

Nile Valley to Siwa Oasis - 15 days

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A World Of Discovery



Explore the best of ancient Egypt, from the legendary pyramids, to the Valley of the Kings, sail the Nile on a felucca, visit coastal Alexandria. Then get off the beaten track & discover Siwa, with its centuries old customs & traditions.



WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET

Trip Highlights

- Cairo - Pyramids & Sphinx at Giza Plateau
- Necropolis of Saqqara
- Egyptian Museum
- Aswan - High Dam, Philae Temple, River Nile
- Nile felucca cruising - islands on route
- Kom Ombo - Temple of Kom Ombo
- Edfu - Temple of Horus
- Luxor - Temple of Karnak
- Valley of the Kings
- Colossi of Memnon & Temple of Queen Hatshepsut
- El Alamein – World War II, Commonwealth War Cemetery
- Siwa oasis and village walking tour
- Siwa sights - Temple of the Oracle, Amun Temple and Cleopatra Spring
- Jeep safari – Great Sand Sea, golden sand dunes, cold lake, hot springs, fossil ocean and Bir Wahed

- Marsa Matrouh – Mediterranean seaside - beach & swim
- Libyan market – Marsa Matrouh
- Alexandria – sightseeing, Quat Bay Fort, Montazzah Palace, Library of Alexandria - forecourt, Catacombs, Pompey's Pillar, National Museum

What's Included

- Breakfast daily, 4 lunches, 4 dinners
- 4 nights 4 - 5 star hotels, 3 nights 4 star Siwan style hotel, 3 nights 3 star hotels, 2 nights aboard felucca (open deck)
- 2 nights seater: Cairo - Luxor - Cairo (seater train). Upgrade possible!
- Touring of Cairo, Giza, Saqqara, Aswan, Luxor, El Alamein, Siwa, Marsa Matrouh & Alexandria
- 4x4 jeep safari into the Great Sand Sea
- Bike ride tour of Siwa & swimming in natural springs
- Airport arrival and departure transfer, day 1 and day 15
- Qualified Egyptologist guide days 1 - 8 and at Alexandrian sights of antiquity
- Escorted by an English speaking tour leader day 9 - 15
- Siwa - specialist local jeep drivers and local commentary
- All relevant transfers and transportation in private modern air-conditioned vehicles

What's Not Included

- Tipping Kitty: \$65-85 USD
- Entrance Fees: \$110-130 USD
- International flights and visa
- Tip for your tour guide and tour leaders. We recommend you allow \$3 - 5 USD per day, per traveller. Tip for your Felucca Crew/ Nile Cruise staff, we recommend you allow \$10 USD. Tipping your guide and crew is an entirely personal gesture

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 : Cairo

Saturday. Welcome to Egypt and the start of your holiday! Arrival at Cairo Airport, you will be met by a representative from on the go. The prominent sign depicting our company logo easily identifies our representative. Cairo International Airport can appear to be a little chaotic to the uninitiated. This is normal! Upon exiting the airport out will be escorted to our awaiting transportation and transferred to your hotel. Here, your Egyptian adventure begins!

For those arriving a day or two earlier than Day One of the tour, one of our staff will be on hand to advise on where best to enjoy your extra time in Cairo in advance of the tour commencing. Day One is designed to be an arrival day for all passengers, so there are no formal arrangements on this first day. **Overnight - Cairo**

Day 2 : Pyramids & Saqqara

Cairo – Aswan. After a good nights rest, we have a full day of touring planned for today. You'll need to have your bags packed as we'll be travelling down to Aswan in southern Egypt tonight. This morning entrance fees and tipping kitty will be collected from everyone. The tip kitty will cover all the tipping throughout the tour, except tips for the felucca captain and your tour guide. We then visit the famous pyramids and lion-headed Sphinx at Giza Plateau. Sole survivors from the ancient Greek-listed Seven Wonders of the World, the pyramids are the planet's oldest tourist attraction! Continuing to the necropolis of Saqqara, we can explore the myriad tombs and temples at this site and see Zhoser's step pyramid - constructed by Imhotep, the pharaoh's chief architect in 2700 BC! Later there will be a chance to have dinner. We then journey to Aswan by overnight train. At the train station, there'll be the opportunity to buy more water and snacks for the trip ahead. Option to upgrade to sleeper train cabins. See brochure or website for details. **Overnight - Train (B)**

