Mysterious Egypt, Nile River Cruise and Jordan 15 Days/13 Nights

Cairo – Luxor – Aswan – Cairo – Petra – Wadi Rum – Dead Sea – Amman

From the ‘Land of the Pharaohs’ to the luxurious waters of the Dead Sea, this immersive combination trip through Egypt and Jordan is awash with highlights. Lose yourself in sun-kissed Cairo, be dazzled by the grandeur of ancient Egypt, cruise down the iconic Nile River, and explore the fascinating cities of Aswan and Luxor. Cross over to Jordan and discover the sweeping desert and echoing formations of Wadi Rum, the hidden, hand-hewn facades of Petra. This is a Middle Eastern odyssey to remember.

- Upgrade to 5 Star Hotel throughout
- Enjoy a 5-day 5 Star cruise on the Nile, one of the world’s most iconic rivers. Relax in comfort as scenes of everyday Egyptian life stream by
- Special activities: Camel Ride and Horse Carriages arrangements
- Explore the marvels and mystery of Ancient Egypt, including the Pyramids at Giza and the tombs of iconic pharaohs in the Valley of the Kings
- Travel to ancient Memphis, with its nearly 40-foot statue of Ramses II, and Sakkara
- Visit the magnificent Temples of Karnak in Luxor, dating back over 3,000 years
- Be awed by the towering, windswept rock formations at Wadi Rum, and note how the colors change as the sun makes its way across the sky
- Amazed by The Treasury in Petra, often referred to as the Eighth Wonder of the World.
- Swim in the dead sea, the most spectacular natural and spiritual landscapes in the whole world and the lowest point on earth.
Day 1: Canada - Cairo
Board your international flight today, depart from your home city to Cairo. Due to time difference, you will arrive Cairo on the next day.

Day 2: Cairo
Upon the arrival at Cairo airport, you will meet our local tour guide. They will assist you getting on the transfer to hotel and finish the check-in.

Day 3: Cairo (B)
After breakfast, visit the Pyramids of Giza, built during the 3rd and 4th dynasties of the Old Kingdom. These monumental undertakings stand as a marvelous testimony to the almost unbelievable skill and determination of their builders. Not too far from the Pyramids, see the great Sphinx of Giza, the legendary statue with the head of a human and the body of a lion, amazing carved out of a huge piece of limestone. You can also enjoy camel riding through the desert. Continue the trip to Memphis. Visit Memphis, the capital of Egypt during the Old Kingdom, founded by King Menes. Today, Memphis is an open-air museum highlighted by a giant statue of Ramses II. Afterwards, take the optional tour to the Egyptian Museum (US$45), home to one of the world’s greatest collections of antiquities. Wander the treasure-filled halls of the museum, and encounter with some of the country’s most important queens and pharaohs. From gold jewellery to the famous golden death mask and his gilded sarcophagi, these pharaohs were certainly prepared for the afterlife. After the day-tour of Cairo, you will be transferred to hotel.

Day 4: Cairo (B)
After having breakfast at Hotel, transfer to Salah El-Din Citadel, one of the world’s greatest monuments to medieval warfare. Resembling a typical early medieval fortress, with large imposing gateways, towers and high defending walls, the Citadel is one of Cairo most popular non-pharaonic monument in the Egyptian capital. We then go to the Old Coptic, an area of great historical and cultural importance. The most attractive sight is the Hanging Church, known in Arabic as al-Mu'allakah (The Suspended). This church is dedicated to the Virgin Mary and most possibly the first built in Basilican style. At night, you may take the optional Cairo Cruise with dinner (US$60) and enjoy a scenic view of Cairo from Nile River. Experience dining under the stars while you view the city and its twinkling lights. You can watch Belly Dance, listen to the Egyptian music, and enjoy buffet Dinner.

