

Essential Jordan & Egypt

14 days | Amman to Luxor



Travelling from Amman to Luxor, discover the ancient wonders of Petra, the Pyramids and the Valley of the Kings. Camp out in the Wadi Rum desert, float in the Dead Sea and barter in Cairo's bustling bazaars on this two week tour that takes in the best of Jordan & Egypt.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Petra - explore this spectacular UNESCO-listed Nabataean city, which is one of the New Seven Wonders of the World
- Wadi Rum - explore this vast red desert with its rolling dunes and dramatic rock formations in a 4x4 and camp under a blanket of stars
- Dead Sea - bob around like a cork in the famously buoyant, mineral-rich waters and smother yourself in Dead Sea mud
- Mt Nebo - take in the incredible panoramic views across the Promised Land
- Karak - roam around this imposing Crusader castle, perched dramatically on a hill top
- Amman - visit the ancient hilltop citadel, the fascinating Archaeological Museum and bustling souqs

- Madaba - wander around this Christian market town, home to Jordan's finest Byzantine mosaics
- Cairo - marvel at the legendary Pyramids of Giza, explore the Necropolis of Saqqara and see King Tut's treasures at the Egyptian Museum
- Aswan - visit the romantic Philae Temple and sail to Elephantine Island on board a traditional felucca
- Kom Ombo - visit the Nile side Temple of Kom Ombo
- Luxor - experience the beautifully illuminated Luxor Temple at night (optional) and roam around the colossal Temple of Karnak
- Luxor's West Bank - discover exquisite tombs in the Valley of the Kings, the towering Colossi of Memnon and the beautiful Temple of Queen Hatshepsut

What's Included

- 13 breakfasts and 1 dinner
- 5 nights 3 star hotels in Jordan and 7 nights 3-4 star hotels in Egypt
- 1 night - Wadi Rum desert camp
- Flight from Amman to Cairo
- Touring of Amman, Petra, Karak, Wadi Rum, Dead Sea, Mt Nebo, Cairo, Giza, Saqqara, Luxor, Aswan & Kom Ombo
- 4x4 desert safari across the sand dunes of Wadi Rum
- Felucca excursion to Elephantine Island
- Excursion to the Dead Sea

- Escorted by a licensed Jordanian tour guide and an Egyptian tour guide degree qualified in Egyptology
- English speaking specialist guides at some local sights
- Airport arrival and departure transfers on day 1 and day 7 and day 14
- All transfers and transportation in private modern air-conditioned vehicles
- Ave group size: 16 persons

What's Not Included

- Tipping Kitty: USD\$90-100pp, paid in local currency
- Entrance Fees: USD\$220-240pp, paid in local currency
- International flights and visas
- Tip for your tour guide. We recommend you allow USD\$5 - 7 per day, per traveller. Tipping your guide is an entirely personal gesture

Local Payment

GBP£150pp (or USD equivalent)

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Day 1 : Amman

Sunday. Welcome to Jordan. You'll be met at Queen Alia International Airport and transferred to our hotel in Amman. Welcome meeting at 6pm to meet your guide and the rest of your group. **Overnight - Amman**

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Day 2 : Optional Jerash & Ajloun



Spend today exploring the city of Amman at your leisure. Alternatively, join our optional excursion to Jerash, home to spectacular 2,000-year-old ruins, and the 12th century Ajloun Castle which commands stunning views of the Jordan Valley. **Overnight - Amman (B)**

Day 3 : Amman City tour & Karak Castle



Amman - Karak - Petra. This morning we take a guided tour of Amman, with highlights including the Citadel and the National Archaeological Museum. We then visit the magnificent Crusader castle of Karak and marvel at its crumbling remains as we travel south to Petra. **Overnight - Petra (B)**

Day 4 : Petra



We spend today exploring the remarkable Rose City of Petra. Dating back to the 6th

century BC, Petra was once the thriving capital of the Nabatean empire before being lost to the world for hundreds of years and rediscovered in the 1800s. Recently voted one of the New Seven Wonders of the World, it's one of the world's most incredible archaeological sites.

We access Petra by walking through a narrow gorge known as the Siq, where 200-metre-high rocks give way to reveal the spectacular façade of The Treasury. From here, the hidden valley widens to reveal the impressive Amphitheatre, tombs and temples that constitute the remains of this ancient city.

Following a fascinating guided tour, those feeling energetic can climb the hundreds of rock-cut steps to the Monastery, which offers incredible views over the surrounding landscape. Those staying on the ground can enjoy free time to explore and take more photographs.

This evening we have the opportunity to revisit Petra after dark on the optional Petra By Night excursion (payable locally). Walking back through the Siq, we see The Treasury's magnificent façade illuminated by thousands of candles. **Overnight - Petra (B)**

Day 5 : Free time in Petra & 4x4 in Wadi Rum



Petra - Wadi Rum. Spend this morning enjoying some free time or revisit Petra on an optional hike. Entering via the Al Madras secret road, the route takes in views of The Treasury from above and visits the High Place of Sacrifice, which served as the venue for religious ceremonies.

