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Viking Announces Float Out of Newest Nile River Ships

Set to Debut in Fall 2026, the Viking Ptah and the Viking Sekhmet Touch Water for the First Time

LOS ANGELES--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Viking® (www.viking.com) (NYSE: VIK) today announced its two newest ships for the Nile River—the [Viking Ptah](#) and the [Viking Sekhmet](#)—have been “floated out,” marking a major construction milestone and the first time the ships have touched water. Set to debut in September and November 2026, respectively, the *Viking Ptah* and the *Viking Sekhmet* will join the company’s growing fleet of state-of-the-art ships in Egypt and will sail Viking’s popular 12-day [Pharaohs & Pyramids](#) itinerary.

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“Egypt is truly a phenomenal destination, distinguished by its remarkable history, enduring culture and the singular power of

the Nile,” said Torstein Hagen, Chairman and CEO of Viking. “With the float out of our two newest ships, we look forward to further expanding our elegant fleet on the Nile and welcoming more curious travelers to experience this extraordinary region in the years to come.”

The traditional float out ceremonies for the *Viking Ptah* and the *Viking Sekhmet* took place at Massara shipyard in Cairo and are significant because they mark each ship’s transition into the final stage of construction. The ships will now be moved to a nearby outfitting dock for final construction and interior build-out.

Viking’s Growing Egypt Fleet

The state-of-the-art *Viking Ptah* and *Viking Sekhmet* are the newest sister ships in Viking’s Egypt fleet, which also includes the [Viking Osiris](#), the [Viking Aton](#), the [Viking Sobek](#), the [Viking Hathor](#), the [Viking Amun](#) and the [Viking Thoth](#). Owned and operated by Viking, each ship hosts 82 guests in 41 staterooms and features several aspects familiar to Viking guests, such as a space-saving square bow, an indoor/outdoor Aquavit Terrace and elegant Scandinavian design. Together, they represent the most modern sister ships sailing the Nile

River.

Viking's *Pharaohs & Pyramids* Itinerary

During the 12-day, *Pharaohs & Pyramids* itinerary, guests begin with a three-night stay at a first-class hotel in Cairo, where they can visit iconic sites, such as the Great Pyramids of Giza, the necropolis of Sakkara, the Mosque of Muhammad Ali or the Grand Egyptian Museum. Accompanied by a Viking Egyptologist, guests then fly to Luxor, where they visit the Temples of Luxor and Karnak and begin an eight-day roundtrip voyage on the Nile River. The sailing features a visit to the tomb of Tutankhamen in the Valley of the Kings and excursions to the Temple of Khnum in Esna, the Dendera Temple complex in Qena, the temples at Abu Simbel and the High Dam in Aswan, as well as the opportunity to visit a colorful Nubian village, where guests can experience a traditional elementary school. Finally, the journey concludes with a flight back to Cairo for a final night in the ancient city.

Media Assets

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About Viking

Viking (NYSE: VIK) is a global leader in experiential travel with a fleet of more than 100 ships, exploring 21 rivers, five oceans and all seven continents. Designed for curious travelers with interests in science, history, culture and cuisine, Chairman and CEO Torstein Hagen often says Viking offers experiences For The Thinking Person™. Viking has more than 450 awards to its name, including being rated #1 for Rivers and #1 for Oceans five years in a row by *Condé Nast Traveler* in the 2025 Readers' Choice Awards. Viking is also rated a "World's Best" by *Travel + Leisure*—no other travel company has simultaneously received such honors by both publications. For additional information, contact Viking at 1-800-2-VIKING (1-800-284-5464) or visit www.viking.com.

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