

15 DAY EGYPT & JORDAN WITH NILE CRUISE

DESTINATIONS

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CAIRO
ASWAN
ABU SIMBEL
LUXOR
AMMAN
PETRA
WADI RUM
DEAD SEA
NILE CRUISE



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TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1

Destination	Cairo
Meals included	
Hotel	4 ★ Oasis Hotel Pyramids, or similar

Salaam Alaikum! Welcome to Egypt. Make your way to the hotel at your convenience.

A buzzing metropolis, home to at least 19 million people, Cairo gives you a great feel for Egyptian streetlife. It's busy – almost frantic – and among the hustle and bustle, it's an exciting blend of old world and new. Arabs call this city Umm al-Dunya (the mother of the world). There are many beautiful mosques to visit, like the Mohammed Ali Mosque in the Citadel. Or head to the oldest part of Cairo, the Babylon Fortress, to see ancient ruins. For stunning panoramic views of the capital, go up the 187-metre-high Cairo Tower.

Try some street food – lamb shawarma, anyone? – or get a taste of Egyptian street life by visiting a cafe. Sit in an ahwa and sip traditional mint tea. The shisha pipe can be found in many ahwas and restaurants across Cairo.

DAY 2

Destination	Cairo
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	5 ★ Le Méridien Pyramids Hotel, or similar

This morning, head out to see some of the world's most iconic sights – the Pyramids of Giza and the Great Sphinx. Explore these structures that have stood tall for some 4,500 years and learn about the ancient history of the monuments. The oldest of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, and the only one to remain largely intact, the pyramids are a sight to behold.

Afterwards, make your way to the Egyptian Museum, home to one of the world's great collections of antiquities. Wander the treasure-filled halls of the museum, and make sure to check out the Royal Mummies Hall for a close encounter with some of the country's most important queens and pharaohs. The masses of gleaming artefacts recovered from the tomb of Tutankhamun are quite something.

DAY 3

Destination	Cairo  Luxor
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	Watania Overnight Sleeper train, or similar

Today, enjoy a free day at leisure. Later this afternoon you'll be transferred to the station to board your overnight sleeper train to Luxor.

(Please note: accommodation onboard the overnight train is in two-berth cabins, which convert into bunk beds. All bedding is provided onboard and Western-style toilets are in each carriage. Your bags will be stored in your cabin, where an airline-style dinner and breakfast will be served, however, it may be worth bringing additional snacks, especially if you are vegetarian or have any dietary requirements; your tour leader can help you to arrange this. Despite being a 'tourist class' train the facilities onboard are basic but comfortable.)

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CAIRO CITY TOUR

Join a local guide to get in touch with Cairo's Islamic heart. From backstreet bazaars to minaret-topped mosques, and neighborhood coffee houses, these are the places that make Egypt's sprawling capital what it is. We will visit Sultan Hassan mosque and Madrasa, the finest piece of early Mamluk architecture in Cairo. It was built between 1356 and 1363 by Sultan Hassan then we will enjoy a walk in Moez street starting from Bab el Fetouh and We will end our Adventure in Khan El Khalili Bazar. A labyrinth of narrow streets and passageways, Khan el-Khalili is one of the world's largest bazaars and offers a truly authentic local Cairo experience.

Starts: approx: 8:30am-9:00am

Duration: approx. 5-6 hours

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DAY 4

Destination	Luxor 🚗 Embark on Nile cruise 🚢
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	SHIP: Movenpick Royal Lotus, or similar

Welcome to Luxor! After an early breakfast onboard the Watania Sleeping Train, the train rolls into Luxor. From the spectacular temple complex of Karnak to the Valley of the Kings, Luxor is full of wonderfully preserved reminders of the pharaohs.

Today we'll explore the magnificent Karnak Temple, which is perhaps the most impressive of all the ancient pharaohs' monumental works. One of the world's most celebrated temple complexes, Karnak was built over some 200 years and was once known as the 'Chosen of Places'. Your guided tour of this vast temple of impressive pylons, obelisks and chapels will reveal its finest sections, such as the Avenue of Sphinxes and the Great Temple of Amun.

