

MYSTICAL LANDS: A EGYPT AND JORDAN ADVENTURE

Featuring - Amman, Aswan, Cairo, Dead Sea, Luxor, Nile Cruise, Petra

DURATION	GROUP SIZE	AIRPORT	PRICE STARTING FROM
13 Nights / 14 Days	30 People	New York	Twin Sharing Price - \$4,989.00 Single Supplement Price - \$949.00

OVERVIEW

Egypt and Jordan are two countries in the Middle East, each with a rich history and vibrant culture. Egypt is famous for its ancient civilization, including the Pyramids of Giza, the Sphinx, and the Valley of the Kings, which are among the most iconic archaeological sites in the world. Egypt is also home to the Nile River, which is the longest river in the world and provides a source of life for the people of Egypt. Jordan is known for its stunning desert landscapes, including the famous red rock city of Petra, which was carved out of sandstone cliffs over 2,000 years ago. The Dead Sea, which is the lowest point on Earth, is also in Jordan and is known for its unique healing properties. Both Egypt and Jordan have a rich cultural heritage, with a blend of ancient and modern influences. The local cuisine reflects this blend, with dishes that combine traditional ingredients and cooking methods with modern twists. Together, Egypt and Jordan offer a wealth of experiences for travelers, from exploring ancient wonders to immersing oneself in local cultures and traditions.

ACCOMMODATION

CITY	HOTEL NAME	NO. OF NIGHTS
Cairo	Conrad Cairo Hotel & Casino	4 Nights
Aswan	Blue Shadow Nile Cruise III	3 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

- ◆ 06 Nights Accommodation in listed hotels or similar based on DBL / TWN sharing basis
- ◆ 03 Nights on Nile Cruise from Aswan to Luxor
- ◆ Daily Breakfast
- ◆ 2 Lunch in Cairo, and Full board during your stay in Hurghada
- ◆ All meals and entertainment while on board the Nile Cruise
- ◆ Entrance to the attractions as specified in the itinerary
- ◆ Transport in private / scheduled touring vehicles
- ◆ Services of English-speaking driver/ guide for all transfers and sightseeing
- ◆ International Return Airfare **ex New York (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
- ◆ 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 to be paid directly at hotels upon check out

ADD-On

Day 5 - Abu Simbel day trip

Day 3 - Dinner Cruise on the Nile River with Entertainment

Day 7 - Early Morning Luxor West Bank Hot Balloon

Day 4 - Nubian Village Tour

Day 8 - Sound and Light Show at the Pyramids

ITINERARY

DAY 1 Depart USA/CANADA [-/-/-]

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 - 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 the 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.

Overnight on Board the Cruise

DAY 5 Aswan - Kom Ombo - Edfu [B/L/D]

You have the morning to yourself in Aswan to do as you wish. For those interested, we highly recommend our optional excursion to the temples of Abu Simbel, which is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site called the "Nubian Monuments".

For those who choose to remain onboard, you can enjoy breakfast and then join your Egyptologist tour guide to visit the Temple of Kom Ombo, dedicated to the gods Sobek and Haroeris. After returning to the ship, you can enjoy your lunch while admiring the beautiful scenery of the Nile. In the afternoon, you can take a chariot ride to visit the well-preserved Temple of

Horus in Edfu with your tour guide. After the tour, you will return to the ship and spend the rest of the afternoon relaxing onboard. Dinner will be served on the ship, followed by an entertaining Egyptian Folkloric Show party in the evening.

Overnight on Board the Cruise

DAY 6 Edfu - Esna - Luxor [B/L/D]

In the morning, we will visit the Edfu Temple, which is devoted to the deity Horus, before having breakfast. After that, the cruise ship will sail to Esna, where we will cross the famous floodgate. Once we reach Luxor, the grand city that was once the capital and known as Thebes, we will explore two of the most impressive temples in Egypt - the Luxor and Karnak temples, which were separated in ancient times by a three-kilometer-long avenue lined with Sphinxes. We will have lunch there and spend the night anchored in Luxor.