This afternoon we drive to the vast desert landscape of the Wadi Rum. Boarding 4x4 vehicles we take an exhilarating ride past rolling red dunes and epic rock formations on the way to our desert camp. Once there, we enjoy a Jordanian dinner and some time around the campfire, before exchanging our ceiling of stars for a permanent tent to bed down for the night. **Overnight - Wadi Rum (B, D)**

Day 6 : Dead Sea & Mt Nebo



Wadi Rum - Dead Sea - Mt Nebo - Madaba. This morning, early risers can enjoy a spectacular sunrise over the desert. Then after breakfast we travel north from Wadi Rum to reach the Dead Sea. At over 400 metres below sea level, this is the lowest point on Earth and its hypersaline waters are famous for their buoyancy. Here we spend a leisurely few hours floating about and smothering ourselves in some of the black Dead Sea mud, which is said to have curative properties.

Next we visit Mount Nebo, which offers views across the Jordan River Valley, the Dead Sea, Jericho and even as far as Bethlehem. It was from this site that Moses viewed the Promised Land and Mount Nebo is one of the country's most revered holy sites. We spend our final night in Jordan in Madaba. This ancient market town is famed for its beautiful Byzantine-era mosaics, the most impressive of which is found in St George's Church and is the oldest known map of the Holy Land. **Overnight - Madaba (B)**

Day 7 : Fly Amman to Cairo

Amman - Cairo. Today marks the end of the Jordanian section of our tour and the beginning of our Egyptian Adventure. Included transfer to Amman's Queen Ali Airport for your included flight to Egypt. Once

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at Cairo International Airport, you'll be met by our team and transferred to our hotel.

Overnight - Cairo (B)

Day 8 : Pyramids of Giza, Saqqara & Khan el-Khalili



This morning we travel to the Giza Plateau to see the only survivors of the Ancient Seven Wonders of the World. Built over 4,500 years ago, the Pyramids of Giza were designed to protect the mummies of pharaohs and the treasures they took with them to the afterlife. Of the three pyramids known as Cheops, Chephren and Mycerinus, Cheops is the largest and was constructed from over 2.5 million limestone blocks. There is also the option of hiring a camel for a ride across the sands of Giza.

Our next stop is the necropolis of Saqqara, where we'll explore Zoser's famous step pyramid. Rising to a height of 65 metres, this pyramid was an architectural marvel of its time and was constructed by the pharaoh's chief architect Imhotep. We complete our day souvenir shopping at the bustling Khan el-Khalili bazaar. **Overnight - Cairo (B)**

Day 9 : Egyptian Museum

Cairo - Luxor. We spend this morning exploring the famous Egyptian Museum, which contains one of the world's most important collections of ancient artefacts. Amongst the fascinating Egyptian relics, we see the treasures of King Tutankhamun, including his famous solid gold funerary mask.

We then board our coach this afternoon for the 9 hour journey south to Luxor. Our hotel for the night is located by the River Nile. **Overnight - Luxor (B)**

Day 10 : Valley of the Kings



Luxor - Aswan. We venture to Luxor's West Bank this morning to explore the elaborate tombs of the Valley of the Kings. We're greeted by the towering Colossi of Memnon, a pair of 18-metre high statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III, before heading to the beautiful Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. This memorial temple is one of ancient Egypt's greatest architectural achievements, featuring a series of terraces rising out of the desert plain and surrounded by imposing limestone cliffs.

Our afternoon sees us travel south to Aswan, where we enjoy a leisurely evening and stroll along the picturesque banks of the River Nile. **Overnight - Aswan (B)**

Day 11 : Optional Abu Simbel & Philae Temple



Today we have the option of an excursion to the temple of Abu Simbel, where four giant statues of King Ramses II look out across Lake Nasser. We then take a short boat ride out to Agilkia Island for a guided tour of the beautiful Philae Temple. Dating back to the 4th century BC, this is the last classical Egyptian style temple and is dedicated to the goddess Isis.

The rest of the day is free to either go shopping in Aswan's colourful souks or relax by the hotel pool, followed by watching a

beautiful sunset over the Nile. **Overnight - Aswan (B)**

Day 12 : Elephantine Island



Today we board an Egyptian felucca for a relaxed sailing trip along the River Nile. These traditional boats have plied the Nile since ancient times and, alongside watching life on the riverbanks, we stop to explore Elephantine Island. The Island is so-named as its rocks form the shape of an elephant's back. Here we explore a colourful Nubian Village and you can opt to see an ancient Nilometer, which measures the depth of this great river. Remainder of the day at your leisure. **Overnight - Aswan (B)**

Day 13 : Kom Ombo & Luxor Temple



Aswan - Kom Ombo - Luxor. We say goodbye to Aswan and journey back to Luxor. En route we stop to visit the remarkable riverside temple of Kom Ombo, built to honour the crocodile-headed god Sobek. This evening we have an optional excursion to Luxor Temple, which is at its most spectacular after dark when it's lit up with hundreds of lights. **Overnight - Luxor (B)**

Day 14 : Luxor

Our final destination this morning is the vast temple of Karnak, where we enjoy a guided tour of this incredible religious complex.

