



Experience Nubia

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Newsletter Experience Nubia : special North Sudan

The real, pure Nubia and the origin of the old Nubian empire can be found in the north of Sudan. *With many pyramids from the period of the black pharaohs and several temples built near the Nile.* The traditional Nubian life style is also preserved here, and not mixed with other cultures. So as "Experience Nubia", of course we had to offer a trip in the north of Sudan! Nevertheless, compared by tourism in Egypt this means *pioneering, because Sudan is not yet adjusted to tourism.* That's why we did a tryout with a small group in December 2010.











This exploring tour was really an adventure, with many, often unexpected highlights. Hundreds of **pyramids** and many **pharaoh temples** laying undiscovered by tourists and pure in the desert, with beautiful wall decorations, telling us about life events of the pharaoh. Our guide, an archeologist from the Sudan National Museum, made the trip even more special, by informing us about details and showing us more remains of the rich Nubian heritage. Moreover, the contacts with the local population, gold diggers we met on our way, the spontaneous guidance by a famous archeologist and other special experiences, makes us looking back on a unique journey!

So we decided to offer this journey every year. The first one will take place **7-22 January 2012**. More information about the route and the highlights:

We will start in Khartoum, where we spend the day visiting the small, but interesting **Ethnographic Museum** and the **Sudan National Museum**, which offers a perfect introduction to our trip with a clear overview of Nubian history. And we will sail to the spot where the Blue and the White Nile become one and visit the largest market of the country in Omdurman.

The next days we travel to the impressive **historical sites**, we pass through desert areas and see the daily life of the local population, in the villages where we stay the night and at the markets we will visit. And we follow the Nile, where we might even see crocodiles!
We will visit:

-  the 5000 m² **large temple complex Musawwarat Es Sufra**
-  the **Meroitic temples of Naqa**: temple of Amun, the Lion temple and the Kiosk
-  **Royal City of Meroe**; with many pyramids of Nubian kings and queens.
-  the excavations near **Kerma**, where the **capital of the Nubian Kingdom** was located
-  the mountain **Gebel Barkal**. The ancient inhabitants believed the god Amun lived there.
-  Over 180 **Nubian pyramids** on the graveyards of El-Kurru en Nuri
-  the remains of **medieval Christian Nubia** (near Dongola) and ruins from the **Ottoman state**.
-  **Lake Nasser**; we sail by ferry in about 18 hours **from Wadi Halfa to Aswan** in Egypt.

Became curious about the trip? On this page of our website you will find an extended photo impression, the day-to-day program, rates and further details: <http://www.betelkerem.com/sudan-en.html>

