M/S Queen of Hansa
Nile Cruise Packages
2014 - 2015
Christmas & New Year

Wish You Very

Happy New Year

2015
4 nights Cruise program
On Board of M/S Queen of Hansa
Luxor/Aswan for the dates of
22 Dec 14 – 30 Dec 14 - 07 Jan 15 - 15 Jan 15
23 Jan 15 - 31 Jan 15 – 08 Feb 15

**Day 1:**
Arrive in Luxor and check-in on board of M/S Queen of Hansa.
A welcome drink will be served.
Lunch on board.
Afternoon visit to the East bank (Karnak and Luxor Temples)

**The Luxor temple:** The main place of worship in Theban times, and they can be divided into the Amun Temple enclosure, which is the largest; the Mut Temple Enclosure on the south side and the Montu Temple Enclosure. The 3 Amun and Montu enclosure were once connected by canals to the Nile providing passage for sacred boats during festivals.

**Karnak** is the main center of worship in ancient Egypt. No site in the world makes more overwhelming & lasting impression then this (Temple of Temples).

**PM:** Sound & Light Karnak on OPTIONAL BASIS

Dinner and overnight on the ship.

**Day 2:**
Breakfast, transfer by bus to visit the West Bank
Valley of the Kings, Valley of the Queens, the Hatshepsut temple and the colossi of Memnon.

**Valley of the Kings:**
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Return to the ship.
Sailing starts at Lunch time to Esna and pass the lock of Esna.
Sail to Edfu.
Dinner and overnight on the ship.
**Day 3:**

Breakfast on board
Visit the temple of Edfu.

**Edfu:** known in antiquity as Behdet) is an Egyptian city, located on the west bank of the Nile River between Esna and Aswan. Edfu is the site of the Ptolemaic Temple of Horus and an ancient settlement. Of all the temple remains in Egypt, the Temple of Horus at Edfu is the most completely preserved. Built from sandstone blocks, the huge Ptolemaic temple was constructed over the site of a smaller temple.

Sail to Kom Ombo and visit the temple.

**Kom Ombo:** The unusual double temple built during the Ptolemaic and Roman periods are dedicated to the crocodile God and the Falcon god. Despite being badly damaged, the temple is a beautiful sight as one approach from either direction on the river, particularly as sunset. Long ago, crocodiles probably sunned themselves on an island nearby.

Sail to Aswan.
All meals and overnight on the ship.

**Day 4:**

Arrive to Aswan

**Aswan** Egypt’s southernmost city has long been the country’s gateway to Africa and a prosperous market city on the crossroads of the ancient caravan routes. It sits at the ‘other’ end of the Nile not far above the Tropic of Cancer. The Nile has Elephantine Island in its center and this is where the main town and temple area of Sunt were located (the island was known then as Yebu, and later renamed by the Greeks). The Nile is glorious here as it makes its way down from massive High Dam and Lake Nasser and watching the feluccas glide by as the sun sets over the Nile.

Visit the High Dam, the unfinished Obelisk and the temple of Philae.

**The High Dam** construction started in 1960, and fully finished 10 years later. The High Dam became an expression of political tensions in those days — financed by the help of the Soviet Union, a few years after the war inflicted upon Egypt by Israel, France and Britain. The lake that grew gradually from the construction is called Lake Nasser in honour of the president Gamal Abdel Nasser, who died the year the dam was finished.

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**The Philae temple** was once renowned as the *(The Pearl of Egypt)* virtue of its rich Vegetation & its magnificent assemblage of temples. The island of Philae now lies beneath the waters of Lake Nasser; but fortunately thanks to a spectacular rescue operation carried through with financial & technical assistance from Italy and West Germany, it was possible to save at least the most important monuments & re-erect them on the higher neighboring island of Agilka.

Lunch on the ship.
In the afternoon felucca ride on the Nile.

**PM: Sound & Light Philae Temple on OPTIONAL BASIS**

All meals and overnight on the ship.

**Day 5:**

Check-out after breakfast and transfer to Aswan Airport for flight to Cairo.

**Starting from Luxor to Aswan for (04 Nights)**

Rates for embarkation on 22 Dec 14 - 07 Jan 15 - 15 Jan 15

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**Above rates include:**

- 4 nights accommodation on full board basis on board of M/S Queen of Hanza Nile cruise ship
- All sightseeing tours as per above mentioned program with a private Guide.
- Flight Cairo/Luxor - Aswan/Cairo

**Rates do not include:**

- Extras like drinks, laundry, tips, etc...
- Above mentioned rates are based on Main Deck Cabins, supplement for:
- 1St Deck Cabins: 40.00 EGL per Person/4Nights
- Upper Deck Cabins: 80.00 EGL per Person/4 Nights.
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Return to the ship and Lunch on board.
PM free at leisure and possibility for a walk in the souqs in Aswan.
PM: Sound & Light Philae Temple on OPTIONAL BASIS
Dinner and overnight on the ship.
Day 2:
Breakfast on board.
Visit the Islands of Aswan y felucca.
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PM: Sound & Light Karnak on OPTIONAL BASIS

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**Day 5:**

Check-out after breakfast and transfer to Luxor Airport for flight to Cairo.

**Aswan/Luxor Rates for (4 nights)**

**Embarkation on 26 Dec 2014 - 03 Jan 15 - 11 Jan 15 - 19 Jan 15**

- Per person in Double: EGL 2535.00
- Per person in Single: EGL 3215.00
- Per person in Triple: EGL 2435.00
- Child till 05.99 Years: EGL 180.00
- Child 06-11.99 Years: EGL 1415.00

**Aswan/Luxor Rates for (4 nights)**

**Embarkation on 27 Jan 15 – 04 Feb 15 – 12 Feb 15**

- Per person in Double: EGL 2795.00
- Per person in Single: EGL 3635.00
- Per person in Triple: EGL 2675.00
- Child till 05.99 Years: EGL 180.00
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