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Day 3 : Philae Temple



Aswan. Arrive and check into our hotel. A visit out of town takes us to the mighty High Dam – a modern feat of engineering, the by-product for which is Lake Nasser – the world's largest artificial lake! Continuing, we enjoy a short boat trip to Agilika Island for Philae Temple - dedicated to the goddess Isis. The temple dates from 4th century BC but the Ptolemies and the Romans up to 3rd century AD built most of the existing structures. Later, free time to perhaps do some shopping in the colourful souks and markets or simply relax in this attractive town which straddles the River Nile. **Overnight - Aswan (B)**

Day 4 : Felucca Cruise



Aswan – Nile felucca cruise. Optional early morning air excursion to famous Abu Simbel - the gargantuan rock-cut temple of King Ramses II, the Great Builder (details of this optional excursion are featured in our brochure and online). Possibly the most awe-inspiring temple of all ancient Egypt, with its gargantuan rock-cut façade, Abu Simbel was created to revere the mighty pharaonic ruler King Ramses II. Guarding the entrance to the temple, the four famous colossal statues of Ramses II sit majestically, staring out across the desert, seemingly since time began. Famously, the temple was re-located in a multi-million dollar operation in 1972, further up from the shoreline of Lake Nasser, which had threatened to erode the foundations of this monolithic temple complex.

If you choose not to embark upon this optional excursion, there is plenty to do in Aswan, before our early afternoon departure on our Nile felucca cruise. You can relax at the hotel, explore Aswan and its beautiful shoreline and corniche or perhaps do a spot of shopping. This afternoon, we board our wind-powered Nile felucca for a 2-night voyage on the River Nile upstream to Kom Ombo. Felucca's

are simple sailboats based on a unique design and have plied the mighty Nile since ancient times.

Our feluccas are proudly owned and crewed by friendly local sailors and they have been adapted to comfortably carry our travellers. On Day 12, a stop will be made at the Temple of Kom Ombo.

NOTE: As feluccas are wind-powered, our itinerary cannot be rigidly defined. However, during our cruise, we make plenty of stops to visit points of interest, areas for swimming and for the purpose of performing our ablutions. (there are no toilets or showers on board). The felucca sails during the day, and prior to sundown, the anchor is dropped and we moor at the riverside for the night. The craft carries between 5-10 passengers comfortably and the deck is strewn with soft colorful cushions and rugs and equipped with a canopy that offers shade and protection from the elements. Nothing beats the experience of sleeping under a blanket of stars, though you'll need to bring a sleeping bag/sleeping sheet and also a towel with you. Soft drinks, water and beer can be purchased aboard.

THE NILE FELUCCA CRUISE: Before boarding the felucca, it is important you prepare a day bag - taking care to pack things you feel you'll need during the cruise, as your large bag will be placed below in below deck storage. If unable to swim, you must advise your tour leader before boarding the felucca.

5 STAR NILE CRUISER: Those travellers who have opted and paid the supplement to travel aboard the Nile 5 Star cruiser will be provided with their cruising schedule upon arrival in Cairo. Boarding of the Nile 5 star cruiser will be on Day 3 for a period of 3 nights, or on Day 4 for a period of 3 nights. You will be advised prior to arrival in Aswan. **Overnight - Felucca Cruise (B, L, D)**

Day 5 : Sail away....

Relax, go for a swim or just chill out in the sun on deck. Let your troubles melt away, as the felucca plies its route. **Overnight - onboard Felucca (B, L, D)**

Day 6 : Kom Ombo Temple & Luxor



Kom Ombo - Edfu - Luxor. Disembarking in Kom Ombo, we enjoy a visit to the Temple of Horus at Edfu. Having the distinction of being the largest and most completely preserved pharaonic, albeit Greek-built, temple in Egypt, it was one of the last

monumental temples built on a large scale. Though much newer than the temples of Karnak and Luxor, its excellent state of structural preservation fills in a lot of historical gaps because it is, in effect, a 2000 year old replica of an architectural style that was already age-old during Ptolemaic times. Back on the bus, we rejoin the police convoy as we drive north to Luxor. Home of the legendary Valley of the Kings and Temple of Karnak, 4000 year-old Luxor is ancient Egypt at it's best. Enjoy some rest and relaxation. Tonight, an optional visit is available to the Temple of Luxor. The excursion is payable locally. Rest of evening free. **Overnight - Luxor (B)**

