

Italian Tourism Co. Ltd

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Karima: the Kushite Empire

2 days



Day 1 / Khartoum - Karima



Pick up from your hotel in Khartoum and then departure northward. After 4 hours' drive across the Nubian Region we catch the sight of the *Jebel Barkal*, ("*Jebel*" means mountain in Arabic) an improbable landmark in the desert. The small town of *Karima* is situated nearby.

Just after our arrival, we start the visit of *El Kurru*, the necropolises of the ancient Nubian capital, *Napata*, from

800 to 400 B.C. Here we can visit two tombs, which are excavated in the rock under pyramids - partially collapsed - and are totally decorated with images of the Pharaoh, of the gods and multicolour hieroglyphic inscriptions.

To enjoy the sunset, we reach the archaeological site of *Jebel Barkal* pyramids: the *Royal Necropolis*. Dinner and overnight in our NUBIAN REST-HOUSE.

THE NUBIAN REST- HOUSE IN KARIMA



Karima is a small town located on the right bank of the Nile, close to the famous archaeological site at the foot of Jebel Barkal, south of the 4th Cataract. The Nubian House is a charming small hotel built in the typical Nubian style just at the foot of Jebel Barkal, the holy mountain of the old Egyptian and Nubian Pharaohs. It is surrounded by a large private enclosure, with a nice garden and leisure area. Each one of the 22 A.C rooms is characterized by a peculiar Nubian door and has its own private bathroom and a pleasant veranda. The decor and finishing have been carefully selected. They come mainly from Italy and provide an elegant yet rustic charm. A reception, a restaurant and a living room with decorated walls complete the wonderful setting. All the buildings are made with local bricks covered by hand-spread clay plaster as used in the Nubian area. The hotel is managed by an Italian manager with the help of well-trained Sudanese staff.



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Day 2 / Karima - Khartoum

After breakfast, we will discover the astonishing holy mountain, the *Jebel Barkal*, and maybe we can even climb it till the top to admire the amazing landscape. At the foot of this wonderful and isolated red sandstone mountain, there is a big temple, dedicated to the Pharaohs of the New Reign and to their patron, *Amon*.



Amon's ancient "*Pure Mountain*", the Olympus of the Nubians, was the religious Nubian heart for more than 1000 years. Besides the ruins of the big temple there are still several sculptured granite rams that were supposed to border a long avenue that probably led to the pier on the Nile. In the mountain wall there is a big room decorated with bas-relief. After the visit, we start drive back to Khartoum.

End of service



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