Then it's time to embark on your luxury Nile cruise that will be home for the next 4 nights. You'll cruise between Luxor and Aswan on this elegant ship, with all the comforts you would expect from a 5-star floating hotel.

Please note that since the sailing distance between Luxor and Aswan is approximately 200kms, that it is typical for all cruises operated along the Nile to be docked for majority of the time to conduct sightseeing, with the sailing to occur of an evening. The vessel will be docked either in Luxor or Aswan. Depending on the time of year and number of vessels operating at the same time, you will also find that all vessels are docked beside one another, which is beyond our control.

To ensure that our customers have appropriate expectations prior to their journey, it is important not to compare this experience to that of a European River Cruise, which tend to cover a greater distance and on larger vessels. Instead, you will experience a Deluxe stay on-board your vessel, offering a great chance to enjoy the beautiful scenery of the banks of the Nile while you sit back and relax. Your cruise schedule will be provided once on-board.

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OPTIONAL TOUR - LUXOR TEMPLE





Constructed over hundreds of years by Amenhotep III, Ramses II, Tutankhamun, and other pharaohs, Luxor Temple was the largest and most significant religious centre in ancient Egypt. In what was then Thebes, Luxor Temple was “the place of the First Occasion,” where the god Amon experienced rebirth during the pharaoh’s annually reenacted coronation ceremony. Today, remains of this vast complex include the colossal Great Colonnade Hall, almost 61 meters long, with 28 twenty-one-foot-high columns, its decoration largely undertaken by Tutankhamun around 1330 B.C. Many of the temple’s sidewalls were torn down after the time of the pharaohs and recycled for building materials.

Starts: approx: 5:00pm

Duration: approx. 1 ½ hours

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DAY 5

Destination	 Luxor  Valley of the Kings  Luxor  Edfu
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	SHIP: Movenpick Royal Lotus, or similar

Today we'll discover some of the many wonders of ancient Thebes. Our first stop is the Colossi of Memnon – two 17-metre-high statues on Luxor's west bank. Carved from granite blocks, they represent the Pharaoh Amenhotep III and were once part of an impressive colonnade.

Continue on to the spectacular royal burial site of the Valley of the Kings. Buried under the arid hills here are the tombs of more than 60 pharaohs, many richly decorated with reliefs and paintings. Explore this sprawling and spectacular place with your guide, where the pharaohs of the New Kingdom (16th to 11th century BCE) were secretly interred for all eternity, and where archaeological discoveries are still being made. Your guide will explain the history of and legends surrounding these remarkable people, their funerary rites, and the significance of the many paintings and hieroglyphics, still well-preserved in the deepest tombs.

After paying a visit to three of the most interesting royal tombs we'll continue to the Mortuary Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, a stunning colonnaded building of sharp lines that contrasts beautifully against the craggy high cliffs behind it, creating a spectacular natural amphitheatre. One of Egypt's greatest queens, this temple was built to prove her importance among the ancestors.

Enjoy lunch upon your return to the boat. There is time to relax on deck, or in your cabin, before we set sail for Edfu. Generally the journey from Luxor to Edfu takes place between 1pm and 11 pm, though the departure time may vary, depending on river traffic. En route to Edfu we pass through the Esna Lock and head upstream.

Edfu Temple

Please note: The only mode of transport available to visit the Temple of Edfu is by locally managed horse and carriages. As a responsible travel-focused business, animal welfare is extremely important to us and we want to ensure that we are not promoting any activities where the working animals are not properly cared for. Unfortunately, some operators of the Horse and Carriages have been found to be in breach of our animal welfare guidelines and it is, for this reason, we will no longer include the visit to the Temple of Edfu.