Day 7 : Valley of the Kings



Luxor - Cairo. Our optional Hot Air Balloon excursion is offered early this morning. At approximately 6am (early to avoid the heat) as we venture to the awesome Valley of the Kings. The first monument you'll see on the West Bank is the imposing 18m-high Colossi of Memnon, which represent the remains of the temple of the hedonistic Amenophis III. Further highlights include the legendary Valley of the Kings and the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. The Valley of the Kings is studded with often highly decorated tombs, constructed to once house the regal sarcophagi enclosed mummies of the mighty pharaohs awaiting their passage into the after-life. Some of the best known tombs are those of Ramses II, Seti I, Amenhotep II and of course, the tomb of King Tutankhamen. Discovered intact in 1922 by Howard Carter, it represented possibly one of the most dazzling archaeological finds ever. King Tutankhamen's solid gold funerary mask and his priceless cache of treasures entombed with him for his journey to the afterlife, are now on display at the world famous Egyptian Museum in Cairo. In all, more than 60 tombs have been excavated. Deir al- Bahri, otherwise known as the famous Temple of Queen Hatshepsut rises out of the desert plain, in a series of terraces partly rockcut, partly freestanding, it is one of Egypt's finest and most photographed monuments.

Later this afternoon after time to relax, we visit the Temple of Karnak - a spectacular temple on a gigantic scale dedicated to the Theban gods. Karnak is a spectacular complex of sanctuaries, pylons, chapels, halls and obelisks, all dedicated to the Theban gods and to the greater glory of Egypt's Middle and New Kingdom rulers. Gigantic in proportion, at over 1.5km by 800m and the fact that almost every pharaoh left his (or her) mark here with evolving artistic and architectural styles, wandering through the temple is one of the



highlights of a visit to Egypt. There will be time for a little R&R, before later this evening we returning by train to Cairo. A sleeper train upgrade is available.
Overnight - Train (B)

Day 8 : Egyptian Museum

Cairo. Arrive Cairo. Afternoon guided visit to the Egyptian Museum. A mind-boggling array of relics and antiquities from almost every period of ancient Egyptian history are housed in the museum, making it one of the foremost in the world. Arguably the most famous exhibit is the solid gold funerary mask of King Tutankhamen. Opt to see also the Royal Mummies, if you wish. Remainder of the day free to relax, shop and explore. Perhaps head to Khan el-Khalili bazaar and pick up a few souvenirs. An optional Cairo city tour is also available locally.
Overnight - Cairo (B)

Day 9 : Cairo



Cairo – El Alamein – Siwa. Starting early (7am) we drive North-west toward the Mediterranean coastline, to the World War II cemeteries of El Alamein. We visit the Commonwealth cemetery and recently erected memorials funded by the Australian and New Zealand governments. Stopping for a light lunch in Marsa Matrouh we continue onward to Siwa. Evening walk and opportunity for dinner in a typical Siwan style restaurant.
Overnight - Siwa Oasis (B, L)

Day 10 : bike ride & Temple of the Oracle

Siwa. This morning we take a leisurely bicycle ride through the verdant date palm groves, visiting the local sights en route. Our first stop is the Temple of the Oracle - dating back to near 570BC, the Oracle has attracted pilgrims for years, and the most famous petitioner was Alexander the Great. Alexander visited Siwa in the spring of 331BC, seeking confirmation from the Oracle that he was the son of Zeus and therefore the legitimate ruler of Egypt and the lands he conquered. Unfortunately there is no record of the Oracle's response! The temple is a really spectacular sight and there are amazing views of the nearby Temple of Umm 'Ubayda and across the palm groves to the shimmering salt lakes.

We cycle to Cleopatra Spring for a dip in the pool as the spring fed warm water bubbles to the surface. This afternoon is spent at leisure, there is an optional sunset dinner and you can enjoy

swimming and a campfire at the 'Great Saltwater Lake'.
Overnight - Siwa Oasis (B)

Day 11 : Mountain of the Dead & 4x4 Safari



Siwa. Today we visit Mountain of the Dead, also known as Tombs of Jebel Mawta. We explore the hill which is strewn with tombs of varying sizes, from the 26th Dynasty and Roman period. Continuing on to Old Shali - the old city abandoned in 1926 after 3 days of rain that literally melted the mud brick city! A hermetic labyrinth of secret corridors, homes, shops, granaries and mosques are all waiting to be explored. In the afternoon we enjoy an exhilarating Desert Safari in 4x4 jeeps, bouncing across the massive sand dunes of the Great Sand Sea, stopping off at an amazing natural spring fed lake surrounded by miles of sandy desert. We also visit the site of an ancient ocean abundant with marine fossils and finish the day at a beautiful farm in the middle of the sand dunes, where we can swim in the bubbling hot springs of Bir Wahed and we'll enjoy a sunset dinner.

