EGYPT JORDAN & ISRAEL TOUR



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Egypt, Jordan & Israel Guided Tours with Flights Duration: 26 days Departs: 2023 & 2024 Stay: 19 nights hotels, 4 nights Nile cruise, 1 night desert camp Travel style: Escorted tour with flights from Australia Booking code: EGIJ26M

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26 Days Egypt, Jordan & Israel Escorted Tour

About the holiday

Explore the incredible treasures of Egypt, Jordan and Israel with expert guides to help you discover more about the history and culture.

Experience the bustling bazaars of Cairo and astounding Great Pyramids and Sphinx. Take in the ancient wonders along the Nile as you cruise the river on a 5-star ship. Visit iconic sights like Valley of the Kings and set sail on a traditional felucca.

Fly from Cairo to Amman, where the highlights continue in Jordan. Here you'll take a 4x4 desert safari, sleep in a tented camp in Wadi Rum, explore the famous city of Petra and float in the Dead Sea.

There's more to discover when you touch down in Israel's modern metropolis of Tel Aviv. Step back in time at the Roman, Byzantine and Crusader ruins at ancient Caesarea and enjoy the pristine Sea of Galilee. Stop at the popular baptismal site of Yardenit and take a walking tour of Jerusalem's astonishing walled Old City.

This escorted tour combination is carefully designed to include sightseeing of all the must-see attractions, but still allow for time to explore at your leisure on this wonderful adventure!

Why you'll love this trip...

The Egypt & Jordan tour is a small group of up to 12 people with 5-star hotels Experience the cultural wonders of Israel & enjoy an extended stay in Jerusalem Flights from Australia are included with this escorted tour combination!

Travel dates

2023 & 2024 - January to November, see our website for departure dates

Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price will vary depending on your travel date. Please contact us for current details.

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Escorted tour package includes:

International flights

- Return economy airfares to Cairo and from Tel Aviv
- One-way economy flight from Cairo to Amman
- One-way economy flight from Amman to Tel Aviv
- All airfares include airline taxes & fuel surcharges

Accommodation

- 19 nights 3- to 5-star hotels in twin rooms with private en-suite facilities
- 1 night desert camp in Jordan
- 4 nights 5-star Nile River cruise ship, with sundeck, swimming pool & bar
- Hotel stays with taxes, fees, service charges & porterage

Meals - 23 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 17 dinners

Transport

- Modern air-conditioned coach or minibus
- One-way domestic flights Cairo to Luxor & Aswan to Cairo
- Any public transport used as part of the tour (excludes free days)

Sightseeing

- Entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Egyptologist travel director in Egypt
- Services of your English-speaking tour leaders throughout, who will be on hand with advice and tips to ensure that you get the most from your trip

Package excludes:

Meals, sightseeing & entrance fees not specified in the inclusions or itinerary Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry, WiFi etc.

Gratuities for guides, representatives & drivers

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

Subject to confirmation by hotels, tour company & local operators. Conditions apply.

Highlights & Special Features:

- In Egypt visit the Pyramids, Luxor Temple, Valley of the Kings, Abu Simbel & more
- Jordan's ancient city of Petra, jeep safari at Wadi Rum & bathe in the Dead Sea
- Travel from Cairo to Amman with the flight between Egypt & Jordan included
- Tour the astounding Roman, Byzantine and Crusader ruins at ancient Caesarea
- Visit the Church of the Annunciation and Mary's Well in sacred Nazareth
- In Tiberias, enjoy the pristine Sea of Galilee, the largest freshwater lake in Israel
- At the Jordan River stop at the popular baptismal site of Yardenit
- Discover Jerusalem's astonishing walled Old City

Itinerary:

DAY 1 Fly to Egypt Depart Australia and embark on your unforgettable journey.

DAY 2 Arrive in Cairo

Our fascinating journey into the depths of Egyptian culture and history begins at the vibrant capital, Cairo. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel by a representative at the airport. In the afternoon, join the welcome meeting at the hotel lobby with your fellow travellers and Tour Director. Savour the exotic and delicious Egyptian cuisine tonight on the optional group dinner.

DAY 3 Cairo

Prepare your lenses for an exceptional moment of cultural discovery, it's time to soak in the glorious Pyramids and the Sphinx at the Giza plateau. Take a mental picture to engrave this unique sight in your memory and continue your adventure through the heart of Cairo frequenting all the hot-spots of cultural, historical, architectural and aesthetic importance. Following our comprehensive discovery, you can enjoy personal time to relax or continue your in-depth journey at your own pace.