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In addition to the animal welfare concerns, we have had a substantial amount of feedback suggesting that the experience itself is quite uncomfortable due to the pushy nature of the vendors and local suppliers outside the site. While we recommend that you do not use the horse and carriage to visit the Temple, the decision is ultimately up to you. Edfu is an included port stop on the Nile River cruise schedule.

OPTIONAL TOUR - HOT AIR BALLOON RIDE OVER WEST BANK

For an unbeatable view of Luxor and the Nile River, take a flight in a Hot Air Balloon over the West Bank. After a safety briefing and introduction to your ground crew and pilot, you will climb into the balloon's basket and get ready for lift off. This activity is only bookable on-tour with your guide and is strictly subject to availability at the time.




Please note - you can also do this tour the following day.

Starts: approx: 5:00pm

Duration: approx. 2 hours (flight is around 40 minutes)

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DAY 6

Destination	 Edfu  Kom Ombo  Aswan
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	SHIP: Movenpick Royal Lotus, or similar

Today we will moor near Edfu – home to ancient settlements and temples, as well as a bustling town centre and a bazaar.

Later we'll return to the boat where we'll continue travelling upriver, with plenty of free time for relaxing on the sundeck and taking in the surrounding sights – from fishermen casting nets and farmers working their land to the desert hills that frame the lush riverbanks.

This afternoon we'll arrive at Kom Ombo Temple. Set dramatically on the bank of the Nile, 47 kilometres north of Aswan and 168 kilometres south of Luxor, the soaring, chunky columns of the double temple are a magnificent sight to behold as you arrive from the river.

Dedicated to the gods Sobek and Haroeris, the temple's finely carved reliefs give a sense of this area's prominence as capital over the surrounding region during the Ptolemaic era. Today, Kom Ombo may be a sleepy agricultural backwater surrounded by sugar cane fields, but its prime position along the Nile meant it was once one of Upper Egypt's most important centres. Wander through the temple's colonnades, gazing up at scenes of kingly propaganda, and you'll get a sense of this rich history for yourself.




Return to the cruise boat where you'll continue travelling upriver towards Aswan. (Please note: the only mode of transport available to visit the Temple of Edfu is by locally managed horses and carriages. As a business that seeks to promote responsible travel, animal welfare is extremely important to us at Inspiring Vacations, and unfortunately, some operators of the horse and carriages have been found to be in breach of our animal welfare guidelines. It is for

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DAY 7

Destination	 Aswan  Abu Simbel  Aswan
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	SHIP: Movenpick Royal Lotus, or similar

Today you will awake before sunrise for an early morning start. Sit back and relax as you drive to the ancient Abu Simbel temples, near the southern Egyptian border. You will have an early arrival into Abu Simbel to view one of the most incredible sights you will see. The two enormous sandstone structures were built in the 1200s BCE by Ramses II to serve as lasting monuments to himself and his favourite wife Nefertari. The larger temple, dedicated to three major Egyptian deities, features four large statues of Ramses II on its façade, while the smaller temple is dedicated to the goddess of love, Hathor, with statues designed to embody Nefertari.

Set on the banks of the artificial Lake Nasser, the structures were once in danger of being flooded with the construction of the Aswan High Dam but were saved via an extensive project to cut the temples into pieces and move them to higher ground, where they are seen today.

On our return to Aswan the rest of the day is free for you to make your own discoveries.

This afternoon, we'll enjoy a sailboat ride around the Nile River islands in a traditional *felucca* (a small, traditional Egyptian sailboat).

TEMPLE OF ISIS


Visit the beautiful Temple of Isis (the Goddess of health marriage and wisdom), which was rescued from the rising waters of the Nile and relocated on Igelka Island. It's a marvel of decorative pylons featuring some of Egypt's finest carvings – definitely one of the real gems of Upper Egypt.

Starts: approx: 2:30pm

Duration: approx. 3 hours

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DAY 8

Destination	Aswan  Cairo
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	5 ★ Sonesta Hotel, Tower & Casino Cairo, or similar

Today we will leave Aswan and make the short flight back to Cairo. On our return to Cairo enjoy your free time relaxing or doing some last-minute sightseeing.

