



**CAPTIVATING
EGYPT** 

Egypt & Road to Jordan

Cairo, Aswan, Abu Simbel, Luxor with Nile Cruise

Amman, Dead Sea, Madaba, Mount Nebo,

Petra & Wadi Rum

12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS

Minimum 6 Pax

Hotel Category

5* Hotels & 5* Nile cruise



DAY 1 (Friday) Arrive CAIRO

Welcome to Cairo, the second largest city on the African continent! Our representative will meet you and provide assistance with custom procedures at Cairo International Airport. You will then be comfortably transferred to your hotel.

Overnight Steignberger Pyramids Hotel or similar
No meals

DAY 2 (Saturday) CAIRO (The Pyramids, Saqqara) + Fly to Aswan

This morning we visit the Pyramids and Sphinx. Built around four and a half thousand years ago, the **Pyramids** are the only monuments of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World which are largely intact today. Later this morning we see the enigmatic **Sphinx** (optional camel ride at the Pyramids). This afternoon we visit the Old Kingdom burial site of **Saqqara** and Imhotep Museum the greatest engineer ever.

This afternoon we fly from Cairo to **Aswan**, deep in the south of Egypt, where the graceful Felucca sailboats glide among the islands of the Nile.

First of 2 nights in Movenpick Resort Aswan or similar
Breakfast & Lunch



DAY 3 (Sunday) Philae Temple + Nubian Village by Felucca

This morning we take a **motorboat** out across a lake for a guided tour of the beautiful island **Temple of Philae**. From the very earliest times, Aswan has been the source of a special pink granite used in statues for thousands of years. This afternoon we take a **Felucca ride** to visit the local **Nubian people** to see how the ordinary people of today's Egypt live in their simple villages.

Second of 2 nights in Movenpick Resort Aswan or similar
Breakfast



DAY 4 (Monday) Included Trip to the Massive Temple Rock Abu Simbel - Nile Cruise

This morning we get up early and drive from Aswan through the desert to **Abu Simbel**. At Abu Simbel, we see two huge temples which were built in the 13th Century B.C. and dedicated to **Ramses II** and his favourite wife, Nefertari. The four enormous seated statues of Ramses are among the most famous images of ancient Egypt. The interior of the Ramses temple is also fascinating, being decorated with images of the Battle of Kadesh fought between the Egyptians and the Hittites of what today is Turkey in 1274 BC. The two temples are carved out of the solid hillside and so the task of cutting them up, moving them piece by piece and reassembling them in the 1960s is considered one of the marvels of modern engineering. We drive back to Aswan and board our luxurious cruise ship in time for lunch.

Sailing and visit **KomOmbo**, this is an unusual temple in that it is dedicated to two Egyptian gods - Horus the falcon god and Sobek the crocodile god. One interesting frieze shows ancient birthing and other medical techniques. Our guided tour also includes the **Nilometer**, a well-like structure used to measure the bounty of the Nile and as a way of setting tax levels.

First of 3 nights on our 5-Star cruise ship
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 5 (Tuesday) Nile Cruise + Edfu Temple + Luxor Temple by Night

This morning we take a **horse - drawn carriages** for a guided tour of the gigantic **Temple of Edfu**, the most perfectly-preserved temple in Egypt. Although built by the Greek-speaking Ptolemies between 237 BC and 57 AD, the temple building and decorations are in the ancient Egyptian style.

Cruising down the Nile to Luxor.

This evening we have a guided tour of **Luxor Temple** by night. As with most Egyptian temples, this temple is really a series of buildings begun by one pharaoh (in this case the 13th century BC Pharaoh Amenhotep III) and added to by several subsequent rulers.

Second of 3 nights on our 5-Star cruise ship
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 6 (Wednesday) Valley of the Kings + Queen Hatshepsut Temple

Starting out early this morning, we travel across the Nile to the **West Bank**, the location of the tombs of the great pharaohs of the New Kingdom. We take a guided tour of several of the most important tombs in the **Valley of the Kings**. We also have a guided tour of the funerary temple of the first woman to rule as a pharaoh, **Queen Hatshepsut**. Some of the most interesting **painted scenes** in the temple are of a trading expedition she mounted to the Land of Punt on the Red Sea coast. On our way back to the Nile we stop to view the gigantic **Colossi of Memnon** statues, where new excavations have discovered the remains of vast funeral temples. We return to our cruise ship for lunch.

