

JEWELS OF THE NILE TOUR WITH JORDAN EXTENSION

Featuring - Aswan, Cairo, Hurghada, Luxor, Nile Cruise

29 Feb, 2024 - 15 Mar, 2024

DURATION	GROUP SIZE	AIRPORT	PRICE STARTING FROM
14 Nights / 16 Days	20 People	Los Angeles	Twin Sharing Price - \$ 5,599.00 Single Supplement Price - \$ 1,299.00

OVERVIEW

Egypt is a country located in North Africa, renowned for its rich and storied history that spans over 5,000 years, with ancient civilizations including the Pharaohs, Greeks, Romans, and Arabs leaving a lasting impact on its culture, architecture, and traditions. Egypt is best known for its iconic landmarks such as the Great Pyramids of Giza, the Sphinx, and Luxor's Karnak Temple. The Nile River runs through Egypt, providing a lifeline to the country's agricultural sector and offering stunning scenery for visitors to enjoy. Egypt is also known for its vibrant culture, delicious cuisine, and warm hospitality. The country's major cities include Cairo, Alexandria, Luxor, and Aswan. With a blend of ancient wonders, modern infrastructure, and natural beauty, Egypt offers visitors a unique and unforgettable experience.

ACCOMMODATION

CITY	HOTEL NAME	NO. OF NIGHTS
Cairo	SOFITEL CAIRO NILE EL GEZIRAH	4 Nights
Aswan	Blue Shadow Nile Cruise III	3 Nights
Hurghada	MARRIOTT BEACH HURGHADA	2 Nights
Amman	Land Mark Hotel Amman	1 Night
Petra	Movenpick Nabatean Castle	2 Nights
Dead Sea	Dead Sea Marriott Resort & Spa	2 Nights



Rate Include

- ◆ 12 Nights Accommodation in listed hotels or similar based on DBL / TWN sharing basis
- ◆ 03 Nights on Nile Cruise from Aswan to Luxor
- ◆ Daily Breakfast
- ◆ 1 Lunch in Cairo, and Full board during your stay in Hurghada
- ◆ All meals and entertainment while on board the Nile Cruise
- ◆ Daily dinners during your stay in Amman / Petra and the Dead Sea
- ◆ Entrance to the attractions as specified in the itinerary
- ◆ Transport in private / scheduled touring vehicles
- ◆ Domestic flights from Cairo to Aswan // Hurghada to Cairo, Cairo to Amman
- ◆ Services of English-speaking driver/ guide for all transfers and sightseeing
- ◆ Wadi Rum 4x4 Ride
- ◆ International Return Airfare **ex Los Angeles (Please check with price from other gateways)**
- ◆ Porterage of one piece of luggage in and out of hotels
- ◆ Air taxes and fuel surcharges
- ◆ All local applicable taxes

Rate Exclude

- ◆ All other meals
- ◆ All other sightseeing or Services
- ◆ Gratuities for meals, tourist guides, drivers
- ◆ Beverages during the meals
- ◆ Egypt entry Visa Fee \$35 Per person
- ◆ Jordan entry Visa Fee \$57 Per person
- ◆ Travel Insurance
- ◆ Personal expenses such as alcoholic and other beverages, telephone calls, and laundry
- ◆ Any other services or Items not mentioned above as included
- ◆ Local city taxes are to be paid directly at hotels upon check out

ITINERARY

DAY 1 Depart LOS ANGELES [-/-/-]

Prepare yourself! You are leaving today for Cairo to start your magical journey to Egypt.

DAY 2 Cairo - Arrival [-/-/-]

Upon arrival in Cairo, claim your bags and proceed toward the arrival hall. Our representative will meet you and assist you with your transfer to the hotel. (Standard check-in time is 3:00 pm). Our local representative will assist you with a smooth check-in.

Check-in at the hotel and catch up on your rest. You can unwind or tour the city throughout the remaining part of the day.

Overnight in Cairo

DAY 3 Cairo (Pyramids & Sphinx Tour) [B/L/-]

Begin your day with a delightful buffet breakfast at the hotel and then embark on a full-day guided tour to explore one of the Seven Wonders of the world - the Great Pyramids of Giza. These pyramids, which include Cheops, Chephren, and Mycerinus, were once considered by the Greeks to be a marvel of the world. It is astonishing to learn that a single pyramid is constructed from 2.3 million blocks, each weighing around two and a half tons. The sheer enormity of this architectural wonder is enough to leave one in awe, a feeling that countless writers and artists have tried to capture throughout the centuries. The Cheops Pyramid is especially fascinating as its interior burial chambers are open to the public for inspection.

