

22 DAY ANCIENT EGYPT & JORDAN

DESTINATIONS

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CAIRO
ASWAN
ALEXANDRIA
ABU SIMBEL
EDFU
LUXOR
HURGHADA
AMMAN
PETRA
WADI RUM
DEAD SEA



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TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1

Destination	Home ➔ Egypt
Meals included	
Hotel	4 ★ Oasis Hotel Pyramids, or similar

Salaam Alaikum! Welcome to Egypt. You'll be met at the airport and taken to your hotel near the Great Pyramids of Giza.

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 🚗 Alexandria
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Paradise Inn Windsor Hotel, or similar

Prepare to be spellbound by the ancient wonders of the Pharaohs.

This morning we'll drive out to Giza, home to perhaps the greatest iconic structures ever created by man – the Pyramids and the Sphinx. Instantly familiar, yet retaining a mystique and power, getting up close to these incredible pharaonic tombs is captivating.

There are over 100 pyramids in Egypt but the Great Pyramid of Giza, also known as the Pyramid of Khufu or the Pyramid of Cheops, is a defining symbol of Egypt. With a height of 146.5 metres, it's the oldest of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and the only one still standing.

For an additional charge, you may be able to go inside the Great Pyramid, although occasionally it may be closed to visitors.

We'll then drive to the port city of Alexandria along what is known as the desert road. Enroute, your guide will take you on a tour of the city known as Wadi El Natrun. The area was once very important to the ancient Egyptians as the area was rich in the salts needed for the mummification process.

On the way we'll visit one of the Monasteries of Wadi El Natrun, if open for visiting. The monasteries here and in the surrounding region are some of the earliest Christian monasteries in the world.

Located on the Mediterranean Sea, Alexandria has a rich history. After all, it was founded by Alexander the Great. Its wide waterfront promenade, known as the corniche, is one of its best known symbols and interesting to stroll through, with restaurants, casinos, historical sites and markets to see on this 15km stretch.

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Destination	Alexandria
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Paradise Inn Windsor Hotel, or similar

We'll take a morning tour of this city, known for its broad beaches and seafront corniche dotted with sun loungers and cafes.

Then we'll delve into the Catacombs. Heading underground, you'll get to view the largest known Roman burial site in Egypt, complete with burial chambers, labyrinth alleyways and entertaining rooms for families coming to visit the dead.

The crypts are 20 metres below street level and date back to the Greco Roman period. What likely started as a small family tomb grew into a large number of graves that could accommodate more than 300 bodies. The tombs are organised around a central spiral staircase that leads down through several levels.

Then we'll visit the city's oasis of calm, Al Montazah Palace and Gardens. Montazah Gardens is home to two palaces, one built in 1892 and another in 1932 by King Fuad I, and acres of picturesque gardens. The sprawling gardens are located along the shoreline and flow from splendidly landscaped gardens into great beaches.

From one side, you can see the seemingly-endless Mediterranean Sea, from the other, see the city's charming harbour and skyline.

OPTIONAL TOUR - ALEXANDRIA - CITADEL OF QAITBAY

Sultan Qaitbay built this picturesque fortress during the 14th century to defend Alexandria from the advances of the Ottoman Empire. His efforts were in vain since the Ottomans took control of Egypt in 1512, but the fortress has remained, strategically located on a thin arm of land that extends out into Alexandria's harbor from the corniche.

Starts: approx. Departs between 9:00am-10:00am

Duration: approx. 1 ½ hours

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DAY 4

Destination	Alexandria 🚗 El Alamein 🚗 Cairo 🚗 Aswan
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Overnight Sleeper Train, or similar

Today we'll visit the Commonwealth War Graves of El Alamein. It is here where two extended battles were fought during World War II. The first began on the 1st July 1942 and lasted for 27 days, ending as a stalemate. After three months of holding back the enemy, the allies launched a second attack which lasted for 13 days. The importance of El Alamein was highlighted by Winston Churchill, who said "Before Alamein we never had a victory".

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We'll then drive back to Cairo and you can take this time to relax, or purchase some supplies before boarding an overnight sleeper train to Aswan. It's approximately a 13 hour journey.

