

# Sudan 9 Days – between the White Nile and Blue Nile

#### nature, culture and sightseeing

We would like to invite you to a journey to a country with the largest number of pyramids in the world. The territory occupied by present-day Sudan was a cradle of civilisations that were strongly linked to the Egyptian Empire but were nevertheless separate. Like in the present, also in the ancient times the life of humans was strictly associated with the Nile River that can certainly be called the river of life. The majestic Nile cuts through the flat and dry desert, giving life and transforming the plains around its shores into a magical land whose remains still fascinate the people who visit those areas. During our expedition, we will see relics of antiquity, a mighty river and a sunburnt desert. We will also get to know the culture and traditions of the inhabitants of today's Sudan.

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## **Program :**

#### ♦ Day 1 - Khartoum

Flights usually arrive in Khartoum most probably in late evening hours, transfer to the hotel for dinner and night rest D.

### ✤ Day 2 – Khartoum

After breakfast, we will visit the capital of Sudan. To start with, we will see the place where the Blue Nile joins the White Nile. Next we will go to Omdurman, a town on the left side



of the White Nile. Omdurman is a seat of the tomb of Mahdi – a Sudanese hero who led an insurrection against the British occupants. Then we will go to the local market, and in the afternoon we will go to the Sheikh Hamad al-Nil Mosque where we should be able to watch dances of dervishes belonging to local Sufi fraternities. Dinner and return to the hotel. B.L.D.

### \* Day 3 - Wadi Malik, Old Dongola, Al Debba

In the morning departure from **Khartoum**, then we will drive through Wadi Malik, a place famous from unique rock formations and many dinosaur remains. Next we will see Old Dongola – a town which was the capital of the Nubian kingdom in the times when the territory of today's Sudan was inhabited by Christians. Next we will set off to Al Debba. Homestay for the night or, if available, hotel accommodation. B.L.D.

### Day 4 Seibi – pyramids and temples in Soleb

After breakfast, a drive to the ruins of Sesibi, a town from the Pharaoh Akhenaten times. After some sightseeing and rest, we will go to Soleb, where we will see the remains of Egyptian temples (including the Amon temple). We will also visit other ancient relics, including pyramids. We have accommodation planned in a traditional Nubian house. B. L. D.

### ✤ Day 5 – Sadinga, Sai, Soleb

In the morning, we will start a day trip along the Nile. We will visit the Sai island on the Nile and the town of Sadinga where we will see the remains of Egyptian and Nubian

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temples and pyramids. In the afternoon, return to Soleb. Accommodation in a Nubian house. B.L.D.

#### Day 6 - Kerma, Karima, Jebel Barkal

After breakfast, we will set off to the south to Tumbus and next to Messaida. En route, if time and road conditions permit, we will stop at interesting places where it will be possible to see not only how contemporary inhabitants of Sudan live but also admire the remains of ancient Nubian, Kush and Egyptian civilisations. Accommodation in a traditional Nubian house. B.L.D.

#### Day 7 - Al Kurru, Nuri

After breakfast, we will continue our journey to the south. We will stop in Kerma where remains of the old Kerma kingdom culture, dating back to over 5,500 years ago, can be found. Then we will drive to Karima which is close to the ruins of Napata, an ancient capital of the Kingdom of Kush. At the end of the day, a hike to the peak of Jebel Barkal (which will take less than an hour) – it is a perfect site to see the panorama of the whole area cut in two by the majestically flowing Nile. Accommodation in a traditional Nubian house. B.L.D.

#### Day 8 - Atbara, Meroe

After breakfast, we will leave for Al Kurru and Nuri, the sites of pyramids (over 20) as well as temples and tombs of the rulers of the Kingdom of Kush. In the afternoon, return for an overnight stay in a traditional Nubian house. B.L.D.

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### Day 9 Musawwarat Es-Sufra – Khartoum

After breakfast, we will drive to Khartoum, through the town named Musawwarat es-Sufra where we will stop for a short rest and the last visit of a Kush temple that may date back to even 5,000 years ago. Also ancient travellers left their marks in the temple – Latin inscriptions made by Romans can be found there. In the afternoon, a drive to Khartoum and transfer to the airport or to an additional overnight stay at a hotel, if the flight is planned for the next day.B.L

In the case of a morning flight, a supplementary payment for the additional accommodation in Khartoum will be necessary.

# **Dates :**

# Price per person depends on the number of travellers :

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# The price includes:

- Accommodation: in Khartoum 3-/4-star hotels
- Accommodation on camp sites and in traditional houses
- Transfers in Sudan by passenger cars and off-road vehicles
- Services of a local guide if necessary

- Admission tickets for the visited sites and national parks
- Meals according to the schedule Bbreakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner
- Tips
- The invitation necessary to obtain a visa

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# The price does not include:

- Costs of the main flight to and from Khartoum
- Visa costs and arrival taxes
- Travel insurance
- Meals other than those listed in the final itinerary.
- Personal expenses and souvenirs additional beverages

## **Final notes**

- → Depending on the political situation, the length of the tour and the order of visited places may change. In a situation of a serious threat to travellers' safety, the tour may be cancelled.
  We will keep you updated as to whether the expedition is possible
- → For those interested and willing, it is possible to combine the trip with trips to South Sudan, Eritrea, Chad, Djibouti and Somaliland, Somalia, for this purpose, please contact BTP Adventure
- → This trip may have the form of a self-guided tour at any selected period. The itinerary can be modified for the purpose of the specific trip. The price will depend on the number of travellers, the length of the trip and the individual itinerary prepared for those interested.

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