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OPTIONAL TOUR - HOME COOKED MEAL IN CAIRO

Sit down for a home-cooked meal with a local family. During this experience, you'll get to visit a local family and learn about Middle Eastern traditions, Egyptian culture and tasty food – but most importantly, enjoy a delicious and authentic home-cooked meal.

Starts: approx: To be confirmed on tour by your Tour Guide.

Duration: approx. 3 hours

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DAY 9

Destination	Cairo ✈ Amman 🚗 Dead Sea
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	5 ★ Dead Sea Marriott Resort & Spa, or similar

Today, get ready for the next leg of your journey as you are transferred to the airport for your flight to Amman, Jordan. Welcome to Jordan, cosmopolitan and contemporary, yet steeped in biblical history. On arrival at Amman's Queen Alia International Airport, you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel on the shores of the Dead Sea.

DAY 10

Destination	Dead Sea 🚗 Amman 🚗 Jerash 🚗 Dead Sea
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	5 ★ Dead Sea Marriott Resort & Spa, or similar

After breakfast we head back to Amman and enjoy a tour of this capital city. Cosmopolitan and contemporary, yet steeped in ancient biblical history, Amman is a bit of a chameleon. Most of the city's historical sites are located downtown. Here we'll visit the Citadel, with remains from the Roman to the early Islamic period; the Jordan Archaeological Museum, which houses the oldest Neolithic statues dating from 8000 to 5000 NC, as well as other valuable artifacts; the souq, where we'll get an idea of everyday life; as well as the beautifully restored 2nd-century Roman Theatre.

Next we'll take a short drive (approximately one-hour) north to Jerash. Once one of the grandest ancient Roman cities in the world, Jerash now boasts some of the best Greco-Roman ruins around. Admire this site's striking collection of crumbling archways, theatres, baths, public buildings and colonnaded streets. Grand columns encircle the city's centrepiece, the Oval Plaza, a wonderfully atmospheric place to linger after exploring this ruined city's lasting riches. We enjoy lunch in Jerash before driving back to the Dead Sea.

DAY 11

Destination	Dead Sea 🚗 Petra
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	5 ★ Marriott Hotel Petra, or similar

Today marks the beginning of our journey towards the fabled site of Petra. En route we'll visit Madaba, an ancient

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market town that's home to a number of fine Byzantine mosaics, the most outstanding of which lies within Saint George's Greek Orthodox Church. Here, a map of the Holy Land once carpeted the whole floor, said to contain more than two million pieces. Crafted around 560 CE, a large swathe of this mosaic map can still be viewed, providing the oldest map of Palestine in existence.

Next we'll continue to the ancient village at Dana, on the edge of the Dana Biosphere Reserve, where local artisans sell silver jewellery.

Later, we'll drive along the King's Highway, up to Shobak Castle, sometimes known as Montreal. Perched at the top of a hill in the desert, this ancient Crusader castle was originally built to protect the eastern flank of the Latin Kingdom and its trade routes to the sea before it fell to Muslim sultan Saladin in 1189. Stroll the site and discover a small chapel, original gatehouse, and find out where a long, dark secret passage leads.

DAY 12

Destination	Petra
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	5 ★ Marriott Hotel Petra, or similar

Great ready for Petra! A firm fixture on most bucket lists for good reason – the jewel of Jordan is an arresting sight. The so-called Rose City boasts an impressive series of tombs, caves and temples hidden behind ornate façades carved directly into the rock. No one knows the exact date of this desert kingdom's creation, but the lost city of the Nabateans is believed to date as far back as the 2nd century CE. The city has lain empty and unknown for centuries, only rediscovered in 1812 by a Swiss explorer.

You'll feel just like Indiana Jones, as you meander through the narrow canyon known as the Siq; at times the path measures only a few metres wide, with walls soaring up to 180 metres on either side of you. It's easy to imagine the armies and merchants who made their way here many years ago, and the sense of awe they too must have felt upon reaching this ancient rock-hewn kingdom, surrounded by such a stark landscape. The Siq is the main entranceway to The Treasury – perhaps Petra's most iconic sight, and one of its most elaborate temples.

