



ZEIN NILE CHATEAU

AN A&K SANCTUARY



The Nile River, Egypt



The glamorous interior of the newly refreshed lounge

A romantic recreation of a 19th-century Egyptian icon

Slender and low with billowing sails, Zein Nile Chateau is one of the most charming sights on the River Nile. This elegant recreation of a 19th-century dahabiya is quintessentially Egyptian, while its teak-floored Sun Deck and plunge pool add a touch of carefree glamour. It's also the smallest of the A&K Sanctuary fleet, and its intimate size – with just six refined cabins – makes it perfectly suited as an exclusive private charter. Guests can expect a truly bespoke adventure as the boat's compact scale means it can dock where typical river cruisers can't. An unforgettable Egyptian odyssey awaits.

Six Reasons to Choose Zein Nile Chateau



01



Zein Nile Chateau under sail

Docking where others can't as you sail aboard the smallest of the A&K Sanctuary fleet.

02



Archaeological wonders await

Offers a day-by-day, expertly guided introduction to 5,000 years' worth of history.

03



Cabin with beautifully crafted furniture

Each of the newly revamped cabins is individually designed.

04



Kingside bed in the Farouk Suite

Recreated 19th-century dahabiya meets luxe river cruising.

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The top deck is made for lounging

Stylish, teakwood Sun Deck with shaded daybeds and a dipping pool.

06



Farouk Suite bathroom with jacuzzi

Nile views from every angle – including the large bathrooms.

The Riverboat



As a lovingly recreated take on the dahabiyas that glided across these waters during the 19th-century heyday of Nile cruising, Zein Nile Chateau is the most unique private charter on the river. Dahabiyas have been part of the Egyptian riverscape for millennia – depictions have even been found in pharaohs' tombs. What makes Zein Nile Chateau so special is that it was the first of its kind, crafted with dedication so guests can soak up this age-old heritage as they sail upriver or downriver past views that haven't changed in hundreds of years. Modern comforts and some contemporary interior styling are seamlessly incorporated, with the use of luxury materials – oak, brass, alabaster – keeping the glamorous, classic feel. Interiors are rooted in the surroundings through the use of Egyptian marble and stone in the redesigned bathrooms of the six impeccable cabins and suites, as well as motifs such as palm prints and hieroglyphics on the soft furnishings.

Itineraries can be completely bespoke, with an expert Egyptologist on hand to bring to life 5,000 years of history. Back on board, guests can relax on the Arabian-themed sun deck, with its rugs and low tables, and take a dip in the plunge pool before savoring award-winning cuisine in the wooden-beamed dining area. Come evening, the lounge plays host, on occasion, to oud musicians, and whirling dervishes.

Verdant views from the deck



"Luxury materials such as oak, brass and alabaster give a classic feel."



Dining is an occasion in the elegant lounge

The Riverboat



PLUNGE POOL

On the teak-decked sun terrace there's a plunge pool and daybeds with parasols for shade – the perfect spot to settle in with an Agatha Christie novel.

LOUNGE

The newly refreshed lounge has deep-cushioned sofas in a soothing cream palette, which guests can sink into as they are served a well curated selection of wines, spirits and cocktails to provide just the right accompaniment to every occasion or whim.

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED CABINS

No two cabins are the same aboard Zein Nile Chateau. A fresh revamp has added beautifully crafted new furniture, artful décor rich in Egyptian motifs and ensuite bathrooms in marble and stone in a unique accent color – from imperial purple in the grand Napoleon Suite to creamy travertine in the Baladi Cabin.

GOLDEN AGE GLAMOUR

As a charming and brilliantly crafted recreation of a traditional dahabiya, Zein Nile Chateau represents the height of 19th-century cruising on the Nile. The use of materials such as Egyptian Galala marble and handwoven straw roots this handsome boat in its legendary surroundings.

