



Egypt & Jordan

 **Tour Length:** 19 Days

 **Tour Departs:** Your preferred dates

From the Great Pyramids to the amazing Petra, these ancient wonders are truly fascinating. Throughout this journey, we encounter the warm hospitality and rich cultural tapestry that define the essence of these lands.

From the bustling markets of Cairo to the tranquil oases of Jordan's desert, every moment is an invitation to immerse yourself in the timeless wonders of Egypt and Jordan. Traverse the timeless landscapes of the Nile River and explore the majestic pyramids of Giza. Dive into the rich tapestry of history in Cairo and uncover the secrets of Petra's rose-red city. Discover the magic of these ancient lands, where history and legend intertwine to create an unforgettable tapestry of adventure and exploration.

Highlights

- Nile River Cruise – 4 nights
- Egypt – Cairo, the Great Pyramids, New Grand Egyptian Museum, Luxor, Aswan
- Jordan – The Dead Sea, Petra, Wadi Rum, Amman

Tour Costs Per Person

Priced from

Price available on request

This is an independent non-escorted package

Pricing subject to availability and dates.

We can customise this to your requirements and can provide pricing to exclude Jordan.

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Tour Costs

Inclusions

- Meet and assist service at the airports
- All airport transfers & tours by a sanitized modern AC Private vehicle
- Meals and accommodation as indicated in the itinerary
- Sightseeing entrance fees as indicated in the itinerary
- Abu Simel by plane economy class
- Domestic flights Cairo/Luxor - Aswan/Cairo economy class
- Cairo/Amman flight ticket economy class
- Service of local private guides in all the destinations
- Unlimited bottled water during all tours

Accommodation

Cairo (first stay): Marriott Mena House Hotel

Luxor: Sonesta St. George Hotel

Nile Cruise: Jaz Regent Nile cruise

Aswan: Sofitel Legend Old Cataract

Cairo (second stay): Meridien Airport hotel

Exclusions

- International flights & entry visa
- The unmentioned meals & beverage will be charges as per consumption directly
- Gratuities for your Egyptologist Guides, representatives, drivers, and the Cruise.
- Travel insurance
- Golf cart in Petra

Amman Grand Hyatt Hotel

Petra: Movenpick Petra Resort

Wadi Rum: Sun City Camp

Dead Sea: Kempinski Ishtar Hotel

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Tour Itinerary

19 Days

Day 1 | Arrive Cairo

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Arrival: Arrive at Cairo Airport, with meet & greet assist service. Transfer to Marriott Mena House Hotel – Deluxe Partial Pyramid view room. Overnight in the hotel.

Day 2 | Cairo

(B,L,D)

Breakfast: Leisurely breakfast in the hotel.

The Grand Museum: you'll meet your Egyptologist guide, and proceed towards The Grand Museum, to visit The Hanging Obelisk, King Ramses II statue, Victory Column of King Merenptah, The Grand Staircase with its magnificent statues, and the statues of Ptolemaic King & Queen, and the Newly opened 12 galleries constituting most of the Museum's exhibits.

Lunch: in an authentic local restaurant.

Walking Tour through the Old Islamic Quarter: Arrive at one of the Old Cairo gates; Bab El Fotouh, to start this amazing walk through the ancient Islamic quarter, with its narrow streets, and bustling road-side shops and "wekalas" – trading places, that still actively trade in all sorts of wares. Walk down Al Moez Street until you reach Khan El Khalili Bazar, reputed to be the largest bazaar in the Middle East. Originally founded as a watering stop for caravanserai in the 14th century.

Enjoy dinner this evening at an authentic local restaurant in down town.
Transfers included.

Overnight in hotel.

Day 3 | Cairo

(B,L,D)

After breakfast, drive to Saqqara, the necropolis of Memphis, home of the step Pyramid, the first limestone structure ever built. Explore its 4350 years old coloured tombs. Get the chance to go inside a pyramid and see the ancient Hieroglyphics that have been engraved on its walls for thousands of years. Entry of Djoser Pyramid included. You will also visit the Tombs of the Nobles, and Imhotep Museum, and the Mastaba of Ti.

Lunch: will be in an authentic restaurant facing the Pyramids.

After lunch, proceed to visit Pyramids of Giza. The only present-day survivors of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, they are among the world's greatest tourist attractions and never lose their ability to inspire and overwhelm visitors.