Day 5: Cairo - Luxor - Nile Cruise (B/L/D)
Today, after breakfast you will be transferred to the airport and fly to Luxor. After arrival, transfer to the 5 Star cruise for the embarkation. Lunch on board of the cruise. Then take a sightseeing tour of the East Bank. Visit the magnificent Temples of Karnak, dating back over 3,000 years. Walk along the avenue of the Sphinxes and marvel at the Hypostyle Hall with its 134 massive sandstone columns. After that, visit Luxor Temple to admire the colossal statues of the great pharaoh Ramses II. Transfer back to the cruise and enjoy dinner on board.

Day 6: Nile Cruise (Luxor - Esna - Edfu) (B/L/D)
After breakfast, view the magnificence of the Luxor West Bank this morning or you may choose the optional hot balloon tour (US$180). You will be transferred to the take off area where you are going to start your balloon ride in the sky of the biggest open-air museum Luxor. The “Balloon Ride” trip departs everyday and takes 45 minutes. Begin with a visit to the UNESCO listed Valley of the Kings, the necropolis of Thebes and admire the tombs of ancient Egypt’s rulers. Next, head to the Temple of Hatshepsut, a colonnaded structure surrounded by cliffs and learn about the life of Queen Hatshepsut, Egypt’s famous female ruler. Conclude the tour at the Colossi of Memnon, two massive stone statues of the Pharaoh Amenhotep II. Return to the ship for lunch and continue sailing onward this afternoon.

Day 7: Nile Cruise (Aswan) (B/L/D)
The Nile, Elephantine Island and white-sailed feluccas: welcome to Aswan, Egypt’s southernmost city. Take a tour to Philae Temple dedicated to the goddess Isis. Sit back and take in the beauty and bustle of Aswan on a private horse-drawn carriage ride. Settle aboard a comfortable, open-top carriage and relax as you clip-clop through the city’s streets,
Day 9: Aswan - Cairo (B)
This morning, disembark from the cruise. Then you may join the optional tour of Abu Simbel (US$280). A flight from Aswan transports you back in time to the mighty Temple of Abu Simbel, reclaims from the floodwaters of the Aswan High Dam and totally reconstructed in the present location. The site is dominated by the looming twin temples of Ramses II and his wife Queen Nefertari. It is one of the most recognizable ancient sites of Egypt. Afterwards, fly back to Aswan. Visit the spectacular Aswan High Dam, an engineering miracle when originally constructed in the 1960s. The dam brought an end to the Nile’s devastating floods. Then take the flight from Aswan to Cairo. Upon arrival, you’ll be met at Cairo airport and transferred to your hotel. At night, you may enjoy the optional Sound and Light show at the Giza Pyramids (US$50). Images are be projected onto the ancient monuments and you are whisked away on a narrated journey of Egypt’s history by dramatic combination of storytelling, lights, and music.

Day 10: Cairo - Amman (B/D)
This morning, transfer to airport for flight to Amman, the capital of Jordan. It is a city situated on a series of seven hills. Today, you will be greeted upon your arrival at Queen Alia Airport in Amman and will be escorted to your hotel.

Day 11: Amman - Madaba - Mt.Nebo - Petra (B/D)
After breakfast we will drive along the King’s Highway, the ancient Silk Road and transfer to Madaba, “The City of Mosaics” a typical East Bank town: underneath almost every house lies a fine Byzantine mosaic. Many of these mosaics have been excavated and are on display in the town’s museum, but it is estimated that many more lie hidden and waiting to be discovered. We will visit the Church of St. George to see the earliest surviving original map of the Holy land on a mosaic floor dating back to 560 A.D. Then go to Mt. Nebo where Moses have got a view of the Promised Land before he died. From a platform in front of the church, one can enjoy a breathtaking view across the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea. After the day tour, we will head to Petra.

Day 12: Petra (B/D)
Breakfast at the hotel, and start a full day tour to discover the Nabatean City of Petra, the “pink city”, which has been selected as the New Wonders of the World Heritage of Humanity. It’s the home of the Nabateans; The complete city was carved in a mountain with the huge colorful rocks that called “the red rose city”. It impresses travelers from all over the world with its desert rock carved monumental tombs, palaces, temples and the treasury which was starred in Indiana Jones. The tour will start by crossing the “Siq” which is an impressive 1,200 M long, deep and narrow gorge of stunning natural beauty. The Siq is narrowed in by cliffs soaring up to 80 meters. Along the city tour, our guide will give you a brief introduction about whole City of Petra while we are walking through the 1.2 km canyon to reach the magnificent treasury. Then go through Wadi Farasa & Wadi Kharrouba and visit the Royal Tombs. You may take the optional horse carriage on the way back (US$55).

