



Hidden Treasures of Sudan with Richard Bangs

10 Days



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➤ Hidden Treasures of Sudan with Richard Bangs

Join MT Sobek co-founder Richard Bangs on this spellbinding adventure that showcases the ancient wonders of Sudan - a country that boasts more pyramids than Egypt! Journey across breathtaking deserts, explore vibrant markets, experience the archeological treasures of the Nile Valley, meet local Nubian people, and sleep in a traditional home amidst sand dunes and palm trees. See Meroe's ancient pyramids, the royal necropolis at Napata, the tombs at El Kurru, and the age-old quarries at Tombos - plus the UNESCO-listed holy mountain of Jebel Barkal. Spend unforgettable nights at inviting desert camps and a state-of-the-art luxury hotel in Khartoum.

Details

Arrive:	Khartoum, Sudan
Depart:	Khartoum, Sudan
Duration:	10 Days
Group Size:	5-16 Guests
Minimum Age:	16 Years Old
Activity Level:	

Testimonials

"Great experience every time with some of the most knowledgeable guides in their fields. We always come home with wonderful memories of the people we meet and things we see."

Bob J.

"We have traveled throughout the world, but never experienced a level of service and attention to detail as we did with MT Sobek."

Dennis G.

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Why Take This Trip With Us?

REASON #01

This MT Sobek journey skillfully covers Sudan's key ancient cities, impressive pyramids, archaeological ruins, and tombs in 10 days.

REASON #02

Scenic drives lead to exciting cultural encounters: a performance by whirling dervishes, meeting locals, and visiting traditional homes.

REASON #03

Experience the fascinating region with MT Sobek Co-Founder Richard Bangs.

What to Expect



ACTIVITIES

Tours of ancient archaeological sites and museums, a boat trip on the Nile, visits to traditional villages and local markets.



LODGING

Mobile and permanent camps in spectacular surroundings, traditional Nubian guest houses, and a luxury city hotel to bookend the trip in style.



CLIMATE

October is considered a winter month in Sudan, so you can expect a dry and sunny desert climate.

Meet Our Guides

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.

Abdul has a lifetime of experience traveling throughout Sudan and has a deep familiarity with the diverse culture of the country. He is also tremendously knowledgeable about Sudanese history, archaeology and geography, making him a tremendous asset for an adventure through this region. Before beginning a career as a trip leader, Abdul was a popular Sudanese actor – quite a unique background! He is kind, personable, and possesses excellent communication skills.

Abdul Ahmed

Richard has often been called the father of modern adventure travel since co-founding Sobek Expeditions (now MT Sobek) back in 1973. He has spent nearly 50 years exploring the globe and led the first descents of 35 rivers, including China's Yangtze and the Zambezi in southern Africa. Richard still loves to lead exciting "out there" adventures and is looking forward to navigating Siberia's Sayan Oka River in 2019. Richard is an accomplished writer, lecturer and media personality—best known for his popular PBS series "Richard Bangs' Adventures with Purpose."

Richard Bangs

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Itinerary

DAY 1

ARRIVE IN KHARTOUM

Arrive in Khartoum at any time today and meet your MT Sobek representative at the airport for a hotel transfer. Most flights arrive late, so dinner is not included this evening. Spend the night in a deluxe room at the 5-star Corinthia Hotel Khartoum.

DAY 2

DISCOVER THE WONDERS OF KHARTOUM

Rise for a morning tour of Khartoum. Cross the confluence between the Blue and the White Nile near the Presidential Palace and reach Omdurman, the old capital of Sudan. At sunset, enjoy a whirling dervish ceremony near the tomb of the Sufi leader Ahmed al Nil. Tonight's welcome dinner is at the excellent Assaha Khartoum.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 3

OLD DONGOLA & KARIMA

Wake early today for a drive north across the Western desert to tour the archaeological site of Old Dongola, a deserted ancient town featuring a Christian Coptic temple and several churches on the banks of the Nile. After a picnic lunch, continue across then Nubiam Desert to reach the town of Karima in the late afternoon.

