



If you're looking for history, culture and an experience like no other, then touch-down in Cairo to explore the Pyramids, the Sphinx, and other remarkable century-old wonders of the world. Or maybe you can start further south in the historic temples of Luxor and Abu Simbel, visit the Valley of the Kings and Aswan.

Egyptian culture dates back thousands of years to the ancient Pharaohs and has been influenced by numerous invaders throughout history. Without a doubt, this colonialist footprint has blended with the country's rich tradition to define Egyptian culture as we know it today.

So join us on our adventure tour to Egypt to see breathtaking temples, fascinating mummies and stunning artwork. Ancient Egypt is truly a cradle of civilization.

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ITINERARY

Day 1: 18 OCT, 2022 - Departure from the USA on your overnight flight to Egypt

Day 2: 19 OCT, 2022 - Welcome to Cairo! Upon arrival, proceed through customs and collect your luggage. A Jet Vacations professional guide will personally greet you. Departure by deluxe coach before drop off at the hotel—Check-in at the hotel and rest of the day at leisure. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner with the other group members. Overnight in Cairo. (D)

Day 3: 20 OCT, 2022 - Full Day tour of Aswan. Breakfast. Check out. Transfer to Cairo Airport for flight to Aswan. AM Flight Cairo / Aswan. Arrive at Aswan Airport, where your local guide will meet you. Visit the High Dam Egypt's contemporary example of building on a monumental scale contains 18 times the amount of material used in the Great Pyramid of Cheops. The controversial Sadd al-Ali, the High Dam, is 3600 meters across and 111 meters high at its highest point. The water contained by the dam has backed up nearly 500 Km, taking it well into Sudan and creating Lake Nasser, the world's largest artificial lake. Then proceed to visit Philae Temple on the Island of Agilika. The romantic and majestic aura surrounding the temple complex of Isis on the island of Philae has been luring pilgrims for thousands of years. During the 19th century, the ruins were one of Egypt's most legendary tourist attractions; even when it seemed that they were destined to be lost forever beneath the rising water of the Nile, travelers still came. Transfer to your hotel in Aswan. Evening free at leisure and dinner at the hotel. Overnight at your hotel in Aswan (B, D)

Day 4: 21 OCT, 2022 – Free day in Aswan and Nile Cruise - Optional tour of Abu Simbel (lunch on your own). Today, enjoy a free day exploring Aswan. Then transfer to your cruise ship for lunch on board. You also can join an optional excursion to Abu Simbel. Depart on your flight to Abu Simbel. Visit millennia-old monuments with a visit to Abu Simbel! After your flight, travel to the temples of Ramses II and his favorite wife, Nefertari. New Kingdom rulers extended Egypt's borders to the Fourth Cataract. In a gesture of piety and self-aggrandizement, Ramses II ordered two sun temples carved from the limestone mountains at Abu Simbel dating between 1290-1124 BC. Here, on the face of the cliffs, stonemasons hewed giant figures of the king that radiated power, dominated the landscape, and with their ceaseless stares subjugated all who dared to enter Egypt. In modern times, the two temples of Abu Simbel were threatened by the waters that would rise with the completion of the High Dam. The temples were cut into blocks, raised piece by piece, then reassembled in their new position. At the Great Temple of Ra-Harakhte, the four famous colossal statues of Ramses II sit majestically over 20 meters high, staring out across the desert. Through the entrance to the Temple is an impressive hypostyle hall, flanked with statues of Ramses II which leads to the vestibule and finally to the innermost Sacred Sanctuary. The Temple of Hathor, dedicated to the cow-headed goddess of love and built in honor of Ramses' favorite wife, Queen Nefertari, is fronted by six massive standing statues, each 10 meters high. Fly back to Aswan and transfer to Embark Movenpick Royal Lotus Nile Cruise. Evening free at leisure. Dinner and overnight onboard your cruise ship. (B, L, D)

Day 5: October 22nd, 2022 - Full Day tour of Kom Ombo – Edfu. Buffet breakfast on board. Sailing to Kom Ombo. Visit the Temple shared by two gods, Sobel & Haeroris, in Kom Ombo, standing on a promontory at a bend in the Nile, where in ancient times sacred crocodiles basked in the sun on the river bank. Although substantially ruined by the changing ties of the river and by later builders who used many of its stones for new buildings, Kom Ombo is nevertheless a stunning site. Sail to Edfu. Lunch and dinner on board. Sail to Luxor via Esna. Overnight onboard cruise. (B,L,D)

