Pyramids to Petra 15 days

Discovering some of the world's best archaeological sights, we combine Cairo's ancient wonders, Luxor's greatest temples and tombs, the ever flowing River Nile and the rose red city of Petra - The Jewel in Jordan's crown.

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Cairo / Ends in: Amman
- Departs: Any day of the year
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:12, Lunch: 3, Dinner: 3
- Hotel Rating: 4 or 5 star (specific to your itinerary) & 5 star cruiser
- Tour Guide: Yes - at sites of antiquity

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - click here
- To book this trip - click here
- To enquire about this trip - click here

TOUR MAP:

QUICK WEB LINKS

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Day 1: Cairo

Welcome to Egypt. Prepare yourself for an exciting 2 weeks of sightseeing and sunshine! Upon arrival at the airport we will meet and transfer you to your hotel, where you can rest before our adventure begins. Overnight - Cairo

Day 2: Pyramids & Saqqara

Today, enjoy a visit to the famous Pyramids at Giza, one of the sole survivors from the ancient Greek listed Seven Wonders of the World. The pyramids are the planet's oldest tourist attraction and will not fail to impress even the most seasoned traveller. In front of the pyramids sits the Sphinx, an enormous statue with the face of a man and body of a lion. This afternoon we explore the ancient necropolis of Saqqara, with its litany of ancient tombs and famous centre piece, Zhoser's step pyramid. Constructed in 2700 BC by the Pharaoh's chief architect, it became the template for all future pyramid construction. Overnight - Cairo

Day 3: Egyptian Museum

Cairo - Aswan. We start the day's sightseeing with a trip to the Egyptian Museum to see the dazzling antiquities of ancient Egypt on display there, including the amazing treasures of King Tutankhamen and his stunning gold funerary mask. This afternoon we take a tour of Old Coptic Cairo, where we'll find the Citadel and some of the oldest Christian churches in the world, including the Hanging Church, dedicated to the Virgin Mary and built in the 3rd century. This evening we board our overnight sleeper train to Aswan. Overnight - Sleeper train

Day 4: Aswan

Aswan. Arrive into Aswan and hotel check in. This afternoon we travel out of town to visit the mighty High Dam; a modern feat of engineering, the by-product for this immense construction is Lake Nasser-the world's largest artificial lake! We will also take a trip to the Philae Temple on Agilika Island, which is dedicated to the goddess Isis. Overnight - Aswan

Day 5: Abu Simbel

Aswan - Abu Simbel - Aswan. It's an early start today as we fly south to Abu Simbel, possibly the greatest and most awe-inspiring temple of ancient Egypt, created to revere the mighty pharaonic ruler King Ramses II. The four colossal statues of the pharaoh himself guard the entrance to this mighty temple with its spectacular rock-cut facade. Returning to Aswan there's time to amble around the towns excellent souk and relax by the Nile before boarding a luxury Nile Cruiser. Overnight - Nile Cruiser

Day 6: Nile Cruising

Aswan - Nile Cruising. Anchors away, as we set sail up the Nile. Relax, enjoy the facilities onboard and soak up the sun. We stop en-route to visit the unique, riverside temple of Kom Ombo, with its perfectly symmetrical architecture. Overnight - Nile Cruising

Day 7: Luxor Temple by night

Nile Cruising – Luxor. Ancient Luxor is the final port of call on our cruise and at over 4,000 years old it's steeped in history and often referred to as the world's greatest open-air museum. Today we visit the immaculately preserved Temple of Horus at Edfu, dedicated to the falcon-headed god; it was the last monumental temple to be built on such a huge scale. This evening we view the Luxor Temple, which comprises of numerous pylons, columns, an inner sanctum and a giant granite obelisk. The temple is beautifully illuminated at night. Overnight - Nile Cruiser

Day 8: Valley of the Kings

Luxor - Cairo. This morning we disembark the cruiser and tour the West Bank, home to the legendary Valley of the Kings, with its myriad of tombs, temples and monuments. The first monuments you'll see are the imposing Colossi of Memnon; these massive enthroned statues are all that remains of the temple of Amenophis. The often highly decorated tombs were constructed to once house the regal sarcophagi enclosed mummies of the mighty pharaohs awaiting their passage into the after-life. We also visit the Valley of the Queens (where the pharaohs' wives were laid to rest), the colonnaded Temple of Queen Hatshepsut and the spectacular Karnak temple, which is dedicated to the Theban gods. This evening board the overnight sleeper train to Cairo Overnight - Sleeper train