No trip to Egypt would be complete without a ride on a "ship of the desert", you will have an opportunity to mount your individual camel for an unforgettable ride across the sands of Giza.

You will also visit the mysterious Sphinx, an ancient figure shrouded in legend and mystery. Your Egyptologist will enthral you with the tales told of this fascinating figure.

Dinner in the hotel & overnight.

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Day 4 | Cairo - Luxor

(B,L,D)

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the hotel before checking out and transferring to the airport for your midday flight to Luxor, the ancient city often described as the world's greatest open-air museum. On arrival, enjoy lunch at an authentic local restaurant before continuing to your hotel, the Sonesta St. George, where you'll stay in a front Nile-view room. As the sun begins to set, visit the magnificent Luxor Temple, an impressive ancient complex largely developed during the reign of Pharaoh Ramses II. The temple is particularly atmospheric in the evening as it becomes illuminated against the changing colours of the sky.

Return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight stay overlooking the mighty Nile.

Day 5 | Luxor

(B,L,D)

After breakfast at the hotel, cross to the West Bank of the Nile and journey into the Valley of the Kings, hidden amongst the dramatic desert mountains. Explore the ancient tombs of the pharaohs, including the beautifully decorated tomb of King Ramses VI and the world-famous tomb of King Tutankhamun. It was here that the remarkable discovery of more than 5,000 treasures, including jewellery, alabaster and funerary furniture, captured the world's imagination. Enjoy lunch at an authentic local restaurant before continuing to the magnificent Temple of Hatshepsut, dedicated to Egypt's only known female pharaoh, who ruled as king and was depicted wearing traditional male royal attire.

We'll also make a photo stop at the impressive Colossi of Memnon, two enormous statues that have stood watch over the West Bank for thousands of years.

Return to your hotel for dinner and an overnight stay in Luxor.

Day 6 | Luxor – Join Nile Cruise

(B,L,D)

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and continue your exploration of ancient Luxor with a visit to the magnificent Karnak Temple, one of the largest and most impressive religious complexes ever constructed. Dedicated primarily to Amun-Ra, the chief creator god of ancient Egypt, the vast complex features towering columns, imposing statues and remarkable hieroglyphics.

Continue to the Luxor Museum, home to an exceptional collection of artefacts spanning thousands of years, from the Predynastic Period through to the Islamic era. Admire beautifully preserved statues of kings, queens and high-ranking officials, along with several fascinating treasures from the tomb of Tutankhamun.

Later, transfer to your Nile cruise ship, the Jaz Regent, where you'll settle into your standard cabin and begin your journey along the legendary Nile. Enjoy lunch and dinner on board as you relax into life on the river.

Overnight: Jaz Regent Nile Cruise

Day 7 | Nile River Cruise

(B,L,D)

Enjoy breakfast on board before continuing your exploration of Luxor's fascinating West Bank. Visit the Tombs of the Nobles, the ancient burial grounds of some of the most powerful officials, courtiers and prominent figures of Thebes. The beautifully decorated tombs offer a fascinating glimpse into the daily life, beliefs and traditions of ancient Egypt.

Continue to the Howard Carter House, the former home of the British archaeologist who made one of the most significant archaeological discoveries of the 20th century – the tomb of Tutankhamun in 1922. Learn more about Carter's remarkable life and the discovery that captured the imagination of the world.

Return to your cruise ship and enjoy lunch on board as you sail along the Nile towards Edfu, taking in the timeless scenery and peaceful rhythm of life along the river.

This evening, enjoy dinner and entertainment on board as your Nile adventure continues.

Overnight: Jaz Regent Nile Cruise

Day 8 | Nile River Cruise

(B,L,D)

After breakfast on board, head ashore for a memorable horse-drawn carriage ride to the Temple of Horus at Edfu, one of the best-preserved temples from ancient Egypt. Built in honour of the falcon-headed god Horus, its towering walls and intricate hieroglyphics provide a remarkable insight into the beliefs and traditions of the ancient Egyptians.

Return to the ship for lunch and relax as you sail along the Nile towards Kom Ombo, enjoying the ever-changing scenery from the comfort of your cruise. On arrival, take a short walk to explore the fascinating Temple of Kom Ombo, uniquely dedicated to two gods – the crocodile-headed Sobek and the falcon-headed Horus. Continue to the Crocodile Mummification Museum, where you'll see remarkably preserved crocodile mummies dating back thousands of years.

