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DAY 1

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

Welcome to the trip of a lifetime! Prepare to be spellbound by the ancient wonders of the Pharaohs.

Salaam Aleikum! Welcome to Egypt. Make your own way to your incredible **Inspiring Stay** overlooking the Great Pyramids of Giza – what a way to start your adventure. Your guide will welcome you to Egypt as you arrive at your hotel.

Check in: Passengers will be arriving at various times throughout the day from as early as 6am through to late evening. If arriving prior to standard check-in time, which is generally 3pm local time, you are welcome to leave your luggage with hotel reception and explore your surroundings until check-in becomes available, as there are generally no scheduled activities on Day 1 of the itinerary. The hotel may grant early check-in, however this is strictly subject to availability and at the hotel's discretion.

DAY 2

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

This morning, join your group for an introductory briefing where you'll get the chance to meet your fellow travellers.

Later, 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 4500 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.

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DAY 3

Destination	Cairo 🚗 El Alamein 🚗 Alexandria
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	5 ★ Sheraton Montazah Hotel, or similar

Today we'll drive to the port city of Alexandria, along what is known as the 'desert road'.

Enroute, we'll visit the Commonwealth War Graves of El Alamein. It is here that two extended battles were fought during World War II. The first began on July 1, 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."

Afterwards, we'll continue on to Alexandria to check-in to our hotel and enjoy some free time in this seaside city.

DAY 4

Destination	Alexandria 🚗 Cairo 🚗 Aswan
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	Watania Overnight Sleeper train, or similar

Today your guide will take you on a tour of the city, known for its broad beaches and *corniche* (seafront promenade) dotted with sun loungers and cafes.

Afterwards, prepare to delve into the catacombs of Kom el Shoqafa. 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.

We then drive back to Cairo. On arrival, take some time to relax or purchase some supplies before boarding your overnight sleeper train to Aswan.

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,

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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.

DAY 5

Destination	Aswan
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	5 ★ Mövenpick Resort Aswan, or similar

Welcome to Aswan! Egypt's sunniest southern city and ancient frontier town, Aswan is Egypt's gateway to Africa.

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 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.

This evening, enjoy your **Inspiring Taste** as we 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
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	5 ★ Mövenpick Resort Aswan, or similar

Today we set out to explore some of Aswan's other landmarks. We begin with the unfinished obelisk, the largest known ancient obelisk – more than 3,500 years old – located in an ancient quarry in Aswan.

It was left incomplete and now provides a fascinating look at how these great monuments were constructed.

We'll then continue to the Nubian Museum, which showcases the history, art and culture of the Nubians. This museum enables visitors to understand the complex history of the local area and its people.

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Afterwards, we'll visit the Aswan High Dam, which sits behind the mighty Lake Nasser. At the time it was made (the 1960s), it was the largest dam project in the world. The creation of the reservoir necessitated the costly relocation of the ancient Egyptian temple complex of Abu Simbel, which would otherwise have been submerged.

OPTIONAL TOUR - OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - SUNSET NILE CRUISE WITH DRINKS - 15 DAY TREASURES OF EGYPT & NILE

You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sightings throughout your tour, free as part of your package.

Head out on the Nile and enjoy a 3 hour cruise as the sun begins to set over the Nubian landscape while enjoying alcoholic refreshments. Let your imagination take you back in time as you sail the same river that the Pharaohs once sailed; an absolute highlight of the trip for many.

Starts: approx: 3:30pm

Duration: approx. 3 hours

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DAY 7

Destination	Aswan 🚗 Abu Simbel 🚗 Aswan 🚗 Embark on Nile cruise
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 this incredible sight. The complex is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the Nubian Monuments.

The two enormous sandstone structures were built in the 1200s BCE by Ramses II to commemorate himself and his

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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.

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 as the sailing distance between Aswan and Luxor is approximately 200km, 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 onboard 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 onboard.

DAY 8

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

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.

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.

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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 – from fishermen casting nets and farmers working their land to the desert hills that frame the lush riverbanks.

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	Edfu 🐎 Luxor
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.

Return to the boat for your final evening on one of the world's greatest rivers. Tonight we overnight in Luxor port.

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Destination	Luxor
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	5 ★ Sonesta St. George Hotel, or similar

Your 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.

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.

The rest of the day is yours: relax, shop in the excellent bazaar, or perhaps experience the atmosphere of a local teahouse.

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OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - LUXOR TEMPLE

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Visit Luxor Temple, which has been in almost continuous use as a place of worship right up to the present day. 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.

Starts: approx: 5:00pm

Duration: approx. 1 ½ hours

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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 11

Destination	Luxor
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	5 ★ Sonesta St. George Hotel, 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.

We'll continue onto 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.

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!

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.

DAY 12

Destination	Luxor 🚗 Hurghada
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	5 ★ Marriott Hurghada Beach Resort, or similar

Today we'll bid farewell to the Nile and drive east to the beachside town of Hurghada. The Nile valley's verdant landscape is soon replaced with the barren Eastern Desert. Passing through rocky hills, we'll begin to catch glimpses of the glittering waters of the Red Sea 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

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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 5-star hotel.

DAY 13

Destination	Hurghada
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	5 ★ Marriott Hurghada Beach Resort, or similar

Today is yours to relax in this Red Sea beachside town.

OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - RED SEA SNORKELLING WITH LUNCH - HURGHADA

You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sight throughout your tour, free as part of your package.

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 14

Destination Hurghada ✈️ Cairo

Meals included Breakfast

Hotel 5 ★ Sonesta Hotel, Tower & Casino Cairo, or similar

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

Upon our return to the capital we'll enjoy an essential Egyptian experience – a visit to 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 colourful 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.

We'll then continue to our hotel for free time.

OPTIONAL TOUR - OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT -HOME COOKED DINNER WITH AN EGYPTIAN FAMILY IN CAIRO

You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sights throughout your tour, free as part of your package.

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 Egyptian culture and traditions 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 15

Destination	Cairo ✈ Amman 🚗 Dead Sea
Meals included	Breakfast
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 16

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 17

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 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

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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 18

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.

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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.

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 20

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

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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 21

Destination	Amman
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Unfortunately, today marks the end of your incredible tour through Egypt and Jordan.

We hope you've been *inspired*.

Make your own way to the airport when required.

Check out: Passengers will be departing at various times throughout the day. Standard hotel check-out times will apply no matter what time your flight is scheduled to depart. Check-out time is generally anywhere from 10am-12pm. You are welcome to leave your luggage at hotel reception and spend your final moments of free time exploring the area or, alternatively, please speak with hotel staff if you would like to extend your check-out time. Please note this service is subject to availability and will likely come at an additional cost. Your tour guide (or hotel staff) will confirm the time of your airport transfer with you directly.



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Inclusions

SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Cairo - Pyramids and Sphinx
- Cairo - The Egyptian Museum
- Cairo - Islamic Cairo
- Alexandria- Catacomb of Kom El Shuqqafa
- Alexandria- Citadel of Qaitbay (panoramic)
- El Alamin- El Alamin war museum
- El Alamin - Commonwealth cemetery
- Aswan Elephantine Island
- Abusimbel Excursion
- Kom Ombo - Kom Ombo Temple
- Luxor - Karnak Temple
- Luxor - Colossi of Memnon
- Luxor - Valley of the Kings (3 tombs)
- Luxor – Tut Ankh Amon Tomb
- Luxor - Hatshepsut Temple
- Amman - City tour
- Jerash - Spectacular Roman ruins
- Petra - Ruins of Petra
- Wadi Rum - Desert wilderness
- Dead Sea - Swimming in the Dead Sea

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Internal Hurghada - Cairo // Cairo - Amman airfares
- 16 nights 5 star accommodation throughout
- Including 2 nights at the incredible Le Meridien Pyramid Resort overlooking the Great Pyramids of Giza
- 3 nights on-board a 5 star Nile cruise
- Overnight train Cairo to Aswan
- 20 Breakfasts, 5 lunches, 7 dinners
- The services of a professional English speaking escorted tour guide (1 Egypt and 1 Jordan)
- In-depth sightseeing & all entry fees as per the itinerary
- Dedicated private transportation throughout
- 24/7 customer service and your own Dedicated Support Agent
- Click [HERE](#) to view flight-inclusive version of this package

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INSPIRING FEATURES

Inspiring Stays

- Stay 2 nights at the luxury 5 star Le Meridien Pyramids in a Pyramid view room overlooking the Great Pyramids of Giza.
- Experience an overnight stay in a private tent in the Wadi Rum desert, gazing at the stars

Inspiring Sights

- You'll have the choice between 2 of 4 bonus sightseeing experiences to enhance your journey. You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sights throughout your tour, free as part of your package (options listed under 'Optional Tours').

Inspiring Taste

- 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.

CRUISE DETAILS

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

Fine Print

WHAT CLIMATE TO EXPECT

Click [HERE](#) for more information on the weather in Egypt.

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HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

- Secure your package with only a \$100 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$1260 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

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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:

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

- Pre-tour accommodation: \$313 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast and transfer
- Post-tour accommodation: \$400 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast

Arrival and departure airport transfers

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

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.

Please note, the transfers are not private and you may be grouped with other Inspiring Vacations customers.



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OPTIONAL TOURS

You have the choice of 2 of 4 Inspiring Experiences to enhance your journey. If you wish to purchase the remaining 2 you may purchase the additional optional tours as follows:

- Sunset cruise on the Nile with drinks (Day 6) - \$54pp
- Luxor Temple (Day 10) - \$22pp
- Red Sea Snorkeling and lunch (Day 13) - \$125pp
- Home-cooked Egyptian dinner in Cairo (Day 14) - \$95pp

Additional optional activity:

- Hot Air Balloon ride over the West Bank (Day 10 or 11) - USD \$120 per person (bookable only on tour)

Optional Tour Bundles

As well as choosing two optional tours for free, 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. The price per person is \$102 per person for the following:

1. Luxor Temple
2. Egyptian Home Cooked Dinner

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
- Airport Transfers
- 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 (NZD\$8 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.

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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 (NZD\$9-12 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.

Single Supplement Single supplement is \$2449 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.

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 New Zealand.

New Zealand 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

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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 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.

Trip Style - Small Group Tour These tours are our proudest creations. They have been crafted for Inspiring Vacations travellers exclusively, with personal and unique experiences in mind. You will travel with only a maximum of 20 other guests. Enjoy choice features such as hand-picked accommodation, a sampling of the region's best culinary delights and a range of optional activities to choose from to best suit your travel style.

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.

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