Notes: The two-berth cabins are comfortable and air-conditioned. All bedding is provided onboard by the porter. Western-style toilets are located in each carriage, but we recommend bringing additional toilet paper. Keep in mind general train cleanliness may not be to the same standards you are accustomed to. An included dinner and breakfast are served on board. You may want to purchase something extra beforehand to supplement your meal, particularly if you're a vegetarian as only a single type of meal is served for dinner, which always includes meat. In rare circumstances you may be paired in your cabin with a group member of the opposite sex, depending on the group configuration. On other occasions, you might be sharing with another traveler of the same sex who may not be part of our group, again determined by the group configuration.

DAY 5

Destination	Aswan
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	5 ★ Pyramisa Isis Island Resort, or similar

The Nile, Elephantine Island and white-sailed feluccas: welcome to Aswan, Egypt's southernmost city. Its easy-going charm is due in no small part to its large Nubian population.

The city is Egypt's southern gateway to Africa and an important market town, so take time here to check out one of the country's best bazaars.

On arrival, we'll explore 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 Philae Island in the 1960s. It's a marvel of decorative pylons featuring some of Egypt's finest carvings – definitely one of the real gems of Upper Egypt.

Afterward we will visit the excellent Nubian Museum, which showcases the history, art and culture of the Nubians. This city was once part of the ancient kingdom of Nubia and the museum does a wonderful job documenting the riches of this culture.

Then experience modern Nubian culture first-hand with a visit to Elephantine Island. On your visit you'll join a Nubian family for dinner and experience true traditional Nubian hospitality. Here, you will encounter Nubian homes, traditional food and an unforgettable insight into the daily life of a Nubian. This is a rare and memorable experience, giving you the chance to become fully immersed in the local culture.

DAY 6

Destination	Aswan 🚗 Abu Simbel 🚗 Aswan 🚗 Nile cruise
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	M/S Nile Dolphin cruise, 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.

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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.

Later we'll check in to our Nile cruise – our floating home for the next three nights.

Driving Duration: Approximately 8 hour round trip (with stops along the way)

Please note that since the sailing distance between Aswan and Luxor 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 Aswan or Luxor. 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.

OPTIONAL TOUR - ASWAN MARKET WALKING TOUR

Aswan Souk, is a colorful bazaar offers Egyptian and Nubian goods , where you can buy variety of goods such as henna powder, perfumes, peanuts, spices and t-shirts.

Starts: approx: 4:30pm

Duration: approx. 45 minutes - 1 hour

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DAY 7

Destination	Nile cruise
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	M/S Nile Dolphin cruise, or similar

Enjoy the view of the Nile, the palms and the desert from your room. Enjoy cruising the Nile for three nights between Aswan and Luxor, with all the comforts you would expect from a five-star floating hotel.

Today we'll journey ashore to visit Kom Ombo Temple. Dedicated to the gods Sobek and Haroeris, this unusual double temple was constructed during the Ptolemaic period, which lasted from 108 to 47 BC.

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Set dramatically on the banks of the Nile, 47km north of Aswan and 168km south of Luxor, the soaring, chunky columns of the Great Temple of Kom Ombo are a magnificent sight as you arrive from the river.

The temple is well preserved, especially detail on the murals and columns. One unique engraving is thought to be among the first representations of medical and surgical instruments.

Today, Kom Ombo may be a sleepy agricultural backwater surrounded by sugar cane fields, but its prime position along the Nile once made it one of Upper Egypt's most important centres. Wander through the temple's colonnades, gazing up at scenes of kingly propaganda, and you'll catch a feel of this glorious history for yourself.

Returning to the cruise boat, we'll continue travelling upriver, with free time relaxing on the sundeck and taking in the surrounding sights, including lush riverbanks against a backdrop of desert hills.

DAY 8

Destination	Nile Cruise 🚢 Edfu
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	M/S Nile Dolphin cruise, or similar

Today we'll be moored near Edfu. This city is best known for its beautifully preserved temple dedicated to Horus, the falcon-headed god.

Disembark and discover the lively streets of Edfu town. Get acquainted with the bustling town centre and the bazaar.

Return to the boat for your final night aboard and make the most of the incredible views across one of the world's greatest rivers.

