



Middle East
TRAVEL ALLIANCE



NILE BIRDING

Birds Sing and History Awaits



Birds & Heritage on the Nile

Discover Egypt's Timeless Culture and Birdlife
from Aswan to Cairo



Local birding specialist
English-Danish-Arabic

16-Day Birdwatching Cruise: From Aswan to Cairo-End of Spring Migration Season

Sail over 1,000 km from Abu Simbel and Aswan to Cairo on a once-in-a-lifetime birdwatching journey along the Nile. **Guided by Rasmus, a birding specialist** with expert knowledge of migration and habitats, you'll have the chance to spot over 120 species—from **Egyptian Goose, Garganey, and Lapwings** to **raptors like Steppe Eagles and Peregrine Falcons**, and **dazzling Bee-eaters and Sunbirds**.

What makes this trip unique is sailing the rarely explored stretch between Luxor and Cairo, where only a handful of boats operate. Far from the crowds, you'll enjoy a week of tranquil birdwatching and photography.

Alongside wildlife encounters, the cruise includes visits to Egypt's greatest archaeological treasures—Abu Simbel, Philae, Kom Ombo, Luxor, Dendera, Abydos, and hidden gems like Beni Hassan and Tell el-Amarna.

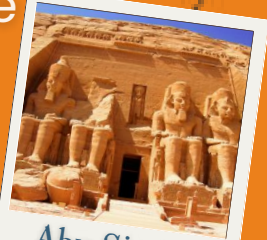
This unforgettable journey blends nature, history, and serenity—a chance to witness Egypt's birds and monuments in harmony with the flow of the Nile.



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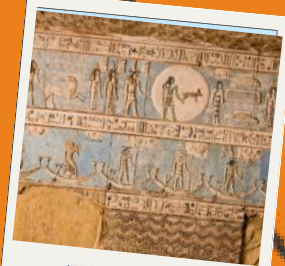
The Pyramids



Abu Simbel



GEM



Tel Al Amarna



Tomb of Khety (BH17),
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Al Minya

Asyut

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Qina

Luxor

Edfu

Kom Ombo

Aswan

Abu Simbel



Dendera



Aswan to Cairo: The Ultimate Nile Voyage

Why This Trip is Perfect for Birdwatcher

Exceptional Bird Diversity Along the Nile

Along the Nile's banks, a world of dazzling birdlife awaits: soaring migratory raptors, graceful herons, dazzling sunbirds, and darting kingfishers painting the skies and waters with colour and motion.

Late April to early May is the golden moment, when the final waves of spring migration cross Egypt on their way back to Europe and Asia – offering rare sightings and unforgettable opportunities for photography.

But the true magic begins on the stretch from Luxor to Cairo: here, the Nile is serene, and you will scarcely encounter another boat unlike the Luxor–Aswan route, often crowded with over 300 vessels. This tranquillity opens up pristine scenes of nature, with birds approaching close along the riverbanks, villages and farms unfolding before you, and herds of cattle grazing at the water's edge.

An experience unlike any other... the kind of adventure birdwatchers dream of their entire lives.



The Harmony of Nature and Egypt's Timeless Heritage

Sailing from Aswan to Cairo for over 1,000 kilometres along the majestic Nile, travellers enjoy more than birdwatching – they also immerse themselves in Egypt's most iconic archaeological sites, including Abu Simbel, Philae, Kom Ombo, and Luxor.

Yet the true delight lies in exploring rarely visited treasures beyond the crowded tourist routes, such as Dendera, Abydos, the tombs of Beni Hassan, Akhmim, and Tell el-Amarna. These remarkable sites are seldom seen by other travellers, as 98% of Nile cruise boats never sail this stretch. This offers a distinctive, non-traditional experience, where guests enjoy history, culture, and nature in serene surroundings far from the bustle.

Equally enriching is the chance to engage with local communities along the riverbanks, creating a unique harmony between the tranquillity of nature and the warmth of human connection.

For birdwatchers, this journey is truly exceptional – a rare opportunity to encounter unique species thriving along the Nile, set against the breathtaking backdrop of ancient temples and timeless monuments.



Best of the Nile

16 Days From Aswan To The Pyramids

FROM
\$2,697



Sail & Rail

The Tour

Day 1: Cairo
Day 2: Cairo – Aswan
Day 3: Aswan–Abu Simbel
Day 4: Abu Simbel
Day 5: Abu Simbel – Aswan
Day 6: Aswan–Kom Ombo – Edfu
Day 7: Edfu–Luxor
Day 8: Luxor
Day 9: Luxor –Qina
Day 10: Sohag
Day 11: Tel El Amarna – Asyut
Day 12: Minya
Day 13: Beni Suef.
Day 14: Cairo
Day 15: Fayum
day 16: DEparture



Overview

Embark on a **16-day journey** that begins in Cairo with a visit to the long-awaited **Grand Egyptian Museum**, followed by the timeless **Pyramids of Giza** and the mighty Sphinx. You then travel south to **Abu Simbel** for a three-night stay, where dawn and dusk bring flocks of migratory birds to the shimmering waters of **Lake Nasser**, alongside one of the most impressive temples ever built.

