



Your passport to adventure

**Country(ies):** Sudan

**Tour type:** Small Group

**Transport:** A/C 4x4 vehicle & boat

**Group size:** Min: 2 | Max: 16

**Days:** 13 days

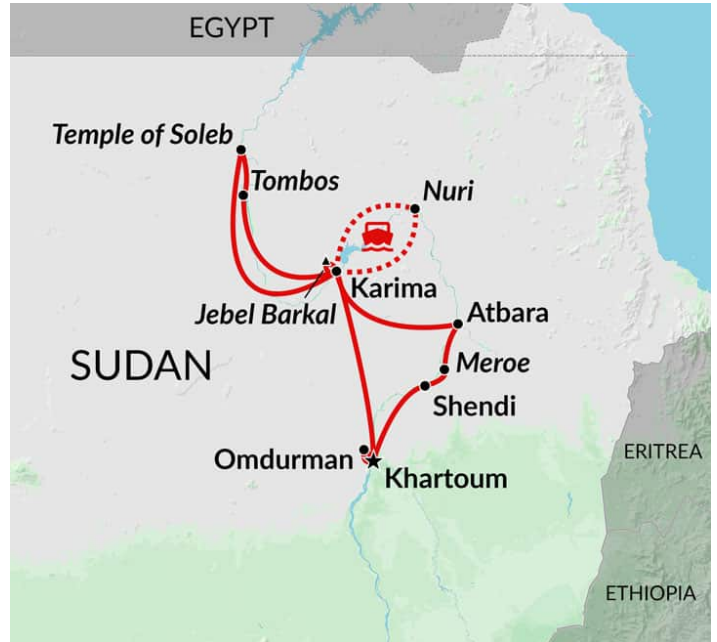
**Start Location:** Khartoum, Sudan

**End Location:** Khartoum, Sudan

**Meals:** Breakfasts - 12, Lunches - 11, Dinners - 9

**Highlights:**

Capital city Khartoum, Sufi Whirling Dervishes, old souk of Omdurman, Naga & Mussawarat, Meroe Pyramids, Jebel Barkal, Nubian house in Karima, Nuri, Tombos, Wawa, Soleb Temple.



## Day 1: Arrival in Khartoum

Upon your arrival, our team will greet you at the airport and transport you to your hotel in Khartoum, where they will assist you in settling in and familiarising you with the local surroundings. Should you arrive this morning, an optional city tour is available.

### **OVERNIGHT:**

Khartoum hotel

### **MEALS:**

### **EXTRAS:**

## Day 2: Khartoum City Tour and Dervish Ceremony (Fridays Only)

After a relaxed breakfast, we begin our day of sightseeing with a visit to Sudan's former capital, Omdurman. Here, we will admire the exterior of the Mahdi's Tomb and explore the fascinating Khalifa's House, which houses a small museum dedicated to the Mahdyia (open on Fridays and Saturdays only). There will be some free time to wander through Omdurman's vibrant souk before we pause for lunch at a restaurant overlooking the Nile. Following this, we will cross the meeting point of the Blue and White Nile rivers, located near the Presidential Palace, where General Gordon was executed by the Mahdi's forces in 1885. Our final stop of the day will be the Archaeological Museum. Key highlights include two stunning temples that were relocated from the Lake Nasser region by UNESCO when the Aswan Dam was constructed and the area flooded. In the late afternoon, we will proceed to the tomb of the Sufi leader Ahmed al Nil, timed for sunset, to witness the captivating Whirling Dervishes Ceremony (on Fridays only). Lastly, we will return to the hotel.

### **OVERNIGHT:**

Khartoum hotel

### **MEALS:**

Breakfast,Lunch

### **EXTRAS:**

## **Day 3: Journey from Khartoum to the Meroe Pyramids via Mussawarat & Naga**

Our journey through Sudan commences as we travel north to explore the temples at Naga, situated approximately 30 km east of the Nile and dating back to the Meroitic period. Following this, we proceed to Mussawarat, nestled in a picturesque valley surrounded by hills. Our adventure continues northward, leading us into a desert expanse strewn with vast, rounded granite boulders—these are the final remnants of the rocky formations of the 6th Cataract. Out of nowhere, more than 40 pyramids emerge! These pyramids form part of the Royal Necropolis of Meroe, with several of them in remarkable condition. We then reach the permanent tented camp at Meroe, offering stunning views of the pyramids, which you can admire from your own private veranda.

