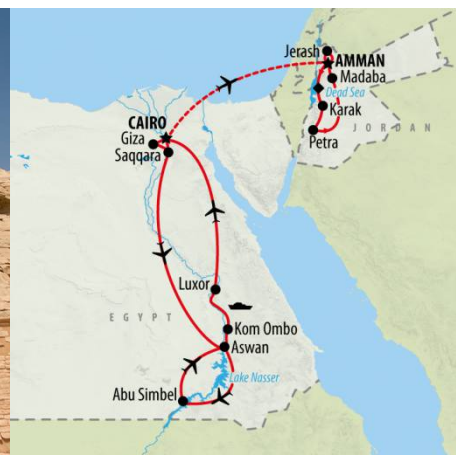
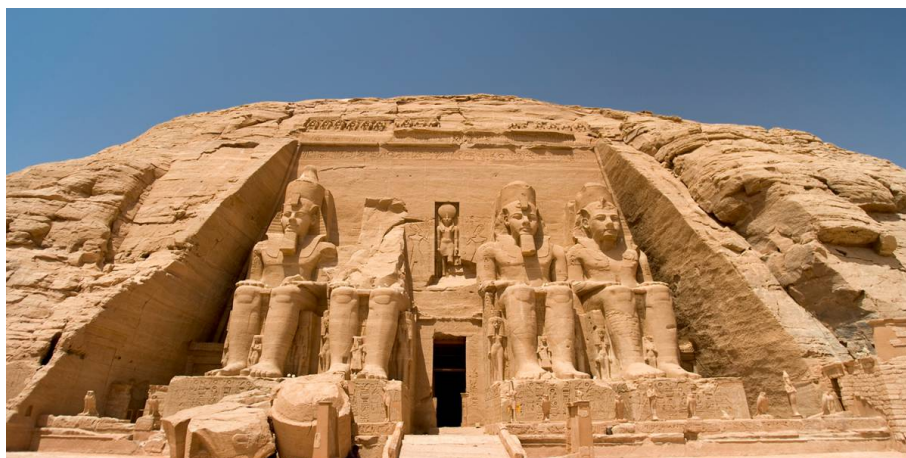


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HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Cairo - Marvel at the legendary Pyramids of Giza and explore the Necropolis of Saqqara
- Cairo - Discover the Citadel, Mohamed Ali Mosque, Khan el Khalili Bazaar and the Egyptian Museum
- Abu Simbel - Visit this awe-inspiring temple, one of the most impressive in all of Egypt
- Aswan - Take a leisurely boat trip to Agilika Island to explore romantic Philae Temple

- Nile cruising - Cruise from Aswan to Luxor, spending 3 nights on board a 5 star Nile cruiser
- Kom Ombo - Visit the unique double Temple of Kom Ombo located on the banks of the Nile
- Luxor - Uncover the tombs of pharaohs in the Valley of the Kings and investigate the incredible burial Temple of Queen Hatshepsut
- Luxor - Explore Luxor Temple and the vast Karnak Temple complex
- Jerash - Visit the ruins of the ancient Roman city, which at over 2000 years old is still surprisingly well-preserved
- Petra - Explore the fabled UNESCO-listed Nabataean city that was all but lost to the modern world until its rediscovery in 1812
- Madaba - Discover this Christian market town, the Church of St George and Jordan's finest Byzantine mosaics
- Dead Sea - Relax by the beautiful landscape with warm buoyant mineral-rich waters

What's Included

- Breakfast daily and all meals aboard Nile Cruiser
- 11 nights DELUXE hotels, 3 nights DELUXE Nile Cruiser (en suite cabin). SUPERIOR hotel options are also available upon request. Accommodation rating – See Trip Notes for details

- Services of an Egyptian tour guide degree qualified in Egyptology
- Touring - Cairo, Aswan, Luxor, Amman, Petra and Madaba
- Entrance fees for all included sightseeing
- Dead Sea - free time, swim and detox
- Economy class flights from Cairo to Aswan, Aswan to Abu Simbel, Abu Simbel to Aswan and Luxor to Cairo
- An airport arrival transfers on day 1 and day 9 and a departure transfers on day 9 and 15
- All relevant transfer and transportation in private modern air-conditioned vehicles in Egypt and Jordan

What's Not Included

- International flight Cairo to Amman is not included and needs to be booked separately by the traveller - please refer to the Trip Notes for further details
- International flights and visa (see Trip Notes for further information about visas)
- Tipping - An entirely personal gesture

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 : Cairo

Welcome to Egypt and the start of your holiday! Arrival Cairo and included transfer to your hotel. The remainder of today is at your leisure to relax and enjoy your hotel facilities, or explore Cairo your way. Consider heading