From here, your Nile voyage begins in Aswan, the very place where Agatha Christie wrote *Death on the Nile*. For eleven days you sail northwards through Egypt's timeless river landscapes, pausing at **Kom Ombo**, **Edfu**, and the magnificent temples of **Luxor**, while also enjoying tranquil stretches where **kingfishers** dart above the reeds and herons stand guard along the banks. Few other vessels pass this far, leaving you to savour the peace of the river, history, and wildlife combined.

The journey continues with visits to Dendera and **Abydos** before reaching Tell el-Amarna, where the tombs of the philosopher-king **Akhenaten** tell the story of ancient Egypt's great religious revolution. From here, you sail further north to Cairo, completing the long course of the Nile with a rare perspective of Egypt's life and nature unfolding at every bend.

Your adventure concludes with three nights in the Fayoum Oasis, a paradise of lakes, desert landscapes, and some of Egypt's richest birding grounds, where thousands of migratory and resident species gather. Finally, you return to Cairo and transfer directly to Cairo International Airport for your homeward flight.

Itinerary

D1 -Monday : Arrival in Cairo

Upon arrival in **Cairo** you will be transferred to your hotel for a comfortable overnight stay, preparing for the adventure ahead.

D2- Tuesday: Pyramids & Grand Egyptian Museum

After breakfast, begin your adventure with a visit to the **Grand Egyptian Museum**, a landmark project more than ten years in the making. This world-class museum houses the largest collection of Pharaonic treasures ever assembled, including the magnificent artefacts of Tutankhamun.

Later, head to the Giza Plateau and enjoy lunch with spectacular views of the iconic Pyramids of Giza. Afterwards, explore the **pyramids** themselves and stand before the enigmatic Sphinx, one of Egypt's most enduring symbols.

In the evening, transfer to the railway station and board the **sleeper train** to Aswan, where dinner and overnight accommodation will be provided on board.

B-L-D



Departure: 27 April 2026

D3- Wednesday: Aswan-Abu Simbel

After breakfast, Upon arrival in Aswan, continue by air to Abu Simbel. On arrival at Abu Simbel, visit the temples and spend the day with your guide birdwatching around Lake Nasser.

B-L-D

D4-Thursday : Birdwatching in Abu Simbel

At the end of April, Abu Simbel offers a rare birding haven. Spend the day along Lake Nasser, spotting herons, kingfishers, and migrating raptors with your expert guide. Away from the crowds, enjoy peaceful observation in breathtaking desert landscapes. Conclude the day with a visit to the legendary Temples of Abu Simbel, where nature and history meet.

B-L-D



D4- Friday: Aswan - Sightseeing

Morning Transfer to Aswan : After breakfast, travel from Abu Simbel to Aswan. Visit Philae Island, exploring the Temple of Isis and enjoying birdwatching among the lush riverbanks. Continue to a nearby Nubian village, where you can spot more bird species and experience the charm of local life along the Nile.

B-L-D

D5-Saturday: Birdwatching & Kom ombo-Edfu

Morning Birdwatching, After an early breakfast, your guide will take you to Lord Kitchener's Island and Elephantine Island, lush green havens in the Nile. In early May, these islands attract colorful species such as bee-eaters, kingfishers, herons, sunbirds, and black kites. A peaceful morning surrounded by nature and birdlife in the heart of Aswan.

After lunch, the boat will sail towards Kom Ombo. Along the way, you may spot various birds before sunset. Upon arrival, visit the Temple of Kom Ombo, then continue sailing onward to Edfu.

B-L-D



D6- Sunday : Edfu-Esna-Luxor

Early in the morning, visit the **Temple of Edfu**, the best-preserved temple in all of Egypt and a magnificent example of Ptolemaic architecture. After your visit, return to the boat for breakfast while sailing towards Esna.

Here you will experience the fascinating process of crossing the **Esna Lock**, where the boat is carefully lowered from the higher water level of the Upper Nile to the lower level below.

Arriving in Luxor, step into history with an evening visit to the Luxor Temple. Bathed in golden light, the temple's towering statues and grand colonnades reveal a beauty and serenity that daytime crowds can never match. Exploring this ancient site under the stars is an unforgettable experience, offering a sense of timeless wonder along the Nile

B-L-D

D7- Monday: From Hatshepsut to the Colossi: Exploring Luxor's West Bank

Early in the morning, enjoy breakfast before heading to the lush fields on the **West Bank** for **birdwatching**. Afterwards, visit the Valley of the Kings, the ancient royal necropolis where Egypt's pharaohs were laid to rest.

Continue to the Temple of **Queen Hatshepsut**, an architectural masterpiece built into the cliffs of Deir el-Bahari, and stop at the Colossi of Memnon, the towering statues that have watched over Thebes for millennia. Return to the boat for lunch.

In the afternoon, explore the magnificent **Karnak Temple**, one of the largest temple complexes in the world. Later, return to the boat for your overnight stay.

B-L-D

D8- Tuesday : Luxor -Qena

After breakfast, the boat sails north towards Qena. As you journey along this tranquil stretch of the Nile, enjoy birdwatching from the deck – with chances to spot black kites gliding overhead, pied kingfishers hovering above the water, herons and egrets along the riverbanks, and flocks of bee-eaters adding flashes of colour to the sky.