Overnight on Board the Cruise

DAY 7 Luxor - Cairo [B/-/-]

After having breakfast and checking out, you will embark on a tour to explore the East Bank of Luxor. The tour includes visiting the impressive Karnak Temples Complex, which is renowned for being the largest construction of its kind globally, covering an area of one hundred acres. You will conclude the tour at the Temple of Luxor, constructed by a king from the 12th dynasty and completed by the famous king Ramses II. After finishing the tour, you will be taken to Luxor airport for your flight back to Cairo. Once you arrive in Cairo, you will be transported to your hotel, and the rest of the evening is yours to enjoy at your leisure. You can choose to visit the Khan el Khalili bazaar, which is the perfect spot for some last-minute souvenir shopping.

Overnight in Cairo

DAY 8 Cairo - Egyptian Museum, Citadel Tour [B/-/-]

Morning you will be picked up from your hotel in Cairo to take you to the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization. Located in Old Cairo, the museum

showcases 50,000 artifacts and will tell you the story of Egyptian heritage and culture. Next, you will visit Saladin Citadel, built in 1183. This huge structure protected Cairo from several enemy attacks. Admire the beautiful city views of Cairo and the desert from the citadel. Listen to interesting stories about its construction and history from your guide. Then, it's time to enjoy an authentic lunch at a local restaurant. Move to visit the Egyptian Museum, which features artifacts from the Pharaonic period. The museum displays a rare collection of 5000 years of art which is considered the largest and most precious collection of Egyptian art in the world. Over 250,000 genuine artifacts are presented, including an exhibit dedicated to Tutankhamen's collection of treasure, gold, and jewelry which was enclosed in his tomb for over 3,500 years before it was discovered in the 1920s when his tomb was discovered. After a memorable day discovering the city, you will be dropped off at your selected location or hotel in Cairo

Overnight in Cairo

DAY 9 Cairo - Amman [B/-/D]

Your incredible tour of Egypt comes to an end today. You will be transported to the airport for your flight to Amman. Upon arrival at Queen Alia International Airport in Jordan, you will receive assistance through all immigration procedures before embarking on a tour of Amman. During the tour, your guide will provide historical context for the city, which dates back to 3500 B.C. or earlier, and share insights into its past under the Roman Empire, Nabataeans, and Byzantines. You will visit notable attractions such as the King Abdullah Mosque, Parliament Building, and Orthodox Church, and explore the Amman Citadel with a private local guide. Here, you will discover ancient relics from Roman, Byzantine, and early Islamic times, including the Temple of Hercules and the Archaeological Museum. You will also see the Roman Amphitheater with its Hashemite Plaza, which could accommodate up to 6,000 spectators, and the Museum of Popular Traditions, which showcases traditional dress and jewelry. Additionally, you will have free time to explore downtown Amman's vibrant markets, traditional mosques, and churches, and stroll along Rainbow Street, Amman's colorful arts and shopping destination. Your day will end with a drop-off at your hotel or at one

of the city's stylish malls, such as Galleria Mall, Taj Mall, or Abdali Boulevard.

Overnight in Amman

DAY 10 Amman - Petra [B/-/D]

After breakfast, embark on a scenic drive along the King's Highway, an ancient road mentioned in the Bible that connects prehistoric villages from the Stone Age and biblical towns. Take a break at Madaba, also known as the City of Mosaics, located about 30 kilometers south of Amman. Here, visit the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George, which is home to the renowned 6th-century Byzantine mosaic map of holy sites in the biblical world. Next, head to Mount Nebo, which is believed to be the burial site of Moses and offers breathtaking views of the Holy Land from its 840-meter-high summit. Continuing along the King's Highway, reach the stunning Kerak Castle, one of the largest Crusader castles in the Levant, built in the 12th century AD. Located on a hilltop at an altitude of 1000 meters and surrounded by a valley on three sides, Kerak has been inhabited since the Iron Age and was an important city for the Moabites. Finally, arrive at Petra for an overnight stay at the hotel, where you can enjoy a delicious dinner in the evening.