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out for dinner at one of the restaurants offering views over the Nile River and city, or head to the sound and light show at the pyramids this evening. **Overnight - Cairo**

Day 2 : Pyramids & Saqqara

Today we pay a visit to the only remaining ancient wonder of the world, the impressive Pyramids at Giza Plateau. Gaze in awe at Cheops (Khufu) - the largest of the three great pyramids. Constructed from over 2.5 million limestone blocks, it is thought to have taken more than 20 years to construct. The other two - Chephren and Mycerinus are equally breathtaking, and all three Pyramids are truly a sight that can only be fully appreciated in person. Our tour continues to Memphis, where we'll see the colossal statue of Ramses II. After, we'll tour the tomb-strewn necropolis of Saqqara, featuring King Zoser's Step Pyramid - constructed by Imhotep, the pharaoh's chief architect in 2700 BC and the template for all future pyramid construction. **Overnight - Cairo (B)**

Day 3 : Egyptian Museum



Today we explore the new Grand Egyptian Museum, which houses a giant exhibition containing the treasures of King Tutankhamun. Many pieces on show are being displayed for the first time and artefacts have been brought together from across Egypt and the world to this one location. The museum also makes use of new technology including virtual reality. Note: the Grand Egyptian Museum is set to open in 2020, though an official date has yet to be released. If travelling prior to the opening of the new facility we'll visit the Egyptian Museum this morning instead.

This afternoon, we'll head to the world famous Khan El Khalili Bazaar, with trinkets and

delights to be found amongst the many shops and stalls located here. We'll then continue to The Citadel, this monumental Islamic-era fortification, in the heart of Cairo, was once the seat of government from the 13th to the 19th centuries. Here, we'll visit the beautiful Mosque of Muhammed Ali, built in the 1830's this impressive structure is made from alabaster stone and is a smaller version of the Blue Mosque found in Istanbul.

Overnight - Cairo (B)

Day 4 : Philae Temple

Cairo - Aswan. After breakfast, we take a short flight south to Aswan and transfer to our hotel. This afternoon we visit Philae Temple and Aswan High Dam. Philae Temple, dedicated to the goddess Isis, was rescued in an enormous UNESCO effort in the 1970s. Due to high water levels in the reservoir created by the Old Aswan Dam and further aquatic drama due to the creation of the mighty High Dam, Philae Temple was relocated stone by stone to higher ground on nearby Agilika Island.

Overnight - Aswan (B)

Day 5 : Impressive Abu Simbel



Aswan - Abu Simbel - Aswan. It's an early start today as we board our short flight down south to explore the temples of Abu Simbel, created to revere the mighty pharaonic ruler King Ramses II. Guarding the entrance to the temple (built between 1290 and 1224 BC) hewn into the side of a mountain are four famous colossal statues of the pharaoh himself. In a fit of architectural wisdom, Ramses II had the entire temple carefully angled and oriented in order that the sun's rays would align twice a year on his date of ascension to the throne (in February) and on his birthday (in October) and illuminate the inner sanctum of the temple. The other

rock cut temple at Abu Simbel is the Temple of Hathor, which is fronted by six massive standing statues. Four of them represent King Ramses II, the other two are of his beloved wife - Queen Nefertari. Famously, both temples were re-located in a multi-million dollar operation in 1972, further up from the shoreline of Lake Nasser.

Returning to Aswan, free time is offered to perhaps do some shopping in the colourful souqs and markets or simply relax in this attractive town which straddles the Nile River. This afternoon we board our **luxury Nile cruiser** for our three night journey up the River Nile.

Overnight - Nile Cruiser (B, L, D)

Days 6-7 : Nile Cruising & R&R

Nile Cruising. Spend the next two days relaxing aboard our luxury Nile cruiser, taking in the riverside village views from the deck, and exploring some of the exciting historical sites located along this stretch of the Nile. On day 6 we'll moor up at the riverside and enjoy a visit to the waterside Temple of Kom Ombo. Consisting of two temples, one dedicated to the Crocodile-headed god Sobek and the other dedicated to the falcon god Horus.

On Day 7, we will reach the west bank of Luxor and explore the best of Ancient Thebes, the tomb strewn Valley of the Kings, the Temple of Hatshepsut and the Colossi of Memnon.