On arrival in Qena, visit the beautifully preserved Temple of Dendera, dedicated to the goddess Hathor. This remarkable site is famous for its vivid astronomical ceiling, massive columns, and sacred sanctuary.

In the evening, continue sailing to Naga Hammadi, where the boat will moor for the night.

B-L-D

D9- Wednesday : Abydos & Sailing to Suhag

Sail onward to El Balyana, where you'll visit the **Temple of Abydos**, one of Egypt's most important cult centers, dedicated to Osiris, god of the afterlife.

Return to the ship and continue the journey north toward Sohag. Evening on board with entertainment. Overnight in Sohag.

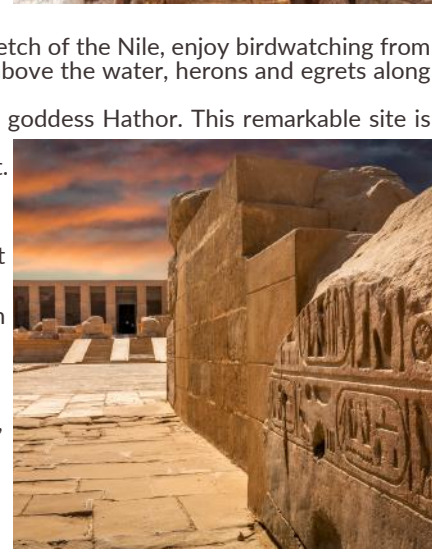
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D10 -Thursday : Monastery of Prince Tawdrous & Tel El Amarna

Cruise from Sohag toward Tel El Amarna, passing through the **Asyut Lock**. Along the way, a guided explanation as you view Prince Tawdrous Monastery from the ship, an important Coptic Christian landmark on the Nile.

Arrive at Tel El Amarna and overnight on board.

B-L-D



D11-Friday: In the Footsteps of Akhenaten

Today, explore the ancient city of **Tel El Amarna**, the short-lived capital of **Pharaoh Akhenaten and Queen Nefertiti**. Here you'll see the **Northern Tombs**, the **Royal Tomb of Akhenaten**, the **Northern Palace**, and the **Small Temples of Aten**, all reflecting Egypt's brief experiment with monotheism.

Continue to **Ashmunein**, once a centre dedicated to **Thoth**, and then on to **Tuna El Gabal**, famous for its catacombs, animal necropolis, and painted tombs that blend Egyptian and Greco-Roman traditions. Afterwards, relax on board as you sail to **Minya** for an overnight stay.

B-L-D

D12 -Saturday: Beni Hassan Tombs & Sailing to Beni Suef

Journey to the cliffs of **Beni Hassan**, where rock-cut tombs reveal colourful scenes of daily life, wrestling, agriculture, and foreign delegations from over 4,000 years ago. Among the most impressive are the tombs of **Baqet III**, **Khety**, **Amenemhat**, and **Khnumhotep II**. After your visit, sail towards Beni Suef, enjoying the changing Nile landscapes. Overnight in Beni Suef.

B-L-D

D13- Sunday: Arrival in Cairo & Old City Tour

Sail into Cairo and step ashore for a tour through the vibrant old city. Stroll along **Al-Muizz Street** and lose yourself in the colorful alleys of **Khan El Khalili Bazaar**, where spices, handicrafts, and souvenirs fill every corner. Return to your boat for overnight in Cairo.

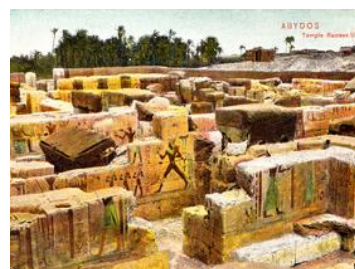
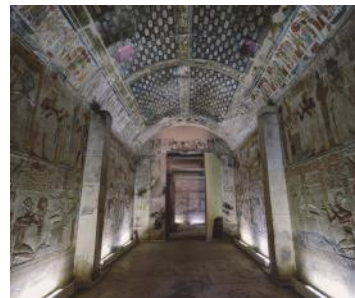
D14 - 15- Monday & Tuesday: Fayum

After breakfast, head south of Cairo to the lush **oasis of Fayoum**, one of Egypt's most rewarding birding destinations. Known for its tranquil lakes, wetlands, and fertile farmlands, Fayoum provides a rich habitat that attracts both resident and migratory species.

In early May, this region becomes particularly exciting as it coincides with the **last wave of spring migration**. Birdwatchers may encounter **colorful bee-eaters**, **hoopoes**, and **rollers**, alongside water birds such as **herons**, **egrets**, and **ibises** around **Lake Qarun** and **Wadi El Rayan**. Raptors, including black kites and marsh harriers, can also be spotted gliding across the skies.

A few days in Fayoum let you explore its rich birdlife, with the chance to catch species during their final northward migration. It's a rare blend of Egypt's natural beauty and the excitement of spotting birds in transit.