Located close to the Pyramids is the Great Sphinx of Giza, which dates back to the time of Chephren (2620 BC). This incredible statue, made from natural yellowish limestone and standing at a height of 65 feet and length of 187 feet, is a unique combination of a Pharaoh's head with a lion's body. After visiting the Pyramids, you can take a quick trip to the papyrus institute or a perfume shop.

Lunch will be at a local restaurant, and after that, you

will be transported back to the hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to relax and unwind at your own pace.

Overnight in Cairo

DAY 4 Cairo (Egyptian Museum) [B/L/-]

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast. Post breakfast, Journey to the heart of the pharaohs' civilization. Arrive at Tahrir Square in front of the Egyptian Museum, a majestic building constructed in 1902. The ground floor contains colossal statues spanning thousands of years, arranged in chronological order. Take an informative and enlightening tour of the upper floor, marveling at smaller statues, fossils, paintings, sarcophagi, and ancient Egypt maps. The famous Tut-Ench-Amun also has an exclusive section in the museum. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Post lunch stop by the vibrant colored market. The shops and bazaars display and sell a dizzying array of trinkets and artworks, giving you the chance to take home a small piece of Egyptian culture and civilization. Buy souvenirs for your friends or simply meander around the bustling shops. Your guide will then drop you off at your hotel in Cairo.

Add-on - Dinner Cruise on the Nile inclusive of transfers (Minimum 2 Pax) : USD 65 Per person

Experience an evening cruising along the Nile River in Cairo while enjoying dinner and traditional entertainment. Enhance your visit to Egypt at an elegant cruising restaurant while taking in the sights of Cairo illuminated at night. A dinner cruise on a Nile River Steamer is a fabulous way to enjoy a night out while you're visiting Cairo. You'll cruise in comfort and elegance as you take in the lights of the Cairo skyline at night. During the evening you'll enjoy an open buffet that features international and Egyptian cuisine. In addition, you'll be entertained by a folkloric and belly-dancing show. Experience a perfect ending-or addition-to your visit to Egypt. This is a full evening out and a great opportunity to enjoy good food, unique entertainment, and a romantic evening gazing at the sights along the banks of the Nile.

Overnight in Cairo

DAY 5 Cairo - Aswan - Nile Cruise [B/L/D]

Following your breakfast at the Cairo hotel, our representative will transport you to the airport for your flight to Aswan. Upon reaching Aswan, you will be escorted to the Cruise ship. Following check-in, indulge in a delicious lunch and then proceed to visit The High Dam. This dam was erected in 1960 AD by Egyptian president Gamal Abdel Nasser to protect Egypt from the flooding of the Nile River.

After that, you will board a motorboat and sail on the Nile to reach the Temple of Philae. This temple, dedicated to the goddess Isis, was constructed during the Graeco-Roman period. Your next stop will be The Unfinished Obelisk, which was created from red granite and was dedicated to the god Amun Ra. Once you've completed your tour, you will return to your Cruise ship. The rest of the evening is at your leisure to explore on your own.

You will have dinner and spend the night onboard the Cruise ship.

Add-on: Nubian Village Tour - USD 40 Per Person

Proceed to discover village life on the Nubian Nile on this 3-hour motorboat cruise from Aswan to Gharb Soheil village. Along the journey, you'll see the Aswan Botanic Garden, Saloga, Ghazal, and Elephantine islands, the Old Cataract Hotel, the First Cataract of the Nile, and the Nilometer and Temple of Khnum. At Gharb Soheil, you'll meet a Nubian family, explore a brightly colored Nubian village, and visit a traditional market and post tour you will transferred to your fabulous Nile cruise ship

Overnight on Board the Cruise

DAY 6 Aswan - Kom Ombo - Edfu [B/L/D]

This morning is yours to spend as you please in Aswan

Add-on: Take the opportunity to join our most recommended optional excursion to the temples of Abu Simbel - USD 190 Per person [Minimum 2 Pax] - Subject to the Cruise Sailing Schedule

The two massive temples in southern Egypt. Part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the "Nubian Monuments", these iconic temples were carved out of

the mountainside in the 13th century BC, during the reign of Pharaoh Ramesses II. With the four gargantuan statues of Ramses guarding the Great Temple, carved directly out of the mountain on the west bank of the Nile, this is one of Egypt's most memorable sights.

