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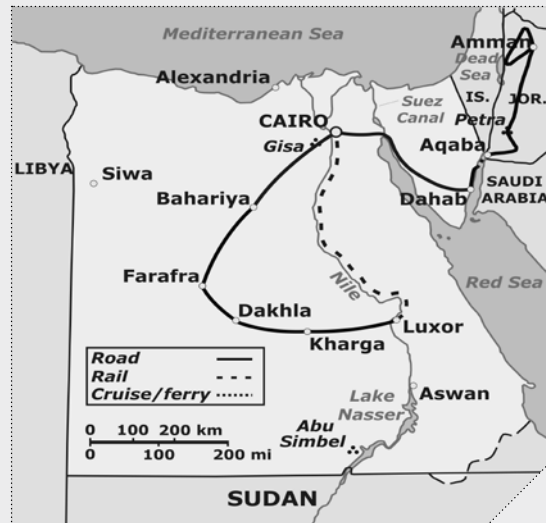
Throughout history Egypt's vast array of breathtaking monuments has proved an irresistible draw to travellers from all over the world. Jordan's treasures are different, and newer to the world's tourists, but equally impressive and interesting in their own right. Combining these with the Red Sea and a safari through the Egyptian Western desert and its varied Oases, this tour takes gives you a taste of everything these ancient countries have to offer.

FLIGHT BOOKINGS AVAILABLE

See page 7 for details

Regular small-group departures run all year round. Call or check the website for dates and prices. Private and tailor-made options are also available on request.

Please refer to page 5 or website for details.



FLIGHTS INCLUDED:*	LOCAL PAYMENT:	ENTRANCE FEES:	AIRPORT TRANSFERS:
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TOUR FACTS

Tour Code & Class:	MAEGDJ / Standard
Group Size & Age:	Min. - 3 Max. - 18 / Min. age - 12
Activity - Multi:	Sightseeing, desert, desert jeep safari, snorkelling, camel ride (optional)
Activity Level:	Low
Accommodation:	10 nights in hotels (approx. 3-star), 3 nights in 1-2-star hotels, 1 night desert camp, 1 overnight train
Transport:	1st class train, A/C bus/minibus, 4x4 jeep, ferry
Meals:	12 Breakfasts (B), 5 Lunches (L) and 4 Dinners (D)

YOUR 16 DAY TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1:	Arrive in Cairo. Transfer from airport to hotel.
Day 2:	Cairo - Pyramids, Sphinx & Saqqara tour.
Day 3:	Cairo - Drive to Bahariya oasis, free time.
Day 4:	Bahariya oasis tour. White desert jeep safari. Bedouin camp.
Day 5:	Finish desert safari in Farafra oasis. Drive to Dakhla oasis.
Day 6:	Drive to Kharga oasis & tour.
Day 7-8:	Luxor - East & West bank tours. Overnight train to Cairo.
Day 9:	Cairo - Free day (optional Alexandria day trip).
Day 10:	Drive to Dahab (optional climb Mt. Sinai & St Catherines).
Day 11:	Dahab - Free Day (Optional Snorkelling at the Blue Hole)
Day 12:	Drive to Aqaba. Wadi Rum jeep safari. Short drive to Petra.
Day 13:	Petra - Full day tour.
Day 14:	Petra. Kings Highway to Amman, Kerak, Madaba, Amman.
Day 15:	Amman, Dead Sea, Jerash.
Day 16:	Amman - Free time. Transfer to airport for flight.

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DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY 1 / ARRIVE IN CAIRO

You arrive at Cairo airport where we greet and transfer you to your 3-star hotel. Our Egypt Uncovered rep. welcomes you, helps you settle into the hotel, and outlines the plan for the next few days.

Overnight at hotel in Cairo.