Petra's greatest surprise, however, is its size. With our guide we'll explore the old Roman road, the amphitheatre and several tombs. We'll also climb up to the beautiful façade of the Monastery, from where you will have a magnificent view of the entire site.

Exploring this truly extraordinary destination is sure to be a highlight of your trip.

DAY 13

Destination	Petra 🗨️ Wadi Rum
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	Memories Aicha Luxury Camp, or similar

We continue to Wadi Rum and browse around the excellent and informative visitor's centre. We'll visit several of Wadi Rum's distinctive rock formations and soak in the vast silence, towering sandstone mountains and spectacular desert landscapes of this surreal 'Valley of the Moon', where, the wind-sculpted rock formations change in hue throughout the day.

We'll also meet with local Bedouins, who live in scattered camps throughout the area, and ride camels to our traditional Bedouin tent, situated deep within the valley. We'll enjoy an evening with them at one of their camps, savouring the hospitality of these nomadic peoples and the uninterrupted desert panoramas.

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Wadi Rum is probably best known for its connection with the enigmatic British army officer TE Lawrence, who was based here during the Great Arab Revolt of 1917-18. Much of David Lean's movie on his exploits, *Lawrence of Arabia*, was actually filmed in this very region.

Please note - While we are sure that this experience will inspire you, please be aware that your stay will differ from that of a traditional hotel. There are no hotels in or near Wadi Rum: the only places to sleep are the numerous bedouin-run camps dotted around the desert. The camps that we use are quoted as being 'luxury' because their locations differ from other styles of camps and your tent will have its own ensuite. Even at the best and more 'luxurious' camps, bathroom facilities within the tents are somewhat rudimentary and the bedding can also be quite basic, however still offering you a comfortable nights' accommodation. All of your meals are included and will be served in a common social area. While we may not make it sound glamorous, it will be a unique and memorable experience.

DAY 14

Destination	Wadi Rum 📍 Amman
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	5 ★ Amman Marriott Hotel, or similar

After waking up in the unique environment of the luxury camp this morning, we'll enjoy a walk around the area before scaling one of the large dunes to enjoy sensational views of the surrounding area; keen photographers will be delighted. We'll then ride camels back across the Wadi Rum desert.

Later, we'll drive for approximately an hour and a half to reach a radically different landscape – the Dead Sea. We'll spend the afternoon on the shores of this famous body of water, named for the dearth of life in its waters. The saline water has a high density that keeps bathers buoyant and makes getting underneath the surface very difficult. Floating on the surface without any sort of lilo makes for a once in a lifetime experience. Afterwards we'll return to Amman for the evening.

DAY 15

Destination	Amman
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Enjoy one last delicious breakfast this morning, before your adventure comes to an end. We hope you've enjoyed this extraordinary journey.

TOUR ITINERARY

Inclusions

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Internal Aswan - Cairo / Cairo - Amman airfare
- 10 nights 5 star accommodation throughout including 2 nights at the incredible Le Meridien Pyramid Resort in a Pyramid View Room overlooking the Great Pyramids of Giza
- 4 nights on-board the Movenpick 5 Star Royal Lotus
- Overnight train from Cairo to Luxor in a twin share cabin
- Experience an overnight stay in a private tent in the Wadi Rum desert, gazing at the stars
- Breakfast daily, 6 lunches, 6 dinners
- The services of a professional English speaking escorted tour guide in Egypt and Jordan
- Dedicated transportation and all rail tickets
- Incredible sightseeing including all entry fees as per the the itinerary
- Small group touring 16 people max

SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Cairo – See the greatest iconic structures ever created by man, the spellbinding Pyramids and the Sphinx
- Cairo – Visit the Egyptian Museum to discover Egypt's rich and fascinating history
- Luxor – Discover wonderfully-preserved reminders of the Pharaohs, like Karnak Temple, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut and the Colossi of Memnon
- Luxor – Explore the spectacular royal burial site of the Valley of the Kings
- Kom Ombo – See the unusual double temple of Kom Ombo Temple
- Abu Simbel – Visit the imposing Temple of Ramses II, part of the UNESCO-listed Nubian Monuments
- Aswan – Enjoy a sailboat ride around the Nile River islands in a traditional felucca
- Amman – See the historic sights of Jordan's capital, like the Citadel and the Jordan Archaeological Museum
- Jerash – See the Greco-Roman ruins, once one of the grandest ancient Roman cities in the world
- Petra – Experience the jewel of Jordan; with its impressive, beautiful ruins
- Wadi Rum – Ride camels through the desert and spend the night at a traditional Bedouin desert camp
- Dead Sea – Float on the surface of this natural wonder

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CRUISE DETAILS

For further information on your Nile cruise, click [HERE](#).

Fine Print

HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payment

- Book now and secure your package with only a \$100 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$2800 per person within 28 days.
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

Booking Process

- Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)
- Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
- Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment
- Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
- Your booking is confirmed once your Booking Form is submitted and you can begin the countdown to your Inspiring Vacation!
- You will then be allocated and contacted by one of our Dedicated Support Agent's (within 48 hours) who will support you right up until you return from your journey

EXTRA SERVICES

You can enhance your holiday by arriving or departing before or after the tour, adding a stopover package en-route or booking a tour extension. On this tour you can choose from the following options:

Airport chauffeur

Take the hassle out of getting to the airport with private chauffeur transfers to and from your home airport. Your personal chauffeur will meet and greet you, attend to your luggage and drive you to your destination in a luxury vehicle.

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- Within 30km of airport: \$139 per vehicle (max 2 guests)
- Outside 30km of airport: You may add this option to your booking and the final price will be adjusted based on the transfer distance.

Additional surcharges may apply depending on pick-up time, tolls and government levies.

Airport Chauffeur can be selected once you have finalised your tour purchase and paid your deposit. When completing your Passenger Booking Form, you will be asked if you would like to add this service, where any applicable cost will be added to your final balance.

Pre and post tour accommodation (deviating from group flights forfeits your group airport transfers)

- Pre-tour accommodation: \$298 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast and transfer
- Post-tour accommodation: \$381 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast and transfer

Arrival and departure airport transfers

- Arrival Transfer: \$50 per vehicle
- Departure Transfer: \$50 per vehicle

Your transfer may be shared with other Inspiring Vacations customers.

Please specify in the 'Special Request' field when making your purchase your preferred travel arrangements and if you would like our team to book additional nights' accommodation and/or airport transfers. The additional cost for these land arrangements will be added to your final payment invoice and are subject to availability.

Airport lounges

Escape busy airport terminals and relax at a cosy and catered lounge instead. Departure lounge access in Sydney \$70 per person (up to 6 hours); Melbourne & Brisbane \$55 per person (up to 3 hours).

Airport lounge passes can be selected once you have finalised your tour purchase and paid your deposit. When completing your Passenger Booking Form, you will be asked if you would like to add this service, where any applicable cost will be added to your final balance.

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OPTIONAL TOURS

To enhance your journey, we are offering guests a choice of the following optional activities:

- Cairo City tour (Day 2)- \$80pp
- Luxor Temple (Day 4) - \$20pp
- Temple of Isis (Day 7) - \$55pp
- Home-cooked Egyptian dinner in Cairo (Day 8) - \$90pp

Additional optional activity:

- Hot Air Balloon ride over the West Bank (Day 5) - USD \$120 per person (bookable only on tour)

Optional Tour Bundles

If you're wanting to make the most of your time in Egypt, why not purchase our optional tour bundle? These optional tours have been hand-picked by our staff and based on our customers personal favourites.

