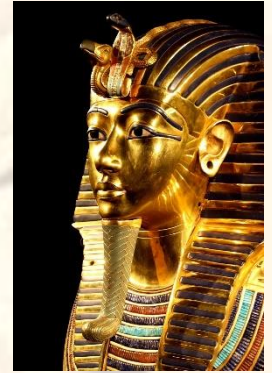


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The Treasures of Egypt Including Cruising the Nile With Cathy Scott optional Jordan extension February 07 to 17, 2019



Egypt is home to one of the world's first great civilisations and more ancient wonders than you can imagine. Egypt needs little introduction! With world famous pyramids, tomb strewn Valley of the Kings and the mighty temples of Abu Simbel, Egypt has attracted travellers since ancient times. But there's more to Egypt than pharaohs, mummies and hieroglyphics. On our adventure we will explore bazaars and spice markets and learn the ancient secrets of perfume making for Pharaohs. We will enjoy a 4-day luxury cruise on the Nile, shop in a local market with an Egyptian woman and join her in her kitchen to prepare lunch which we will enjoy with her family. We will embark on a breathtaking balloon ride over the city of Luxor, explore traditional life in a Nubian Village, and so much more! We hope you will join us for this great adventure!

Your package includes:

- Accommodation and meals as per the itinerary
- Transfers and sightseeing as per itinerary by private air-conditioned motor coach
- Entrance fees to museums and sites mentioned in itinerary
- Activities and classes as mentioned in itinerary
- Group arrival and departure transfers
- Domestic airfares Cairo / Luxor- Aswan / Cairo in Economy



Price per person land only \$3,899 US based on two sharing and minimum of 10 passengers. (Limited to a maximum of 12) Not included: personal expenses, airfare and taxes, meals not specified, tipping. Single supplement \$2,299 US Private transfers are available at an additional cost for those not arriving at the same time as the group. Hold your space with a \$500 US non-refundable deposit. Optional Abu Simbal: \$425.00 US Jordan Extension not including airfare: \$1,299

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BOUTIQUE TOURS THAT INSPIRE
NICHE TRAVEL

Thursday 07 February- Arrival

Cairo

Upon arriving in Cairo we will be met by our guide and transferred to our hotel in Cairo to rest up before our amazing journey begins!

Friday 08 February

Cairo

(B,L)

This morning we begin with a visit to the incredible Egyptian Museum. The museum holds an astonishing array of archaeological finds, but nothing compares to the exquisite riches of Tutankhamun, whose death-mask is magnificent! Then we will proceed to the Giza Plateau, where the only remaining Wonder of the Ancient World is found – the imposing Pyramids of Giza. During your visit to the pyramids you will have time for unique photo opportunities including the Mighty Sphinx.



Saturday 09 February

Cairo

(B,L)

This morning we will visit the Step Pyramid of Djoser in Sakkara, the oldest stone structure known to man.

After lunch we will walk through El Moez Street and with the Textile Museum. The Egyptian Textile Museum may indeed be one of the best-cared for museums in Cairo. Afterwards, we will walk through the exotic and colorful Khan El Khalili Bazaar, one of the worlds oldest bazaars! We will cap our day off with a visit to the Spice Market 'Al Ataren', where you will have time to wander and explore.



Sunday 10 February

Luxor

(B,L)

Today we will transfer from the hotel to the airport to fly to Luxor. Upon arrival we will transfer to your hotel and enjoy lunch at AL Marsam Unique Hotel at the West Bank of Luxor. The afternoon will be free for leisure.

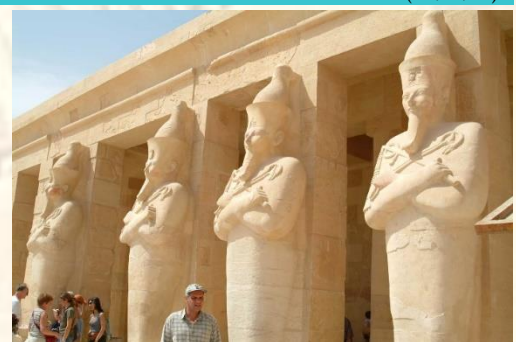


Monday 11 February

Cruise the Nile

(B,L,D)

After breakfast we will transfer to our luxury Cruise for the next 4 nights. There is no better way to get a sense of the life of the local people than to float along the Nile on our lovely cruise. Today we will tour the ancient marvel that is the Karnak temple. The largest religious structure ever built and over 2000 years old, this temple is truly amazing! After lunch will visit Deir El Madina, an ancient Egyptian village which was home to the artisans who worked on the tombs in the



Valley of the Kings. We will also visit the village tomb of Senedgem and Valley of Nobles tomb of Ramosa.

Tuesday 12 February

Cruise the Nile

(B,L,D)

We will start our day by a breathtaking ballooning ride over Luxor city (optional). Then we will transfer to West Bank, where we will ride Donkeys to the Temple of Hatshepsut. The mortuary temple of Queen Hatshepsut of Dynasty XVIII was built just north of the Middle Kingdom temple of Mentuhotep Nebhepetre in the bay of cliffs known as Deir el-Bahri. Hatshepsut's construction surpasses anything which had been built before both in its architecture and its beautiful carved reliefs. We will next visit the Valley of the Kings where hundreds of tombs, including that of Tutankhamun, were carved into the desert rock. The rest of the day is free to enjoy cruising the Nile.