Day 9: Amman

Luxor – Dead Sea. Arrive into Cairo and transfer to the airport for a flight to Amman in Jordan (we can book this flight on your behalf). Upon arrival we transfer to the lowest point on earth - the Dead Sea; a natural phenomena, where you float like a cork in the intensely salt rich waters. The high concentration of mineral salts in the sea also gives your skin a fabulous detox! Overnight - Dead Sea

Days 10 - 11:

Dead Sea – Karak Castle - Petra. Time for a bit of pampering - perhaps a day at a Dead Sea spa where you can indulge yourself in a variety of luxurious well-being treatments? Or simply relax in the sun by the Dead Sea , the choice is yours. In the afternoon of day 11 we drive south, visiting Karak crusader castle en-route to Petra. Overnight - Dead Sea (1) Petra (1)

Days 12 - 13: Petra

Petra – Madaba - Amman. The jewel in Jordan's archaeological crown is the Rose City of Petra , where you'll spend a full day sightseeing. Catching your first glimpse of the Treasury through the corridors of the siq, will be a memory sure to remain with you forever. We wander down the ancient Roman rock carved streets, exploring the Nabataean tombs, amphitheatre and other hidden treasures this once-lost city has to offer. If you're feeling daring, why not climb the hundreds of steps to Ad-Deir? Ad-Deir is better known as the Monastery and, with its impressive facade and the spectacular views, it is definitely worth the physical exertion! On day 13, you'll have the chance to revisit Petra before driving onward to St George's Church in Madaba to view the fascinating 6th century mosaic map of the Holy Land. Continuing to Amman. Overnight - Petra (1) Amman (1)

Day 14:

Amman – Jerash - Ajlun - Amman. Today we take in the magnificent Roman provincial city of Jerash. With its colonnaded street, theatre, nymphaeum and Temples of Artemis and Zeus. To make these spectacular 2000 year old ruins come to life you'll join the throngs at the Jerash hippodrome watching a 7 lap chariot race and battle re-enactment. We drive onward to Ajlun for a tour of the crusader era Saracen Castle built by the armies of Salah ad din. Overnight - Amman

Day 15: Amman

Today we bid farewell to Jordan and onward departure transfer to the airport.

WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- Cairo - Pyramids & Sphinx at Giza Plateau
- Necropolis of Saqqara
- Mohamed Ali Mosque, Coptic Cairo and Khan el Khalili Bazaar
- Egyptian Museum
- The Temples of Abu Simbel

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- Aswan - High Dam, Philae Temple, River Nile
- Nile cruising - islands en route
- Temple of Kom Ombo & Temple of Horus - Edfu
- Luxor - Temples of Karnak and Luxor Temple by night
- Valley of the Kings, Colossi of Memnon and Temple of Queen Hatshepsut
- Jordan - Amman
- Ajlun - crusader era Saracen Castle
- Jordan - Jerash - Ruins of ancient Roman city
- Rose City of Petra
- Madaba - St George Church and 6th century mosaics of the Holy Land
- Karak Crusader Castle
- Dead Sea - opt for a dip

What's Included

- Breakfast daily
- All meals aboard Nile Cruiser
- 3 nights deluxe Nile Cruiser
- 9 nights superior or deluxe hotels (specific to your chosen itinerary). Standard hotels available if required
- Economy class return flights: Cairo - Abu Simbel,
- 2 overnight sleeper trains: Cairo - Aswan and Luxor - Cairo
- Private air-conditioned transportation and all relevant transfers in Egypt and Jordan
- Airport arrival and departure transfer on day 1 and day 15
- Touring of Cairo, Aswan, Luxor, Amman, Petra, Madaba
- Dead Sea - free time, swim & detox
- Qualified, specialist guides at local sites
- Entrance fees for all included sightseeing

What's Not Included

- International flights, flight from Cairo - Amman on day 9 and visas.
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- Laundry, drinks, items of a personal nature

PRICES AND DATES: from USD $4,629

Prices shown are 'per person', based on a travelling party of at least 2 adults. The single supplement price needs to be added to the twin/double price if single rooms are required. If travelling solo, an additional '1-person' supplement will apply Prices are indicative and will vary depending on your chosen hotels, room availability as well as time of travel. Please bear this in mind if comparing prices as we always aim to deliver exceptional value. Please note that discounts will apply if there are more 4 our more people in your travelling party, since fixed costs like transportation and guiding are shared across the group.

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.