B-L-D



INCLUDED

- All transfers to and from the airport and Nile cruise, as per the itinerary
- Sightseeing in Cairo with an English-speaking guide
- 1 night's accommodation in a 5★ hotel in Cairo, BB
- 1 night sleeper train from Cairo to Aswan HB
- 2 Nights Abu Simbel At Nubian Lodge FB
- 10 nights on board a Nile cruise vessel, officially rated 5★ (our assessment: a comfortable 4★+). Full board throughout. Cruise from Aswan to Cairo
- Tour leader and English-speaking guide throughout the Nile cruise

Shore Excursions, Your Way

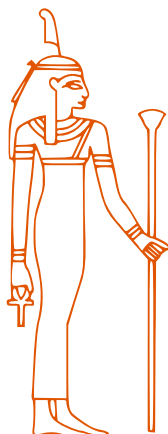
Excursion pricing is designed to be flexible and suit all guests. While Cairo's iconic highlights are included, the additional shore excursions on the longer cruise are optional, allowing you the freedom to explore at your own pace or simply relax on board.

NOT INCLUDED

- International Flight tickets
- Travel Insurance
- Tipping on board the Nile cruise (approx. USD 10-15 per person, per night)
- Entry visa to Egypt (USD 25)
- Optional Shore Excursion on Board Nile Cruise
- On Board AI Supplement: #75 pp per Night

Shore Excursion Included & Optional

Teu.	Pyramids & GEM (incl.)
Wed.	Abu Simbel (incl.)
Fri.	Dam Oblisk , Philae (Incl.)
Sat.	Felucca & Nubian Village (inc)
Sat.	Kom ombo Temple (\$40)
Sun.	Edfu Temple (\$54)
Mon.	Luxor West Bank (incl.)
Mon.	Karnak & Luxor (Incl.)
Teu.	Dendera (Opt.\$110)
Wed.	Abydos (Opt. \$160)
Fri.	Tel El Amarna (Opt. \$155)
Sat.	Beni Hassan (Opt. \$120)
Sun.	Old Market Tour (Incl.)
Mon/Teu.	Fayum (Incl.)



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UNTIL 30-11-2025

Pricing & Packages : Per Person

Price / Deck	PP in DBL	PP in SGL
Nile Deck	\$2,697	\$3,997
Main Deck	\$3,097	\$4,497
Upper Deck	\$3,497	\$4,997

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ONLINE



Your Hotel Stay



Cairo Hilton Pyramids Golf.

Nestled beside a championship golf course and overlooking the Great Pyramids of Giza, this resort-style hotel offers spacious rooms, elegant dining, and a tranquil setting. A wonderful choice for travellers who prefer a more relaxed retreat with world-class facilities.



About your Accommodation in Fayum

Malak Tunis is a charming family-owned Lodge that offers travellers an authentic experience deeply rooted in the traditions of the local community. By staying here, guests not only enjoy warm hospitality and a genuine sense of place, but also directly contribute to the livelihood of local families. This sustainable approach stands as a living example of how tourism can give back to the community, while preserving cultural heritage and placing local well-being at the heart of the travel experience.

The entire village of Tunis itself is a remarkable example of this transformation. Once struggling with poverty, its story changed more than forty years ago when a Swiss woman named Evelyne established the first pottery school in the area. Over time, children grew up mastering the craft, later founding workshops and schools, and exporting their creations worldwide. As a result, the village has become one of Egypt's most renowned tourist destinations, serving as a unique model of community development through tourism. Staying here is not just a visit, but an opportunity to become part of this inspiring and ongoing story.



Optional Nile-Side Stay

For guests who wish to stay directly on the Nile, we offer a carefully selected range of premium hotels, available as an upgrade on request.

- **Kempinski Nile Hotel** – Boutique-style luxury with intimate charm, personalised service, and a prime Corniche location.
- **Sofitel Cairo Nile Corniche** – A landmark riverside hotel blending French elegance with contemporary comfort, featuring fine dining, a lively casino, and sweeping views of the Nile.
- **Grand Nile Tower** – Known for its iconic revolving restaurant and panoramic cityscape, offering an unforgettable Cairo experience.
- **Hilton Cairo Nile Maadi** – Modern design and relaxed elegance, with rooftop dining and direct views over the Nile from the quieter Maadi district.



Upgrade Rates

Standard Room: \$110 per person, per night

Nile View Room: \$45 per person, per night (in addition to the Standard Room rate)



Your Sail & Rail



About MS Coral II

Experience the perfect blend of comfort, elegance, and authentic Egyptian charm on the MS Coral II. Enjoy world-class dining in both the main restaurant and the rooftop à la carte venue, relax by the panoramic swimming pool, and browse the boutique shop for authentic treasures such as organic Egyptian cotton and local herbs. Evenings come alive with entertainment in the lounge bar, ensuring your journey is as memorable on board as it is ashore.

What makes MS Coral II truly special is its unique design: with a rare Short draft (shared by less than 2% of Nile boats), it can navigate shallow stretches of the river, making it one of the few vessels able to complete the full Long Nile Cruise between Cairo and Aswan.

Accommodation includes 65 spacious cabins, spread across the main and upper decks, including 12 cabins of 12 m² and 4 Family suites of 24 m². Each cabin is equipped with modern comforts, including a private bathroom with Shower cabin, hairdryer, satellite TV (while docked), mini-bar, in-room safe, and laundry service on request.