Overnight - Nile Cruising (B:2, L:2, D:2)

Day 8 : Karnak & Luxor Temple's



After a leisurely breakfast we'll disembark our cruiser this morning to visit Karnak Temple. Karnak is a spectacular myriad

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of sanctuaries, pylons, chapels, halls and obelisks, all dedicated to the Theban gods and to the greater glory of Egypt's Middle and New Kingdom rulers. Later, we'll visit Luxor Temple, dedicated to Amun, construction work on the temple began during the reign of Amenhotep III in the 14th century BC. We'll continue to our hotel later today for check in, where the rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight - Luxor (B)

Day 9 : Luxor to the Dead Sea



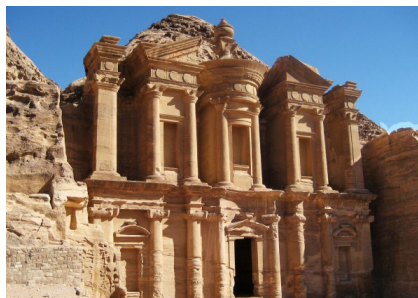
Luxor - Dead Sea. This morning a transfer will take you to the airport to board your flight to Amman via Cairo (the flight from Cairo to Amman is not included. Please do not book the flight from Cairo to Amman until we have confirmed the timings of your flight from Luxor to Cairo. If you would prefer, we can also book the flight from Cairo to Amman as part of your package at an additional fee). Upon arrival we transfer to the lowest point on earth - the Dead Sea, a natural phenomenon, 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 (B)

Days 10-11 : Dead Sea & Karak Castle

Dead Sea - Kerak 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 Kerak Crusader Castle en-route to Petra. **Overnight - Dead Sea (1) Petra (1) (B:2)**

Days 12-13 : The Rose City of Petra



Petra - Madaba - Amman. The jewel in Jordan's archaeological crown is the Rose City of Petra, here we'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'll 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, we'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, before continuing to Amman later this afternoon.

Overnight - Petra (1) Amman (1) (B:2)

Day 14 : Roman Jerash & Saracen Castle

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 then drive onward to Ajlun for a tour of the crusader era Saracen Castle, built by the armies of Salah ad din. **Overnight - Amman (B)**

Day 15 : Farewell

Today marks the end of our incredible journey through Egypt and Jordan. A transfer will be

provided to take you to airport to meet your onward flight.(B)

HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.

Sonesta Hotel Cairo

The Sonesta Hotel & Casino is a sophisticated and luxurious hotel offering spacious, en-suite rooms with opulent furnishings. Enjoy a cocktail at the poolside bar or indulge in a relaxing massage or Turkish steam bath at the full-service spa. With 5 restaurants located within the hotel you'll be spoilt for choice over dining options.



Movenpick Hotel, Aswan

Situated on Elephantine Island, the Movenpick is a luxurious hotel with stunning views of the Nile River. There is a range of spacious and luxurious rooms with stylish furnishings, private balconies or terraces and a great selection of amenities including WiFi, satellite TV and tea/coffee making facilities. The Movenpick offers three restaurants as well as the Lounge Bar and Panorama Bar. Guests can also make use of the outdoor swimming pool and tennis courts.



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Deluxe Nile cruise boats are elegant, luxurious boats with spacious cabins and an excellent range of facilities. You'll have the opportunity to relax as your cruise boat meanders along this famous river. Enjoy delicious dining experiences coupled with incredible views of the villages and vistas that dot the river bank.



Steigenberger Nile Palace

The Steigenberger Nile Palace is a grand hotel and stylishly furnished, with many rooms overlooking the Nile River. The hotel has a health club with massage rooms, sauna, steam room and fitness room, and a tennis court on the roof, not to mention a riverside pool. Its four restaurants offer a choice between Nubian, Lebanese, Italian, and Thai cuisine.



Sonesta St. George Hotel

An elegant and luxurious classical hotel, the Sonesta's sophistication will ensure you a comfortable stay. The hotel has a sweeping terrace with fantastic views of the Nile, a grand entrance of polished marble and handsomely appointed furnishings with exquisite detail and a beautiful health spa. All its rooms offer views of the city or the river, complemented by a wide range of restaurants and cafes. Just minutes away you will find the temples at Luxor and Karnak, home to two of ancient Egypt's most famed sanctuaries.



Movenpick Resort & Spa

The Dead Sea Movenpick is a luxurious, bungalow style resort right on the edge of the Dead Sea. The hotel spa has a range of treatments on offer, using Dead Sea minerals.



Petra Movenpick

Enviably located opposite the entrance to Petra, the Movenpick Resort perfectly combines classic Oriental flare with Middle Eastern charm. All the guest rooms are newly renovated to a high standard with colourful local fabrics and natural hues that tastefully complement the surroundings. Guests enjoy a complimentary mini-bar and Wi-Fi as well as a whole host of amenities. With no less than seven restaurants and bars - you will be hard pushed to go hungry or thirsty at this wonderful resort. The Petra Movenpick Hotel is situated opposite the visitor's entrance to Petra.