Siwa Jeep Safari

Our 4 x 4 Jeep safari through the great sand dunes of Siwa, is definitely an adventure! Climbing the massive corrugated steeps can be rough and tough and coming down more than a little hair rising. In undertaking the excursion we choose to use vehicles that are owned and driven by the residents of the Siwan community. Not only providing an income to the district, our drivers have plenty of local knowledge and years of experience in navigating their way through the ever changing sand dunes. The vehicles we use are typically strong and utilitarian. Common makes include older model 1980/1990 Jeep, Land Cruiser and Land Rover. Most vehicles are not fitted with passenger restraints and as such extra care is warranted. The choice to partake in the excursion is solely of a personal preference.
Overnight - Siwa Oasis (B, D)

Day 12 : Libyan market

Siwa – Marsa Matrouh – Alexandria. An early start, we drive along the north coast to Marsa Matrouh. The city has a beautiful 7km long sandy beach and a large Libyan/ Berber population distinctive in custom and dress. We stop for lunch, with time to visit the beach for a swim in the sea and to explore the Libyan souq (market) if open, before driving onward to Alexandria. We'll be on the

road for approximately 9 hours today.
Overnight - Alexandria (B, L)

Day 13 : Alexandria



Alexandria. The Mediterranean coastal city of Alexandria was founded by Alexander the Great and boasts an impressive seafront corniche, along which are dotted, cafes and restaurants, catacombs, souqs and relics from a bygone age. The morning is free to relax or explore. This afternoon sightseeing includes, the Montazzah Palace, home to King Farouk – the last monarch of the Mohamed Ali dynasty who abdicated and fled to Italy; the Fort at Quat Bay, which resembles a huge sand castle and Pharos – Alexandria's great lighthouse which was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, towering 440 feet above the harbour.

This evening we take a tram ride into the downtown area where you can indulge in a little retail therapy before enjoying a famous Alexandrian Fateer for dinner.
Overnight - Alexandria (B, D)

Day 14 : Roman Catacombs

Alexandria - Cairo. Today we visit the huge underground necropolis of the Catacomb of Shouqafa, which lies beneath 200 year old houses. These second-century tombs have been extensively excavated since their rediscovery in 1900. The catacombs were originally a private crypt but later used for Roman burials. We continue on to view Pompeii's Pillar - the tallest ancient memorial column in Egypt, the National Museum and the Library of Alexandria. After lunch, we drive back to Cairo.
Overnight - Cairo (B)

Day 15 : Cairo

Saturday. Cairo. Hotel check out and included onward transfer to airport.(B)

The Community of Siwa

Siwa was isolated for centuries and only became accessible by car in the 1980's when a road was built connecting it to Marsa Matrouh. This isolation has meant that Siwa retains centuries old customs and residents remain largely untouched by the development of the modern world and indeed commercialised areas in Egypt. For this reason heightened sensitivity and respect is required when visiting Siwa. Siwan women are covered from head to toe at all times and sheer black fabric covers their faces. Therefore female travellers should please



show respect, by keeping legs and upper arms covered at all times whilst in Siwa.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Visas

Visas are required by all visitors to Egypt. Visa forms are available from us. The Embassy of Egypt advises all travellers to procure their visa prior to entry into Egypt. However it still remains possible for nationals of some countries to procure their tourist visa upon arrival at Cairo International Airport.

Please note that in the event of visa refusal at port of entry, on the go cannot be held responsible.

All RSA passport holders must procure their Egyptian visa prior to departure.

When filling in an Egyptian visa form, you will be asked to provide your address in Egypt. For the purposes of this form, please use the following address: 68 Merghany St, Abou Ghaly Building Heliopolis, Cairo. Telephone: +2 02 241821 65

If your holiday incorporates a stay in Jordan, followed by further arrangements in Egypt (ie you travel to Jordan and then return to Egypt) you will need to procure a Multiple Entry Egyptian Tourist Visa that is only available before travelling to Egypt.