### **OVERNIGHT:**

Meroe Pyramids permanent tented camp

### **MEALS:**

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

### **EXTRAS:**

## **Day 4: Discovering the Necropolis and Royal Capital of Meroe**

Today, our local guide will begin instructing you about the Kingdom of the Black Pharaohs. Several pyramids rise sharply against the clear sky. Each one features its own funerary chapel, with walls richly adorned with bas-reliefs depicting the King's life and offerings to the gods. In the afternoon, we will travel along the Nile to explore the ruins of the Royal City. The majority of the area where the city lies, comprised of numerous small hills covered with red clay fragments, remains yet to be excavated by archaeologists.

### **OVERNIGHT:**

Meroe Pyramids permanent tented camp

### **MEALS:**

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

### **EXTRAS:**

## Day 5: Journey to Meroe and Karima

After breakfast, we journey north, crossing the Nile by ferry. We then enter the Bayuda Desert, a region defined by the loop formed by the Nile between the 4th and 6th Cataracts. This desert is marked by steep, black basalt mountains, many of which are volcanic and typically cone-shaped. It is quite likely that we will come across small groups of Bisharin nomads, who reside in familiar clusters of small huts made from interwoven branches near the scarce water wells. Upon arrival at our Nubian Rest House, the remainder of the afternoon will be free.

### OVERNIGHT:

Karima Nubian house

### MEALS:

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

### EXTRAS:

## Day 6: Excursion to Karima: Exploring El Kurru and Jebel Barkal

Today, we will visit the Jebel Barkal archaeological sites, which are listed as a World Heritage location. Here, we can observe temples and pyramids from the royal necropolis of the ancient city of Napata. Our journey will then take us southward to the village of El Kurru. At this location, we have the opportunity to explore one of the tombs, which is carved into the rock beneath pyramids that have partially collapsed. These tombs are beautifully adorned with depictions of the Pharaoh, gods, and vibrant hieroglyphic inscriptions (unfortunately, the second tomb here is currently closed due to damage to the paintings within). Not far from this site, there is an intriguing location featuring petrified wood, remnants of an ancient forest containing hundreds of large trunks.

### OVERNIGHT:

Karima Nubian house

### MEALS:

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

### EXTRAS:

## **Day 7: Excursion to Karima & Ancient Dongola**

This morning, we embark on the lengthy journey to Old Dongola, the location of several Coptic Christian churches. As the heart of the Nubian region, many of the houses are vibrantly adorned with floral designs.

### **OVERNIGHT:**

Karima Nubian house

### **MEALS:**

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

### **EXTRAS:**

## **Day 8: Journey to the Pyramids of Nuri and a Nile Cruise**

Following breakfast, we head to the market in Karima, where we can immerse ourselves in the authentic daily life of the Sudanese people. Next, we embark on a small motorboat for a delightful cruise along the Nile, taking in the stunning sandy stretches and the lush, cultivated islands that line the river. A little further to the north, one could once admire the striking granite rock formations of the 4th Cataract. After enjoying a picturesque picnic lunch, we make our way to the Pyramids of Nuri for the afternoon.

### **OVERNIGHT:**

Karima Nubian house

### **MEALS:**

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

### **EXTRAS:**

## **Day 9: Journey to Karima and Wawa, via Kerma & Tombos**

Today, we travel westward through the Nubian Desert, reaching the Nile. We then cross the bridge to Dongola city, continuing north along the western bank of the Nile on the newly paved road that runs through a portion of the Western Desert. This route passes through areas adorned with

striking granite formations. Our destination is the Temple of Soleb, where we will enjoy a picnic lunch at the residence of the temple's guardian. After lunch, we continue for another half hour northward before taking a fisherman's boat across the Nile to reach the Island of Sai. This site is significant for its archaeological value, featuring ancient remnants from the Kerma civilisation, Egyptian culture, and Christian heritage. As we navigate the river to the island, there's a chance we may spot Nile crocodiles along the riverbanks. Following the visit, we return to the mainland and head back to our lodging for the evening.

Nubian House in Soleb:

- A traditional Nubian house featuring several rooms, each with four beds, as well as verandas with additional beds.
- Equipped with two long-drop toilets and one naturally sun-heated shower.
- The house has a generator that operates for a few hours, allowing guests to charge their camera batteries.
- A kitchen and a separate room for the driver are available.
- Meals will be prepared by our cook.
- Sleeping bags with sheets and mosquito nets are provided by our organisation.
- Single rooms cannot be guaranteed.