As you explore further, you'll discover endless reliefs – like the gods Horus and Thoth pouring sacred water over King Neos Dionysos – the library, a laboratory, and the holy sanctuary where a golden statue of Horus once stood. The sense of awe that comes from touring this temple is incredible.

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.

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.

DAY 9

Destination	Luxor
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	5 ★ Pyramisa Isis Hotel & Suites, or similar

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Our Nile cruise comes to an end in the open-air museum of Luxor – from the spectacular temple complex of Karnak to the Valley of the Kings, Luxor is full of wonderfully-preserved reminders of the Pharaohs.

Rising early, we'll discover some of the many wonders of ancient Thebes. Our first step 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.

We'll continue onto the spectacular royal burial site of the Valley of the Kings. Buried under the arid hills here are over 60 tombs of pharaohs, many richly decorated with reliefs and paintings. With your leader, explore this sprawling and spectacular place, where the pharaohs of the New Kingdom (16th to 11th century BC) were secretly interred for all eternity, and where discoveries are still being made.

Your guide will explain the history and legends of these remarkable people, their funerary rites, and the significance of the many paintings and hieroglyphics, still well preserved in the deepest tombs. You will visit three of the most interesting royal tombs and then continue to the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, a stunning colonnaded building set against high cliffs that create a spectacular natural amphitheatre. One of Egypt's greatest queens, she built this temple to prove her importance – the scale and elegance of her temple certainly proves a point!

You will 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 is a house of the gods built over a period of some 200 years. 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. The rest of the day is free for you to relax, shop in the excellent bazaar or perhaps experience the atmosphere of a local teahouse.

The afternoon is yours to explore. Perhaps you'd like to shop in the market or visit the world's first Mummification Museum to discover the secrets of pharaonic preservation.

Today, remains of this vast complex include the colossal Great Colonnade Hall, almost 61 metres long, with 28 columns that are 21 feet high. Many of the temple's sidewalls were torn down after the time of the pharaohs and recycled for building materials.

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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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 10

Destination	Luxor 🚗 Hurghada
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	4 ★ Royal Star Beach Resort, or similar

Today we'll farewell the Nile and drive east to the beachside town of Hurghada. The green Nile valley is soon left behind you as we head into the barren Eastern Desert. Passing through rocky hills, the glittering waters of the Red Sea soon come into view and the rugged bulk of the Sinai Peninsula looms through the haze on the opposite shore.

A vibrant beach resort, Hurghada is by no means a typical adventure destination. Known for its underwater reefs and marine life, it's a popular diving destination. After checking into your hotel, take a walking tour with your guide to get your bearings, and check out some of the local restaurants and eateries.

You will have the remainder of the evening at leisure, plus enjoy a sumptuous buffet dinner tonight in your hotel.

DAY 11

Destination	Hurghada
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	4 ★ Royal Star Beach Resort, or similar

Today is a free day to relax in this Red Sea beachside town. You may like to take the optional private snorkelling boat trip.

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OPTIONAL TOUR - PRIVATE SNORKELING BOAT TRIP INCLUDING LUNCH (HURGHADA - 15/22 DAY ANCIENT)

Experience Egypt's underwater splendours on this full-day Red Sea snorkelling trip by boat from Hurghada. Cruise out onto the sparkling Red Sea and drop anchor at three prime snorkelling locations. Don your own snorkelling gear or the provided equipment and enjoy ample time to float through the crystal waters past dazzling corals, exotic fish and perhaps even turtles and rays. Lunch is served onboard your boat.

Starts: approx: 8:30am

Duration: approx. 6-7 hours

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DAY 12

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

Today we'll leave Hurghada and take the short flight back to Cairo.

On our return to Cairo, we'll make our way to the Khan El Khalili bazaar, a memorable shopping experience in the historic centre of Islamic Cairo. Even if you are not looking to buy, take a walk through the winding alleys of this labyrinth district – you'll feel like you stepped back in time to an old Arab souk. Selling handicrafts, delicious spices, fabrics and clothes, it's been a shopping district for thousands of years.

DAY 13

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

The morning is yours to relax or explore at your own pace.