Please note that visa requirements are subject to change. Visa procurement is solely the responsibility of the traveller and not of On The Go Tours.

If travelling with us from Egypt to Jordan via Aqaba Seaport (the Jordanian port of entry if arriving from Egypt) a Jordanian Tourist Visa is obtainable upon arrival, free of charge for UK, EU, AUS, NZ, CAN and USA passport holders. For all other nationalities please check with your local Jordanian Embassy. On departure from Jordan, via land or sea, a 5JD departure tax of is applied to all visitors.

Etiquette

Despite the inevitable ups and downs of travelling abroad, you will generally be shown great hospitality in Egypt. In return, please demonstrate sensitivity and respect for the local customs. Egypt is a Muslim country; so care should be taken to dress respectfully in large cities and towns, for example, when at markets and in public places.

- Ladies should avoid wearing 'clingy, tight or suggestive' attire, and stick to cool, flowing, cottons in busy city areas and markets
- Take care to dress conservatively and ensure that limbs are covered and remove footwear prior to entering a mosque.
- Ex-military style clothing should not be worn
- Ask permission before taking photographs of people.
- Beach attire is fine on board felucca cruises, at beach resorts or touristic areas i.e. at the Pyramids.
- Particular respect should be shown to Muslim women.

- The standard form of greeting is a handshake. Men and women do not kiss at any time as a form of greeting.

Mosques, Religion & Ramadan

90% of the population are Muslim. Others are Coptic Christians or followers of other faiths. All mosques (with the exception of Sayyida Zeinab and Al-Hussein in Cairo) are open to non-Muslims but cannot be visited during prayer times. For Egypt's best mosques, go to Islamic Cairo. Dress conservatively. Ensure limbs are covered and shoes removed when entering any Mosque. Men must refrain from wearing shorts, as must women.

RAMADAN

Ramadan is a month of fasting observed by Muslims throughout the world and adherents of the Muslim faith fast during daylight hours and break their fast with lavish meals and lively celebrations in the evening. Ramadan culminates a month later in a 3 day celebration called Eid al - Fitr. Many shops (excluding those which cater mainly to tourists) and attractions close earlier during Ramadan. As such we will start our tour earlier during this period to make the best use of time, leisure time will be offered in the late afternoon. Note: Traffic is exceptionally heavy during Ramadan, especially toward the time of breaking the fast.. Forthcoming Ramadan dates are as follows. (approximate) - 21 July - 20 August 2012
09 July - 07 August 2013

Many shops (excluding those which cater mainly to tourists) and attractions close earlier during Ramadan, so our itinerary is slightly altered to ensure we visit all itinerary attractions. Non Muslims are not expected to fast over Ramadan, but it is considered impolite to eat food or drink on the street. Ramadan

Trouble Shooting

These things will most likely never happen, but it's good to be prepared if they ever do. Here are a few tips to keep your trip hassle-free. Egypt is no worse than anywhere else when it comes to crime. The biggest problem seems to be petty theft, including pick-pocketing and bag snatching. Minimise your chances of being robbed with these tips:

- Leave valuables in the hotel safe deposit or better still, at home
- Carry your passport on your person or a photocopy as ID
- Carry your bag close to your person rather than over your shoulder
- Travel in a group or pair, especially if you are female
- Don't catch cabs late at night on your own
- Never drink anything offered to you in the street, unless you opened it yourself

Please note On The Go Tours will not be held liable for loss or damage to personal property under any circumstances.

It's not like home

Travel to far - flung corners of the earth involves lifestyles and conditions that are sometimes very different from what you are used to back home.

You must come prepared to cope with unusual situations, local inadequacies and unpredictable events as and when they occur. Foreign travel is definitely not suitable for people who expect or demand everything to go exactly as planned. With the greatest respect and in the interest of your ultimate enjoyment you must understand this. Things can and do change in foreign countries.

Climate

Temperatures in Egypt are generally high (25 - 30 degrees) and even hotter in the summer months from May to September, when the sun can be fierce and temperatures soar, so pack light comfortable clothing, sunscreen and a hat.

In Cairo and the Nile Delta region, winter (October to February) can be cooler - so take a jacket, long-sleeved tops and trousers for the cooler evenings. The south remains warm during this time but again, temperatures do drop in the evenings. Rainfall is negligible with the most falling along Egypt's Mediterranean coastline.