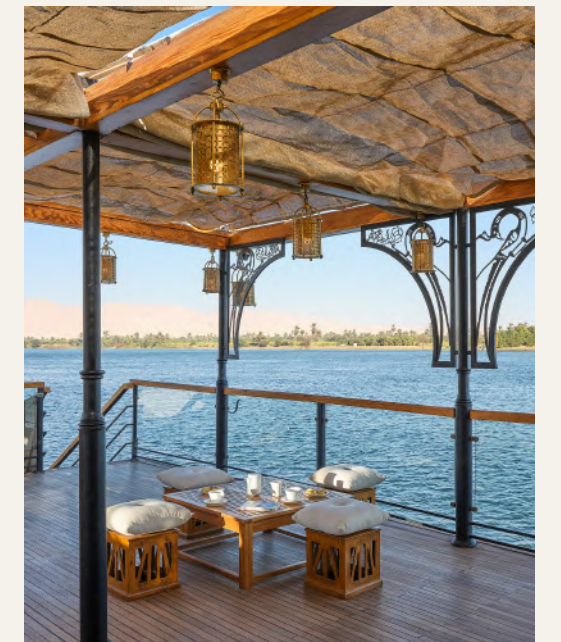


CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT

A private island lunch on the riverbank

Cool off in the plunge pool

Tea in a shaded spot on board



The Riverboat



Crafted metalwork frames the view
Egyptian motifs are used throughout

River	The Nile River
Length	50m
Number of Rooms	6
Maximum Number of Guests	12
Child Policy	Children of all ages are welcome
Guide Accommodation	Yes
Wheelchair Accessible	Limited Access
WiFi Available	Yes, in all areas
Credit cards Accepted	Visa, MasterCard, and Amex
Currencies Accepted	USD, Pound, Euro and Egyptian Pound
Plunge Pool	Yes

The Cabins & Suites



Zein Nile Chateau has two signature suites and four deluxe cabins (two with king-size beds and two with twins), each freshly revamped with new furniture and artistic décor reflecting the cabin's name. All cabins are air-conditioned, have ensuite bathrooms, Nile views, complimentary minibars, free Wi-Fi, and a nightly turn-down service. Bedding is made from the finest Egyptian cottons.

Each bathroom is unique

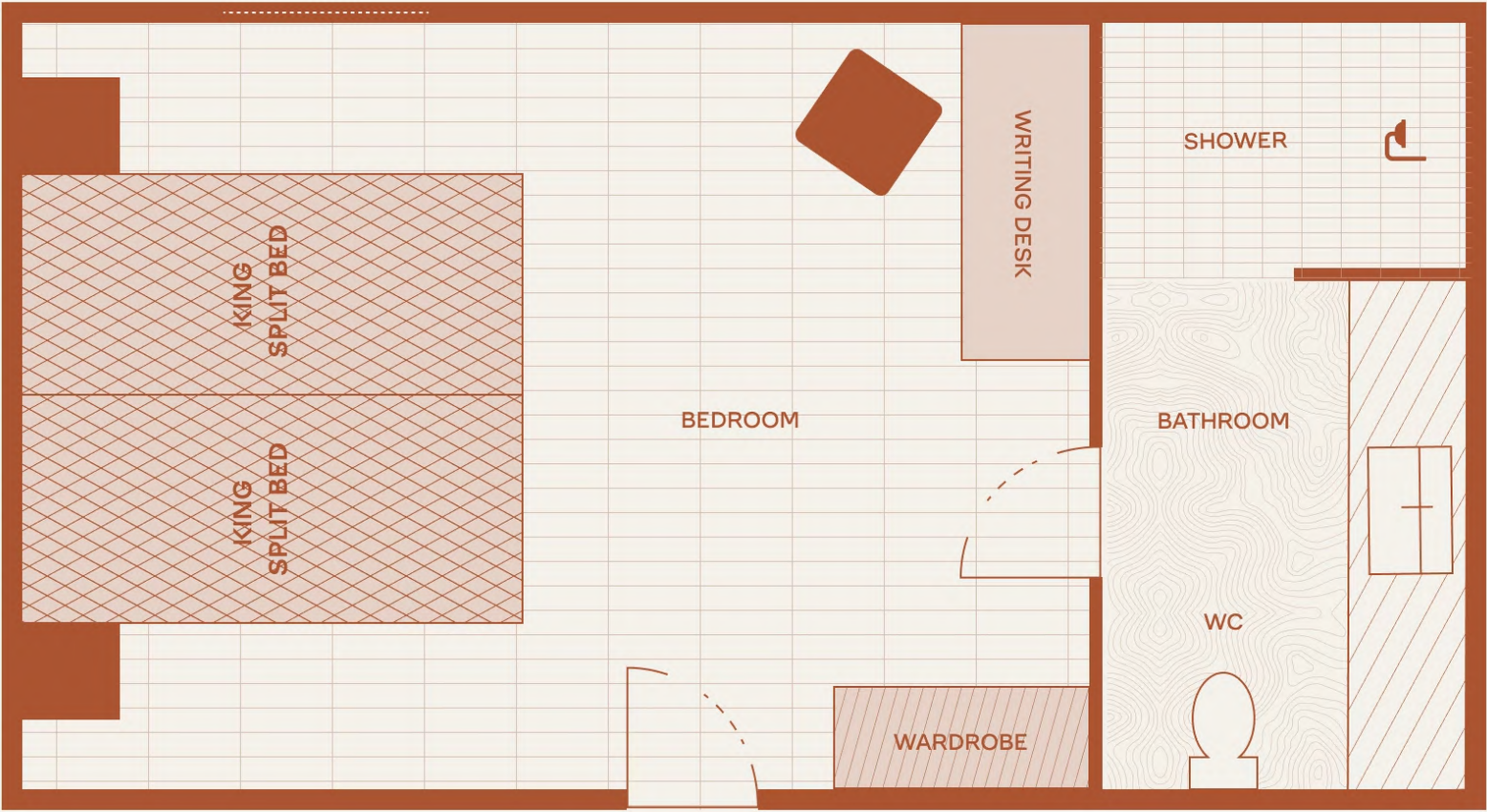


*"No two cabins are the same,
each one reflecting the culture
or landscape of Egypt."*