Wednesday 13 February

Cruise the Nile

(B,L,D)

After breakfast on board we will visit the Temple of Horus in Edfu, the best preserved temple on the Nile. Sail to Kom-Ombo where we visit the temples of Horus the falcon god and Sobek the crocodile god.

Thursday 14 February

Cruise the Nile

(B,L,D)

Morning visit to Temple of Philae a temple remarkably preserved by UNESCO and the Egyptian government in the 1960's. We next visit the beautiful Botanical Gardens and the Nubian village.

Friday 15 February

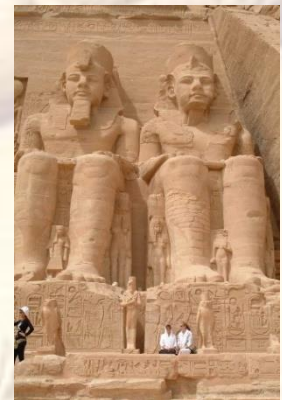
Aswan

(B)

Today you may either choose a free day or join us on the optional excursion to Abu Simbal.

OPTIONAL: At Abu Simbel we will visit the temples of the great Ramses II and his Queen, Nefertari. These temples received world-wide attention in 1968 when they were completely dismantled and relocated to avoid inundation. This really is a must see!

We will transfer from our cruise to the Old Cataract hotel, arguably the most iconic hotel in Egypt. Agatha Christie wrote her famous novel Death on the Nile here! This stunning property boasts a wonderful verandah overlooking the Nile and is the perfect place to enjoy a sunset cocktail!



Saturday 16 February

Cairo

(B)

Today we will fly back from Aswan to Cairo. Upon arrival we will check in at your hotel and spend the rest of the day relaxing and/or enjoying additional sightseeing.

Sunday 17 February

Departure home or onward to Amman

(B)

Early morning flight from Aswan to Cairo to connect with your flight home or on to Jordan.

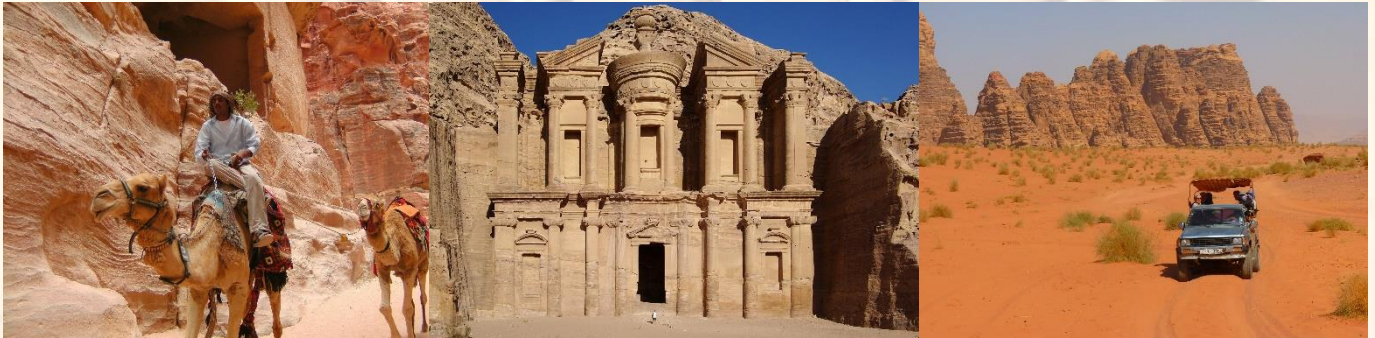
OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Sunday 17 February

Amman

(B)

Upon arrival at the airport you will be greeted by your local tour guide. The afternoon will be free for leisure.



Monday 18 February

Petra

(B)

Upon arrival you will be escorted to your hotel and have the afternoon free at leisure.

Today we will begin with a private tour of Amman, visiting the Citadel, the Roman theater, the old Souq, along with the old and new part of Amman. Next we will drive to visit the Byzantine Church of Mt. Nebo, and then proceed to Madaba where we will see a unique Mosaic Map of Palestine, and continue to Petra for an overnight stay.



Tuesday 19 February

Wadi Rum

(B,D)

Today we spend a full day dedicated to visiting the lost Nabateans city of Petra. We begin with a morning ride on a Bedouins guided horse where we'll pass through fabled SIQ, an immense sandstone, which opens out to reveal the treasury. We will continue on to see hundreds of ancient Temples, Royal Tombs, Roman theatres and houses. We will then depart to the magical desert of Wadi Rum, home of "Lawrence of Arabia". Tonight we stay and dine in an amazing Bedouin tented village.

Wednesday 20 February

Dead Sea

(B)

After our Bedouin breakfast we will enjoy a tour by 4x4 with a local Bedouin driver in the desert of Wadi rum. We then drive down 400 meters below sea level and experience an unforgettable swim in the salty waters of the Dead Sea

Thursday 21 February

Departure

(B)

After breakfast we transfer back to the Amman International airport for our journey home.