



Dahabiya Sailing and Village Visits - 4 Days



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Dahabiya Sailing and Village Visits

With One Horizon you can combine the pleasures of cruising the Nile and visiting local community projects. The experience begins and ends in Cairo and you can visit 4 different communities over 4 days. One of the advantages of the dahabiya is that it can anchor at any location along the Nile banks and that's why it's perfect for combining visits to One Horizon's local communities and villages. You can avoid the traffic in Cairo and enjoy the sites from the Nile.

A Great Way To Travel

A Dahabiya is a traditional two-masted sailing boat. And in Arabic it is translated as 'a golden one'. These vessels were common in Egypt in the early part of the 19th century up until the 1870's and were used by people for travelling and also by the Egyptian monarchy and elites for their socialising. In those days they were considered to be the first class method for travelling. Today they still represent a great way for getting around, albeit at a leisurely pace and the way to see the real Egypt. On our excursions to our communities, your Dahabiya can draw into beaches and landing places close to the villages you are visiting. It can anchor at any location along the river. This gives more options for impromptu stops and activities like lunch on the beach, swimming and other adventures. Every step of the way our guides are with you.

Wind Power Only and Luxury

To this day, Dahabiyas do not have engines but rely on wind power. And to enhance customers enjoyment and pleasure, solar powered batteries provide air-conditioned comfort and other great amenities. Equipped with modern facilities, Dayabiyas house 3-12 cabins each with private ensembles. It's a great way for families and groups to enjoy the views of Cairo and its frenetic pace and the villages dotted along the route. Our staff go above and beyond to ensure that our customers are looked after.

Your Holiday Can Change Lives

At One Horizon, you will meet the people of Egypt. Spend time with them, learn about their lives, and be transformed in ways you never imagined. You'll hear about the hopes and dreams they have for themselves and their children. And you'll be helping them move closer toward that better life. Imagine how it will feel to share smiles with these welcoming people. And you'll share your dreams as well. And as well as this, the staff on your Dayabiyas come from the villages and communities you will meet and so you are helping employee the locals as well as having a holiday.



What You Can Expect from This Experience

- You will be involved in a travel with purpose experience that will link you to the people of Egypt. An experience that leaves a community better off than before.
- This is a total cultural experience where you meet every day Egyptian families and farmers who till the soil to earn a living and to feed their families.
- You can talk to the locals about their life experiences and gain penetrating insight into Egyptian culture and their relationship with the land and the Nile.



A Great Way to See the Real Egypt

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Day 1: Pick Up From Your Hotel

We pick you up from your hotel and our representative will ensure a smooth transition to your dahabiya. Upon arrival you can settle in and as the vessel departs, you will enjoy lunch enroute to our first project. And then we go on a sunset cruise that showcases the village communities of Cairo. Our recommended and preferred hotel is the Cairo Marriot (Nile) in Zamalek.





Day 1: One Horizon's Not by Bread Alone program

One Horizon's Not by Bread Alone objective is the economic empowerment of women. And by harnessing a cultural legacy around the skills of bread making, **people** can deliver economic certainty for themselves and their families. It's a great practical program with immediate benefits. And for those who would like to participate in a cooking class for Egypt bread, it's a great way to become part of the village.

The first of 3 nights on the vessel. L D Included.



Day 2: Our Till The Soil Program in Villages

On Day 2 we sail our way to the second project of this community program. Our **Turn The Soil Program (TTS)** is a program which aims to enable farmers to acquire land and ultimately to support their families as well as earning an income. It's an experience which, with travellers help, can transform lives by helping Egyptian engage back with the land. T

The second of 3 nights on the vessel. B L D Included.



Day 3: This Day Will Amaze You - Visiting a Camel Market

We take you to one of the well-known camel markets in Cairo. There are numerous markets held in an around Cairo and upon arrival at the market our guide will provide an overview of what you are about to see, how the traders spend their time and the spirited bargaining that is going on. There is, perhaps, no other market like the camel markets of Cairo.

The third of 3 nights on the vessel. L D Included.





Day 4: Village Visits and a Walk Between Villages

We disembark at a local village and take a leisurely walk between villages. It's a great to see the typical day of the villagers and you will be impressed by the friendliness of the locals and their way of life. A great way to see the real Egypt.



Why We Use Dahabiyas

- Dahabiyas use wind power and have no engines
- They are the most environmentally friendly method of transport
- Dahabiyas can moor anywhere because of their shallow drafts
- They provide access to Nile villages that traditional vessels cannot access
- All vessels have private cabins and are in the luxury class
- Their is maximum of 10 persons only



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Inclusions

- 3 nights accommodation on a luxury dahabiya
- A crew complement from 8 to 12 persons (depending on how many is in the group)
- A local guide is on board for the duration of the cruise – all our guides speak our guests language as well as Arabic – our guides assist with communication with villagers
- A chef who prepares traditional and international dishes
- All meals and soft drinks.
- Air-conditioned cabins/suites
- Covered deck
- Room cleaning service
- Internet access

Exclusions

- Personal expenditure of any kind
- Tips
- Alcoholic Drinks and extra meals (other than those stated in the itinerary)