Beds are dressed in crisp Egyptian cotton

The Cabins

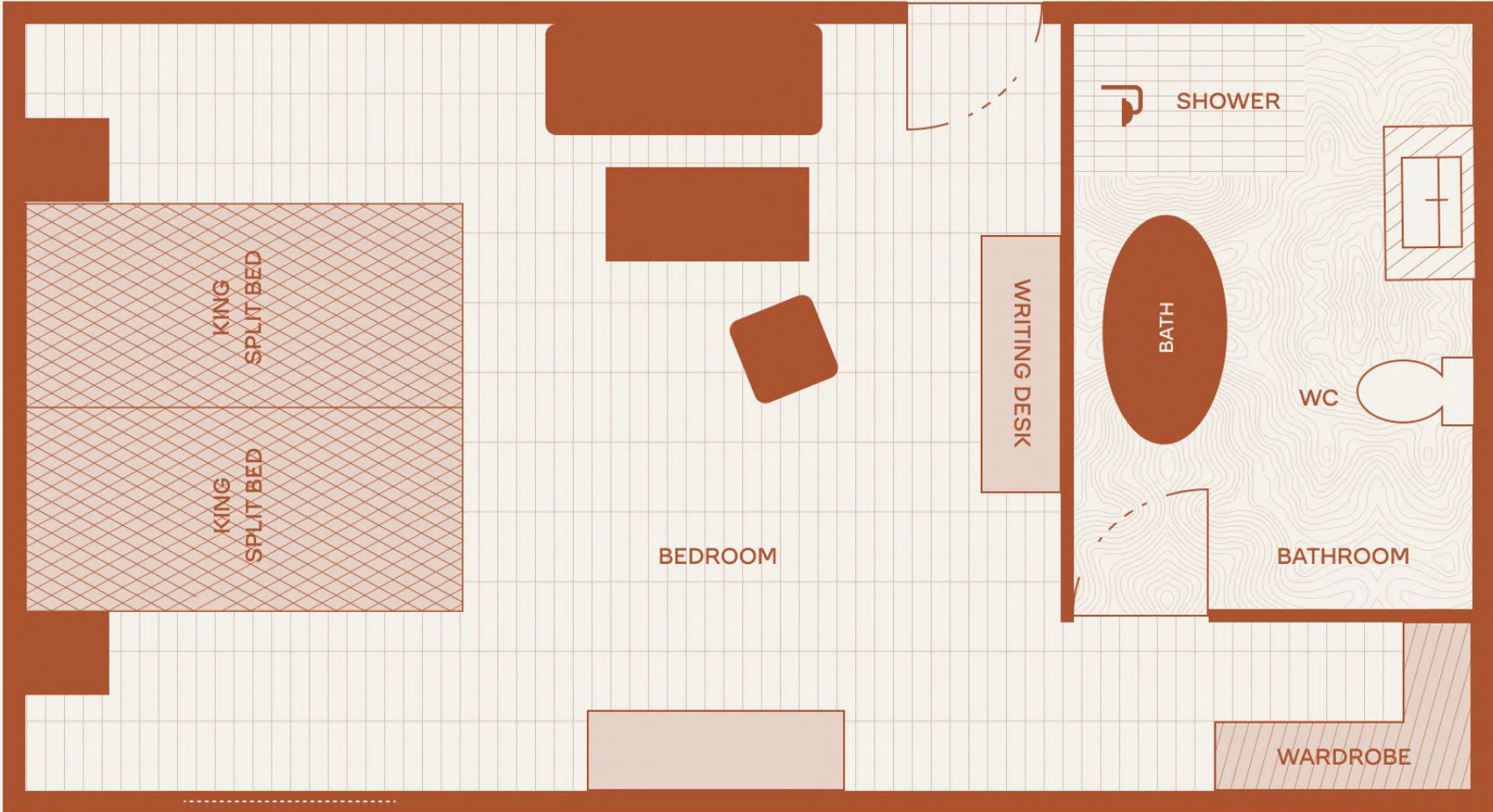


DELUXE CABIN | SLEEPS 2 | 20 SQ M (215 SQ FT)

On the lower deck, these four elegantly revamped cabins have either twin beds or a kingsize bed, and individual color palettes conveyed through luxury Egyptian materials. All have ensuite bathrooms, plus complimentary Wi-Fi, minibar and turn-down service.