Third of 3 nights on our 5-star cruise ship
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



DAY 7 (Thursday) (Optional HOT AIR BALLOON) + Karnak + Fly to Cairo

This morning we have a guided tour of the **Temple of Karnak**. This is a vast complex of buildings added to and rebuilt over thirteen centuries but reaching its apex during the New Kingdom period when the capital of Egypt was located in **Thebes** (today's Luxor) and the temple's main god, Amun-Ra, was made the state god. One of the most impressive sections of the temple is the **Great Hypostyle Hall** with its 137 huge columns.

After our sightseeing, transfer to the airport fly to Cairo.

Overnight in Cairo Sheraton Cairo Hotel or similar
Breakfast & Lunch

DAY 8 (Friday) Egyptian Museum + Old Cairo Tour



This morning after breakfast, visit the **Egyptian Museum** with its collection of thousands of priceless artifacts from Ancient Egypt. Of course, the most famous pieces in the museum are those which were found in the tomb of the boy king **Tutankhamun**, including his solid gold death mask. Later this morning we visit **Old Cairo** (also known as **Coptic Cairo**) where we explore the narrow streets and visit some of the Coptic (Egyptian Orthodox) churches found within the city walls. One of these churches, El Muallaqa (the "**Hanging Church**"), was constructed into the walls of the Roman fortress of Babylon. Another of the churches, **Saint Sergius**, is reputed to be built over a cave where the Holy Family rested during their flight to Egypt.

We will then go to the famous "Street of the Tentmakers" and then Kheymiya Market and end our day in the old walled section of Cairo.

Overnight in Cairo Sheraton Cairo Hotel or similar
Breakfast & Lunch

DAY 9 (Saturday) Fly Cairo – Amman

This very early morning, it's time to bid farewell to beautiful Egypt. Escorted transfer to Cairo International Airport for the final departure will be provided.

Arrival at Queen Alia international airport. Meet and assist by our representative and drive 30 Km south of Amman to visit Madaba "the City of Mosaics". Visit the Greek Orthodox church of St. George where the famous 6th Century Byzantine mosaic map of the holy sites in the biblical world is found. Proceed to Mount Nebo, the place where it is believed that Moses was buried, after your visit we depart midday to the lowest point on the earth the "Dead Sea" for time of Leisure and relaxation. Enjoy the experience of Dead Sea floating.

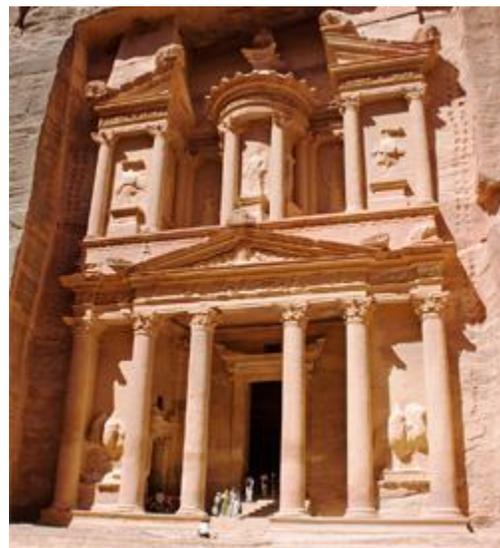
Overnight at Holidayin Dead Sea Hotel (sea view room)
Breakfast & Dinner



DAY 10 (Sunday) PETRA VISIT

After breakfast: pick up to visit Petra, there is no visit of Jordan being complete without having seen the capital of the ancient Nabataean Kingdom. We will spend the day exploring the long-lost city of Petra, carved entirely by man into the rose-red sandstone rocks, an eternal tribute to a lost civilization. Petra is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. One enters Petra by passing the Siq, a deep and narrow gorge, at the end of which the most famous monument in Petra: al-Khazneh or the Treasury appears. Maybe you will recognize it as the stage of the final sequence of the movie 'Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade'. But the Treasury is just the start. Walking and climbing in Petra hundreds of buildings carved in stone and eroded through the centuries into fabulous multi-colored walls will be revealed to you.

