

Best of Egypt & Jordan**12 Days – 11 nights****Cairo, Giza, Luxor, Karnak, Edfu, Kom Ombo, Aswan, Amman, Jerash, Petra, Kerak, Mount Nero, Dead Sea****Discovery, History, Culture, Archeology, Cruising****Day 1: Cairo**

Arrival at Cairo International Airport where you will be met and assisted through passport and customs procedures. You will be transferred to your hotel for check-in and overnight.

Day 2: Cairo (Egyptian Museum, Giza Pyramids and Sphinx)

Following breakfast, we will start our special tour of the Museum of Antiquities in Cairo. The museum houses the greatest collection of pharaonic treasures in the world. We see these artifacts, including Tutankhamen's Collection of Golden Treasures and discover the museum's expansive collections. We then visit the Pyramids of Giza. Nothing evokes the long and intriguing history of Egypt as powerfully as the Pyramids. Rising from the desert, Khufu (Cheops), Khafra and Menkaura seems to symbolize the enigmatic tug of Egypt in our imaginations. The Great Pyramid immortalizes the son of Sneferu and Hetepheres. Though little is known of this pharaoh, his monument (the largest of the three) is comprised of 2.3 million stone blocks, each weighing an average of 2.5 tons. You will get to enter the Great Pyramid and visit the King's Chamber. You will continue to visit the colossal statue of the Great Sphinx. The Sphinx has stood guard over the pyramids for more than 4,500 years. Carved from an outcrop of rock, the Sphinx remains the ultimate symbol of Ancient Egypt, with its lion's body and human head. Lunch is included in the tour at the Mena House Oberoi hotel – Khan El Khalili restaurant. We return to our hotel for overnight. [B/L]

Day 3: Cairo, Luxor (Valley of the Kings, Deir-el-Bahari, Karnak)

Buffet breakfast then meeting at the hotel lobby for check-out. You will then be transferred to Cairo Domestic Airport for your flight to Luxor. Upon arrival in Luxor, you will be met and transferred to your Nile Cruise for embarkation before lunch. In the afternoon you will visit the Karnak temples and the temple of Luxor. Here is how Jean-François Champollion (1829) described his visit: "I finally went to the palace, or rather to the city of monuments, to Karnak. There appeared to me all of the Pharaonic magnificence, all the greatest that men have imagined and executed. All that I had seen at Thebes, all that I had enthusiastically admired on the left bank, seemed to me miserable in comparison to the gigantic conceptions with which I was surrounded. It will suffice to add, that in Europe we are only Lilliputians, and that no ancient or modern people have conceived the art of architecture on a scale so sublime, so large, so grand, as the old Egyptians did; they conceived of man a hundred feet high, and we have at most five feet eight inches. The European imagination, which rises well above our porticoes, stops and falls helpless at the foot of the one-hundred-and-forty-columns of the hypostyle hall of Karnak." Dinner on board and overnight in Luxor. [B/L/D]

Day 4: Luxor (West Bank), Esna

After breakfast, you will begin your sightseeing of the western bank of the Nile River to see the Valley of the Kings, Valley of the Queens, Deir El Bahari and the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut and the Colossi of Memnon. In Deir el-Bahari, "The Northern Convent" as it translates from Arabic, is the funerary monument to Queen Hatshepsut, Deir el-Bahari located at the foot of the cliffs that determine the mountainous circus of Thebes, on the left bank of the Nile, facing the city of Luxor and the temple of Karnak, south of the Valley of the Kings. Lunch on board. Return to the cruise to start sailing to Esna. You will have lunch and dinner on board. [B/L/D]

Day 5: Esna, Edfu, Kom Ombo

You will have breakfast on board as today you will begin sailing to Edfu where you will visit the Temple of Horus the best-preserved temple of all ancient Egypt. Dedicated to the falcon god Horus, it was erected during the time of Ptolemy III. On the side walls of the first hypostyle hall, it can be read that the first stone of this temple was laid on the 7th epiphany of the year X of the reign of Ptolemy III (the

father of Cleopatra) on 23 August 237 BC after the pharaoh, assisted by the god Horus and his wife the goddess Hathor, marking the temple's perimeter. Then, sail to Kom Ombo and have lunch on board. Located on the eastern bank of the Nile, Kom Ombo sanctuary enjoys a very exceptional situation overlooking the river and an entire palm grove. The particularity of this building lies in its double character. This particular conception, unique in Egypt, responds to a strictly theological necessity since the temple is dedicated to two distinct divine triads: The left half, to the north, is reserved for the god Haroéris falcon, "Horus the Elder" or "Horus the Great", the goddess Tasentnefret, the "Good sister" and the god son Panebtaoui, the "Master of Two Lands". The right side, to the south, is dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek, to the goddess Hathor and to the god son Khonsu. You will have dinner and overnight in Kom Ombo. [B/L/D]