Overnight in Petra

DAY 11 Petra [B/-/D]

After breakfast, spend a full day exploring the stunning ancient city of Petra, often called the "Rose Red City." Recognized as one of the Seven Wonders of the World, Petra is a valuable treasure and top tourist destination in Jordan. Designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1985, Petra was built more than 2,000 years ago by the Nabateans, who carved impressive tombs, temples, palaces, and the famous Treasury monument, Al Khazneh, from the natural rose-colored rocks and sandstones of the desert. Begin your visit by walking or taking a short horse ride through the Siq, a narrow canyon that leads to the entrance of the old city. As you reach the end of the Siq, the stunning Treasury monument slowly comes into view. Petra was an important hub for trade routes linking the East and West, and your knowledgeable guide will lead you through this unique and extraordinary place, explaining

its architectural and spiritual significance. Overnight in Petra after an enriching day of exploration.

Overnight in Petra

DAY 12 Petra - Wadi Rum - Dead Sea [B/-/D]

After breakfast, embark on a thrilling Bedouin 4X4 ride through the captivating Wadi Rum desert. This vast and echoing expanse of ancient valleys and towering sandstone mountains is a true desert gem, offering visitors an unforgettable experience of the desert's romantic allure. Wadi Rum is also home to several Bedouin tribes living in scattered camps and is a top destination for climbers due to its sheer granite and sandstone cliffs, and hikers for its vast open spaces. It is perhaps best known for its connection to the enigmatic British officer T.E. Lawrence, who was based here during the Great Arab Revolt of 1917-18, and for being the filming location for David Lean's *Lawrence of Arabia*.

In the afternoon, drive along the Wadi Araba Road towards the Dead Sea, located in the stunning Jordan Rift Valley, for some leisure time. Take a dip or float in the sea's mineral-rich waters, or treat yourself to a natural mud spa treatment from the Dead Sea's earth. The Dead Sea is a truly spectacular natural and spiritual landscape, with its unique location at the lowest point on Earth (423m below sea level) and flanked by mountains to the east and the rolling hills of Jerusalem to the west. Its incoming rivers, including the River Jordan, are landlocked and evaporate, leaving behind a dense and rich cocktail of salts and minerals that are highly valued in industry, agriculture, and medicine. The area is believed to have been home to five Biblical cities: Sodom, Gomorrah, Adman, Zebouin, and Zoar, adding to its otherworldly beauty and spiritual significance.

Overnight in the Dead Sea

DAY 13 Dead Sea [B/-/D]

You have a free day to relax and enjoy the beauty and benefits of the Dead Sea. Swim or float in the sea's therapeutic waters, which are rich in minerals and salts, or indulge in a spa treatment using the natural mud from the Dead Sea. You can also take a stroll

along the shores of the sea and enjoy the stunning landscapes, surrounded by mountains to the east and rolling hills of Jerusalem to the west. The area is known for its peacefulness and serenity, offering a perfect environment for relaxation and contemplation. If you're feeling more adventurous, you can explore nearby attractions such as ancient ruins, and nature reserves, or visit the nearby town of Madaba, known as the "City of Mosaics."

Overnight in the Dead Sea

DAY 14 Dead Sea - Amman Departure [B/-/-]

Following breakfast, depart at 10:00 AM to the ancient Roman city of Jerash for a half-day tour. Known as the Jewel of the North, Jerash is one of the largest and best-preserved Roman architecture sites outside of Italy. It has a rich history, with human habitation dating back

over 6,500 years. During Roman rule, Jerash reached its golden age and is now widely regarded as one of the best-preserved Roman provincial towns in the world. After being buried in sand for centuries, the city was excavated and restored over the past 70 years, revealing grand, formal provincial Roman urbanism. Visitors can admire paved and colonnaded streets, hilltop temples, impressive theaters, public squares and plazas, baths, fountains, and city walls with towers and gates.

After exploring Jerash, continue on to Ajloun for a visit to Ajloun Castle. Located 28km from Jerash and 76km northwest of Amman, Ajloun is a hilly town renowned for its remarkable ruins and the 12th-century fortress, Ajloun Castle, built by Saladin's nephew. Finally, you will be driven to Amman International Airport for your return flight home. Thank you for choosing to travel with us.



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