Return to your ship and continue sailing towards Aswan. Enjoy dinner and evening entertainment on board as you cruise through the heart of ancient Egypt.

Overnight: Jaz Regent Nile Cruise

Day 9 | Nile River Cruise

(B,L,D)

Enjoy breakfast on board before setting out to explore the beautiful Philae Temple. Travel by motorboat across the Nile to Philae Island, home to the magnificent Temple of Isis, dedicated to the ancient Egyptian goddess of love, motherhood and magic. Set against the tranquil waters of the Nile, the temple's island setting makes this one of the most atmospheric sites of the journey.

Return to your cruise ship for lunch before enjoying a leisurely felucca sailing experience. Step aboard one of Egypt's traditional wooden sailboats and gently cruise the Nile around Elephantine Island, taking in the peaceful scenery and timeless way of life along the river.

Return to the ship and enjoy dinner and evening entertainment as your Nile cruise continues.

Overnight: Jaz Regent Nile Cruise

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Day 10 | Aswan – Abu Simbel - Aswan

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Enjoy breakfast on board before disembarking from your Nile cruise and taking a short flight to Abu Simbel, located near Egypt's southern border. Here, explore the extraordinary Abu Simbel Temples, carved directly into the mountainside more than 3,200 years ago during the reign of Pharaoh Ramses II.

Marvel at the enormous statues of Ramses II that stand proudly at the entrance to the Great Temple, while the nearby temple of Queen Nefertari is dedicated to his beloved wife. These magnificent monuments are among Egypt's most impressive ancient treasures and a truly unforgettable highlight of your journey.

A lunch box will be provided before your return flight to Aswan. On arrival, transfer to the magnificent Sofitel Legend Old Cataract, where you'll enjoy a luxury Nile-view room. This iconic hotel, overlooking the Nile, has welcomed travellers for more than a century and provides a beautiful setting to relax after your Egyptian adventures.

Enjoy dinner at the hotel and settle in for your overnight stay.

Overnight: Sofitel Legend Old Cataract – Luxury Nile View Room

Day 11 | Aswan

(B,L,D)

Free at leisure for the whole day to enjoy the amenities of the hotel
By night, you can explore the city and the authentic souq of Aswan

Overnight: Sofitel Legend Old Cataract – Luxury Nile View Room

Day 12 | Aswan - Cairo

(B,L,D)

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the hotel before checking out around midday and setting out for a fascinating Nubian village experience. Travel by motorboat along the Nile to the West Bank of Aswan, where you'll discover the vibrant culture and traditions of the Nubian people. Known for their colourful homes, warm hospitality and unique traditions, the Nubians have lived along the Nile for thousands of years. Visit a traditional Nubian village and enjoy an authentic lunch prepared by local residents, offering a wonderful opportunity to experience the flavours and hospitality of this unique community.

Continue to a traditional Nubian home, where you'll enjoy tea with your hosts and learn more about their way of life and customs. Your visit will be accompanied by a lively Nubian Zaffa, featuring traditional drumming, singing and dancing – a memorable and immersive cultural experience.

Later, transfer to the airport for your flight back to Cairo. On arrival, transfer to the Le Méridien Cairo Airport Hotel, where you'll settle into your deluxe room.

Enjoy dinner at the hotel before your overnight stay.

Day 13 | Cairo - Amman

(B,L,D)

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before checking out and transferring to the airport for your flight to Amman, the vibrant capital of Jordan. On arrival, begin your exploration of this fascinating city with a visit to the Amman Citadel, dramatically perched on one of the city's highest hills and offering wonderful views across the old city.

Continue to the Archaeological Museum, home to an impressive collection of Jordanian antiquities, before making your way downhill into the heart of old Amman. Visit the magnificent Roman Theatre, dating back to the 2nd century AD, and explore the Jordan Folklore Museum, where exhibits provide an insight into traditional Jordanian life through costumes, furnishings, musical instruments and handicrafts.

Conclude your sightseeing with a visit to King Abdullah Mosque, an impressive example of classic and modern Islamic architecture.

Enjoy lunch at an authentic local restaurant before transferring to the Grand Hyatt Amman, where you'll settle into your standard room.

Enjoy dinner at the hotel and overnight in Amman.