Facilities

- Elegant main restaurant with seating for up to 140 guests
- Stylish roof deck à la carte restaurant, overlooking the Nile – perfect for Lunch & special dinners and BBQ nights under the stars
- Panoramic swimming pool at the bow of the boat, offering spectacular views while sailing
- Elegant boutique shop, featuring unique souvenirs including authentic Egyptian organic cotton and local herbs
- Lounge bar with a variety of evening entertainment, making your nights on board as enjoyable as your days



Dining

The Coral II's main restaurant seats up to 140 guests in one sitting, serving international favourites and Egyptian specialties buffet-style for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Your stay includes Full Board, with an optional All-Inclusive Drinks Package. Drinks are also available in the elegant lounge bar, perfect for unwinding in the evening.

The Rail Experience

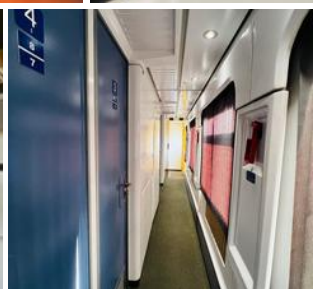
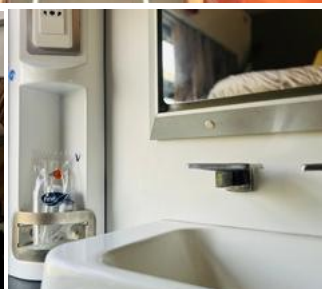
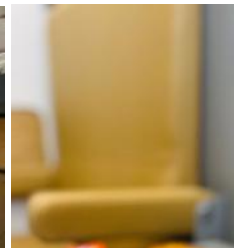
Traveling by rail has its own special charm, especially when it carries a touch of classic elegance.

And what could be more enchanting than a journey to Ancient Egypt? It awakens memories of the great expeditions and discoveries of the past century, recalling the travels of writer Agatha Christie, explorer Howard Carter, and other legendary adventurers.

That's why our program includes travel between Cairo and Upper Egypt by **Sleeper Train**, adding a sense of authenticity and history to your journey. Fortunately, this year the Egyptian National Railways has renewed its trains, transforming them into an experience reminiscent of the classic carriages of old—while offering the highest standards of comfort.

Cabins are thoughtfully designed, and dining cars are crafted from luxurious ebony wood with rich, timeless tones.

A unique experience that completes your journey from the Pyramids to Aswan, echoing the footsteps of early travellers like Agatha Christie. Dinner and breakfast are served in your cabin in refined style, with drinks available in the café car at an extra charge



14 Days Birdwatching - Egypt

14 DAYS FROM

\$6,480

Minimum 4



Land -Sail- Birdwatching

The Tour

Day 1: Arrive Cairo
Day 2: Cairo - Fayoum
Day 3: Birding at Fayoum
Day 4: Birding at Fayoum
Day 5: Birding at Fayoum
Day 6: Cairo -Aswan
Day 7: Full Aswan
Day 8 : Birding at Aswan
Day 9 : Birding at Abu Simbel
Day 10 ; Sailing to Luxor & Birding
Day 11 : Sailing to Luxor & Birding
Day 12 : Luxor
Day 13 : Birding at Luxor
Day 14 : Departure



HIGHLIGHTS

- **Cairo highlights**
- **Fayoum**
- **Abu Simbel**
- **Aswan**
- **Sailing Dahabiya Aswan - Luxor**
- **Luxor**
- **Birding**

Overview

Explore Egypt's ancient marvels and avian treasures on a captivating **14-day** journey, Wings Over Ancient Sands. From **Cairo's Pyramids** to the lush oasis of **Fayoum**, immerse yourself in the splendour of birdlife while discovering iconic landmarks such as the **Sphinx** and **Lake Qarun**.

Witness the avian spectacle of **Aswan's** cataracts, **Abu Simbel**, and **Lake Nasser**, and **sail the Nile** aboard a **traditional Dahabiya**, pausing to explore the temples of **Kom Ombo** and **Edfu**. In **Luxor**, uncover timeless treasures and enjoy **birdwatching** at **Crocodile Island**, where history and nature come together to create an unforgettable **Egyptian** adventure.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVE CAIRO

Upon arrival at Cairo International Airport, you'll be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel for a smooth check-in. Enjoy time at leisure to explore or simply relax before your overnight stay

Meals: None

DAY 2: CAIRO -FAYOUM

After breakfast, visit the timeless **Pyramids** and the enigmatic **Sphinx**. Enjoy lunch before continuing to the **Grand Egyptian Museum** to admire its remarkable treasures. Before sunset, journey to **Fayoum**, around 150 km from Cairo, for dinner and an overnight stay

DAY 3: BIRDING AT FAYOUM

Enjoy a full day of **birdwatching** in Tunis village, starting with sunrise birding on the **eastern bank**. Lunch at **Zalala ElNakhel** offers birdwatching in the hotel's garden. Explore **pottery shops** and sip fresh juice at Sobke Hotel while overlooking **Tunis village** farms and the **lake**. End the day with a night birding walk to spot little owls and more :