Please note this optional activity has a very early start (but it's totally worth it). The journey by land is 3 -4 hours each way, with an early departure from Aswan at 4 am

For those opting to stay on board, enjoy breakfast After that you will join your Egyptologist tour guide to visit one of the most wonderful temples in Egypt, the Temple of Kom Ombo, where the two gods Sobek & Haroeris were worshipped for a while. Get back to your ship and enjoy your lunch on the sun deck, watching the unique landscape of the great river Nile. Afternoon, enjoy chariot riding to the Temple of Horus in Edfu, which is considered to be one of the most well-preserved temples in Egypt. After finishing your tour, you will be transferred back to your ship. Afternoon, you will enjoy relaxing on board your ship. Dinner will be served on board. At night Egyptian Folkloric Show party will be operated by staff on board.

Overnight on Board the Cruise

DAY 7 Luxor West Bank [B/L/D]

Breakfast on the Nile cruise. After that you will start your magical tour in Thebes, the sacred land by exploring the west bank of Luxor including Valley of the Kings, which considers as the royal cemetery of the Theban kings and rulers of ancient Egypt, and the place where our Pharaohs were buried. After that, you will proceed to visit Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir El Bahari. This temple is considered as one of the most wonderful examples of the Architecture in ancient Egypt, because it was totally carved inside the mountain. At the end of the tour, you will visit Colossi of Memnon, which is belonging to king Amenhotep III. After that you will return to your ship to have your lunch. Afternoon, free at leisure. Dinner and overnight on the cruise.

Overnight on Board the Cruise

DAY 8 Luxor East bank - Hurghada [B/L/D]

Add-on: Early Morning Luxor West Bank Hot Balloon at USD150 Per person.

Your stay in Luxor would not quite be the same without a bird's eye view of the city from one hot air balloon. Departing from your cruise ship just before dawn, cross the River Nile to the West Bank - where your hot air balloon awaits. 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. It is the time for the gentle rise into the dawn sky. Away from the daytime crowds, you will drift peacefully over the west Bank of Luxor and sights such as the monuments of Thebes. The early morning sun rising over the East Bank will illuminate the city and the surrounding mountains. The Hot Air Balloon flight depends very much on the weather and might not be available daily, from October till next April is the best time for it

Check out after breakfast (at 08:00 AM). After that, you will enjoy your tour discovering the East Bank of Luxor, including the most wonderful Karnak Temples Complex, which is considered to be the biggest complex construction in the world covering an area of a hundred. Finish your lovely tour in the Temple of Luxor, built by one of the kings of the 12th dynasty & completed by the well know king Ramses II. After finishing your day tour, we will head to Hurghada on the Red Sea coast, where we'll be staying for the next 2 nights

Overnight in Hurghada

DAY 9 Hurghada [B/L/D]

Today, enjoy your breakfast at the hotel. Your day is free today to relax and enjoy your time by the Red Sea. Hurghada is world famous for its scuba diving and snorkeling and the rich Red Sea marine life here attracts divers from all over the world. Other adventurous activities available include windsurfing and kite surfing, glass-bottomed submarines, quad biking, camel rides, and sea fishing trips.

Add-on: Desert Adventure (Minimum 2 pax) - USD 65 Per person.

Get an early start on the day with pickup at your Hurghada hotel, then travel to the quad bike station in an air-conditioned vehicle. Spend 10 minutes at the station learning the basics of maneuvering your quad bike, then join the desert guides for a trip into the

sand. Drive roughly 12 miles (20 km.), roaring across dunes and opening up the throttle on the flats as the sun climbs above the coastline. When you reach a small Bedouin village, park your bike and explore the community on foot. The Bedouin people are semi-nomadic, with food, traditions, and crafts that are perfectly adapted to the harsh desert environment. Enjoy a glass of 'welcome tea,' then take a turn at the shisha pipe while learning about life in the Sahara Desert. Fire up your bike for the return trip to the quad bike station, retracing your path through the desert.