Room Size	20 sq m (215 sq ft)
Bed Configuration (King or Twin)	King or Twin available
Triple Rooms Available	No
Mini Bar	Yes
Tea and Coffee Station	Yes
Air Conditioning	Yes
Overhead Fan	No
Plug Type	Type G Plug, USB and USB Type C
Bath	No
Shower	Yes
Hairdryer	Yes

The Napoleon Suite



NAPOLEON SUITE | SLEEPS 2 | 39 SQ M (419 SQ FT)

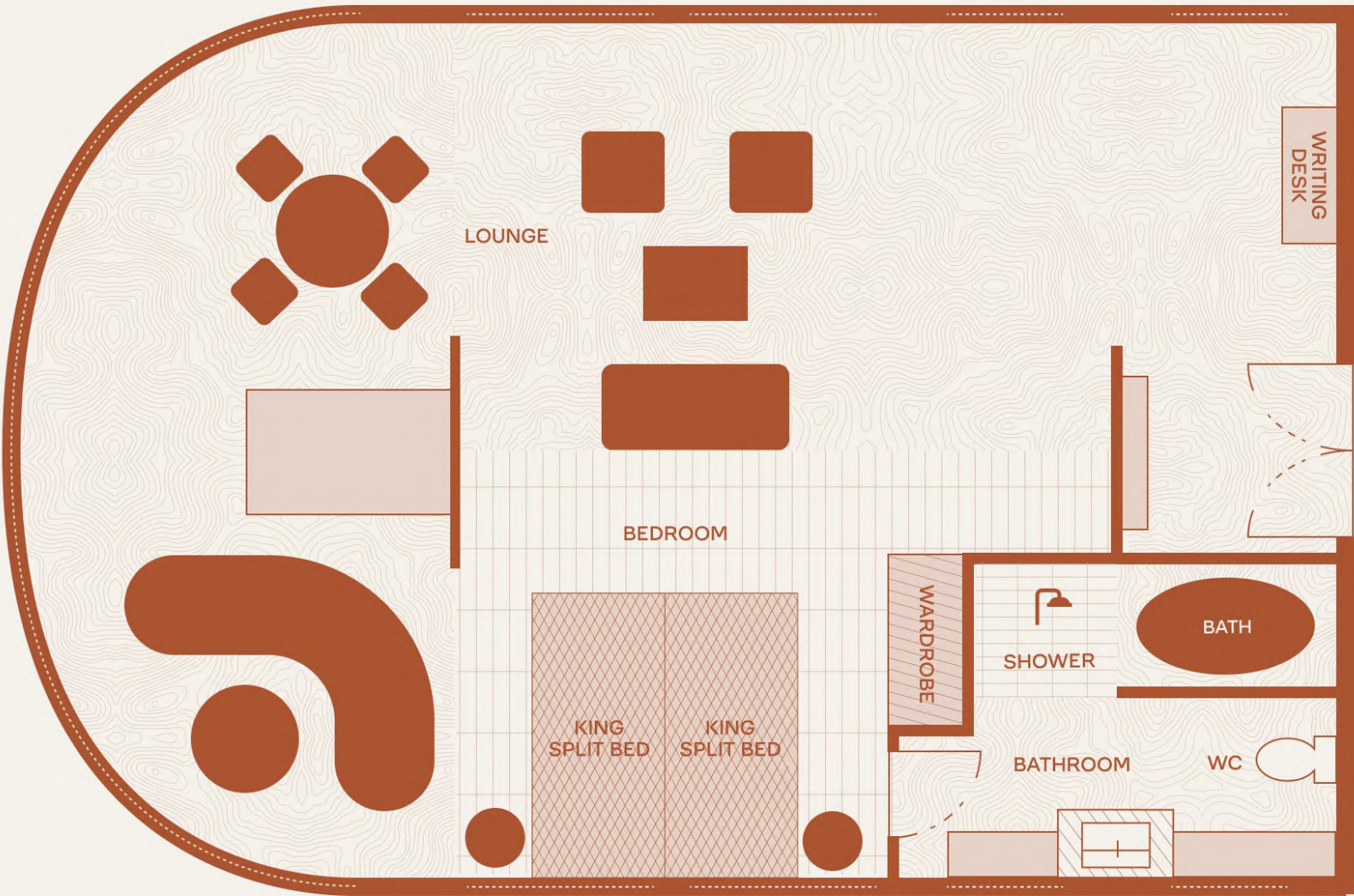
The region’s influential Napoleonic era is remembered with the imperial purple color palette of its ensuite bathroom. The four-poster bed and classical furniture provide suitably regal flourishes.