DAY 2 / CAIRO. PYRAMIDS & SPHINX TOUR

After breakfast we have a short pre-tour briefing before we take you on a tour of Giza and Saqqara. Giza was built around 4600 years ago as a necropolis (cemetery) for the pharaoh Khufu (Cheops). The successor of Sneferu, Khufu was known as a tyrant and in his arrogance decided to have built a tomb that was bigger and better than all others. Standing 500 feet high and 750 feet at its base the Pyramid of Khufu is an awesome man-made structure constructed of giant blocks of stone covered in a hard limestone casing. The casing has, over the years, been stripped away to leave exposed the inner block structure. Together with the smaller pyramids of Khafre (Chephren) and Menkaure (Mycerinus), the majestic sight of these enormous structures rising out of the desert is a breathtaking spectacle. Here you have the chance to climb inside one of the pyramids (there are a limited number of tickets available, so we cannot guarantee this), and also to take a camel ride (approx. £2-5 p/p for around 30mins). Close by, the mysterious Sphinx stands guard, as it has done so for thousands of years. You have another guided tour around the sphinx and some free time to walk around and take photos.

From here we take you to Saqqara, which lies 25km to the south of Cairo. Djoser's (Zoser's) Step Pyramid (built 4700 years ago) dominates the skyline and is believed to have been the ancient Egyptians' first attempt at Pyramid building. The entire 7km stretch of desert at Saqqara is a treasure trove of pyramids, temples and tombs, which we will have plenty of time to explore, while we learn

about the history of pyramid building in Egypt.

For this, and all of your sightseeing tours, a local English-speaking Egyptologist guide will accompany you.

From here we head back to the hotel where you will have a free evening and a chance to try one of the city's many excellent restaurants.

Overnight at hotel in Cairo.

DAY 3 / DRIVE TO BAHARYA OASIS

After breakfast, we checkout of our hotel and then drive to the Baharya Oasis (private AC car or minibus – approx. 4 hours).

Situated in a depression covering some 2000 sq km Baharya is divided between 4 villages, the largest of which is Bawiti. Famous for its dates, wine and hot springs it is a peaceful and picturesque setting amid the harsh, barren landscape of the desert. Here we stay in a basic but comfortable hotel. Depending on the time of arrival, we will either arrange a tour of the Oasis this afternoon, or tomorrow morning. This will include a visit to the English House, which is the ruined remains of a WW1 fort perched atop a nearby hill, some Greek & Roman tombs, a mummy museum, and The Black Mountain.

In the evening we have the chance to take a dip in one of the nearby hot springs.

Overnight at hotel in Baharya (B D).

DAY 4 / WHITE DESERT, JEEP SAFARI

After breakfast you have a little free time, or, if we didn't do the Oasis tour yesterday, we'll arrange it this morning. We then take a tour into the Black Desert using 4X4 jeeps. After lunch in a small village, we head into the White Desert. The White Desert is named after its white mica ground cover, and white rocks, shaped into curious toadstool, castles, and pillar like formations.

On the way we stop to visit huge golden sand dunes and the

Crystal Mountain, a rocky outcrop consisting of quartz crystals that lie strewn across the sand. At the foot of the hill a natural rock arch stands defying gravity. From here we head to our campsite in the White Desert and along the way collect wood for the campfire.

Our guide will prepare our meal and then you can relax, reflect on the stunning desert scenery you've seen today, and appreciate the silence and bright starry night sky that can only be found in such a vast uninhabited place.

Overnight desert camp in the White Desert (B L D).

DAY 5 / FINISH SAFARI. FARAFRA & DAKHLA OASES

We break camp this morning, and continue in the jeeps to the oasis at Farafra, where we take a short tour of the oasis and break for lunch. This is the smallest and most peaceful of the Western Desert oases, and many of the inhabitants are Bedouins who adhere to some of their ancient traditions. You'll see small mud-brick houses in the old area of town, many painted with verses of the Koran and paintings depicting their journeys to Mecca, and can stop to see the see the sand paintings, and sculptures of the world famous local artist, Badr Abd El Moghny.

From Farafra we leave the jeeps and drive on a good road to Dakhla Oasis, where we do a short tour including stops at Mut, Al Qasr, and Deir al Hagggar. before checking into our hotel.

Overnight at hotel in Dhakla (B L D).

DAY 6 / DAKHLA TO KHARGA OASIS

We leave early this morning to drive to Kharga Oasis, visiting the ruins at Qasr al Labeka en-route. We do a short tour in Kharga, which includes visiting some of the tombs in the Necropolis. We will also visit the Temple of Hibis when restoration works there are completed. Kharga is a medium sized town, rather than a small oasis village, and we have the afternoon free here to relax and explore.

Overnight at hotel in Kharga (B L D).