Day 6: October 23rd, 2022 - Full Day tour of Luxor. Buffet breakfast on board. Visit Horus Temple in Edfu, the largest and most completely preserved Pharaonic, albeit Greek-built, Temple in Egypt, the extraordinary Temple of Horus. Construction of this huge complex began under Ptolmey III Euergetes I in 237 BC and was completed nearly 200 years later during the reign of Ptolmey XIII in the 1st century B.C. Dedicated to Horus, the falcon-headed son of Osiris, who avenged his father's murder by slaying his uncle Seth, the Temple was built on the site where, according to legend, the two gods met in deadly combat. Lunch on board. Visit the East Bank, including Luxor Temple, built over several centuries by Amenhopis III, Tutankhamun, Ramses II, and Alexander the Great. The Temple is an elegant piece of architecture preceded by an avenue of sphinxes, containing the impressive sculpture of Ramses II, the Great Court of Ramses II, the colonnade, and the court of Amenhopis III, the hypostyle hall, and the Temple of Amun. & Karnak Temples in the New Kingdom, Amun-Ra was worshipped as the most important state god, and the immense wealth of Thebes was spent embellishing and building temples in his honor. Dinner on board. Overnight onboard cruise. (B,L,D)

Day 7: October 24th,2022 - Full Day tour of Valley of the Kings & Queens. Buffet breakfast on board. Disembarkation. Visit the West Bank, including "Valley of the Kings: the famous Valley of the Kings, where 62 Pharaohs are entombed Gorgeously adorned with gold and jewels and surrounded with treasures and replicas of all they would need in the afterlife, the pharaohs were buried in rock-cut tombs. Frustrated by the pillage of earlier more visible tombs, they cut their tombs deep into the sandstone, away from the public view, and separated from their mortuary temples. Valley of the Queens: The Valley of the Queens where royal wives and royal princes are buried. There are at least 75 tombs in Biban al-Harim, the Valley of the Queens. Temple of Queen Hatchepsut: rising out of the desert plain, in a series of terraces, the Mortuary Temple of Queen Hatshepsut merges with the sheer limestone cliffs of the eastern face of the Theban Mountain as if the nature herself had built this extraordinary monument. Transfer to Sonesta St. George hotel. Check-in. Evening free at leisure. Overnight in Luxor. (B)

Day 8: October 25th, 2022 - Tour the Cairo National Museum and Khan El-Khalili bazaar. Breakfast. Check out. Transfer to Luxor Airport for a flight to Cairo. AM flight Luxor / Cairo. Arrive at Cairo Airport and start your tour by visiting the Egyptian Museum. Although located in the heart of Cairo, it has a pleasing atmosphere of the ancient time of the Pharaohs. There is a beautiful contrast between the well-trimmed garden and the facade of the museum & Khan El-Khalili Bazaars. It is considered the most famous and oldest Bazaar in Cairo. Built in 1382 by Sultan Barquq's Master Garkas El Khalili, it became known as the Turkish Bazaar during the Ottoman period. Khan El Khalili extends in part over the site of the now-vanished Fatimid Palaces, which covered an area of 400,000 sq. m. and used to house 12,000 domestics. Transfer to Cairo Marriott. Check-in. Dinner on your own and overnight in Cairo (B)

Day 9: October 26th, 2022 - Full-Day Tour of the Pyramids and Giza. After breakfast, meet your Egyptologist guide at the hotel and set off for your guided tour of the Pyramids & the Sphinx on the Giza Plateau. The ancient Greeks considered the great Pyramid to be one of the Seven Wonders of the World. As you stand beside these incredible Egyptian monuments, you will marvel at the size of the Giza pyramids and the magnitude that went into their construction. View the inscrutable Sphinx with the body of a lion and the face of a man—lunch at a local restaurant. Tonight, enjoy a group Farewell Dinner. Overnight in Cairo (B, L, D)

Day 10: October 27th, 2022 - Departure day. Breakfast at the hotel and coach departure to the Cairo airport from the hotel with assistance to your flight back to the U.S. End of our services. (B)



Main program includes:

Round trip airfare from Orlando (MCO) airport. Airline taxes and fuel surcharges are included. (Valid at the present time)