Meals : B-L-D

DEPARTURE : TEUSDAY

Potential Bird Species to Spot

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Greater Flamingo | 18. Nile Valley Sunbird |
| 2. Great Crested Grebe | 19. Red Avadavat |
| 3. Senegal Thick-knee | 20. Indian Silverbill |
| 4. Little Ringed Plover | 21. Crested Lark |
| 5. Common Snipe | 22. Hoopoe |
| 6. Greater Painted Snipe | 23. Pied Kingfisher |
| 7. Little Grebe | 24. White-throated Kingfisher |
| 8. Coot | 25. Clamorous Reed Warbler |
| 9. White-tailed Lapwing | 26. Senegal Coucal |
| 10. Pied Avocet | 27. Yellow Wagtail |
| 11. Whimbrel | 28. Graceful Prinia |
| 12. Ruff | 29. Marsh Harrier |
| 13. African Swamp-Hen | 30. Black Kite |
| 14. White-headed Duck | 31. Black-winged Kite |
| 15. Pintail | |
| 16. Whiskered Tern | |
| 17. White-winged Tern | |



DAY 4 TUNIS VILLAGE FARMS (Agriculture Habitat)

Awaken at sunrise in Tunis Village in Fayoum, the enchanting oasis located en route to Wadi El Rayan. Perched on a hill overlooking a saltwater lake teeming with fish, the village offers breathtaking panoramic views of the desert. Once a humble community sustained by farming and fishing, it rose to fame in the 1980s when the Swiss potter Evelyne Porret built her country house and pottery workshop there, transforming Tunis into a renowned artistic and cultural hub.

As dawn breaks, and after a refreshing cup of coffee, embark on a two-hour birdwatching walk through the fields of Tunis Village, where seasonal crops create a vibrant mosaic of landscapes. During the walk, we will be on the lookout for a wide variety of songbirds, including: **Eastern Bonelli's Warbler, Chiffchaff, Black-headed Wagtail (M.F. feldegg), Eurasian Wryneck, Zitting Cisticola, Clamorous Reed Warbler, Senegal Coucal, Common Bulbul, African Green Bee-eater, Sedge Warbler, Nile Valley Sunbird, and Red Avadavat.**

After this delightful excursion, enjoy breakfast at the Tache Boutique Hotel, before continuing with another two-hour birdwatching walk around the nearby farms. As evening approaches, the day concludes with a magical birdwatching horse ride through Tunis Village and around Lake Qarun at sunset – an unforgettable

Meals : B-L_D

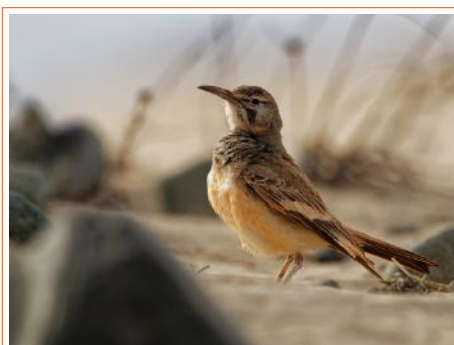


DAY 5 : WADI RAYAN PROTECTED AREA (IBA) (Desert / Wetland Habitat)

today we will have a 2-hour walking birding session at the west of Wadi Rayan waterfall, focusing on the Fishfarms and desert parts of this area. We will enjoy a picnic breakfast. We will be on the lookout for desert birds such as the Greater Hoopoe-Lark, Cream Coloured Courser, Crested Lark, and Egyptian Nightjar, as well as waders and waterbirds

In the afternoon, you have your own free time to walk around the village, ride horses, or visit the Pottery School and small pottery shops around the village.

Meals : B-L-D



DAY 6 : FAIYUM -CAIRO – ASWAN

After breakfast today, embark on a **desert adventure** by **4WD**, journeying to the mesmerizing **Whales Valley**. Explore this ancient site where whales (Hitan) once roamed millions of years ago, during a time when the ocean receded due to climate change. Immerse yourself in the history at the **Climate Change Museum**, then traverse through the majestic sand dunes to reach **Kosur Al Rab**, renowned for its Arabian Palaces rocks naturally sculpted over time.

Following this, indulge in a serene experience at the enchanting lakes, offering an opportunity for swimming and a delightful BBQ lunch. Later, continue your exploration to the picturesque **Wadi Al Rayan waterfalls**, where you can marvel at the natural beauty of cascading waters.

As the day comes to a close, return to **Tunis village** to check out, before heading to **Cairo's** main station at Ramses Square. There, board your **sleeping train** bound for Aswan, marking the end of an unforgettable day in the Egyptian desert.

Meals : B-L-D



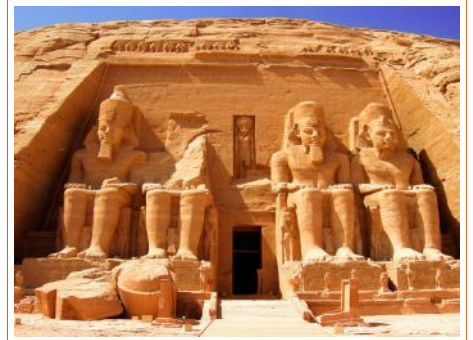
DAY 7 : ASWAN EXPLORATION

Upon arrival in Aswan, visit the impressive **High Dam**, a modern engineering marvel that controls the Nile and provides vital irrigation and power. Continue to the Temple of **Philae**, dedicated to Isis, where elegant carvings and serene riverside surroundings bring ancient mythology vividly to life.