Overnight in Hurghada

DAY 10 Hurghada - Cairo [B/L/D]

After breakfast, we will check out and transfer to the airport for your flight to Cairo. Upon arrival in Cairo, you will be transferred to the hotel. You can opt to join to visit to Khan el Khalili bazaar, the ideal place for some last-minute souvenir shopping.

Add-on - Sound & Light Show at the Pyramids inclusive of transfers (Minimum 2 Pax): USD 65 Per person

Evening head to the world-famous Pyramids of Giza. Sit back and relax as you watch an incredible Sound and Light Show, which transports you back in time and brings Ancient Egypt to life. As you admire the colorful display, discover the journey of the pyramids and Egypt itself over the course of history

Overnight in Cairo

DAY 11 Cairo - Amman [B/-/D]

Upon arrival in Jordan, meet and assist at Queen Alia International Airport including assistance through all immigration formalities. Proceed to discover Amman. As you travel, hear about the history of this fascinating city, whose past stretches back to 3500 B.C. or before. Hear about the city's days under the Roman Empire, and how it was occupied by the Nabataeans and Byzantines. View one of Amman's star attractions, the King Abdullah Mosque, famous for its blue mosaic dome, the nearby Parliament Building, and Orthodox Church. Next, make your way to Amman Citadel, the hilltop collection of antiquities that looms over the city with a private local guide. Explore the timeworn

Roman, Byzantine, and early Islamic relics, and pay a visit to the Citadel's Temple of Hercules and the Archaeological Museum to inspect its collections of ancient artifacts discovered at sites from across Jordan. Then, continue to the Roman Amphitheater with its Hashemite Plaza, a magnificent hillside structure believed to have been built in the 2nd century. Admire the symmetry and scale of the theater built as part of the Roman city of Philadelphia, and could accommodate up to 6,000 spectators. Continue to visit the Museum of Popular Traditions to see the exhibition of traditional dress and jewelry. Pass the "Raghadan Palace", the burial place of the late King Hussein, and ride around the downtown area for free time at its vibrant markets, traditional mosques like the Grand Husseini Mosque, and churches. Then, stroll along Rainbow Street, Amman's colorful arts and shopping hotspot, passing the Jordan River Foundation and the residence of King Talal. Delve into the upscale neighborhoods of "Abdoun" and "Swefieh", where luxury shopping malls and swanky private villas line the streets. Your day will conclude with drop-off at the hotel. Alternatively, ask for a drop off at one of the malls on your tour like Galleria Mall, Taj Mall, or Abdali Boulevard, a stylish new enclave of designer shops regarded as Amman's up-and-coming downtown area.

Overnight in Amman

DAY 12 AMMAN - PETRA [B/-/D]

After breakfast, drive along the 2000-year-old Kings Highway; the ancient road mentioned in the Bible, which links prehistoric villages from the Stone Age and biblical towns. Stop at Madaba, The City of Mosaics, 30 Km south of Amman. Visit the town's main attraction, the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George which houses the famous 6th Century Byzantine mosaic map of holy sites of the biblical world. Proceed to Mount Nebo, said to be Moses' burial place. The mountain, which rises to 840m of altitude, offers a spectacular view of the Holy

Land. Continue driving along the King's Highway, to arrive at Kerak, the magnificent Crusader Castle. Built in the 12th century AD, it is one of the largest Crusader castles in the Levant. Situated on a hilltop about 1000 meters above sea level and surrounded by a valley on three sides, Kerak has been inhabited since at least the Iron Age and was an important city for the Moabites.

Finally, proceed to Petra for an overnight at the hotel. Evening enjoys Dinner.

Overnight in Petra

DAY 13 PETRA - SIGHTSEEING [B/-/D]

After breakfast a full-day visit to the Rose Red City of Petra a treasure of the ancient world. Celebrating 2012 the 200th year of its rediscovery, the ancient Nabatean city of Petra was recently voted as one of the Seven Wonders of the World. It is without a doubt Jordan's most valuable treasure and greatest tourist attraction. In 1985 Petra was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Begin your visit by enjoying a walk or a short horse ride from Petras's main entrance to the entrance of the old city through the Siq, which is a 1210 meters long narrow canyon. As you reach the end of the Siq, the first and greatest monument of Petra slowly comes into view this is the famous Treasury monument Al Khazneh. Petra is an extraordinary and unique place, which was built by the Arab Nabateans more than 2000 years ago. The Nabateans carved their monumental tombs, palaces, temples, and treasury from the desert's natural rose-colored rocks and sandstones. Petra was an important junction for the silk, spice, and other trade routes that linked the Eastern world with that of the West. Indulge yourself, and allow our professional guide to walk you through the architectural and spiritual wonders of this majestic place explaining every detail.

