



# Sudan

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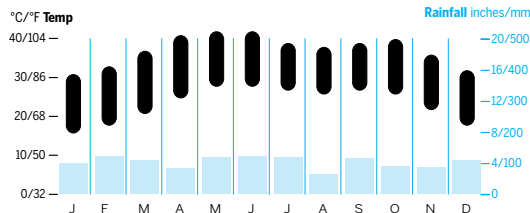
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## Why Go?

Wake at the break of day under the golden pyramids of god-like kings of old, traverse a searing desert to the place where two Niles become one, and watch a million blood-red fish swarm through gardens of coral. Whichever way you look at it, there's just no denying that among Sudan's sweeping hills of sand lie treasures the rest of the world are only just beginning to discover. For the few travellers who venture here, Sudan comes as a fantastic surprise. Visitors invariably agree that the Sudanese are among the friendliest and most hospitable people on earth. And although various ongoing conflicts mean part of this vast nation remains off limits, the northeast is one of the safest places in the world. Whether you rush through on a Cairo-to-Cape Town trip, or spend a slow month soaking up the history and hospitality, visiting Sudan is a memorable experience.

## When to Go

### Khartoum



**Mar–May** Best time for a live-aboard dive trip in the Red Sea.

**Sep–Oct** Catch the camel races in Kassala.

**Nov–Feb** Coolest months; perfect temperatures and clear skies.

# KHARTOUM

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Built where the Blue and White Niles meet, Khartoum defies expectations. It's a boisterous, modern, flashy city with an ever-increasing number of glass tower blocks altering its skyline. As well as an excellent mu-

seum, some fascinating souqs and fantastic Nile-side views, Khartoum's good facilities, hospitable people and laid-back vibe mean that most people find it an agreeable destination in itself.

Three cities sit at the confluence of the White and Blue Niles: Khartoum, Omdur-



## Sudan Highlights

- 1 Meroe Pyramids** (p532) Discovering Sudan's most striking archaeological site, with a row of superb pyramids.
- 2 Kassala** (p536) Diving into exotic markets and scrambling around the photogenic Taka Mountains.
- 3 Karima** (p535) Sweeping away the sandy layers of time

and discovering a wealth of Pharaonic ruins, tombs and pyramids.

- 4 Soleb** (p534) Being overawed by a mighty Egyptian temple.
- 5 Kerma** (p534) Surveying the world from the top of a mudbrick fortress.
- 6 Port Sudan** (p537) Diving into a rainbow of colour on

the pristine coral reefs of the Sudanese Red Sea.

- 7 National Museum** (p527) Taking a lesson in history at Sudan's best museum.
- 8 Naqa** (p533) Visiting two spellbinding temples that are some of the finest examples of Kushite architecture.