While exploring, you may spot **migrating Egyptian Vultures and White Storks resting at Lake Philae, along with African Pied Wagtails or the elusive Greater Painted Snipe** near the temple.

In the afternoon, immerse yourself in the vibrant traditions of Nubian culture with a visit to a **traditional home** on an island near the cataracts. Enjoy warm hospitality and take part in a birdwatching experience led by knowledgeable locals, who will share fascinating insights into the region's diverse birdlife.

Meals: B-L



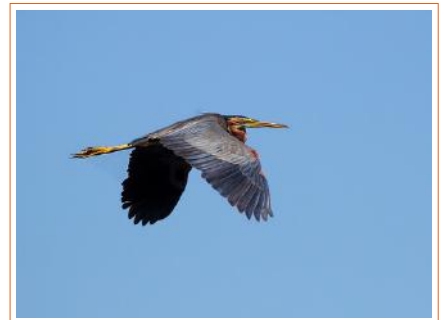
DAY 8 : ASWAN BIRWATCHING

Starting at sunrise, birding around the Aswan Nile islands can commence either from Aswan City or directly from the Mövenpick hotel. Following that, we will explore Nile Island, Aswan Botanical Garden Island (ABGI), and the Saloga & Gazal Protected Area. A coffee break awaits us at Mafia Island - Gabbana Coffee Tohamy. The Nubian area boasts a rich culture encompassing food, Gabbana coffee, landscape, and Egyptian heritage. Moreover, it harbors a hidden wildlife treasure amidst the Nile landscape, particularly for migrant and resident birds, waterbirds, soaring birds, Nile Monitor, and Red Fox. Return to Hotel and over night

Meals : B-L

Potential Bird Species to Spot

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| 1. Egyptian Goose | 16. Nile Valley Sunbird | 8. Pallas's Gull | 24. Marsh Harrier |
| 2. Greater Flamingo | 17. Red Avadavat | 9. Black Headed Gull | 25. Black-Winged Kite |
| 3. Senegal Thick-knee | 18. Indian Sliverbill | 10. Great Cormorant | 26. Black Kite |
| 4. African Swamp-Hen | 19. Hoopoe | 11. Black winged Stilt | 27. Yellow Billed Kite |
| 5. Pintail | 20. Pied Kingfisher | 12. Black-Tailed Godwit | 28. Sparrow Hawk |
| 6. Ferruginous Duck | 21. White-throated Kingfisher | 13. Wood Sandpiper | 29. Purple Heron |
| 7. Northern Shoveler | 22. Clamorous Reed Warbler | 14. Marsh Sandpiper | 30. Whiskered Tern |
| | 23. Graceful Prinia | 15. African Green Bee-Eater | |



DAY 9 : ASWAN - ABU SIMBEL

Early morning head by car to Abu Simbel and explore the magnificent Temple of Ramses II, one of the greatest temples in Egypt.

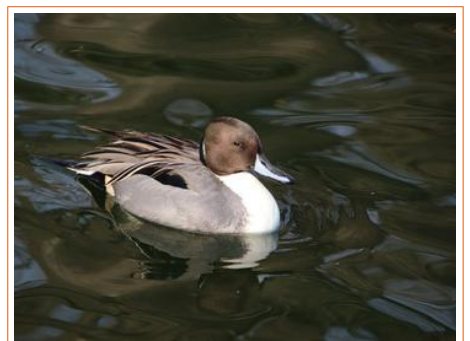
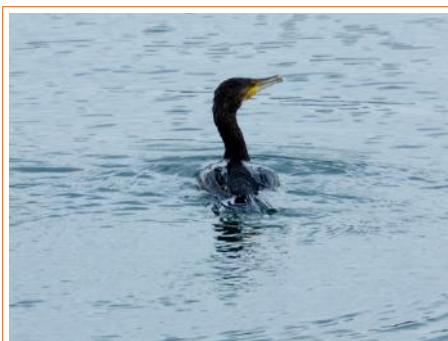
After the guided tour at the temple, check into your hotel, which lies only 600 meters from Lake Nasser and the temple. In the evening, you have the opportunity to book the optional Sound and Light Show

Meals : B-D



DAY 10 : SAILING ;ASWAN-KOM OMBO

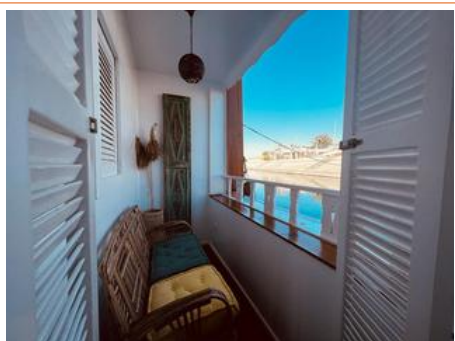
At sunrise, embark on an exciting birdwatching tour around **Lake Nasser**, a key stopover site for migratory birds travelling north from Africa. Afterwards, continue to Aswan to board your **traditional dahabiya**, setting sail northwards towards Luxor. Along the journey, you will pause at selected points along the Nile's banks whenever possible to observe a variety of resident and migratory bird species. This unique experience blends the serenity of sailing with the natural beauty of the Nile and the thrill of birdwatching.