Health Requirements

It is recommended that you be vaccinated for Tetanus and Polio, if you haven't had a booster in the last ten years. Food and waterborne diseases are more common, so we recommend vaccinations for typhoid (valid 3 years) and Hepatitis A (validity varies). Vaccination requirements can change so please check with your local health care provider before travel.

Currency

Egyptian Pounds (EGP or LE). Pounds Sterling, US Dollars and Euros are easily exchanged. You can obtain Egyptian Pounds (LE) at any major bank or your hotel. Exchange rates are subject to fluctuations.

- USD 1 = EGP 6.0
- GBP 1 = EGP 9.3
- AUD 1 = EGP 6.0
- EURO 1 = EGP 7.70

Holiday Money

All funds collected in Egypt for entrance fees or optional excursion that you may wish to undertake are payable in local currency (EGP).

Time

Egypt is two hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)

Essential Packing

- Sleeping bag for the felucca or for camping in the White Desert (if applicable to your tour).
- Lightweight cotton garments.
- Comfortable walking shoes for the Pyramids and Valley of the Kings Pack flip flops/thongs/jandals to wear aboard the Nile felucca or Nile Cruiser
- DEET based mosquito repellent & antihistamine cream
- 2 pin, European electrical adaptor.

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- Two spare passport photos & a photocopy of your passport
- A small daypack for your day-to-day needs.
- Sunglasses, hat, sunscreen, swim costume and torch
- Neck pillow, sleeping bag and eye mask, if travelling on the overnight seater train.
- Sleep sheet or sleeping bag if travelling with us to Jordan and staying at our Wadi Rum camp.

If doing a felucca cruise, undertaking the Mt Sinai excursion in Dahab or travelling between November and March, pack warm clothes (i.e. – fleece, jacket, trousers, jeans, hat and scarf) as temperatures plummet at night. Due to sometimes icy conditions at the summit of Mt Sinai, hiking boots and thermal clothing are a sensible consideration if undertaking the optional climb in winter (November - March).

Arrival Transfers

A complimentary airport arrival transfer is included in your tour. Upon arrival at Cairo Airport you will be met by a representative from On The Go Tours either just before immigration or in the baggage hall near the luggage belt of your respective arriving flight. The prominent sign depicting our company logo easily identifies our representative. Please have your tour voucher handy and make it available to our representative. After collecting your luggage you will be escorted to our awaiting transportation.

If, for any reason you have trouble locating our representative (after waiting 20 minutes in the arrival hall) or your flight to Egypt is delayed, please call or send a text message to the emergency contact number as stated on your tour voucher.

Travelling by overnight train

SEATER TRAIN: On many of our group tours journeying south from Cairo to Aswan and/or Luxor, we utilise the overnight SEATER train service. This style of train offer basic and a modest level of comfort. Seating is reserved in air-conditioned Nefertiti Class or 1st Class Reserved seater wagons. Nefertiti style seats are located within 6 person, semi enclosed cabins. Whilst seats don't recline, the lights can be switched off inside your cabin. While 1st Class Reserved wagons are open, lights can not be turned off though the seats are wide and do recline. It is suggested you bring some ear plugs and also an eye mask for personal comfort. A neck pillow is also good idea, for a little added comfort. Rest rooms (which are very basic in standard) are located at the end of each wagon.

It is possible to upgrade to a sleeper cabin, reservations need to be made PRIOR to departure. Please ask your reservation consultant for more information.

Occasionally, the Nefertiti Class and the 1st Class Reserve train service are cancelled, in which case we would need to revert to a sleeper service at an additional cost to the passenger. You would be advised in Egypt, as although this occurrence is rare, there would be little notice offered.

SLEEPER TRAIN SERVICE, SLEEPER CABIN UPGRADE: On our Jewel of the Nile and Family tours we include the Sleeper Cabin Train as part of your journey. If you book our SLEEPER TRAIN UPGRADE this is also the service that you will be travelling on. Sleeper Train Cabins are equipped with 2 bunk beds with linen provided. Cabins are lockable, A/C and lighting are also controlled from the inside. Each cabin has a washbasin and small towel and western style bathrooms are located at the end of the carriage. Dinner and breakfast (of an average standard) are served throughout the journey.

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