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DAY 7 / DRIVE TO LUXOR. EAST BANK TOUR

The drive to Luxor normally takes around 4 hours (very occasionally the military close this road, and we need to take a longer 11-12 hour drive via Assiut). There are several checkpoints en-route, and we leave the jeeps and transfer to one of our tourist minibuses around 40km before Luxor, for the last leg of the journey.

The town of Luxor is built on and around the ancient site of Thebes, and boasts the largest concentration of ancient ruins in the Nile Valley. To the West of the Nile lies the City of the Dead, with its mortuary temples and rock-hewn tombs, whilst to the east lie Karnak & Luxor temples.

This afternoon we take a tour of the East Bank, visiting the Temples of Karnak and Luxor. The great Temple of Amun at Karnak was once the religious centre of Thebes and Upper Egypt. It was linked to Luxor by an extensive avenue, lined with sphinxes, and the whole complex was in turn linked to the Nile via a canal through which moved the sacred boats of the god Amun. Entering through a smaller sphinx-lined avenue, built by Ramesses II, you come to the immense pylon entrance. Inside the huge Courtyard are three chapels dedicated to the gods Amun, Mut and Khous. The remarkable Hypostyle Hall has 134 towering columns, each carved with scenes of gods and pharaohs, and hieroglyphic inscriptions adorn the walls.

Lying 3 km to the south of Karnak in the centre of town, the Temple of Luxor was built by Amenophis III and later enlarged by Ramses II. The partially damaged statues inside all represent Ramses II, and it was he who built the colonnaded forecourt. The Colonnade and Court of Amenophis III are perhaps the most striking parts of the temple.

Overnight at hotel in Luxor (B).

DAY 8 / LUXOR, WEST BANK TOUR

After a very early breakfast, we take a tour to the West Bank of the Nile, starting with the Valley of the Kings. A hot air balloon flight is available this morning over the west bank if you wish.

In the Valley of the Kings, you will see several of the elaborately painted underground tombs in which the Pharaohs were buried. Your guide will choose the best tombs open during your visit (the main entry ticket covers 3 tombs - extra visits are also available to the tombs of Tutankhamun and Ramses V & VI). Next we take you to visit the unique three-tiered Mortuary Temple of Queen Hatchepsut. Dedicated to the God Amun this temple complex framed by towering cliffs is a wondrous sight. We then visit Medinat Habu, a temple of Ramses III, which is not on most tourist itineraries, but has some of the very deepest carved hieroglyphs, and the best preserved coloured wall paintings, really giving you an idea of how these Egyptian temples looked in their prime. Finally you will stop to see the Colossi of Memnon, two huge 50 feet high statues of King Amenhotep II, before returning to Luxor for lunch. In the evening, we transfer to the overnight train back to Cairo (approx. 21.00-06.45, reclining seats, sleeper upgrade available).

Overnight on train to Cairo (B).

DAY 8 EXTRA OPTIONS

Hot air balloon option

Sleeper train upgrade option

See pages 5-6 for details

DAY 9 / CAIRO, FREE DAY

We arrive in Cairo, and check in at our hotel (you may need to wait a short while before your rooms are available). The day is free for some extra sightseeing and shopping. Alternatively you have the option of a day trip to Alexandria or to Wadi Rayan and the Valley of the Whales.

Overnight at hotel in Cairo (B).

DAY 9 EXTRA OPTIONS

Alexandria day trip option

Al Fayoum & Valley of the Whales option

See pages 5-6 for details

DAY 10 / DRIVE TO DAHAB, FREE TIME

We leave Cairo early this morning for the drive to Dahab (approx. 7-8 hours by public tourist coach). The afternoon is free to relax by the hotel pool or to find a beach, and enjoy the unique feel of this friendly village. We spend the next 4 days here, and while some activities and excursions are included, there is plenty of free time for you to relax, try an introductory scuba-dive, or do a diving course (Dahab has some of the finest coral reefs in Egypt). The word Dahab in Arabic means gold and refers to the fine yellow sand that colours the beaches either side of the main bay. The Bedouin village of Assalah lies along the shore of Ghazala Bay and is a collection of campsites, hotels, restaurants, shops, dive-centres and bars, dotted with palm trees. It is here that you'll experience the Bohemian feel that makes Dahab so special. The evenings provide a perfect opportunity to try out some of the many wonderful restaurants and seafood.