Day 13: Petra - Wadi Rum - Dead Sea (B/D)
In the morning drive to Wadi Rum, which is the biggest desert in Jordan and protected area where Sir Lawrence wrote the Seven Pillars of Wisdom. Take the optional jeep ride tour (US$40) in Wadi Rum visiting: Bburrah canyon via Alameleh, Khor Um Ishrin, Lawrence house, Siq Lawrence. The tour includes a visit to several Wadi Rum’s distinctive rock formations and an opportunity to soak in the vast silence and spectacular desert landscapes. In the afternoon, continue the trip to the Jordan Valley and Dead Sea, which is one of the most spectacular natural and spiritual landscapes in the whole world. It is the lowest point on earth, and the world’s richest source of natural salts, hiding wonderful treasures that accumulated throughout thousands of years.

Day 14: Dead Sea - Amman - Toronto (B)
The Dead Sea is one of the most incredible places in the world. As the name suggests, the Dead Sea is devoid of life! Swimming in the dead sea is quite an incredible feeling as it is impossible to sink in the thick brine which is four times as salty as regular sea water. Due to an extremely high content of salts and minerals it is known for its curative powers and its mud is used as various treatments. After lunch, return to Amman for flight back home.

Day 15: Amman - Cairo - Toronto (B)
Due to time difference, you will arrive Toronto in the morning.

Optional Tour
- Egyptian Museum (US$45)
- Sound and Light show at the Giza Pyramids (US$50)
- Cairo Cruise with dinner (US$60)
- Wadi Rum Jeep ride tour (US$40)
- Petra Horse Carriage (US$55)
- Abu Simbel by air (US$280)
- Luxor hot balloon tour (US$180)
Decks

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Facilities

• Bazaar
• Laundry
• Piano bar
• Coiffeur
• Lounge bar

• Discotheque
• English pub bar
• Shower
• Bar
• Gym

Voltage                       220V
Total no of cabins       66 Deluxe Rooms + 2 Royal suites
Boat Crew                  100
Length                        72 meters
Width                         14.5 meters
Height                        11.20

Notes: Nile cruise boats are typically very large with a passenger capacity of around 150. All cabins have private facilities and the boat is fully air-conditioned. Evenings will be spent on the boat, so make full use of the boat’s facilities where you can relax on the top deck by the pool and watch stunning Nile scenery pass by. All meals are included on board.

Escorted Package Includes

• International Airfare from Toronto in economy class
• Airport taxes ($880) Flights from Cairo-Luxor, Aswan-Cairo, Cairo-Amman
• 4-5 star First class hotel accommodation
• 5 days 4 nights 5 Star Nile River Cruise in outside cabin, with private bathroom facilities and large scenic window
• Entrance fees to scenic attractions as indicated
• Services of English-speaking tour guides
• Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
• All transportation in the destination
• Meals as indicated in the program

Price Guide

• Prices are per person based on twin share accommodation
• Single and triple cabins are based on request
• Add on airfare from other departure cities: from $400
• Tour prices are subject to change without prior notice. Please check with your travel agent or our website for the latest information
• Single supplement fee: $1,399

Cabin

Restaurant

Helnan Dreamland Hotel 5* (formerly Sheraton) or Cairo Pyramids Hotel 5* or equivalent

Dead Sea Jordan Valley Marriott Resort 5* or Crowne Plaza Jordan Dead Sea Resort 5* or equivalent

Petra Hayat Zaman Village Hotel 5* or Mövenpick Nabatean Castle Hotel 5* or equivalent

Hotel Standard

Price Does Not Include

• Visa fees
• Insurance of any kind
• Gratuities (Suggested standard: $12 USD/day/person)
• Personal expenditure such as laundry service, souvenirs and telephone calls

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