1. Temple of Isis
2. Home-cooked Egyptian dinner in Cairo

\$130 per person

Optional tours can be selected once you have finalised your tour purchase and paid your deposit. When completing your Passenger Booking Form, you will be asked if you would like to add Optional Tours, where any applicable cost will be added to your final balance. If you choose not to select them at this time, you can choose to add them later by logging in to your Account online or speaking with your Dedicated Support Agent for assistance.

Please note that you must select your Optional Tours no later than 65 days before departure, after which you will be required to purchase them on tour. Please keep in mind that anything purchased on-tour is subject to availability and prices may vary as you will be required to pay in USD. We appreciate your understanding.

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EXCLUSIONS

- International Airfares
- Visas
- Travel insurance (recommended)
- Tipping
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Fitness Requirements While the tour itinerary should give you some guidance and overview to the expected requirements, to determine if this tour is right for you we categorise each of our tours in terms of their intensity. These guidelines are to ensure that each tour group is conducted as expected and to ensure the overall satisfaction of all Inspiring Vacations customers.

As a general rule, portage is not included, therefore at all times you are expected to handle your own luggage where help may not be available.

This particular tour is categorised as a “3”.

3 – Moderate Tour: A good level of fitness and mobility is required, as this tour includes a moderate level of physical activity and is considered a medium-fast paced tour. You should be able to walk up and down stairs, get on and off the coach and able to walk reasonable distances of approximately 2 kilometres per day or more with ease. Any physical ailments you may have must be disclosed at the time of booking to determine your suitability. If you have any form of walking aids, other than a walking stick or hiking poles, then this tour is not suitable.

Tipping A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package. You will be asked to provide tipping to your guide towards a ‘kitty’, which is then used towards the guide tipping for the services of helpers, hotel staff, restaurants and airport portage. We suggest USD\$5 (AUD\$7 approx) per person per day towards the kitty. Please note that this tipping is not for the guide, merely for the guide to tip the services of the driver and local workers during your tour. While not made compulsory, if you choose not to contribute to the kitty it means that the guide is tipping for these services out of their own pocket. Your cooperation in this instance is most appreciated.

Tipping for your guide will be collected at the commencement or conclusion of their services in each country. To remove the uncertainty and stress of not knowing how much is appropriate to tip we recommend USD\$6-8 (AUD\$8-12 approx) per person per day. The amount you wish to contribute is dependent on the services received

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and at the complete discretion of the guest. Thank you for your understanding.

Accommodation The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences however any changes are beyond our control

Single Supplement Single supplement is \$1599 per person in addition to the twin share price.

Triple Share Not available.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

We have partnered with nib to offer our customers competitive rates for their travel insurance. You can book comprehensive or budget cover simply by clicking [HERE](#) to arrange your policy.

Visa & Passport information It is the travellers responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of 6 months from your intended date of return to Australia. Australian passport holders will require a visa to enter Egypt. You will be able to obtain your E-visa when you have all of your travel documents approximately 30-40 days prior to departure. Visit <https://visa2egypt.gov.eg/> and create an account for yourself to then start the application process.

Information required:

Visa type (tourist) Entry type (single) Arrival date and departure date (no specific flight details are required) Passport information You have to upload a JPEG (only supported file type) of your passport The name of the host/tour operator, phone number, email address and street address Pay USD \$25pp by credit card Wait for it to be approved and you will be notified via email within approximately 48 hours.

Once approved, please ensure that you travel with the following documentation as they are required to present to customs upon arrival into the country:

Passport with 6 months validity E-visa printout Travel itinerary (provided 30 days before departure) Hotel list (provided 30 days before departure) Please note visas for Jordan can be obtained upon entry into

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each country. Please note that the information provided is subject to change at any time. Please speak to your Dedicated Support Agent for more information.

Tour Documentation Final documentation, including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

Group Size 4-16 people.

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Children Children must be 2 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are the same price as adults.

Tour Length The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change, depending on the flight schedule. Please refer to the day-by-day itinerary for the time spent in your destination(s).