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## *Aggressor Nile Queen* *Saturday – Thursday*

### **Reservations Information**

Office Hours are Eastern Daylight Time:

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**(7-Day advance notice for transportation reservations is required)**

### **AIRLINE CHECKED BAGS**

Check with your airline or airlines if traveling with more than one carrier regarding luggage allowances, limitations and overage fees. Some airlines have seasonal restrictions to certain destinations that may limit guests to one checked bag or a maximum weight of all checked bags and prohibit extra pieces or overweight pieces.

### **HOW MUCH CASH DO I BRING?**

We recommend you withdraw cash before you start your travels to Egypt. It can be challenging to find ATMs in Egypt and there can be expensive ATM fees as well. We also recommend traveling with small bills for miscellaneous gratuities and expenses not related to your Nile Queen experience. Any expenses related to the Nile Queen can be paid by cash (USD, Euros, Egyptian Pounds), Visa, and Mastercard.

### **WHERE DO I EXCHANGE MONEY?**

The exchange rate is regulated by the government and the two best places to exchange money are the airport and your host hotel. We highly recommend exchanging currency before you board the vessel because opportunities thereafter are limited.

*Information subject to change without notice 11/4/2020*

## WHAT TO PACK?

We recommend all guests bring an insulated water bottle for tours, small travel toilet paper, disposable wet wipes, hat, sunscreen and Gatorade packets or another type to rehydrate on hot days.

Clothing should be lightweight, comfortable sportswear, and swimsuits are a must. A light sweater or jacket is ideal for evenings. Dress is always casual and informal. Additional items you may want to bring are sunscreen, sunglasses, a hat, soft deck shoes/socks, and comfortable walking shoes for your time ashore while touring the historical sites. While there is no official dress code for entering ancient temples in Egypt, as a courtesy, it is recommended that you cover your shoulders and wear loose, modest clothing when entering temples. Shorts, t-shirts, and tennis shoes are ideal for days when visiting remote towns on the East Bank.

## THE AGGRESSOR NILE QUEEN PACKAGE

Your package includes accommodations in a deluxe or master air-conditioned stateroom that has a large picture window, a private bathroom, shower, hair dryer, robe and fresh towels. All chef-prepared meals are included; breakfast (cooked to order), lunch and an elegant dinner with tableside service in addition to fresh mid-morning and mid-afternoon snacks. Beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) are complimentary while onboard. Linens are changed as requested and fresh towels are placed in each stateroom as needed.

## TAXES/FEES/TRANSFERS

Upon arrival to Egypt, all guests must pay an entry visa of \$25 in cash only. They do not offer a multi-entry visa. (subject to change without notice). Transfers and entrance fees to the historical sites are included in the price of your trip. There is a 14% Value Added Tax (VAT) required by the Egyptian Federal Law for all onboard billings for any retail or service added to your bill. There is a \$80 port fee that will be collected from you at the end of the week which may be paid by Visa, Mastercard, or cash in USD, Euro or EGP/Egyptian Pounds.

If you are already in the country when your Nile Queen trip starts, arrangements can be made for transfers from Hurghada, Port Ghalib, and Aswan to/from the Luxor Airport (LXR) for an additional price. Please contact our travel department at [info@aggressortravel.com](mailto:info@aggressortravel.com) for pricing and details.

### Transfers for Combining Red Sea Aggressor I, Red Sea Aggressor II With Nile Queen

For guests traveling on the Red Sea Aggressor I & II combined with the Nile Queen, transfers can be arranged for you and are scheduled at the below times. There is an additional charge for this and reservations must be made at least 7 days in advance.

#### Nile Queen/Red Sea Aggressor I & II

- \* 11 am - Depart Aswan to Hurghada to board the Red Sea Aggressor II
- \* 10 am - Depart Aswan to Port Ghalib to board the Red Sea Aggressor I

#### Red Sea Aggressor I & II/Nile Queen

- \* 7 am - Depart Hurghada to Luxor to board the Nile Queen
- \* 6 am - Depart Port Ghalib to Luxor to board the Nile Queen

## ITINERARY

### Sample Itinerary (All trips are Saturday to Thursday)

- Saturday; Arrival Luxor Airport and transferred to the Nile Queen for a 10 am boarding, lunch then

afternoon East Bank Tour.

- Sunday – Luxor - Morning West Bank, Esna Tour, cruising the Nile River.
- Monday – Wednesday Nile Cruise; Luxurious, Explore Egypt's most ancient sites, like the Temple of Khnum, El Kab, Edfu, Gebel Silsileh, Kom Ombo.
- Thursday morning arrival in Aswan. Check out at 8:00am for guests not doing the Abu Simbel add on, then tour of Aswan sites and transfer to the airport in the afternoon.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Cruise itinerary is subject to change according to weather conditions and Esna lock situation.

## **ARRIVAL**

Airport transfers are included if traveling from Luxor Airport (LXR) to the vessel on the start day of the trip and if departing from Aswan Airport (ASW) on the end date of your Nile Queen charter.