Day 14 | Amman

(B,L,D)

After breakfast at the hotel, travel north to the remarkable ancient city of Jerash, one of Jordan's best-preserved Graeco-Roman cities and a fascinating glimpse into the region's rich history. With evidence of human settlement dating back more than 6,500 years, Jerash is filled with impressive archaeological treasures. Explore the ancient theatres, temples, churches, market and thermal baths, as well as the spectacular Cardo Maximus – a 600-metre colonnaded avenue that once formed the heart of the city.

Enjoy lunch at an authentic local restaurant before returning to Amman for a relaxing afternoon.

Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Amman.

Day 15 | Amman - Petra

(B,L,D)

After breakfast, check out and journey south from Amman to Madaba, known as the "City of Mosaics". Visit the Greek Orthodox Church of St George, home to the remarkable 6th-century Byzantine mosaic map depicting the Holy Land and biblical sites.

Continue to Mount Nebo, traditionally believed to be the place where Moses saw the Promised Land and where he was later buried. From here, travel along the historic King's Highway, an ancient route that winds through landscapes steeped in biblical and archaeological history, before arriving in Karak.

Enjoy lunch at an authentic local restaurant before exploring Karak Crusader Castle. Perched dramatically on a hilltop approximately 1,000 metres above sea level, the 12th-century fortress is surrounded by valleys on three sides and offers spectacular views across the surrounding countryside.

Continue your journey to Petra, Jordan's legendary "Rose City".

On arrival, check in to the Mövenpick Petra Hotel & Resort and settle into your standard room.

Enjoy dinner and overnight in Petra.

Day 16 | Petra

(B,L,D)

After breakfast at the hotel, prepare for one of the great highlights of your Jordanian journey – a full day exploring the extraordinary ancient city of Petra. Carved into rose-coloured sandstone cliffs, Petra was the capital of the Nabatean Kingdom and is now recognised as one of the New Seven Wonders of the World and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Begin your visit with a leisurely walk, or optional short horse ride, from the main entrance towards the Siq, the dramatic narrow gorge that forms the gateway to the ancient city. As you make your way through the towering rock walls, the magnificent Treasury (Al Khazneh) gradually comes into view – an unforgettable first glimpse of Petra. Continue exploring the remarkable archaeological site, taking in its elaborate façades, ancient tombs and fascinating architectural details while learning about the Nabateans who once called this extraordinary place home.

Enjoy lunch at an authentic local restaurant before returning to your hotel for a relaxing evening.
Dinner and overnight in Petra.

Day 17 | Petra – Wadi Rum

(B,L,D)

After breakfast, check out and make a short journey to Beyda, better known as Little Petra. Once an important commercial and lodging centre for the Nabateans, Little Petra served as a supply stop for camel caravans and features fascinating remains of ancient dwellings, wine presses and rock-cut structures.

Continue to the extraordinary desert landscapes of Wadi Rum, often known as the “Valley of the Moon”. This vast wilderness of towering sandstone mountains, sweeping red dunes and dramatic rock formations is unlike anywhere else in the world.

On arrival at the village of Rum, meet local Bedouin guides and set out by 4WD Bedouin pick-up to explore the spectacular desert. Travel deep into the Valley of the Moon, including a visit to the impressive Al Khazali Mountain, taking in the incredible scenery and learning about the region’s Bedouin heritage.

Enjoy lunch and dinner in this remarkable desert setting before spending the night beneath the stars at Sun City Camp, in one of its unique Martian Dome accommodations.

Day 18 | Wadi Rum – Dead Sea

(B,L,D)

Depart Wadi Rum for the Dead Sea, travelling to one of the most extraordinary natural wonders on earth. Situated around 400 metres below sea level, the Dead Sea is the lowest point on land and is renowned for its mineral-rich waters and unique floating experience. On arrival, check in to the luxurious Kempinski Ishtar Dead Sea, where you’ll settle into your Superior Room.

The remainder of the day is yours to relax and unwind. Take the opportunity to float effortlessly in the gently lapping waters of the Dead Sea, where the high salt content makes it almost impossible to sink. Enjoy the peaceful surroundings and perhaps indulge in some of the famous mineral-rich mud treatments the region is known for.

Lunch and dinner will be enjoyed at the hotel, with a relaxing overnight stay at the Dead Sea.

Breakfast: in the hotel followed by check out

Transfer: Transfer to the Airport for your departure flight with your heart filled with memories, experiences and voices of Egypt & Jordan.

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