After lunch, we'll head to the Egyptian Museum, one of the world's greatest museums. Home to over 12,000 ancient Egyptian antiquities exhibiting many of the region's treasures, your expert guide will take you through Egypt's rich and fascinating dynastic history.

You will then have some free time to explore on your own or you may wish to visit the Royal Mummy Room (optional and at extra cost).

Afterwards, we'll return to the hotel. Feel free to rest up, or you may choose to experience the Cairo sound and light show.

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OPTIONAL TOUR - PYRAMIDS LIGHT & SOUND SHOW

Delight in an evening's entertainment as the Great Pyramid of Giza comes to life with lights and lasers under the night sky. The Sphinx "narrates" a condensed history of the ancient Egyptians while the projected effects give new perspective to the ancient structures.

DAY 14

Destination	Cairo ✈️ Amman
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Geneva Hotel Amman, 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.

DAY 15

Destination	Amman 🚗 Dead Sea
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Ramada Resort by Wyndham Dead Sea, or similar

Start the day exploring this bustling modern city. The historical places are located downtown, where we will visit the Citadel with remains dating from the Romans to the early Islamic period. Then we pay a visit to the Archaeological Museum, housing an excellent collection of several Dead Sea Scrolls. We stroll via the Souq, getting an idea of everyday life, then head to the Roman Theater which holds 6000 seats, dated back to the 2nd century.

Afterwards you will have a short drive south-west (approximately 1 hour) to the Dead Sea. Don't forget to pack your swim gear, because in the afternoon you can wash off the dust with a dip like no other. Named for the dearth of life in its waters, this lake is so intensely salty that the density of the water makes swimming and getting underneath the surface very difficult. Floating on the surface without any sort of lilo makes for a unique pleasure though. Grab a handful of the shoreline's mud and slick it over your body on the way back in – it's full of nutrient-rich natural minerals.

DAY 16

Destination	Dead Sea 🚗 Petra
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Petra Panorama Hotel, or similar

After breakfast, we'll head to Petra, referred to as the Rose City for the colour of the stone out of which it is carved. Then onto Madaba, about a 45 minute drive, which is home to a number of fine Byzantine mosaics. We'll visit the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George and see an impressive mosaic map of the Holy Land that clearly depicts Palestine and Lower Egypt around 550 AD.

It's then about a three hour drive to the ancient village at Dana, on the edge of the Dana Biosphere Reserve, where local artisans sell attractive silver jewellery and charms.

Later, the ancient Crusader castle at Shobak makes an imposing sight as you drive up to it. It was originally built to protect the eastern flank of the Latin Kingdom and its trade routes to the sea before it fell to Saladin in 1189. Stroll the

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site and discover a small chapel, original gatehouse and find out where a long, dark secret passage leads. We'll arrive in Petra at night.

DAY 17

Destination	Petra
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Petra Panorama Hotel, or similar

Petra is justifiably on most people's lists of 'must-visit' places. It's the jewel of Jordan, the lost city of the biblical Nabateans, an impressive series of tombs and dwellings hidden behind ornate facades carved directly into the rock.

The iconic Petra view – the Treasury's glorious façade, glimpsed from the narrow cleft known as the Siq – is arguably the single most striking sight of the entire region. It's almost surreal when you first see exquisite craftsmanship against such stark scenery. The Siq leads through the rock and is sometimes only a few metres wide, with walls soaring up to 180 metres on either side, and it is impossible not to imagine the armies and traders who made their way down here in ancient times.

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

This is a memorable day exploring a truly extraordinary destination, a highlight of your trip. There is a cafeteria on site, where you can enjoy a light lunch. The rest of the day will be at your leisure – perhaps take the chance to witness Petra by night. Seeing the Treasury plaza lit up by flickering candle light while Bedouin music plays is a magical experience.

DAY 18

Destination	Petra 🚗 Wadi Rum
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	Hilawi Camp Wadi Rum , or similar

Petra is an incredible site and almost demands more than one visit. If you want to see more, then get up early to soak in the dramatic setting, walk to extra sites like the High Place of Sacrifice, and just try to comprehend the history and life of this city that was once able to challenge the might of Rome.

We'll head into this desolate, romantic protected area in rather rickety old jeeps, operated by the local Bedouin community. This is an attempt by the Jordanian Government to bring much-needed income into this region – an initiative we also support.