### ***River Cruise Start Date***

On Saturday Luxor Airport (LXR) guests are met at the airport by a representative for a 10 am transfer to the Aggressor Nile Queen docked on the Nile River which is included (25-minute trip by mini bus). On Thursday guests are transferred to the Aswan Airport (ASW) after the 2 pm tour ends.

We highly recommend arriving in Luxor at least one day prior to boarding on Saturday so you don't miss any of the first days experience and tours. This will also help you get acclimated to the local climate and ensure all your bags arrive. If you are already in Luxor, please make your own way to the Aggressor Nile Queen, on the East Bank of the Nile from 10 am - 11:00 am for boarding.

**(7-Day advance notice for transportation reservations is required)**

Please be sure to include your arrival time and/or hotel reservations when completing your online paperwork through the GIS.

## **DOCKING**

The Aggressor Nile Queen docks at the East Bank each Saturday morning for a 10:00 am boarding and the start of your Nile Cruise. The Aggressor Nile Queen docks in Aswan on Thursday morning (at the end of the trip) for guests to continue their Aggressor vacation or half day tour which will end at 2 pm. Transportation will be provided to the Aswan Airport.

## **WELCOME**

It is important to notify our office of last minute changes concerning your airline arrival and departure times. Please download the most recent "Know Before You Go" prior to traveling from [www.aggressor.com](http://www.aggressor.com). The Aggressor Adventures Office and Aggressor Nile Queen are in constant communication. In the event of an emergency, family and friends may contact you at the above numbers. If you need to reach the vessel, please call or e-mail them at the numbers listed above. We recommend you pack medication and toiletries in your carry-on bag. Having these few items with you can make an unexpected luggage delay more bearable.

## **EXTENDED TRAVEL**

We highly recommend adding an extension to your itinerary in Egypt to Abu Simbel and Cairo. Aggressor Adventures in house airline and travel department specializes in extended packages and can assist you. For more information, visit [www.aggressortravel.com](http://www.aggressortravel.com) for sample packages you can do.

**Extra 2 Nights Cairo** – Experience Cairo by night and fantastic day tour including Visit the Great Pyramids of Giza & Sphinx, the Egyptian Museum the Old Bazaar of Khan El Khalili.

## PASSPORTS & DOCUMENTATION

Visitors must have a current passport, adequate funds to support themselves, and a return airline ticket to travel to Egypt. US citizens require a passport that must be valid for 6 months from date of entry. It is the travelers' responsibility to ensure they have the proper documentation to travel into each country on his or her itinerary as well as for re-entry and return to their country. All visitors to Egypt need an entry Visa to enter Egypt. For many nationalities this can be purchased on arrival in Cairo or Hurgada for 25 USD. However, please check with the appropriate consulate to ensure you have the proper documentation. Always check your passport and visa requirements. US citizens may go to the US Department of State website at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for more information. The website also has information for consulates by country to assist with requirements. There are special requirements for children leaving the US and many countries have adopted requirements for the protection of children. Since regulations vary by country, contact your consulate or embassy of your country for the requirement. *The Reservation Office and Staff cannot assume responsibility for passengers not having correct documentation.*

## GUEST INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

The Aggressor Adventures Reservations Office and the Aggressor Nile Queen require each guest to complete a Cruise Application and Waiver form, prior to departure and boarding through the GIS (Guest Information System). The GIS allows guests to interactively complete all required paperwork that includes the application/waiver, special requests and travel information. If you haven't received a link to access the GIS, please contact an Aggressor Adventures agent. Passengers who fail to complete the GIS prior to boarding, will be denied boarding. Many Aggressor destinations require passenger information for itinerary approval.

## INSURANCE

We strongly recommend each guest purchase comprehensive accident, medical, baggage and trip cancellation and interruption insurance when space is reserved. Trip insurance will protect you from financial disappointment if you are prevented from making your scheduled trip due to illness or family illness, or in the event that unforeseen circumstances prevent the airline or yacht from making its scheduled trip. In the event you cancel your trip prior, be familiar with Aggressor Adventures cancellation policies, which can be found on [www.aggressor.com](http://www.aggressor.com). More information can be found on Diveassure or Divers Alert Network insurance on our website.

## HEALTH

The Nile Queen has a basic first aid kit onboard.

Aggressor Adventures vessels and their staff are unable to accept any medication brought onboard for safekeeping including those that require refrigeration. Should a guest have a medication requiring temperature control, they will need to travel with a travel cooling case or small storage cooler with several blue ice packets. The staff will be happy to store and recharge the blue ice but are unable to accept possession or responsibility for the proper care and storage of medication. This should be kept in the stateroom. There is **NO smoking allowed inside the boat or on the upper decks**. Smoking is only permitted in designated areas.