#### **OVERNIGHT:**

Nubian House

#### **MEALS:**

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

#### **EXTRAS:**

## **Day 10: Journey to Soleb, Nile Ferry Crossing, 3rd Cataract, Sebu, and Tombos**

This morning, we visit the Temple of Soleb, regarded as the most magnificent Egyptian temple in all of Sudan. It stands as a testament to the New Kingdom in Nubia, adorned with numerous walls featuring hieroglyphic inscriptions, bas-reliefs, and an array of columns. We then head south, diverting from the main road to reach the Nile, following its course through several villages before arriving at the ferry. Here, we cross the river to reach the eastern bank, just north of the Third Cataract rapids—once the third major obstacle the ancient Egyptians had to navigate while sailing the Nile.

We ascend the hill to the ancient Ottoman Fort, where we can enjoy splendid views of the cataract. In Sebu, located right on the riverbank, visitors can explore one of Sudan's most significant rock engraving sites, with hundreds of images dating from prehistoric to Egyptian periods. We continue our journey through the Nubian villages and the massive rocks of the Third Cataract towards the village of Tombos. Here, the ancient granite quarries remain, with the remnants of a statue of King Taharqa, abandoned in the desert around 2800 years ago, alongside several fascinating Egyptian

stelae carved into the rocks.

We spend the night in a traditional Nubian house, where the rooms are simple but clean, featuring shared facilities, including a couple of Western-style toilets and a shower. Dinner and overnight stay are included.

**OVERNIGHT:**

Nubian House

**MEALS:**

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

**EXTRAS:**

## **Day 11: Journey to Tombos, Kerma, and Karima**

A brief morning drive brings us to Kerma, where we explore the impressive "Defuffa," a monument symbolising the Kerma civilisation. The museum, established by the Swiss archaeological mission following the discovery of seven statues of the Black Pharaohs in 2003, is particularly fascinating. We also have time to visit the Eastern Defuffa, located at the heart of the Necropolis, though we must cross agricultural fields to reach it. In the afternoon, we head back to Karima.

**OVERNIGHT:**

Karima Nubian house

**MEALS:**

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

**EXTRAS:**

## **Day 12: Journey from Karima to Khartoum and Nuba Wrestling**

After breakfast, we pack our belongings and head back to Khartoum. We take a break for lunch at a modest "chai house" (a roadside stop where local truck drivers pause for a meal and rest), before continuing our journey and arriving in Khartoum later in the afternoon. For most departures, we also offer a visit to the popular weekly Nuba wrestling event, which is a key highlight for many locals in Khartoum. A day-use room is available at a hotel in Khartoum until approximately 23:00. As most flights leave Khartoum between 02:00 and 04:00, a full night's accommodation is typically

unnecessary. The remainder of the evening is free for your own leisure.

**OVERNIGHT:**

N/A (day-use hotel included, option for overnight)

**MEALS:**

Breakfast,Lunch

**EXTRAS:**

## **Day 13: Khartoum Airport Departure Transfer**

We will arrange your transfer from the hotel to the airport approximately 3 hours prior to your flight's departure time. If you have booked a full night's stay at the hotel, your day will be free until we transfer you to the airport for your next flight.

**OVERNIGHT:**

N/A

**MEALS:**

Breakfast

**EXTRAS:**

**Included:**

- All accommodation mentioned in the itinerary
- All transportation and transfers
- 24-hour airport arrival and departure transfer service (on tour days)
- Services of a local tour guide throughout the tour
- All sightseeing excursions as per itinerary
- Bottled water outside Khartoum
- Nile boat trip (life jackets will be provided)
- Meals as specified in the itinerary
- Visa invitation letter for most nationalities

**Excluded:**

- International flights (available upon request)
- Arrival taxes
- Visa fees for Sudan (an invitation letter will be provided)
- Travel insurance (mandatory - available through Egypt Uncovered)
- Entrance fees for archaeological sites, photo permits, and local passport registration (US\$260)
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Drinks, snacks, and other personal expenses (e.g. laundry)
- Tips for the tour leader & driver
- Any other items not listed above

## **Options**

Our tours are designed to include all that you need to enjoy a really special time in the destination you're visiting. However, we do also offer some extra options to complement the tour and add some additional sightseeing or activities, or some extra time at either end of the tour.

## **No Options**

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