names are those appearing on passports and date of birth must be submitted to the airlines prior to ticketing. Passports must be valid until December 2015.

Group Air Rate: **\$1135.59** plus **\$35** ticketing fee. Nonrefundable Air Deposit: **\$200**



EGYPT TOUR REGISTRATION

Please reserve ___place(s) for the following individuals

NAME (s) as it appears on your valid passport(please check the expiration date):

D.O.B. _____

Address _____

City _____

Phone(days) _____

Email _____

Travel companion name(s) on passport: _____

D.O.B. _____

Travel preferences (*please check all that apply*)

Double room/cabin occupancy

I would like a single room/cabin (additional cost) *space is limited*

I would like a suite (additional cost) *space is limited*

I would like Goodspeed & Bach to arrange my flights

I will make my own flight arrangements

Visa Services

I (we) have read the itinerary and terms and conditions as found above and also available on www.goodspeedandbach.com and agree to abide by all the stipulations contained therein. Travel protection is highly recommended and available from Goodspeed & Bach, Inc.

SIGNED _____

DATE _____

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