DAY 4 Cairo, Luxor (by flight), Nile Cruise

Following a hefty breakfast, transfer to the airport for a seamless journey to Luxor, where you will start your discovery of marvellous monuments of various civilizations of the Nile. Walk the remnants of much-fabled ancient Thebes through the Avenue of the Sphinx and visit Temple of Amun nearby Luxor. Embark your 5-star Nile Cruise - with premium facilities including an outdoor pool on-board - and continue your discovery at the remarkable Luxor Museum.

Here you can find an astonishing display of artefacts and items from various era, including pieces from Tutankhamun's famed tomb. Your comfortable room aboard awaits you tonight as we dock at Luxor, where you may enjoy a sound & light show at Karnak Temple.

Optional Experiences: Sound & Light Show

DAY 5 Nile Cruise

Rising up to the breeze of the Nile, you will have the chance to float over Luxor valley in a hot air balloon today (optional extra). Discover the stunning Valley of the Kings and savour the extravagant efforts to honour pharaohs of Egypt in eternity. Enjoy a locally prepared meal by our crew on board. Diving deep into ancient history, uncover the remnants of eras that have shaped the fertile banks of the Nile as we visit the Luxor Temple, Temple of Queen Hatshepsut and the Colossi of Memnon. Board your premium cruise to sail towards charming Edfu. Optional Experiences: Hot-air Balloon Ride

DAY 6 Nile Cruise

Start the day by discovering the treasures of ancient Edfu. Sail upstream to where time almost hasn't moved for a thousand years, Kom-Ombo. Experience the traditional architecture and way of living as you stroll the charming village with your Travel Director. We will sample local delicacies over a traditional dinner on board our cruise.

DAY 7 Nile Cruise

Sailing to Aswan in deluxe style, it is time to experience the unique traditional feluccas that were used for transport on the Nile for centuries. Changing to our charming felucca in Aswan, we set sail toward the impressive Kitchener islands to visit the lifeful Botanical Gardens, mighty Aswan Dam and the splendid monuments scattered around. Sampling sights as the Temple of Isis - the divine mother of the pharaohs, the semi-carved Unfinished Obelisk and Philae Temple, we dock ashore for an authentic evening. Watch the sun set behind the shimmering reflections of feluccas on the Nile. Join the optional Sound and Light Show at the stunning Philae Temple. Prepare for a unique dining experience served by the locals, accompanied by live music.

Optional Experiences: Traditional Nubian Village Visit, Philae Temple Sound And Light Performance

DAY 8 Nile Cruise, Abu Simbel (by flight), Aswan, Cairo (by flight) Explore the marvellous Abu Simbel on a fantastic excursion. Referred to as a mustsee for all history and archaeology enthusiasts, discover the two massive temples carved into the bedrock in impressive detail to honour the rule of Pharaoh Ramesses II. Transfer to the airport and fly off to Cairo in comfort, leaving you time to rest following your astounding cultural adventure.

DAY 9 Cairo

After a relaxing rest, we continue our in-depth discovery into vibrant Cairo and its countless treasures - allowing plenty of time for you to savour your adventure at ease. Stroll the city with our expert local guide on the second leg of our sightseeing tour. Visit the immense collection of ancient artefacts at the Egyptian Museum, Citadel of Saladin, Mosque of Mohammed Ali, Hanging Church, and the buzzing famous bazaar of Khan el-Khalili. Late in the afternoon, you may discover the city on your own terms to have a final visit to your preferred sights and cement your favourite moments. Your seat for dinner is reserved at your hotel in the evening.

DAY 10 Cairo, Amman (By Flight)

After breakfast, transfer to Amman Airport for your flight to Jordan. Prepare to witness the stunning cultural and natural wonders of Jordan on a premium adventure. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel by a representative at the airport. In the afternoon, join the welcome meeting at the hotel lobby with your fellow travellers and Tour Director. Greet the exotic and diverse Jordanian cuisine tonight on a group dinner, make sure to leave room for amazing desserts of the Middle-East.

DAY 11 Amman City Tour

Start your cultural adventure on a guided tour with our local experts to uncover the highlights of the white stone city, Amman. Visit impressive sights including the Citadel, Roman Amphitheatre, Archaeological and Folklore Museums. Feel the beating heart of Jordan around the vibrant city on your personal leisure time in the afternoon. You can continue to discover on your own terms or rest up after dinner at your hotel, an epic adventure awaits.

DAY 12 Amman, Jerash, Ajloun, Dead Sea

Following a filling breakfast, drive northbound to visit the impressive Ajloun Castle and the marvellous ancient ruins of Jerash. An important site frequently settled in and abandoned due to natural disasters and battles throughout various eras, the still standing Greco-Roman ruins of the Bronze Age treat all history and archaeology enthusiasts. An exclusive experience awaits next in our adventure, the Dead Sea. Enjoy your personal leisure time after we check into our hotel in time for dinner.