Activity: Cultural touring

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 4

SEE JEBEL BARKAL & EL KURRU TOMBS

Experience a Nubian Desert landmark today, the holy red-sandstone mountain of Jebel Barkal - a UNESCO-listed wonder. The large temple at the foot of the mountain is dedicated to the Pharaohs of the New Reign and their patron Amon. Travel southwards to El Kurru village to take in one of the two tombs that were excavated under the pyramids, adorned with multi-colored hieroglyphic inscriptions. Continue to a desert site rich in fossilized trees and return to Karima this evening.

Activity: Cultural touring

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 5

TOUR THE THIRD CATARACT, TOMBOS AND KERMA

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A feast of cultural touring awaits today, beginning with a trip to the Third Cataract of the Nile - a shallow, boulder-strewn stretch of the river with incredible views. Explore the incredible ancient quarries of Tombos, where you'll find the remains of an enormous 3000 year old recumbent statue of King Taharqa. In Sebu, right on the riverbank, visit one of Sudan's richest rock-engraving sites, featuring hundreds of images from prehistoric to Egyptian times. Lastly, visit "Defuffa," a monument of the Kerma civilization.

Activity: Cultural touring

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 6

VISIT THE KARIMA MARKET, EXPLORE THE NILE, AND VISIT NURI

After a morning tour of the Karima market, cruise north along the banks of the Nile by motor boat. This afternoon visit the archaeological site of Nuri and walk amongst ancient pyramids. Here, view one of the greatest pyramids in Sudan, Taharqa. This evening enjoy a traditional dinner with Sudanese music and dance at the Nubian Rest House.

Activity: Cultural touring

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 7

INTO THE BAYUDA DESERT TO THE PYRAMIDS OF MEROE

Today enter the serene Bayuda Desert, characterized by black basalt mountains, volcanic rock formations, and dry river valleys. Along the way, pass caravans and herds of camels, goats, and donkeys, stopping at a well where nomads gather for a picnic lunch before crossing the Nile by ponton. Arriving late in the afternoon at the Pyramids of Meroe, settle into the private camp, and take in breathtaking star-strewn skies.

Activity: Cultural touring

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 8

MARVEL AT THE ROYAL SITES OF MEROE

Head out today to explore the royal necropolis of Meroe, a cluster of striking pyramids situated atop a series of yellow sand-covered hills. Each has its own funerary chapel with walls decorated with bas-reliefs representing the pharaoh's life and various offerings to the gods. After a coffee break at Kabushia village, continue to the Royal city. Enjoy sunset at the pyramids.

Activity: Cultural touring

Meals: B, L, D

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DAY 9

EXPLORE MUSSAWARAT & NAGA

Heading south, descend into the valley and with the desert hills as your backdrop explore the ruins of Mussawarat. Next visit Naga and its central temple, whose ornate bas-relief decorations depict the lion-headed god Apedemak, to whom the temple is dedicated, the Pharaoh, noblemen, and several fascinating rituals. The influence of Egyptian, Roman, and Greek styles come together to make this temple uniquely remarkable. After arriving in Khartoum head to Khartoum North to see the traditional sport of Nuba wrestling at sunset. Enjoy your room at the Corinthia Hotel Khartoum this evening until a late night transfer to the airport in accordance with your departing flight schedule.

Activity: Cultural touring

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 10

DEPART FROM KHARTOUM

Depart in the early hours of the morning. Please note that most flights depart very early between 12:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m.

Meals: B

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- Expert leadership from experienced adventure guides
- Accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- Meals as noted in the daily itinerary
- Potable water and snacks throughout
- All tips and gratuities for support staff with the exception of your lead adventure guide(s)
- All necessary camping gear
- All group entrance fees, activities, and ground transportation
- Arrival and departure day airport transfers

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, any airport taxes, or excess baggage charges
- Optional tips to your lead adventure guides
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- Airport transfers if arriving or departing outside of the group transfer
- Optional travel protection
- Acoholic beverages

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