Overnight at hotel in Dahab (B).

DAY 11 / DAHAB. FREE TIME

We have a free day today, with plenty of time for you to relax, try an introductory scuba-dive, or do a diving course (Dahab has some of the finest coral reefs in Egypt). We offer an option to travel a short way out of town, and go snorkelling at the famous Blue Hole, an 80m-deep, reef lined pool (equipment included). Here we spend time relaxing and exploring the wonders of the Red Sea. The clear blue waters are home to myriad marine life including many varieties of colourful fish and corals.

Overnight at hotel in Dahab.

Note: You may join with travellers from some of our other small-group tours for the time in Jordan. These tour itineraries are identical to this one in Jordan, though some travellers may stay in different hotels.

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DAY 12 / DRIVE TO JORDAN. WADI RUM JEEP SAFARI. BEDOUIN LUNCH

We leave Dahab early this morning and head North to Taba where we will cross overland through Eilat (Israel) into Jordan. You are accompanied throughout and this is a straightforward crossing during which your passports will not receive an Israeli stamp. Once in Aqaba, we leave the Red Sea for the spectacular desert & mountains of Wadi Rum. The desert here, with its towering rust coloured rocky 'jebels' awed TE Lawrence during his visits during the Arab Revolt of 1917-18, and was later made famous in the film Lawrence of Arabia.

After a traditional Bedouin Lunch inside Wadi Rum, we take a jeep safari this afternoon through the stunning desert scenery to see more of the sheer cliffs and bizarre rock formations

Later in the afternoon we drive out through the desert to rejoin the Desert Highway, the Jebels get smaller, and the desert more expansive. After a short time on the main road, we start to climb into the hills, and turn off towards Petra. Also made more famous by a film, this time the rather different 'Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade', Petra is, for good reason, Jordan's tourism highlight.

We will spend the next 2 nights at Petra.

Overnight Petra (B,L)

DAY 13 / PETRA

We have a whole day today to tour this fascinating city, escorted by an expert local guide (4 hour tour, then free time to explore yourselves). We start by walking through the Siq, which rises to 200m above us, and narrows to just 2m wide in places. The ancient Nabatean water channel can still be seen on one wall, as well as some remnants of the terracotta pipes that brought water into the city. All of a sudden, a now classic view appears around one corner, and one of Petra's most impressive monuments, the Khazneh (Treasury) comes into view. Our guide will explain how this, and the other buildings here, are mainly elaborate facades carved into the

rock from the top down, and also discuss the spiritual significance of the building style. From the Khazneh, the valley opens out, with tombs carved into the rock on both sides. We'll see the ruined Roman amphitheatre, and colonnaded street, and can walk up a steep and narrow winding gorge past beautifully coloured sandstone cliff walls to the huge and imposing 'Monastery'. The biggest of Petra's carved monuments at 50m high and 45m wide, this is truly spectacular, as are the distant views west across Wadi Aruba and the Jordan valley.

Another climb can take us to the High Place of Sacrifice, and Lion Fountain.

All in all, this is a full & tiring, but hugely rewarding day touring one of the world's most famous ancient sites. We spend the evening and night relaxing at our hotel.

The ancient capital of the Nabataean commercial empire until the Romans finally took over in 106AD, Petra was largely forgotten, except by the local Bedouins, until it was 'discovered' in 1812 by a young Swiss explorer, Johann Ludwig Burckhardt. This was partly due to its remoteness, and its situation on the edge of Wadi Aruba., whose canyon walls and surrounding hills make it almost impossible to approach except through a narrow, winding cleft in the rock, called the Siq. The city itself has very few free-standing buildings, as the Nabateans chose to carve their homes, buildings and tombs into the multi-coloured sandstone cliffs. Nowadays, the Jordanian government and local people are well aware of Petra's interest to tourists, and the tourism infrastructure in the adjoining village of Wadi Musa is booming, though, thankfully, once you enter through the Siq, the site is protected, and all the building feels miles away.

An option is available to return to the Siq in the evening for the Petra by Candlelight tour through the Siq to the Treasury.

Overnight at 3-star hotel in Petra (B L).