Overnight in Petra.

DAY 14 PETRA - WADI RUM - DEAD SEA [B/-/D]

After breakfast, you are taken for a Bedouin 4X4 ride inside the moonlike desert of Wadi Rum. Vast, echoing, and stunning in its natural beauty, Wadi Rum epitomizes the romance of the desert. With its moonscape of ancient valleys and towering sandstone mountains rising out of the sand, Wadi Rum is also home to several Bedouin tribes who live in scattered camps throughout the area. Climbers are especially attracted to Wadi Rum because of its sheer granite and sandstone cliffs, while hikers enjoy its vast empty spaces. Wadi Rum is probably best known because of 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 Lawrence of Arabia was filmed in Wadi Rum. In the afternoon, drive back along Wadi Araba Road towards the Dead Sea located in the stunning and dramatic Jordan Rift Valley, for a time at leisure. Swim or float on this sea rich in minerals and salts or indulge in a free spa treatment of natural mud from the Dead Sea earth! The Dead Sea is one of the most spectacular natural and spiritual landscapes in the world and the lowest point on Earth, lying at 423m below sea level, this vast stretch of water receives a number of incoming rivers, including the River Jordan. Once the waters reach the Dead Sea they are land-locked and have nowhere to go, so they evaporate, leaving behind a dense, rich, cocktail of salts and minerals that supply industry, agriculture, and medicine with some of its finest products. The Dead Sea is flanked by mountains to the east and the rolling hills of Jerusalem to the west, giving it an almost other-worldly beauty. Although sparsely populated and serenely quiet now, the area is believed to have been home to five Biblical cities: Sodom, Gomorrah, Adman, Zebouin, and Zoar

Overnight in the Dead Sea

DAY 15 Dead Sea [B/-/D]

After breakfast, enjoy your free time at the Dead Sea or pre-book one of our suggested optional tours

Add-on: Half-day trip to Bethany - USD 95 Per person (minimum 6 pax)

This afternoon continue to the Baptism Site Bethany Area where John the Baptist baptized Jesus. Known in Arabic as Al-Maghtas, the Baptism Site has been identified by archaeologists as the place where John the Baptist preached, where Jesus was baptized by

John, where the first five apostles met, and thus where the foundations of the early Christian faith were laid. Jesus is said to have come here en route from Galilee and Umm Qais and is believed to have spent three days here before heading off to spend 40 days in the nearby wilderness. John was later arrested and beheaded by Herod at Machaerus, also in Jordan

Overnight in Dead Sea

DAY 16 Dead Sea - Amman Departure [B/-/-]

After Breakfast, at 10:00 AM drive to the old Roman city of Jerash for a half-day visit; Jerash The Jewel of the North is one of the largest and most well-preserved sites of Roman architecture in the world outside Italy. A close second to Petra on the list of favorite destinations in Jordan, the ancient city of Jerash boasts an unbroken chain of human occupation dating back more than 6,500 years. The city's golden age came under Roman rule and the site is now generally acknowledged to be one of the best-preserved Roman provincial towns in the world. Hidden for centuries in the sand before being excavated and restored over the past 70 years, Jerash reveals a fine example of the grand, formal provincial Roman urbanism that is found throughout the Middle East, comprising paved and colonnaded streets, soaring hilltop temples, handsome theatres, spacious public squares and plazas, baths, fountains and city walls pierced by towers and gates. Continue to Ajloun for a visit of Ajloun Castle; located 28km from Jerash and 76km North West of Amman, Ajloun is a hilly town noted for its impressive ruins and the 12th-century fortress, known as Ajloun Castle, built by the nephew of Saladin later on drive to Amman international airport for your flight back home. Thank you for spending time with us.

CANCELLATION POLICY

- Up to 121 days before departure: \$300 per person Non-Refundable Deposit & interruption insurance are retained
- 120-60 days before departure: 50% of the cost per person
- 59 days or fewer before departure: No refund is available.

Note: A person becoming single as a result of the roommate's cancellation must pay the single supplement.

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