DAY 13 Dead Sea, Madaba, Mt. Nebo, Shobak, Petra

Situated hundreds of metres below sea level, the incredibly salty waters allow a unique floating experience, with absolutely zero effort. Bathe yourself in the regenerating mud of the Dead Sea to cleanse, and soak in the warming sun. Our cultural discovery brings us to Mount Nebo, where Moses was believed to see the promised land, as well as his final resting place. Explore the city of mosaics, Madaba and the Greek Orthodox Church displaying astounding mosaics of Byzantine era, travel through fruit trees towards the impressive Shobak Castle, a 12th century haven for crusaders.

We stay overnight in Petra. One of the Seven Wonders of the World, the enchanting Petra flowers in the midst of Wadi Rum desert with stunning grace and serenity ornamented by unique nature.

DAY 14 Petra

The ultimate travel attraction in the Middle-East, your local expert will guide you through the gorgeous Rose City whilst providing valuable insights. With only a small portion of the city excavated, Petra spans over an enormous area presenting countless marvels, including the famed Treasury. The unique rose-coloured geology in our background, discover the Pharaoh's Castle, the Triumphal Arch and the Amphitheatre. You will have plenty of time to discover Petra on your own pace, even with so much to see and epic viewpoints to hike up to. In the afternoon, enjoy your personal leisure time and try to catch the best shot of the Rose City painted in crimson by the setting sun. Enjoy your dinner at the hotel and a comfortable night's stay after a full day of intense discovery.

DAY 15 Petra, Wadi Rum

Prepare to travel to the alien landscape of Wadi Rum preserving a prime beauty of nature in its vastness decorated by immense boulders. Adventure through the breath-taking desert on a jeep safari and embrace the lifestyle as you greet the nomads hosting our stay at a permanent luxury camp. Brace for a locally prepared feast, warm around the campfire sharing stories with fellows and bonding with the desert culture.

DAY 16 Wadi Rum, Amman

Get a full taste of the magical Wadi Rum this morning. Shape your adventure to your will over a half day at the desert. In the afternoon, we depart for the capital, where you can revisit your favourite sights. Enjoy a local meal at your hotel while commemorating your favourite moments from an incredible adventure.

DAY 17 Free day Amman

Today is a free day to explore Amman. Amman, the capital of Jordan, is a modern city with numerous ancient ruins. Atop Jabal al-Qala'a hill, the historic Citadel includes the pillars of the Roman Temple of Hercules and the 8th-century Umayyad Palace complex, known for its grand dome. Built into a different downtown hillside, the Roman Theatre is a 6,000-capacity, 2nd-century stone amphitheatre offering occasional events.

DAY 18 Amman Departure to Israel

Our unforgettable journey into the mystical lands of Jordan ends after breakfast. Bid farewell to your newfound friends and exchange numbers before checking-out of the hotel (at 11:00). Complementary airport transfers are available all day!

DAY 18 Arrive in Tel Aviv

Arrive in Tel Aviv; make your way to the hotel in this vibrant city, known as Israel's "playground on the sea." Balance of the day is at leisure to rest, relax and acclimate to your new time zone. Your tour will begin with an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager at approximately 7 PM. We recommend that you select flights which arrive no later than 5 PM

Overnight: Tel Aviv

DAY 19 City Tour of Tel Aviv

Start with a visit to Jaffa (Joppa), the ancient port city linked with biblical stories of Solomon, Jonah and St. Peter. Tour the ancient ruins and walk to the beautifully reconstructed Artists' Quarter. From atop the hill, stop to admire breathtaking panoramic views of the Mediterranean coast and Tel Aviv. Continue to trendy Neve Tzedek (Tel Aviv's "Soho"), the first neighbourhood constructed outside of Jaffa and to HaTachana, a renovated Ottoman train station converted to a vibrant entertainment complex. Balance of the day is at leisure, or join the optional Panoramic Night Tour of Tel Aviv. Get acquainted with this vibrant and cosmopolitan city on this panoramic tour that begins on bustling Ibn Gvirol Street and travels to Yitzhak Rabin Square with its memorial to the late Israeli Prime Minister. Continue past the Mann Auditorium and Habima, Israel's national theatre to treelined Rothschild Avenue known for its distinctive Bauhaus architecture dating back to the 1930s. Conclude the tour with dinner at a popular Tel Aviv restaurant Optional: Panoramic Night Tour of Tel Aviv with Dinner **Overnight: Tel Aviv** Meals: Breakfast