DAY 14 / PETRA, KERAK, MADABA, MT. NEBO

We have time for another visit into Petra early this morning to see

the rising sun highlight the colourful rock temples & cliffs, before we leave mid-morning and drive north to Amman up the King's Highway (a slower, but much more interesting and beautiful drive than the busy Desert Highway). Our first stop is at the old Crusader town and castle at Kerak, which lies on the ancient Egypt-Syrian caravan routes. Built in 1132AD by the Crusader King, Baldwin 1 of Jerusalem, the castle fell to Saladin in 1188AD. It is still an impressive building with commanding views over the surrounding hills & plains.

From Kerak, we head further north crossing several deep Wadis, including the majestic Wadi al-Mujib, where the road winds down, and then up the other side of this 1km deep canyon.

Arriving in Madaba, an important Christian town in Jordan, we stop to see some of its famous and priceless Byzantine era mosaics, including one of a 6th century map of Palestine in the Greek Orthodox St. George's church, which was laid out in 560AD on an area of well over 100square metres, using more than 2 million pieces.

Close to Madaba is the Mt. Nebo area, used as a memorial to Moses. There are 3 peaks, with spectacular views to the Dead Sea, and on a clear day, all the way to the church spires of Jerusalem. We finish our journey today with a short drive into Jordan's capital city, Amman.

Overnight at hotel in Amman (B).

DAY 15 / AMMAN, JERASH, DEAD SEA

We have a couple of visits today, one to the Roman ruins at Jerash, and the other the Dead Sea where we stop to enjoy a swim in this strange place, over 200m below sea level. The intense salinity, around 33%, of the waters here, caused by the intense evaporation rate, leads to a very strange swimming experience. In fact, normal swimming is not really possible, and it is easier (and more photogenic!) just to float, sitting or lying in the water. Be careful not to get any water in your eyes, as it will sting very strongly - you'll also discover various tiny cuts you never thought you had. We ensure we bathe where there are clean water springs or shower facilities so that you can wash the salty water off before it dries and starts

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Our visit to Jerash takes us to what is probably Jordan's second most visited tourist site. As with Petra, this is for good reason, as the Roman ruins here are very well preserved, and an excellent example of a Roman provincial city.

We return to Amman late in the afternoon and you have some free time to visit the bazaars, numerous gold shops, and the Roman museum in the city centre.

Overnight at hotel in Amman (B).

DAY 16 / AMMAN, TOUR ENDS

Your tour ends after breakfast and your time is free until we transfer you to the airport for your flight home. (B).

SMALL GROUP, PRIVATE AND TAILOR-MADE TOURS

SMALL GROUP DEPARTURES:

We have regular small group departures on this tour throughout the year. There is a minimum of 3 people required for the tour to run, but you can join as individuals or couples. Departure dates are given on our website, and on request.

PRIVATE DEPARTURES:

You can also choose to do the tour privately, following the itinerary above, but on any other date (min 2 people). We add a small supplement for these departures, and discounts are available for larger numbers. Please contact us first to check availability.

TAILOR-MADE TOURS:

This tour can also be used as a base for a private tailor-made itinerary, to be run on any dates. You can make adjustments as per your own requirements (for example, adding extra days, slightly shortening the tour, adding a scuba-diving course etc.).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OPTIONS:

Booking and paying for options:

Options are split into two types

A - Those that must be booked in advance (mainly accommodation based). Prices for these are set in GB Pounds and must be booked and paid for in advance of your arrival.

B - Those that may be arranged in Egypt (eg. hot air balloon flights, extra city tours, sound & light shows etc.). Prices for these are set in Egyptian Pounds, and they are paid for while you are in Egypt. This gives you more flexibility and means you won't lose out if you were to book an option in advance and then not do it.

A - ADVANCE BOOKING OPTIONS

These may be booked by selecting them on our online reservation form, and can also be added after you have made your booking, subject to availability at the time.

Single room supplement - Price: £170

If you have any single travellers in your party, then if you want to guarantee them a single room, then you can add this single supplement option to cover all the hotels used in the tour.

Triple rooms or extra beds are available for children to share their parents room if required. Please contact us if you have any questions about room allocations and prices for your family.

