

Felucca Ride Tour Elephantine Island Aswan

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4 hrs Private Tour Every Day

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Day 1

Itinerary

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was also easily defensible. The ancient town located on the southern part of the island was also a fortress throughout much of its history.

At one time, there was a bridge from the mainland to the island. Elephantine is Greek for elephants. In ancient times, the Island, as well as the southern town, was called Abu, or Yabu, which also meant elephant. The town has also been referenced as Kom, after its principal god of the island, Khnum (Khnemu). It is believed that the island received its name because it was a major ivory trading center, though, in fact, it was a major trading post for many commodities. There are large boulders in the river near the island which resemble bathing elephants, particularly from afar, and this too has been suggested as a reason for the island's name.

Please note: In the event of strong Nile currents, travel will be by motorboat rather than felucca to ensure safety.

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- Qualified Egyptologist guide
- Entrance fees
- Hotel/port pickup and drop off
- Transport by air conditioned minibus

Exclusion

- Gratuities (recommended)

Food and drinks, unless specified

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121\$ /Per Person