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Dedicated to the Theban gods, this was an important pilgrimage site in Egypt and its oldest buildings date back over four millennia.

Our Egyptian escapade ends with an included transfer to Luxor Airport. Time your flight to depart after 2pm in order to allow enough time to explore the temple of Karnak. Or, alternatively, we can arrange post-tour accommodation in Luxor upon request if you'd like to extend your stay. (B)

HOTELS

The hotels listed below are ones which we frequently use on this tour. We reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard when necessary.

Rojina Hotel

Conveniently located in the heart of Amman, Rojina Hotel offers a comfortable and relaxing stay. Each of the guestrooms feature air conditioning, a TV, private bathroom and the addition of a seating area. Traditional Arabic and international dishes can be enjoyed in the hotel's two restaurants and the hotel is fully equipped when it comes to leisure facilities. Alongside a gym, Jacuzzi and indoor pool, a new swimming pool has been opened on the rooftop - offering you a refreshing dip as you soak up views of the capital.



Edom Hotel

Just a short distance from the entrance to Petra, the Edom Hotel features a roof terrace overlooking the Bedouin village of Wadi Musa. You'll find the air-conditioned guestrooms to be fully equipped with modern amenities, including a satellite TV, minibar and private bathroom. The hotel also offers a traditional hammam, or Turkish bath, and massage facilities, so you can unwind after a day out in the desert. But this hotel's most unusual feature is its restaurant.

Offering a range of cuisine, the cave-like restaurant is carved from stone – keeping the atmosphere of ancient Petra alive.



Beyond Wadi Rum Camp

This eco-friendly camp is set in the very heart of the desert in the Wadi Rum natural reserve. Offering a real Bedouin experience, the accommodation is arranged in a group of private tents equipped with comfortable bedding and shared shower facilities. In the evenings, guests are invited to help the staff prepare a traditional meal. The camp boasts a great location for watching the sunset over the landscape and you can spend your night sharing stories with your fellow travellers around a roaring campfire.



Mosaic City Hotel

Cosy and modern, two words to describe the Mosaic City Hotel in Jordan's vibrant Madaba. Guest rooms are comfortable and simply furnished and the hotel offers complimentary Wi-Fi to all guests. The restaurant serves a range of dishes on request. The hotel is located in the very heart of Madaba, within short walking distance from the Church of St. George which houses the famous mosaic map of the Holy Land.



Oasis Hotel

Just a stone's throw from the Pyramids, the Oasis Hotel is a classic Egyptian hotel with beautiful expansive gardens. Rooms are very spacious with comfortable beds and fantastic en suite facilities. Wi-Fi is available and the buffet breakfast offers a good spread. In the evening the outdoor pool and fountains are lit up making the restaurant and bar the perfect place to spend an evening sipping on a cold glass of beer.



Eatabe Hotel

Offering a prime location in the centre of Luxor, this 4-star hotel is close to top attractions including the Luxor Museum and Luxor Temple. Surrounded by manicured gardens, the contemporary-style guestrooms are well-equipped with air conditioning, a minibar and a balcony overlooking the garden or River Nile. Guests can enjoy a rich breakfast, lunch and dinner in the sunlit restaurant or outdoors by the pool. There you'll also find a poolside bar and sun deck, so you can enjoy a cocktail or two as you soak up the rays.



Helnan Aswan

Set in manicured gardens, the Helnan Aswan is an elegant hotel with impressive views of the Nile. Guest rooms are spacious with modern interiors and located next to the beautiful pool. Wi-fi is available in the lobby and by the pool. There are also two restaurants and bars, a bowling alley, a swimming pool and a cinema. Why not relax by the pool before exploring the rest of Aswan.

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PRICES / DATES INFO

Departure dates noted with a 'G' are guaranteed to operate. All other departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 2 persons. Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same sex on your tour, this can be arranged, thus avoiding the single person supplement.

PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
05 Jul	USD 2,095	USD 2,645
19 Jul	USD 2,095	USD 2,645
23 Aug	USD 2,095	USD 2,645
20 Sep	USD 2,095	USD 2,645
04 Oct	USD 2,195	USD 2,745
18 Oct	USD 2,195	USD 2,745
01 Nov	USD 2,195	USD 2,745
29 Nov	USD 2,195	USD 2,745
13 Dec	USD 2,295	USD 2,895
20 Dec	USD 2,295	USD 2,895

PRICES / DATES 2019

Date	Twin Share	Single
28 Apr	USD 2,095	USD 2,645
26 May	USD 2,095	USD 2,645
23 Jun	USD 2,095	USD 2,645
04 Aug	USD 2,095	USD 2,645
08 Sep	USD 2,095	USD 2,645
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09 Feb	USD 2,195	USD 2,745
22 Mar	USD 2,195	USD 2,745
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19 Apr	USD 2,095	USD 2,645
03 May	USD 2,095	USD 2,645
31 May	USD 2,095	USD 2,645

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