## THE VESSEL

The Nile Queen is a spacious 155 ft. vessel with a 26 ft. beam, built and powered for comfort, safety and stability. She is sail powered with supporting motors. She has 220-volt power onboard (with attached plug in). Comfortable accommodations for 16 guests include 8 spacious staterooms with

central air-conditioning. A private bathroom, picture windows with views, mirrored dresser, hair dryer, fresh towels and volume controls are included. Each stateroom has a 23-inch flat screen TV able to play a selection of 700 movies or 700 hours of television.

The yacht has a beautiful spacious salon, large sun deck with shading, Jacuzzi, chaise lounges and deck chairs, bar, and a complete photo/video center. The yacht is not responsible for any lost, damaged or stolen items. We highly recommend extreme caution and care be taken if you plan to travel onboard with electronic equipment. This equipment should always be stowed after use to avoid the risk of damage.

## **FACTS ABOUT THE NILE RIVER, EGYPT**

- Egypt lies in the North Eastern tip of North Africa and borders the Mediterranean Sea, as well as the Red Sea joined by the Suez Canal, on the western side of the Sinai Peninsula. The Nile River runs through Egypt from the Southern Sudan into the Mediterranean Sea.
- The official language of Egypt is Arabic, but many of the people in the tourist resorts also speak English and French.
- Population: Over 90 million; Capital: Cairo
- Local currency is EGP, Egyptian Pound. (Approximately EGP 17 = US \$1)
- Day Temperature: Summer time 41C = 106F - Winter time 25C = 77F
- Night Temperature: Summer time 29C = 84F - Winter time 15C = 59F
- Luxor and Aswan have a subtropical desert climate with mild warm winters and hot summers.

## **INTERNET/EMAIL**

Limited Wi-Fi is available on board the vessel but is not guaranteed.

## **FOOD**

The menu aboard is varied and plentiful, with a variety of Egyptian feasts and local cuisine. If you have any special dietary requirements, please add this to your reservation through the GIS and speak to the yacht chef once onboard so he/she can adequately prepare to meet your needs. You will wake up to fresh fruits, hot entrees, cereals and juices. Lunches feature hot soups, homemade breads, salads and sandwiches and/or entrees. Dinners are chef prepared and served each evening and include salads, vegetables, seafood, beef or chicken with a fresh homemade dessert. Certain special dietary and beverage requests may not be available due to the remote nature of this location so we highly recommend you bring these items with you.

## **BEVERAGES**

The selection of beverages onboard includes fruit juices, soft drinks, iced water, iced tea, coffee, and a limited selection of local beer and wine, which are complimentary. Due to the high duty charged on liquor, we suggest you bring your favorite brand.

## **ENTERTAINMENT**

There is a variety of nightly entertainment, movies, games and more. We have a selection of 700 classic and new release movies on hard drive that can be viewed in the boats salon or taken to your cabin on a small flash drive to watch. However, if you have a favorite movie, digital slide show or a video to share, we encourage you to bring it along. The staff especially loves new releases movies, recent magazines and books. A small library of books for exchange is maintained onboard.

Whether it's your anniversary, birthday, honeymoon, wedding or other celebration; please let us know so the staff can celebrate your occasion. Kindly advise the US office prior to traveling so the crew is notified in advance.

## **GREEN THE FLEET**

Contribute to our Green the Fleet sustainability initiatives. Here are a few reminders:

- Avoid traveling with single-use plastics.
- Remove packaging from any new purchases before traveling.
- Travel with a reusable cloth facemask or neck gator verses a disposable one.
- Travel with a refillable water bottle for hydration.
- Use rechargeable batteries.
- Use an environmentally safe (i.e.: "Reef Safe") sunscreen, or better yet use fabric to cover up instead of relying on chemical protection.
- Conserve and responsibly use fresh water when at your adventure destination.
- Be environmentally conscious in everything you do.

## **BOUTIQUE & CREDIT CARDS**

There is a mini boutique onboard with assorted t-shirts, and miscellaneous items. The Aggressor Nile Queen accepts cash (USD, Euros, Egyptian Pounds), Visa, and Mastercard. (no personal checks) You will settle your bill onboard on the last day of your trip when you arrive in Aswan. After returning home if you still want boutique items, please visit the Aggressor Adventures online boutique at [www.aggressor.com](http://www.aggressor.com).

## **GRATUITIES**

Staff gratuities are not included in the charter. We believe gratuities should be voluntary and based upon the quality of service the staff has provided. When settling your account, the Cruise Tour Guide will have an envelope for gratuities that will be divided equally among the staff. Payment can be made by Visa or Mastercard credit card, or cash (USD, Euro's, Egyptian Pounds.)

## **CHECKOUT**

Checkout is at 8:00 am Thursday morning for guests not participating in the Abu Simbel add on. Guests will depart for a half-day tour and lunch which ends at 2 pm then will be transferred to the Aswan Airport. Guest's luggage will be transfers to the minibus after check out while on the half-day tour.

## **ADVENTURE LOGS**

Each week we post the river cruise log of the previous trip. Please feel free to visit [www.aggressor.com](http://www.aggressor.com) and go to the Aggressor Nile Queens Adventure log.