Kempinski Hotel Amman

The Kempinski is a grand, modern hotel with spacious rooms. The Kempinski Spa offers a range of relaxing treatments and there is a gym and outdoor swimming pool.



Tipping

Tipping is an essential part of the culture. For a job well done, we would suggest for your tour guide: USD\$5-6 per traveller, for each day of sightseeing.

For your driver and On The Go Representative we'd recommend USD\$2-3 per traveller for each day of service. Tipping is an entirely personal gesture and ultimately the amount is up to you.

Accommodation ratings

On our Private trips, you can often choose your style of accommodation. The price quoted on our website is reflective of the included accommodation, please see the "included" section on the first page of this document for details. Should you opt for an alternative hotel category, this will be confirmed in writing with the respective price on your invoice.

For further details about the indicative hotels, please see the "hotels" tab on our website. Here we rank hotel's in their respective country (REGIONAL CATEGORY) - but we also tell you how it ranks by Western standards (OUR CATEGORY).

STANDARD - Equates to a Western 3-star standard, always featuring en-suite rooms and usually a restaurant.

SUPERIOR - Equates to a Western 4-star standard, featuring en-suite rooms and usually a restaurant and often a swimming pool and/or a fitness centre.

DELUXE - Equates to a Western 5-star standard, usually featuring spacious, en-suite rooms, a restaurant, swimming pool and fitness centre and an array of amenities, excellent service and customer care.

LUXURY - Equates to a Western 5-star plus standard - the creme de la creme. Featuring spacious, en-suite rooms, a restaurant, swimming pool and fitness centre and an

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Egypt Country Guide

Welcome to Egypt - Arrival transfer

A complimentary airport arrival transfer is included. Upon arrival at Cairo Airport you will be met by a representative from On The Go Tours PRIOR to immigration. The prominent sign depicting our company logo easily identifies our representative who will fast track you through the immigration queue. Please have your Tour Voucher handy and make it available to our representative. Our representative will assist you with your luggage and escort you to our vehicle, where you will wave goodbye and be transferred to your hotel.

If, for any reason you have trouble locating our representative (after waiting 20 minutes in the arrival hall) or your flight to Egypt is delayed, please call or send a text message (standard text message, not Messenger or WhatsApp) to the emergency contact number as stated on your Tour Voucher.

Visas & passports

Visa requirements are subject to change and visa procurement is the responsibility of the traveller and not On The Go Tours. Please also ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months from your planned date of departure from Egypt.

After booking your holiday, please provide us with your passport details as soon as possible so that we can proceed to book all services. Please be advised visa requirements are subject to change, therefore it is essential that you check current visa requirements with the embassy before travel. For information about Egyptian visas, head to www.onthegotours.com/Egypt/Visas

Health requirements & water

You should seek medical advice for vaccinations and about medications before travelling.

Tap water is not safe to drink in Egypt, only drink bottled mineral water which is readily available from hotels, shops and restaurants.

Essential packing

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- Towel for the felucca (if applicable to your chosen tour)
- Lightweight cotton garments
- Comfortable walking shoes. Pack flip flops/thongs/jandals to wear aboard the Nile felucca or Nile Cruiser
- DEET based mosquito repellent and antihistamine cream
- Tour Voucher and a copy of your travel insurance policy, spare passport photos and a photocopy of your passport
- Universal travel adaptor
- A small daypack for your day-to-day needs
- Sunglasses, hat, sunscreen, swim costume and torch
- Sleep sheet or sleeping bag if travelling on the felucca, or if travelling onto Jordan. If travelling by felucca you can opt to only bring a sleep sheet and hire a freshly laundered winter warmth blanket for USD\$15 (total) for the 2 night stay from our felucca crew
- If doing a felucca cruise or travelling between November and March, pack warm clothes (i.e. fleece, jacket, trousers, jeans, hat and scarf) as temperatures plummet at night

It's not like home, what to expect & Ramadan

Travel to far - flung corners of the earth involves lifestyles and conditions that are sometimes very different from what you are used to back home. You must come prepared to cope with unusual situations, local inadequacies and unpredictable events as and when they occur. Foreign travel is definitely not suitable for people who expect or demand everything to go exactly as planned. With the greatest respect and in the interest of your ultimate enjoyment you must understand this. Things can and do change in foreign countries.

Please visit www.onthegotours.com/Egypt/Travel-tips-and-useful-info for what to wear,

local customs, currency, WiFi, Ramadan and other helpful information to prepare you for your holiday.