Room Size	39 sq m (419 sq ft)
Bed Configuration (King or Twin)	King available only
Triple Rooms Available	No
Mini Bar	Yes
Tea and Coffee Station	Yes
Air Conditioning	Yes
Overhead Fan	No
Plug Type	Type G Plug, USB and USB Type C
Bath	Yes
Shower	Yes
Hairdryer	Yes

The Farouk Suite



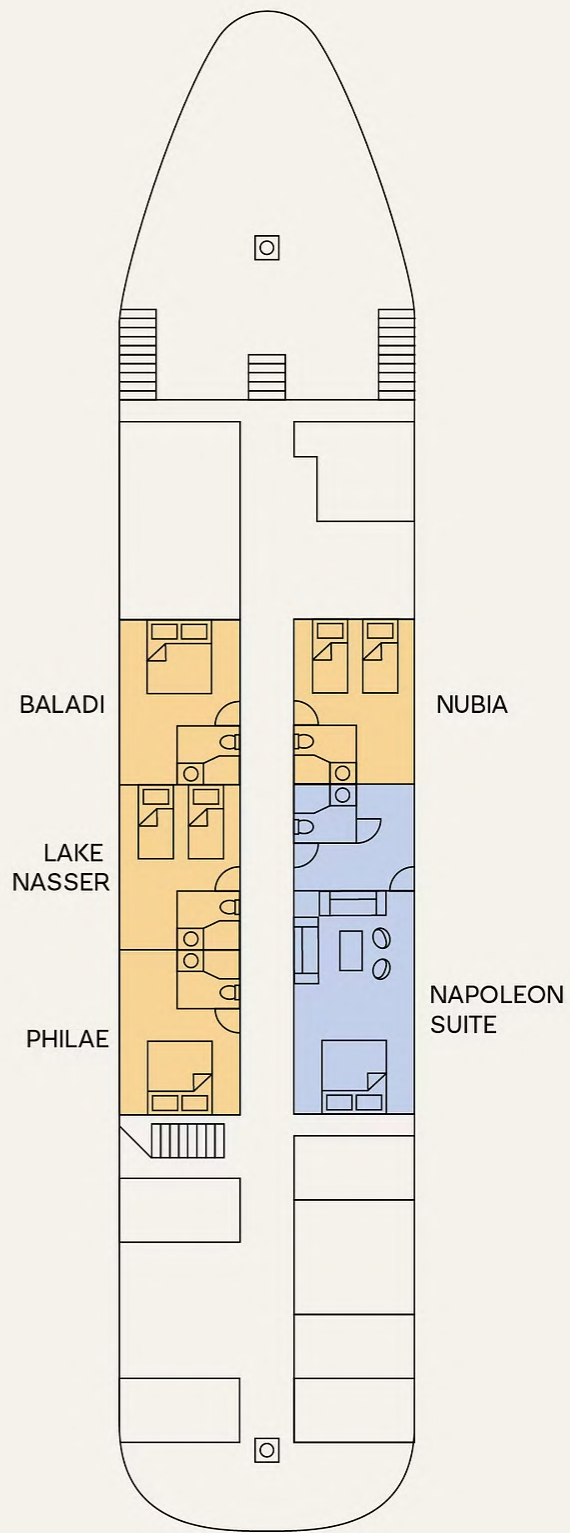
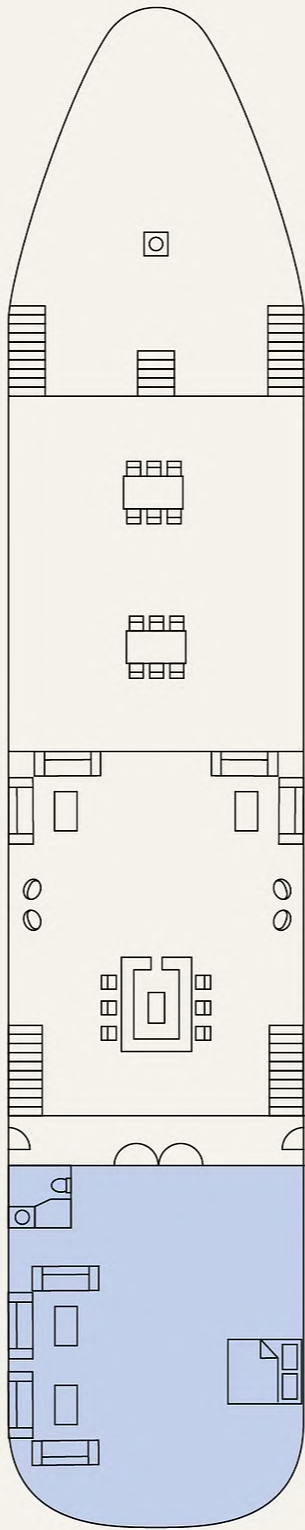
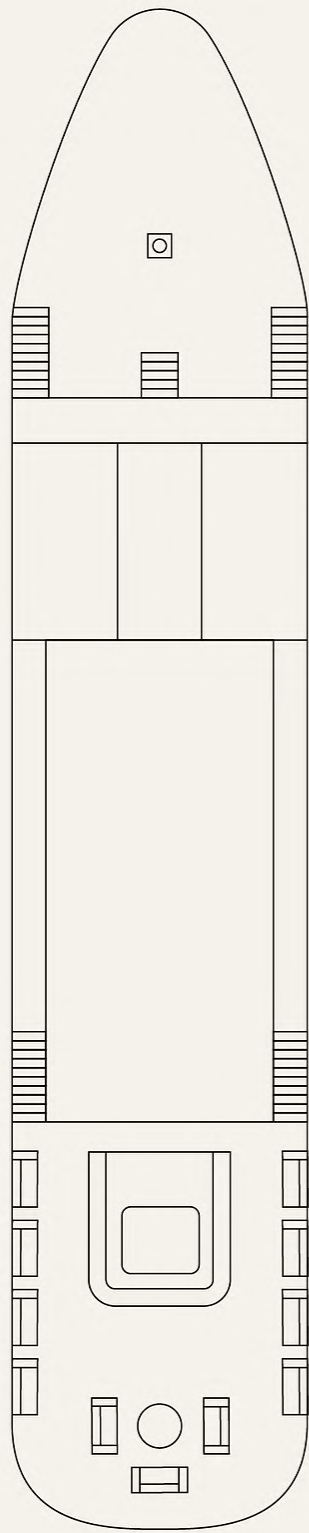
Room Size	108 sq m (1162 sq ft)
Bed Configuration (King or Twin)	King available only
Triple Rooms Available	Yes
Mini Bar	Yes
Tea and Coffee Station	Yes
Air Conditioning	Yes
Overhead Fan	No
Plug Type	Type G Plug, USB and USB Type C
Bath	Yes
Shower	Yes
Hairdryer	Yes