Day 6: Kom Ombo, Aswan

Breakfast then visit the highlights of the beautiful city of Aswan, which include the High Dam, the Granite Quarries and return to your cruise for lunch. In the afternoon visit the Temple of Philae, located on a beautiful island. The construction of the temple of Philae began under the reign of one of the last pharaohs of the Pharaonic era, Nectanebo I (XXXth Dynasty). It is later, under Greek rule, that the majority of buildings will be added, including the large temple of Isis. It will be finished by the Romans with the addition of the kiosk of Trajan, among others. This temple is one of the best preserved Ptolemaic temples in Egypt (with the Edfu Temple and the Abydos Complex) and was one of the most important sanctuaries in Egypt and Nubia until in 551 CE, when Emperor Justinian ordered its closure. Isis was very popular in the Roman era and its cult was maintained in the island until the early sixth century CE, even after the closure of Egyptian temples (at that time almost all of Egypt had been Christianized) imposed by the decree of Theodosius in 391 CE. Enjoy lunch on board and take a leisurely felucca ride around Kitchener's Island as well as visit the Botanical Gardens. Dinner and overnight on board. [B/L/D]

Day 7: Aswan Cairo

Breakfast and check-out and you will be transferred to Aswan Airport for your flight back to Cairo. Upon arrival in Cairo you will be transferred to your hotel for check-in and overnight. [B]

Day 8: Cairo, Amman

After breakfast, you will checkout and head to Cairo International Airport for your flight to Amman. Upon arrival at Amman International Airport, you will be met and assisted through customs and passport procedures and then transferred to your hotel for check-in and overnight. [B]

Day 9: Amman, Jerash, Petra

You will leave your Amman hotel to head to Jerash - the most complete and well-preserved city in the Roman Empire. Nestled in a green valley well-watered from the biblical land of Galaad, the remains of the ancient city have long attracted tourists from all over the world. Stroll through the temples, theaters, squares, paths and original colonnade streets, all within the walls of the city. Remains of the ancient periods have been found between the walls, indicating human occupation there for more than 2,500 years. Return to Amman's downtown market and the city center, its traditional souks, cafes, restaurants selling local food and sweets, churches and mosques among other popular places. Amman is also the ancient city of Philadelphia with its Roman theater and many other monuments such as the Citadel. You will pass by the palace of the late King Hussein, where he is buried, then you will go to the other side of the city, where you can see the beautiful white stone houses of the upper class in Abdoun. After the visit drive to Petra for check-in and overnight. [B/L]

Day 10: Petra

After breakfast, you will visit one of the most spectacular sites of the Middle East: Petra bewitches many travelers. Built by the Nabataeans, the pink city is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It must be said that with its pink sandstone facade and rich royal tombs, the ancient troglodyte city amazes. Nestled in the hollow of canyons, at the gates of the Wadi Rum desert, Petra will be the real highlight of your trip to Jordan. Combining Eastern and Hellenistic architecture, Petra is an archaeological site unique in

the world. Carved in the rock, it reveals a lot of historical treasures. Thus, during your visit to Petra, you will not fail to admire its famous facade. With its orange-pink colors and 141 feet high, this tomb of a Nabataean king reveals a sculptural finesse of beauty. In addition to its famous facade, Petra will allow you to admire other historical treasures. Between its Roman ruins, its theater, its royal tombs and its monastery, it shelters some of the most beautiful jewels of Jordan. Enjoy the magical horse ride lunch at Basin Rest, Wadi Rum and the Desert of Art in a guided Jeep tour. After the visit return to Petra for overnight. [B/L]