DAY 11 : EDFU-ESNA -LUXOR

After indulging in a hearty breakfast, we'll embark on an enchanting journey to explore the magnificent Temple of Esna, a splendid tribute to the god Khnum. Adorned with vibrant colors, this temple stands as a testament to Egypt's rich heritage and architectural prowess. Following this captivating visit, we'll set sail for Luxor, where we'll arrive by 8 PM. Along the way, immerse yourself in the serene beauty of the Nile, adorned with graceful birdlife and picturesque islands, creating a truly magical atmosphere

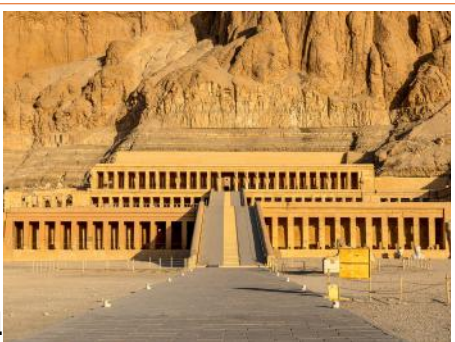
Meals : B-L-D



DAY 12 : WEST BANK , LUXOR AND KARNAK TEMPLE

After breakfast Begin your day with a visit to the awe-inspiring **Valley of the Kings** and the magnificent **Hatshepsut Temple**. Then, journey to your hotel situated on **Crocodile Island in Luxor**. Check in in the afternoon. You will be visiting **Karnak and Luxor Temple** in the evening. Enjoy a walking tour at the old market of Luxor before returning to the hotel and staying overnight.

Meals : B



DAY 13 : BIRDWATCHING

At sunrise, birding at **Jazira Al Awamiyyah Birding (Crocodile Island)** offers a captivating experience for birdwatching enthusiasts. This island, known as a birdwatching haven, provides an exceptional opportunity to observe avian species in their natural habitat. What sets this destination apart is the unique feature where visitors can even watch birds from the comfort of their own rooms. Imagine waking up to the melodic songs of the Nile Valley Sunbird or catching glimpses of the elusive Painted Snipe and the melodious Clamorous Reed Warbler as they go about their morning rituals.

The tranquil ambiance of Crocodile Island adds to the allure of the birdwatching experience. Surrounded by lush vegetation and serene waters, visitors can immerse themselves in the sights and sounds of the avian world. From the moment the sun rises, the island comes alive with the bustling activity of various bird species, creating a symphony of natural sounds that is truly mesmerizing.

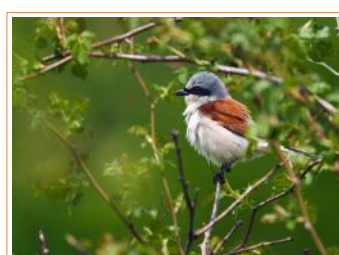
As visitors explore the island's diverse habitats, they may encounter an array of birdlife, each species contributing to the rich tapestry of biodiversity found here. Whether strolling along the tranquil pathways or observing from the comfort of their accommodations, every moment spent birdwatching on Crocodile Island promises to be an unforgettable adventure filled with wonder and discovery..

Meals : B

DAY 14 : DEPARTURE

Head to Luxor International Airport as you bid farewell to the enchanting landscapes and remarkable birdlife of Egypt. Let the wings of memory carry you back to Cairo, where every moment spent amidst the country's splendour unfolds like the pages of a captivating story. From the timeless allure of ancient monuments to the vibrant tapestry of birdlife gracing the skies, your journey has been a symphony of history and natural wonder. As you depart Egypt, take with you its very essence — a perfect harmony of heritage and nature

Meals : B



Esna Temple

The Temple of Esna, located in the town of Esna in Egypt, is a well-preserved ancient temple dedicated to the god Khnum. It was constructed during the Ptolemaic and Roman periods, with some parts dating back to the reign of Pharaoh Ramses II. The temple is famous for its remarkable hypostyle hall, adorned with intricately carved columns depicting various religious scenes and mythological figures.



INCLUDED

- All tours & transfers by AC Car
- Entrance fees
- Tour guide for cultural sightseeing
- Fayum Safari using 4WD
- Birdwatching Guide for Day 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
- Meals 13 Breakfast , 7 Lunches , 7 Dinners
- 1 Night 4-stars hotel in Cairo on BB
- 4 Nights Tunis village (Local Lodge on HB)
- 1 Night Sleeper Train Cairo Aswan
- 2 Nights Nubian Hotel in Aswan BB
- 1 Night Nubian Lodge in Abu Simbel on HB
- 2 Nights Dahabia Nile Cruise on FB
- 2 Night Jolly Nile Hotel in Luxor on BB

NOT INCLUDED

- International flight tickets
- Extra Meals
- Visa (Upon Arrival for cerate nationalities 35 \$
- Tipping (Recommended £ 15-20 PP daily)
- Early/late check-in/check-out
- optional excursions/tours, laundry
- Travel insurance.

Starting Price: \$6,480

Per person (based on dual occupancy)

Tour Terms

- Minimum Group Size: 4 participants
- Maximum Group size: 12 participants
- If Minimum Not Met:
- META will notify you 40–90 days before departure
- Clients may choose to:
- Proceed with the tour by paying the difference to cover the shortfall
- Cancel the booking with no cancellation fees

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