FAROUK SUITE | SLEEPS 2 | 108 SQ M (1162 SQ FT)

This light and airy suite incorporates influences from Egypt's royal past in its furniture and decor. Features include a private dining area, panoramic windows offering superb views of the passing Nile scenery, and a bathroom with both a bathtub and a Jacuzzi.

Deck Plan





The marble-topped table in the dining room

Food & Drink



Zein Nile Chateau's elegant dining room (marble-topped tables, alabaster counters, brass lanterns and gleaming glassware) is the scene of unforgettable meals created by the award-winning onboard chef. Familiar and delicious international options are available but dishes that showcase the unique flavors of the region – and the full diversity of the Middle East – are a highlight (try the excellent kushari, a spicy mix of black lentils, rice and chickpeas with tomato and fried onion). Individual dietary requirements, including fully vegetarian menus and menus for children, are brilliantly catered for, and there is a carefully curated selection of wines and spirits.

- American-style buffet breakfast, including international favorites such as eggs and pancakes, with some à la carte Egyptian dishes.
- Buffet lunch, with a wide range of salads, cheeses, cold meats and Egyptian dishes.
- Afternoon tea with a selection of pastries, cookies and fresh fruit.
- A la carte dinner, with two or three choices per course – and a purely Egyptian menu on one of the evenings.
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, plus choices from an extensive local and international wine lists at additional cost.

One of the excellent chefs



The Nile Location



Welcome to Southern Egypt, crucible of Ancient Egyptian culture. The River Nile wends its way more than 4,000 miles from Lake Victoria to the Mediterranean Sea. Yet it is the 130-mile section between Aswan and Luxor in southern Egypt that exerts the most powerful hold on the collective imagination. Here are many of the largest, most elaborate and intriguing structures built in ancient times, including the massive Temple of Karnak, the Valley of the Kings, the Valley of the Queens, the Temple of Kom Ombo, the Temple of Horus in Edfu, and the Greco-Egyptian shrine to Isis at the Philae temple complex, painstakingly reconstructed on an island after the original site was threatened by floods.

The river and landscape themselves possess an elemental beauty and, with A&K Sanctuary, your journey along and through them will be exclusive and enlightening. Arriving in either Luxor (a one-hour flight from Cairo) or Aswan (1 hour 30 minutes), relax during a private transfer by road (30 or 45 minutes respectively) to the exclusive docking area where you step aboard Zein Nile Chateau. Stopping at key archaeological sites en route from Luxor to Aswan — or vice versa — you will step ashore with an Egyptologist guide who will bring to life 5,000 years of history in the living outdoor museum that is the River Nile.

Zein Nile Chateau excursions uncover a hidden world



The Nile is the lifeblood of southern Egypt

Getting There



Traditional feluccas are a romantic sight



Cairo Airport to Luxor Airport / Cairo Airport to Aswan Airport

1-hour flight / 1-hour 30-minute flight



Luxor Airport to private dock / Aswan Airport to private dock

30-minute drive / 45-minute drive

Experiences



Whether traveling upstream from Aswan to Luxor or downstream from Luxor to Aswan, twice-daily excursions to must-see sites in the company of an expert guide will help guests get their dynasties in order. Incredible historic sites aside, guests can get a sense of the vibrant life along the Nile with a visit to a colorful Nubian village to meet the locals, a sense-tingling trip to a spice market and a hot-air balloon ride to put it all into perspective.