Day 11: Petra, Kerak, Madaba, Mt. Nebo, Dead Sea

Have a glimpse of the history and interesting culture of Jordan during this excursion to Kerak Castle. Built by King Baudouin of Jerusalem in 1132 AD, the fortress is a labyrinth of galleries, vaulted rooms and fortified towers overlooking the Wadi Mujib valley. This is an impressive example of the architectural and military genius of the Crusaders. Also, explore the well-preserved underground passages and chambers. Then head for Madaba for lunch. The village, also called "city of mosaics", is known for its spectacular Byzantine and Umayyad mosaics. You will visit the church Saint George containing the mosaic map of the Holy Land and the adjoining small museum. The route then takes you to Mount Nebo. There, we discover a beautiful panoramic view of the Dead Sea and the hills of Judea. Mount Nebo rises to more than 2,625 feet and is famous for sheltering the sanctuary where Moses was buried. The remains of the sanctuary's basilica are numerous and well preserved. The road continues to the Dead Sea, the lowest point of the earth 985 feet below sea level. Visit the Baptism site and overnight at a Dead Sea hotel. [B/L]

Day 12: Dead Sea, Amman, USA

After breakfast you will be transferred to Amman Airport to board your flight back home. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [B/L] = Breakfast and Lunch | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Your Tour includes:

- All round-trip airport transfers
- Meeting and assistance at Egyptian airports
- Top VIP meet and assist services at Queen Alia airport in Jordan
- 11 nights' accommodation:
 - Cairo - 3 nights
 - Nile Cruise - 4 nights
 - Amman - 1 night
 - Petra - 2 nights
 - Dead Sea - 1 night
- Meals
 - Breakfast daily
 - 8 lunches
 - 4 dinners
- Full-day tour of the Egyptian Museum, the Pyramids, the Sphinx
- Entrance fees for Amman sites
- The Roman army and chariot experience in Jordan

- Horse ride in Petra
- Two-hour Jeep ride in Wadi Rum
- Transportation by A/C vehicles
- English speaking local guides
- Hotel taxes

Tour does not include:

- International airline tickets
- Taxes or surcharges related to airline tickets
- Visas
- Travel insurance
- Other meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Entrance fees for sites not included
- Alcoholic, non-alcoholic beverages
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out
- Expenses of personal nature
- Tourism and Harbor taxes

Hotels in your Tour:

Location	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
Superior First Class		
Cairo	Ramses Hilton	4
	Sonesta Cairo	4
	Le Meridien Pyramids	4
Nile Cruise	Movenpick Royal Lotus	5
Amman	Century Park	3.5
	Days Inn	3
Petra	Grand View	4
	Petra Panorama	3
Dead Sea	Dead Sea Spa	4
	Ramada	4
Deluxe		
Cairo	Intercontinental Semiramis	4
	Conrad	4.5
Nile Cruise	Sonesta Moon Goddess	5
	Movenpick Royal Lily	5
Amman	Grand Hyatt	4.5
	Le Royal	4
	Grand Millennium	4
Petra	Old Village	4.5
	Hyatt Zaman	4.5
Dead Sea	Movenpick Resort	4
	Holiday Inn	4
Super Deluxe		
Cairo	Four Seasons	4.5
	Nile Ritz-Carlton	4.5
	St. Regis	NR
Nile Cruise	Sonesta Star Goddess	5
	Sonesta St. George 1	5
	Oberoi Philae	5
Amman	Four Seasons	4.5
	Fairmont	4.5
Petra	Movenpick	4
	Marriott	4
Dead Sea	Kempinski Ishtar	4.5
	Marriott	4.5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Prices:

Season	Double	Single
First Class		
May – September	\$2,589	\$3,465
October – April '21	\$2,515	\$3,545
Deluxe		
May – September	\$2,939	\$4,099
October – April '21	\$2,905	\$4,215
Super deluxe		
May – September	\$4,459	\$6,755
October – April '21	\$5,179	\$7,615

Prices are per person and may change without notice

Supplements:

Description	Supplement
December 23 to December 31	20%

Supplement should be added to regular prices

Domestic airfare:

Routing	Class	Cost
Cairo – Aswan/Luxor – Cairo	Economy	\$295

This fare may be cheaper if integrated in your international itinerary.
Consult your travel agent or HWDT

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