RAMADAN

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Shopping in Egypt

For those that enjoy shopping, Egypt is a virtual Aladdin's Cave. Top buys include - perfume concentrate, rugs, backgammon boards, shisha pipes, Egyptian cotton clothing and authentic papyrus. When bartering for goods, set your budget, don't be swayed and remember the caveat – 'let the buyer beware.'

In the tourism industry it's common practice for commission to be offered in exchange for recommending particular shops or suppliers. This can become an issue when clients feel obliged to purchase. We do our best to avoid this by monitoring all shopping experiences offered.

All shopping experiences on your tour have been noted in the itinerary and they have been carefully selected based upon positive feedback from On The Go travellers. You are under no obligation to partake in a listed shopping experience and you are most welcome to wait inside or outside the premises.

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at your own discretion. Please make sure that you are completely happy with your purchase. On The Go cannot be held responsible for any items that you buy if they fail to meet expectation, or any shipping arrangements. Proceed with caution.

Camera fees

At some sites there is an additional fee for use of a camera or video. Camera/video (not professional) fees range between USD \$3–30 per site. There is no fee for taking photographs at the Pyramids of Giza and Saqqara. The cost for using camera inside Valley of the Kings (though not permitted inside the tombs) is approx. USD\$20. The cost for photographing the treasures inside the Egyptian Museum is generally USD\$6.

Jordan Country Guide

Welcome to Jordan - Arrival transfer

A complimentary airport arrival transfer is included. For all clients arriving into Amman Queen Alia International airport to start their Jordan holiday (not applicable to *Highlights of Israel & Jordan* tour).

If we are not arranging your visa please proceed through immigration, baggage claim and customs. As you exit customs into the public arrivals hall, please look for our representative who will be holding an On The Go Tours logo signboard.

If we have arranged your visa for you we will meet you PRIOR to immigration and will fast track you through the process.

Our representative will introduce you to our driver, who will transfer you to your hotel. You will be given a Welcome Letter at this time which highlights the departure time for your sightseeing program tomorrow.

At the hotel reception desk, please take note of the On The Go Tours information sign on the counter which will tell you what time our Amman Representative will be in the hotel lobby to meet with you and discuss the details of your touring program, to give you our informative welcome letter and to answer any questions you may have.

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Visas & passports

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As a registered holiday operator we are able to obtain Jordan tourist visas free of charge (conditions apply). For information about visas, head to www.onthegotours.com/Jordan/Visas.

On departure (via land or sea), a 10JD departure tax of is applied to all visitors. If departing Jordan by air, the departure tax is included in the airfare.

Health requirements & water

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- Camping at Wadi Rum - All bedding (of a well-laundered standard) is provided at our Bedouin camp. It is a personal choice should you wish to bring your own sleep sheet or sleeping bag

- Pack insect repellent, torch or headlamp if staying in Wadi Rum
- If visiting in winter pack warm clothes, hat, scarf and gloves are advised and an umbrella
- In summer bring lightweight clothing, sunscreen and a hat
- Universal travel adaptor
- Tour Voucher and a copy of your travel insurance policy, spare passport photos and a photocopy of your passport
- Good walking shoes for sightseeing in Petra
- If visiting Wadi Mujib Siq trail/canyon you'll need clothing and footwear that can get wet. Ideally a t-shirt and shorts or swimmers and trainers/walking shoes that will spend most of the walk submerged
- Binoculars IMPORTANT - are considered as surveillance equipment. Should you be carrying binoculars, expect that you'll be asked to hand these over briefly at times (with your passport) by police or military for inspection. You should not be concerned by the event, as this is merely a routine inspection of the item

Petra Park services charge

The cost of the entrance ticket to Petra includes a compulsory 7JD fee to ride an Arabian horse. This Government-approved directive is in support of the local Bedouin who own the horses and also live in the surrounding town of Wadi Musa. As you have paid this obligatory charge, you are indeed entitled to ride a horse 800 metres down to the entrance gate at Petra. However, please be aware that you'll need to tip the horse handler an extra 2JD. IMPORTANT- On The Go Tours only recommends that you do so if you are an experienced rider. The decision to ride a horse is a personal one.

Shopping in Jordan

Jordan offers a range of quality souvenirs. Look out for high-quality artefacts including rugs, pottery, paintings, jewellery, embroidery and woven items produced by local Jordanian women under the auspices of the Noor-Al Hussein Foundation and the Queen Alia Fund. Dead Sea products of all guises, olive oil and soaps, sweetmeats and olive wood are also uniquely Jordanian souvenirs.

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