DAY 20 Caesarea, Nazareth, Northern Israel

Begin the day with a drive north along the crystal-blue waters of the Mediterranean coast to ancient Caesarea; see the astounding Roman, Byzantine and Crusader ruins and the 2000-year-old theatre. At the Visitor's Centre, view the informative multi-media presentation before departing for Nazareth. Drive through the rolling Galilean hills to the sacred town where, according to tradition, Jesus spent his childhood and youth; visit the Church of the Annunciation. Continue to your hotel for dinner Overnight: Galilee Region Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 21 Day in the Galilee Region

On your day at leisure in the Galilee Region, mix the serene quiet of the pristine Sea of Galilee, the largest freshwater lake in Israel, with nature, history, and religion. Don't miss the *optional* full day tour to Upper Galilee & Golan Heights with lunch to understand more about the area. Afterward, return to the hotel for dinner Optional: Full Day Upper Galilee & Golan Heights with lunch Overnight: Galilee Region Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 22 Yardenit, Beit She'an, Jerusalem

Depart from your hotel in the Galilee Region and stop for a tour of a local diamond factory and showroom. After travel to the Jordan River, considered one of the world's most sacred rivers. Visit the popular baptismal site of Yardenit. Head south to reach the impressive archaeological site of Beit She'an, an ancient city dating back to King Saul; see the remains of an ancient Roman city and the ongoing excavations. Before getting to Jerusalem, a stop just outside the city provides a scenic panoramic view. Continue to the hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight Overnight: Jerusalem Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 23 Day in Jerusalem

Begin your walking tour of Jerusalem* at the walled Old City with its four distinct sections; the Christian, Jewish, Muslim and Armenian Quarters. Follow the steps along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, one of the holiest sites in the Christian world. Pass through the narrow alleys and souks to visit the Western Wall; continue to Mt. Zion; see the Room of the Last Supper and the traditional Tomb of King David. The remainder of the day is on your own. Stroll through the lanes of the Old City, visit the exotic bazaars or, participate in

the *optional* afternoon Jerusalem Old City tour that begins at the Zion Gate. Visit the Cardo, a colonnaded Roman shopping street during the Byzantine period, the Jewish Quarter's four Sephardic Synagogues and the Burnt House, set ablaze by the Romans. Then, on to the Davidson Centre in the archaeological Park with its exhibits and presentations. Tonight's very special *optional* evening includes dinner at a restaurant, attendance at the spectacular Sound & Light Show

*Due to local events, holidays and site openings, the order of sightseeing may be changed.

Optional: Half Day Jerusalem with Burnt House (PM)

Optional: Illuminated Jerusalem, Dinner and Sound & Light Show (PM)

Overnight: Jerusalem

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 24 Day in Jerusalem

Visit the New City on the *optional* Jerusalem New City tour. Drive via the Supreme Court building and the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, to the Israel Museum. Here, view the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed and the miniature model of Jerusalem during Second Temple period. Then, on to Yad Vashem, Memorial to the Holocaust, on the Mount of Remembrance. The *optional* afternoon tour to Bethlehem includes a visit to the Church of the Nativity, commemorating the birthplace of Christ. A stop for local olive wood handicrafts is included Optional: Half Day Jerusalem New City (AM) Optional: Half Day Bethlehem (PM) Overnight: Jerusalem Meals: Breakfast

DAY 25 Day in Jerusalem

A full day to discover this fascinating city on your own. In Jerusalem, one of the oldest and holiest cities in the world, there are endless opportunities to explore. A walk through the city's colourful neighbourhoods reveals a diverse blend of traditional and modern cultures. Or, join the fascinating *optional* full day tour to Masada and the Dead Sea that begins with a drive along the shores of the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth, to Masada. Ascend by cable car to the top of these heroic heights; listen to the brave tale of the Zealots who chose to perish rather than live under Roman rule. Visit the archaeological sites including the remains of Herod's Palace, a synagogue, bath houses, dwellings, and workshops. After a visit to the Museum of Masada at the base, drive to the Dead Sea for a swim in the salty and buoyant waters before returning to Jerusalem. Dinner is at a local restaurant Optional: Full Day Masada & Dead Sea Overnight: Jerusalem Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 26 Depart Israel, Fly to Australia Check out of the hotel after breakfast and make your way to the airport for your departure flight. The journey home and memories begin! Meals: Breakfast

Please note: The day-by-day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road conditions, river water levels, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.

Why this tour

If you are looking for adventure, ancient sites, history and local culture, this is the tour for you. You'll experience the jewels in the crowns of Egypt, Jordan and Israel, as well as ample time to relax in this magnificent part of the world. These tours are best suited to travellers over 35 years.

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