After lunch in the small village of Wadi Rum and a browse around the excellent and informative visitors' centre, you will visit several of Wadi Rum's distinctive rock formations and soak in the vast silence and spectacular desert landscapes. Wadi Rum is a truly beautiful place with towering sandstone mountains. The wind-sculpted rock formations change hue throughout the day from sunrise to sunset.

Wadi Rum is probably best known for its connection with the enigmatic British officer T.E. 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 Wadi Rum.

The Bedouins live in scattered camps throughout the area.

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Tonight you'll experience camping in a traditional Bedouin tent under the clear desert skies of Wadi Rum. Of course, you'll ride a camel through the desert.

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 19

Destination	Wadi Rum 🚗 Amman
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Geneva Hotel Amman, or similar

After waking up in the unique surrounds of the Bedouin camp this morning, you will 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.

You will then take 4WDs from your camp back to the main entrance, which is opposite the Seven Pillars of Wisdom, the mountain named after Lawrence of Arabia's book. The visitors' centre here is also a great spot to buy some jewellery and handicrafts, mostly made by a women's cooperative that is aimed at supporting traditional local industries.

Drive on to Madaba (approximately 4 hours), home to a number of fine Byzantine mosaics. Visit the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George and see an impressive mosaic map of the Holy Land that clearly depicts Palestine and Lower Egypt around 550 AD. In the same area is Mt. Nebo where Moses is believed to first laid eyes on the Promise Land. We then continue to back to Amman.

DAY 20

Destination	Amman 🚗 Jerash 🚗 Amman
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Geneva Hotel Amman, or similar

After breakfast, there is a short drive north (approximately one hour) to Jerash, once one of the grandest ancient Roman cities in the world. These Greco-Roman ruins are impressive. A favourite of the emperor Hadrian, it has a striking collection of archways and theatres, baths, public buildings and colonnaded streets, and is a beautiful place to spend a day exploring. Grand iconic columns encircle the city's centrepiece, the Oval Plaza, a wonderfully atmospheric place to linger after exploring Jerash's riches.

Return to Amman for a free afternoon at leisure.

DAY 21

Destination	Amman ✈️ Home
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

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Enjoy one last delicious breakfast this morning, before your adventure comes to an end. You'll be transferred to the airport to board your flight home.

DAY 22

Destination	Home
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Arrive home today with memories to last a lifetime.

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Inclusions

<p>WHAT'S INCLUDED</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return international airfares with a full-service airline • Internal Hurghada - Cairo airfare • Return airport transfers • 15 nights 4-star accommodation • 3 night 5-star Nile cruise • 1 night on board a sleeper train between Cairo and Aswan • Experience an overnight stay in a private tent in the Wadi Rum desert, gazing at the stars • Daily breakfast, 4 lunches, 7 dinners • The services of a professional fully escorted English speaking guide • In depth sightseeing including all entry fees as per the itinerary • All transportation as per the itinerary • 24/7 customer service and your own Dedicated Support Agent
<p>SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cairo – Pyramids and Sphinx • Cairo – The Egyptian Museum • Cairo – Khan El Khalili Bazaar • Wadi El Natron – Wadi El Natron Monastery • Alexandria – Catacomb of Kom El Shuqqafa • Alexandria – Al Montazah Palace & Gardens • Alexandria – Bibliotheca Alexandrina • El Alamein – War museum • El Alamein – Commonwealth cemetery • Aswan – Philae temple • Aswan – Nubian Museum • Abu Simbel Excursion • Kom Ombo – Kom Ombo Temple • Luxor – Karnak Temple • Luxor – Colossi of Memnon • Luxor – Valley of the Kings (3 tombs) • Luxor – Hatshepsut Temple • Hurghada – seaside walking tour • Jerash – Spectacular Roman ruins • Madaba – Greek Orthodox Church of St. George • Dana – village tour • Shobak – Montreal Castle tour • Petra – Ruins of Petra • Wadi Rum – Desert wilderness • Dead Sea – Swimming in the Dead Sea

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CRUISE DETAILS

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

Fine Print

HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

- 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

FLIGHTS, UPGRADES & EXTENSIONS

Airfare Information

- Full-service airline used will be Etihad Airlines, Emirates Airlines, Singapore Airlines, Qatar Airlines, Turkish Airlines, Oman Airlines or similar.
- Flights are not direct and include a maximum of two connections
- If you would like to travel with a preferred airline, please ensure

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you mention this in the special request field. Please note that appropriate fare and tax difference will be applicable in order to confirm your request.

