

Mövenpick M/S Sunray

Holy Family Trip from **Cairo** to **Asyut**
09 Nights - 10 Days Cruise

Day 1	
	Embarkation on cruise in Cairo.
	Dinner on board.
	Music in the bar.
	Overnight in Cairo.
Day 2	
06:00	Breakfast on board.
07:00	Transfer to Wadi Natroun to visit the three main monasteries (Sorian , Paramos & St. Bishoy) Lunch will be at the monasteries – from the supplies of the monasteries Drive will take almost one and half hours and the visit will take almost 03 hours without lunch Lunch will take 45 minutes to one hour depending on the number of the clients
13:30	Take the road back to the boat
	Dinner on board.
	Overnight in Cairo.
Day 3	
07:00	Breakfast on Board
08:00	Transfer to Mattareya area and the drive takes almost one hour in case of heavy traffic Reach the area to visit the tree of the virgin Mary and then head of Mustorod (10 KM out of Cairo using the ring road) to visit there St. Mary Church in Mustorod
12:00	Lunch on board
13:30	Transfer to Old Cairo to Visit Abu Sirga Church and the hanging church and on the way back visit Maadi Church and then head to the boat
	Overnight in Cairo
Day 4	
05:00	Start sailing to Beni Suef.
16:00	Arrive Beni Suef
16:30	Transfer to Bayad El Arab (Nasara) Monastery which is 07 KM from the docking area / East The Nile We take Beni Suef bridge to cross the Nile and 10 minute drive to there We will be welcomed by the monks and enjoy having tea, cake and cookies in this fascinating monastery which is located on the Nile Bank.
	Overnight in Beni Suef.

Day 5	
06:00	Breakfast on board
07:00	<p>As per history the origin of the two oldest monasteries in the whole world St. Paul & St. Anthony in Beni Suef</p> <p>When the people started to gather around them a lot and burden them with their blessing requests they moved to the desert near the red sea.</p> <p>There is a new road called Beni Suef – Zaafarana which is very smooth and well paved.</p> <p>To reach St. Anthony it is 140 KM (almost 02 and half hour drive) where they can visit the monastery and stop to view the cave where St. Anthony used to pray in (there are almost 1700 steps to reach the top of the cave) therefore we will only stop to view and not climb up to the cave</p> <p>The visit will take almost one and half hour</p>
11:30	<p>Transfer to St. Paul (30 KM drive) to visit the monastery</p> <p>The visit will take one hour</p>
12:30	<p>Transfer to Zaafarana rest house which will take 10 minute drive</p> <p>They could have proper lunch there as there are varieties of grilled food there</p>
14:00	<p>Transfer back to Beni Suef</p> <p>Drive for almost two and half hours back</p> <p>On the way back we will stop to view the two origins of the monasteries in Beni Suef</p>
	Overnight in Beni Suef

Day 6	
	Sail to Minya
	Overnight Minya.

Day 7	
07:00	Breakfast on board.
08:00	<p>Transfer to Samalout – One hour drive – to visit Gebel El Ter Monastery</p> <p>The visit will take almost one and half hours</p>
11:30	Transfer back to the boat.
12:00	Lunch on board
13:00	<p>Transfer to Abu Henes Monastery (Between Beni Hassan & Amarana)</p> <p>The drive will take almost one hour and 15 minutes</p> <p>The visit will take one and half hour</p>
16:00	Transfer back to the boat
	Overnight Minya

Day 8	
05:00	Sail to Amarana
10:30	<p>Transfer to Deir El Barsha in Amarna to visit.</p> <p>The drive will take almost 15 minute</p> <p>The visit will take one and half hours</p>
12:30	Transfer back to the boat
13:00	Sail to Asyut & Overnight

Day 9	
07:00	Breakfast on board
08:00	Transfer to El Muharraq Monastery – which is one and half hour drive The visit will take almost one and half hour
11:00	Transfer to Dronka Monastery – 30 minute drive The visit will take one hour
13:00	Transfer back to the boat
14:30	Lunch on board
	Overnight in Asyut.

Day 10	
07:00	Breakfast on board
08:00	Disembarkation

**** Slight changes might occur due to circumstances beyond our control****