Overnight at Movenpick Resort Petra
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



DAY 11 (Monday) Wadi Rum Tour

After breakfast, we will leave Petra and head to Wad Rum. Arriving in Wad Rum we will check into our Bedouin camp and enjoy lunch, this afternoon you will explore Wadi Rum, the land of Lawrence of Arabia; you shall pass the famous Seven Pillars of Wisdom, described by Lawrence of Arabia and explore Wadi Rum by jeep for two hours, escorted by a Bedouin guide. Back to our camp and enjoy buffet dinner

Overnight at Bedouin camp in Wad Rum
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



DAY 12 (Tuesday) Transfer to Amman + Airport Drop off

After breakfast, drive to Amman Airport.
Good bye Jordan.

Meals: Breakfast

TOUR INCLUDES:

Egypt:

Accommodations in 5-Star hotels in Egypt, where we stay at the best available hotel. All our hotels have in-suite bathrooms.

- ✓ 3 nights on our Deluxe Nile cruise ship.
- ✓ Land and water transport by coach, motor boat, cruise ship, horse-drawn carriage, and ferry.
- ✓ Flights: Cairo – Aswan and Luxor – Cairo.
- ✓ Sightseeing and entrance fees as mentioned in the itinerary.
- ✓ All the tour itinerary mentioned meals.
- ✓ Porterage for one piece of luggage per person. Please make sure your luggage has wheels so you can move your own luggage for short distances when necessary.
- ✓ Unlimited bottled water while travelling on our buses. Water at the hotels and on the cruise ship is as provided by them according to their own policies.
- ✓ Arrival & departure transfers.
- ✓ Abu Simbel Temple Tour.
- ✓ **Tour includes international flight ticket Cairo Amman.**

Jordan:

- ✓ Meet an assist at the Airport.
- ✓ Accommodations at (2 nights at 5 stars hotels & 1 night at Luxury camp at Wadi Rum).
- ✓ Private group transportation.
- ✓ English Speaking Guide all days.
- ✓ Entrance fees to all sites mentioned in the itinerary.
- ✓ Free entry visa.
- ✓ 4X4 jeep safari tour in Wadi Rum for 2 hours.
- ✓ Meals as indicated in the itinerary.
- ✓ Porterage at hotels.
- ✓ 2 bottles of Mineral Water p/p per day.

NOT INCLUDED:

Egypt:

- X Visa fee. American passport holders require a visa for Egypt (currently \$25/person. Your passport must be valid for 6 months beyond the date you leave Egypt.
- X Trip Cancellation / Interruption and Medical Insurance. Please buy this yourself before leaving home.
- X Personal Expenses such as souvenirs, laundry, all drinks at meals.
- X International flights.
- X Tips for all tour activities.
- X Covid-19 PCR tests if it's required according to international rules for American citizens by the tour time and before flying home (available in Cairo).

Jordan:

- X International Air fare tickets.
- X Drinks, snacks and other personal expenses (e.g. laundry).
- X Meals not mentioned in the inclusions.
- X Travel Insurance.
- X Any unmentioned items.
- X Tips for all tour activities.
- X Covid-19 PCR tests if it's required according to international rules for American citizens by the tour time and before flying home (available in Amman).

SINGLE TRAVELERS: Our price is based on two people sharing a room. If you wish to be **guaranteed** a single room, there is a Single Supplement. **The number of Single rooms is very limited.** To have a chance of a Single room, you must book early.

Offered Hotels& Nile Cruise OR SIMILAR (Standard Room):

Based on availability by time of booking

Destinations	5*Hotels & 5* Nile Cruise	Category	No. of Nights
Cairo	Steignberger Pyramids Hotel or similar	B.B Deluxe Room	1 Night
Cairo	Sheraton Cairo Hotel or similar	B.B Deluxe Room	2 Night
Aswan	Movenpick Resort Aswan or similar	B.B Deluxe Room	2 Nights
5* Nile Cruise	5*Deluxe Nile Cruise " The exact boat name will be according to availability on the day of the booking"	Deluxe Cabin Full board	3 Nights
Dead Sea	Holidayin Hotel or Similar	H.B Sea view Room	1 Night
Petra	Movenpick Resort or Similar	H.B Standard Room	1 Night
Wadi Rum	Luxury Camp	F.B Luxury Tint	1 Night

SPECIAL NOTES:

Please consult your local travel health clinic about any immunizations you may need.

This tour not suitable for those people who need walking/mobility assistance in the form of walking sticks or canes, as we walk on a lot of uneven surfaces.

The timing of our excursions from our cruise ship is dependent on sailing conditions and the number of other cruise ships visiting the sites when we wish to visit.