- Adelaide customers will likely require two stops in either direction
- All tickets will include 20 kilos checked baggage per person, along with 7 kilos of hand luggage.
- Despite the airlines baggage allowance, we recommend travelling with 20 kilos per person due to restrictions with internal flights (where applicable), as well as coach and train transportation. Also, you will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters is not included. If travelling over this amount, you will be liable for any excess baggage fees enforced by the airline, payable direct.
- Once ticketed, flights are non-refundable; any changes will be subject to the airline rules and change fees
- Full names as per passport (including all middle names) are required
- Any airline schedule changes or cancellations are beyond our control

Premium Economy or Business Class upgrades

- Premium Economy upgrade - not available.
- Business Class upgrade available from an additional \$6,500 per person (subject to availability).

Please specify this as a 'Special Request' when completing your booking and you will be quoted for the additional fare. In the event your selection is unavailable, or that you are dissatisfied with the quote, you will be provided with a full refund.

Land Only discount

A reduction of \$1,500 per person applies if you wish to arrange your own airfares. To purchase a land-only fare, please select this option in the booking process under 'Departure City'.

Please note, if you are not arriving or departing as per the group itinerary, airport transfers are also no longer included. If you would like us to arrange this service for you, please refer to the 'Extra services'

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section for pricing.

Extending Your Stay

Some customers like to enhance their holiday by extending their stay pre- and/or post-tour or including a stopover in another destination. If you wish to do so, please follow these steps:

1. Once you have logged in to your account, click on 'Book Now' and complete the required fields until you reach the 'Special Requests' free text field.
2. Here, please specify your preferred flight arrangements and/or preferred airline. Be sure to mention if you would like us to also quote additional nights' accommodation, with the number of nights needed.
3. After finalising your purchase by processing your deposit payment, please proceed to submit your booking form with all traveller details. Your booking will then be assigned to your Dedicated Support Agent who will be in contact with you via email to verify your request.

By choosing to extend your stay, please note that a supplement of \$150 per person, plus applicable fare and tax differences will apply. We will contact you via email with a quote and proposed flight itinerary, and then proceed with collecting the additional payment required to confirm your request.

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.

- 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

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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: \$173 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast and transfer
- Post-tour accommodation: \$215 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast and transfer

Arrival and departure airport transfers

- Arrival Transfer: \$52 per vehicle
- Departure Transfer: \$69 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:

- Day 3: Alexandria - Citadel of Qaitbay - AUD \$30
- Day 6: Aswan Market Walking Tour - AUD \$20
- Day 9: Luxor Temple - AUD \$15
- Day 11: Hurghada - Private Snorkeling boat trip including lunch - AUD \$109
- Day 13: Cairo - Sound and Light Show AUD \$70

Additional optional activity:

- Hot Air Balloon ride over the West Bank (Day 9) - USD \$120 per person (bookable only on tour)

Optional Tour Bundles

Make the most of your experience in Egypt and purchase an optional tour bundle for \$190 per person. These optional tours have been hand-picked by our staff and based on our customers personal favourites.

1. Private Snorkeling boat trip including lunch
2. Aswan Market Walking Tour
3. Sound and Light Show

Any 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 paying in local currency. We appreciate your understanding.

EXCLUSIONS

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

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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 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.

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Single Supplement Single supplement is \$1099 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.

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:

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- 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 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 6-30 people.

Trip Style - Group Tour Our Group Tours offer unparalleled value for money and are the perfect style of travel for those on a budget, though still eager to pack as much in to their itinerary as possible. These tours tick all the boxes with an abundance of inclusions such as sightseeing highlights, expert tour guides, quality accommodation, transfers, coach transportation, some meals and more. Please note that the maximum group size will vary between deals and will be mentioned within the Fine Print of each deal page.

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 on land.