- First-class hotel accommodations for 8 nights at a centrally located 4* hotel in Cairo at hotel Marriott (3 nights), Aswan Movenpick hotel (1 night); Nile Cruise on the 4* Iberotel Crown Emperor (3 nights); the Sonesta St George 4* hotel in Luxor (1 night) or similar accommodations including hotel tax and service charges.
- Services of an English-speaking tour manager throughout the program.
- Deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach transportation for all transfers, tours, and guided excursions.
- Guided tours of the Pyramids, Aswan High Dam, Philae Temple, Kom Ombo temple, Horus temple in Edfu, Luxor Amun and Karnak temples; Valleys of the Kings and Queens.
- Optional Abu Simbel temple with round trip air.
- Admission as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Daily breakfast, 1 lunch, 3 dinners, and full board on the Nile River Cruise.
- All VAT city and local Tax, baggage handling at hotels. (Based on one bag per person).

Fuel surcharges and air taxes are included and valid at the time of printing and are subject to change. Other gateways are available at an additional cost. The price does not include tips, travel insurance, airline luggage overage fees, passports fees, and items of a personal nature.



3 NIGHT – 4 DAYS POST-JORDAN EXTENSION

Day 10: October 27th, 2022 – DEPART CAIRO TO AMMAN/PETRA: After breakfast, check out from your hotel in Cairo and depart by coach to the Cairo airport from your flight to Amman, Jordan. Welcome to Jordan! Upon arrival, proceed through customs and collect your luggage. A Jet Vacations professional guide will personally greet you—departure by coach to Petra. Upon arrival, enjoy a walking tour beginning with a visit of the Siq to the Treasury. Continue through the main street gazing at the magnificent structures on each side, carved into the mountains, to the colonnaded street, ending at the Petra Museum. Lose yourself to the history of the Nabateans, who meticulously carved these massive structures out of the rose-colored sandstone. Learn about the influence of the people that followed, including the architecture of the mighty Romans and a beautiful Byzantine chapel decorated with ancient, stunning mosaics that have been carefully preserved. Enjoy some free time. Tonight, enjoy a group dinner at your hotel. Overnight in Petra (B, D)

Day 11: October 28th, 2022 – PETRA – MADABA – NEBO – AMMAN OVERNIGHT: After breakfast, check out from your hotel and make your way towards Madaba, "The City of Mosaics," to see St. George Church featuring a very clear map of the Holy Land. Then visit Mt. Nebo, where Moses was laid to rest, and visited by St. Pope John Paul II on his first pilgrimage of the millennium. Mount Nebo is one of Jordan's most revered holy sites. You will get to visit the Sanctuary: the memorial of Moses, the presumed site of his death and burial place, and a center for pilgrimages since early Christian times. Continue your drive to Amman and check in to your hotel for dinner & overnight at your hotel in Amman. (B, D)

Day 12: October 29th, 2022 – AMMAN: After breakfast, check out from the hotel and set out for a city tour of Amman. In Amman's old quarter, the Raghadan Palace was the first of many Crown properties to be built in the Royal Hashemite Court compound. Built as the residence for King Abdullah I and his family, the ornate palace is designed in traditional Islamic architecture style, with stained glass windows inspired by Jerusalem's iconic al-Aqsa Mosque. The palace is famous for its ornate woodwork and Throne Room ceiling fresco. Enjoy a farewell lunch in a local restaurant and a visit to the local market on your own. The evening is free. Overnight at your hotel in Amman (B, L)

Day 13: October 30th, 2022 - DEPARTURE. After breakfast, transfer to QUEEN ALIA AIRPORT in Amman for your return flight. (B)

Jordan Extension program includes:

One Way airfare from Cairo (CAI) airport to Amman (AMN). Airline taxes and fuel surcharges are included. (Valid at the present time)

- First-class hotel accommodations for 3 nights in Petra (1 night) and Amman (2 nights), or similar accommodations including hotel tax and service charges.
- Services of an English-speaking tour host throughout the program.
- Deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach transportation for all transfers, tours, and guided excursions.
- Full day Amman and visit and entrance to Petra.
- Admission as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Daily breakfast, 1 lunch, and 2 dinners.
- All VAT city and local Tax, baggage handling at hotels. (Based on one bag per person).

These tours include moderate physical activity. The itineraries blend some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours and walking longer distances, upstairs or on uneven walking surfaces, should be expected.

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