Hot-air balloons deliver a bird's-eye view

LUXOR

Home to more than half of Egypt's antiquities, Luxor — formerly Thebes, the capital of Ancient Egypt at the height of its glory — is the gateway to the Nile or the end point of the voyage. Visit the bustling market before touring its legendary archaeological sites.



Atmospheric ancient ruins abound in Luxor

LUXOR TEMPLE

Luxor honors “kingship”, rather than any deity. Alexander the Great claimed to have been crowned in the city, and he, Amenhotep III, Tutankhamun and Ramesses II built sections of the temple. Nearby were a legionary fortress and a seat of government in Roman times.



Explore UNESCO-protected sites with a local guide

KARNAK TEMPLE

This vast complex of temples, pylons, chapels and other structures, including the Great Hypostyle Hall, was built between the Middle Kingdom and Ptolemaic periods. Some 30 pharaohs added works and structures to what is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Intricate hieroglyphics adorn a tomb

THE VALLEY OF THE KINGS

This historic burial ground for nobles and pharaohs, including Tutankhamun, is one of the world's key archaeological sites. Hidden within rocky cliffs, 63 decorated tombs showcase exquisite hieroglyphics, paintings and treasures, proof of royal belief in the afterlife.

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Aswan marks ancient Egypt's southern frontier

ASWAN

The gateway to southern Egypt since 2,000BC, Aswan still delivers astonishing finds. In recent years, archaeologists have uncovered a bust of the Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius, a sphinx and 35 mummies in a tomb dating back to the Ptolemaic Dynasty.



This shrine to the goddess Isis was saved from rising waters

PHILAE TEMPLE

This ravishingly beautiful Greco-Egyptian shrine to Isis, extraordinary in its own right, was made even more famous when, in 1971, it was relocated from its original site to higher ground on nearby Agilika Island when rising Nile waters threatened to submerge it.



Many ancient ruins are remarkably well preserved

KOM OMBO TEMPLE

Kom Ombo is remarkable for many reasons, not least its dramatic position, symmetrical design and dedication to two gods rather than one — crocodile-headed Sobek and falcon-headed Horus. The mummified reptiles in the Crocodile Museum are surprisingly moving.



Some stone inscriptions are 2,000 years old

TEMPLE OF EDFU

One of the best-preserved shrines in the whole of Egypt, the Temple of Edfu was built between 237 and 57 BC. Inscriptions on the walls give intriguing information about the myths, language and religions following the death of Alexander the Great in 323 BC.

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Enjoy a private island lunch on the riverbank

PRIVATE ISLAND LUNCH

Experience an exclusive lunch on a private island when chartering Zein Nile Chateau. Our talented team sets up a barbecue on the island, preparing a generous spread of grilled flavorful mains, fresh salads and delicious desserts. This extraordinary dining experience is the perfect way to experience the Nile.



Visit locals in their colorful Nubian homes

NUBIAN VILLAGE

Venture further south along the Nile to Sohail Island, in what was once Nubia — the region where the Kerma civilization, one of the oldest in Africa, flourished from 2500 BC to 1500 BC. Explore a time-warp village where Nubian culture is preserved, taking a camel ride through its alleys and meeting villagers in their colorfully painted homes. Optional experience. Additional cost.



The spice market is the place to pick up gifts to take home

ASWAN SPICE MARKET

As soon as you enter the souk, the powerful aroma of Egyptian herbs and spices engulfs you. Browse the stalls, with their colorful displays, and immerse yourself in the traditional way of life as you wander. Optional experience. Additional cost.



From the water to the air: an alternative view of the Nile

HOT-AIR BALLOON RIDE

You get a fresh perspective on the spectacular Valleys of the Kings and Queens as you soar above them in a hot-air balloon for a memorable, once-in-a-lifetime experience. Optional experience. Additional cost.

The Details



HONEYMOONS, ANNIVERSARIES & SPECIAL OCCASIONS

A journey aboard Zein Nile Chateau is effortlessly romantic. Couples can enjoy a private romantic dinner or flowers in their cabin while the crew adds thoughtful touches – from a celebratory cake to a special ceremony performed by staff – to mark life’s milestones in unforgettable style.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Zein Nile Chateau welcomes children of any age.

