

EGYPT

Follow in the Footsteps of the Holy Family, Alexander the Great & Ancient Pharaohs

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aktiv planet travel dispatch

EXPLORE BOLDLY. TRAVEL RESPECTFULLY.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to prepare travelers not just for the journey ahead, but for meaningful, respectful engagement with the cultures, landscapes, and people they encounter. Through each dispatch, we aim to inspire curiosity, deepen understanding, and build a sense of shared adventure — empowering travelers to explore boldly, connect authentically, and move through the world with intention.

Purpose of an aktiv planet travel dispatch

An aktiv planet travel dispatch aims to:

1. Prepare with Purpose

It provides practical information and cultural context so travelers feel confident, informed, and grounded. From packing tips to etiquette guides, the dispatch ensures that everyone arrives not just ready to explore, but ready to connect.

2. Deepen Cultural Understanding

Each dispatch highlights the people, history, customs, and unique spirit of the destination. It promotes respectful travel by fostering curiosity and awareness — turning a trip into a meaningful cultural exchange.

3. Build Excitement

It builds anticipation and unity among travelers. Through sneak peeks of the itinerary, local phrases, and fun facts, the dispatch fuels that "we're-really-going!" energy and invites travelers to imagine themselves there.

4. Strengthen the aktiv planet Community

The dispatch encourages communication and collaboration — travelers are reminded to check shared documents, use the questions section, and stay engaged with the aktiv planet team and each other.

5. Deliver in aktiv planet's Voice

Written in a tone that's warm, curious, respectful, and just a little playful, the dispatch reflects aktiv planet's core values: responsible adventure, cultural respect, curiosity, and connection.



Cruising the Nile



Traveling Through Living History

Your Nile cruise is far more than a way to move between destinations—it's an experience that slows time and draws you into Egypt's story. As we glide along the Nile, we follow the route once traveled by pharaohs and queens, carried by a river that has shaped an entire civilization. Watching temples, palm-lined banks, and timeless villages drift by from the deck is quietly powerful and deeply immersive.

Days unfold in golden light, with landscapes that feel untouched by time. From **included** visits to Luxor, Philae Temple, Karnak, Kom Ombo, and Aswan to the quiet moments in between, this journey immerses you in ancient Egypt—where the river's rhythm and glowing sunsets make the journey itself part of the magic.

To **complement this extraordinary journey**, aktiv planet is offering a variety of carefully curated options designed to enrich your time in Egypt. From an unforgettable hot air balloon ride, to a deeper dive into the world of Ramses II and his Queen Nefertari, to romantic and artistic moments like a professional photo shoot—and more—these experiences invite you to go beyond observation. They invite you to step further into ancient history, experience Egypt's legacy in a more personal way, and return home with stunning photographs and unforgettable memories you'll love revisiting long after your journey ends.

Experiences That Feel Like a Story



From Village Life to Temple Lights

If you're looking for experiences that deepen your connection to Egypt beyond temples, these two options are perfect. They offer a mix of authentic local culture and magical evening atmosphere—both of which bring a different kind of wonder to your Nile adventure.

Nubian Village Visit – \$55 per person

This is one of those experiences that feels like stepping into a living painting. Nubian villages are known for their bright, bold colors—every building, door, and wall is a work of art, and the whole place feels vibrantly alive. During this visit, you'll soak in the unique atmosphere of a community that has preserved its heritage in the most beautiful way. It's lively, heartfelt, and a wonderful way to connect with local culture.

Sound and Light Show (Philae Temple) – \$85 per person

Philae Temple is stunning by day, but after dark it becomes something truly magical. Imagine the temple illuminated in lights as storytelling brings the history of Isis and the site to life. It's an unforgettable evening experience that adds a whole new dimension to this sacred place. I'm definitely upping my own adventure by adding this evening show—it's the perfect way to see Philae in a whole new light (yes, pun totally intended).



Experiences Worth Saying “Yes” To



The Big Two: Sky & Stone

These two experiences may be a bit pricier, but they're moments that truly stand out: unique, unforgettable, and worth every penny. These aren't just activities, you'll talk about these moments for years to come.

Hot Air Balloon Ride* – \$160 per person

Wake up early for a sunrise experience that feels like a dream—floating above the West Bank as the world slowly lights up beneath you. From high above, you'll see temples, valleys, and the Nile itself stretch out in breathtaking panoramic views. It's one of those moments you'll replay in your mind for years. Armelle is definitely doing this—will you rise to the challenge and join her?

Abu Simbel Excursion* – \$180 per person

This is one of Egypt's most iconic and unforgettable sites—an absolute must for history lovers. Travel to the monumental temples of Ramses II and Nefertari, where massive statues and intricate carvings create a truly awe-inspiring scene. Yes, it's a journey, but it's the kind of experience that feels worth every minute. I've been before, and I'd go again in a heartbeat.

Quick Note: These experiences are popular and space is limited, so if you're interested, it's best to reserve early. Keep in mind that they may require very early departures (around 4:30 or 5:00 AM)—but the payoff is absolutely worth it.

Experience Picture-Perfect Egypt



Relax, Smile, We'll Capture It

Some moments are meant to be *lived* and you don't have to hold the camera—experience the moment while a professional captures you against Egypt's iconic backdrops. Whether it's the drama of a red dress or the grandeur of the West Bank or Karnak, these shoots turn your journey into stunning, frame-worthy memories.

Red Dress Photoshoot (on boat) – \$200 per person

Capture a cinematic moment on the Nile with a red dress photoshoot right on the boat.

Couple Photoshoot (on boat) – \$300 per couple

Capture your Nile adventure together with a romantic photoshoot on the boat. No camera duty—just stunning, frame-worthy photos you'll treasure for years.

Red Dress Photoshoot (West Bank/Karnak) – \$250 per person

Step into a dramatic, unforgettable scene among ancient ruins—perfect for capturing show-stopping photos you'll cherish forever.

Couple Photoshoot (West Bank or Karnak) – \$350 per couple

Create a romantic keepsake of your time in Egypt with a couple photoshoot among the iconic ruins of the West Bank or Karnak.

Quick Note: Spots are extremely limited—if you want to book, it's best to reserve early.



Experience Restorative Self-Care



The Perfect Post-Adventure Reset

Our boat also offers on-board wellness services, including sauna and massage treatments to help you unwind after a day of exploring. Plus, there's a small workout room available at no extra charge for anyone who wants to stay active while cruising the Nile.

Sauna & Massage Menu (on boat) – Prices Vary

After a full day of exploring ancient temples and bustling markets, there's nothing quite like returning to the calm of your home on the Nile and treating yourself to a soothing sauna or massage. These services aren't just a luxury—they're a way to restore your body and your spirit.

A warm sauna helps relax your muscles, ease tension, and quiet your mind, while a massage can release the stress you didn't even realize you were carrying. Beyond physical benefits, these moments of self-care help you feel centered, refreshed, and emotionally recharged—so you're ready to wake up the next day energized and excited for whatever adventures await.

It's the perfect way to close the day: peaceful, restorative, and deeply nourishing for both body and soul.

Quick Note: Availability is limited and is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

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