INCLUSIONS

- All meals, mineral water, tea, coffee and soft drinks during mealtimes, juices during breakfast, and afternoon tea
- Guided excursions as detailed in the itinerary, including transport and entrance fees, port charges and fees

EXCLUSIONS

- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, except water, tea, coffee and soft drinks during mealtimes
- International and domestic flights, and transfers
- Travel insurance, laundry, gratuities and all other items of a personal nature

AVAILABLE FOR CHARTER

The beauty of Zein Nile Chateau is that guests take over the entire river yacht as a private charter. This means the elegant interiors are all theirs to luxuriate in, and the brilliant team – from the head chef to the barman – are on hand to cater to every whim. On-shore itineraries can be tailored with the help of an Egyptologist guide, and the whole experience is as easy-flowing as the legendary river you’ve set out to explore.



Enjoy panoramic views from the Farouk Suite



The finest craftsmanship can be seen in the cabins

Travel Tips



WHAT TO PACK

Guests should pack cool and comfortable clothing. Jerseys and heavier jackets are needed for spring and winter, light t-shirts and shorts can be worn during summer. Sturdy and comfortable shoes are essential. Accessories to pack include: camera, sunglasses and sun hat.

The dress code on board is casual during the day, and smart casual for evening meals. Shorts and t-shirts are not permitted at dinner.

HEALTH

Please discuss health precautions for your travel itinerary with a qualified health professional at least six weeks before departure.

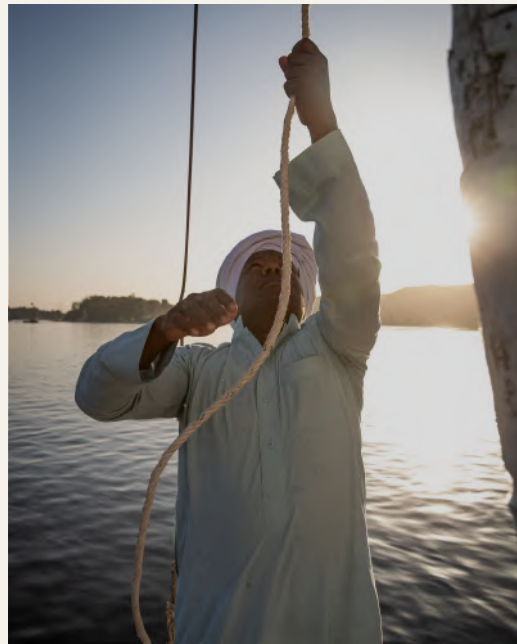
MONEY & CREDIT CARDS

All extras can be paid for with Visa, MasterCard, American Express and traveller's cheques. US dollars, British pounds, Euros and Egyptian Pounds are also accepted; however, change will be given in the local currency.

GRATUITY GUIDELINES

Tipping and gratuities remain entirely at your discretion.

All aboard for a sunset sailing



A&K Philanthropy Initiatives in Egypt



The Bike Shop at Funtasia Cultural Center is supported by A&K Philanthropy

JOURNEYS WITH PURPOSE IN EGYPT

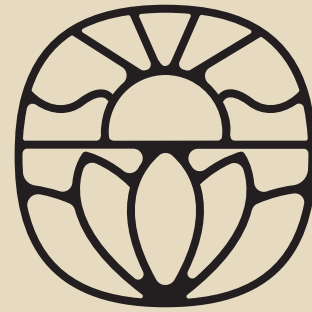
A&K founder Geoffrey Kent pioneered the community-first approach to conservation more than 60 years ago. Today, through A&K Philanthropy (AKP), we support over 55 active projects in 24 countries, harnessing travel as a force for good. Guests cruising aboard Zein Nile Chateau may visit our partner initiatives in Egypt, seeing firsthand how meaningful investment in local communities can create lasting change.

FUNTASIA CHILDREN'S SCHOOL, LUXOR

In the heart of Luxor, AKP supports the Funtasia Cultural Center, an afterschool program that nurtures creativity, confidence, and opportunity for underprivileged children. Here, around 50 students aged 4–15 engage in workshops on pottery, painting, gardening, theatre, and wellbeing, learning practical and artistic skills that prepare them for brighter futures. Guests visiting Funtasia can join activities, meet children, and explore initiatives such as the Bike Shop and seasonal garden. Since its founding in 2014, the program has empowered over 250 children and 100 women, transforming lives on Luxor’s West Bank.

MAGDI YACOUB HEART CENTRE, ASWAN

Founded in 2009 by world-renowned heart surgeon Sir Magdi Yacoub, the Aswan Heart Centre provides free, life-saving cardiovascular care to Egypt’s most vulnerable patients. Supported by AKP, the center employs more than 370 doctors and nurses, combining advanced surgical facilities with pioneering research. Guests may take a guided behind-the-scenes tour, gaining insight into surgical theatres, family care programs, and cutting-edge imaging technology. With cardiovascular disease responsible for nearly half of Egypt’s deaths, the center’s impact is profound — offering hope, healing, and a brighter future to countless children and families.



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