Extra days - Price: subject to party make-up

These are available on request in Cairo before and after the main tour. If you want to add extra days into the time in Aswan, Luxor, or Hurghada we can arrange this, but please request a tailor-made tour. The price includes a night in the 4 or 5-star hotel, breakfast, all taxes and transfers (single room supplements apply).

Sleeper train upgrade - Price: see Options sheet

If you would like to upgrade your overnight train journey from the 1st class carriage with reclining seats, to the sleeper train, we are happy to arrange this. On the sleeper train you get a private twin cabin, with seats, two fold down beds, a storage closet and sink. An airline-style dinner and breakfast are included. The sleeper train times are approx. 21.45-07.00 for Luxor-Cairo.

Book in advance. Pay in advance.

Luxor/Cairo flight option - Price: on request

The sleeper train timings fit in well with the tour, but if you do want to upgrade, this option provides an extra night in the hotel, all transfers, and an internal flight with Egypt Air instead of the train. Flights are subject to availability and prices are given on request.

Note: *the sleeper train fits extremely well into this tour, as it leaves Cairo at 8pm, and arrives in Aswan at around 8am, so you don't waste any time travelling during the day. Internal flights in Egypt can sell out well in advance, and we may only be able to secure flights with times that don't fit as well as the sleeper train.*

Flights are subject to availability and prices are given on request.

Book in advance. Pay in advance.

Al Fayoum & Valley of the Whales - Price: see Options sheet

This option leaves Cairo in the morning of Day 9, and takes a private car/minibus or 4WD jeep to the Fayoum area, about 90 minutes drive from Cairo.

After passing through some extensively irrigated farmland, we head for the Wadi Rayan Protected Area, which surrounds a fresh-water lake in the middle of the desert, which is filled by the remaining irrigation water from the Fayoum area. There are several waterfalls here, and a bird hide which gives good views of the lakes birdlife, particularly in the winter months when the lake is an important stop for

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migrating water-birds. We also visit the Springs Oasis area, a rare example of an uninhabited Saharan oasis, and host to many different plants and animals, including Dorcas Gazelle, Ruppell's Sand Fox and Fennec Fox.

After a stop for a packed lunch, we then drive into the stunning desert & mountain scenery of Wadi Hitan (Valley of the Whales). This World Heritage Site is accepted as the most significant site in the world to demonstrate the evolution of whales, and we take a 2-3km walk here to see several specimens of fossilised whales of different types sitting on the surface of the sand, as well as fossilised mangroves and the remains of crab holes. You return to Cairo this evening.

B - OPTIONS AVAILABLE IN EGYPT

You will receive more information on all the options available to you while you are in Egypt in the Welcome Pack we provide on your arrival, together with information on how and when to book and pay for them with your guide or our local reps.

Prices are set in Egyptian Pounds but payments may also be made with hard currency (GB Pounds, Euros, US Dollars) at our local exchange rate at the time, which is set monthly. Credit card payments are also accepted in Cairo for these payments (3% fee).

Hot air balloon flight - Price: see Options sheet

This runs early in the morning in Luxor, so that you catch the early morning sun while you float over the west bank of the Nile. The trip runs from between 5.00am and 10.00am (start times vary), with about 1 hour in the air. You do not miss out on any other activities.

There is a minimum number of people required for the trips to run, and they are also weather dependent. It is rare however that they are cancelled - if they are, a refund will be provided.

Note: Please remember to check that your travel insurance will cover hot air balloon flights. The balloon operators we suggest are

fully licensed and insured - you may see cheaper options advertised locally which don't have all this cover in place.

Luxor temple at night - Price: see Options sheet

This short tour of Luxor temple in the middle of the town centre, runs in the early evening when the temples are beautifully lit up.

Sound & Light shows - Price: see Options sheet

These are available at the Pyramids in Cairo, Philae Temple in Aswan, and Karnak Temple in Luxor. Prices include all transfers and your entrance ticket. Please check the start time for the English language show before booking as they can be very late.

Scuba-Diving option - Price: see Options sheet

There are a wide range of PADI diving courses for divers of all ages and levels of experience you can do during your time in Dahab. Alternatively you can just try an introductory dive or two. These can all be arranged in advance or with our representatives in Dahab. Extra days can be added into your time here if required.

Further information is available on request.

Overnight Mt Sinai Climb - Price: see Options sheet

Whilst in Dahab we offer you the opportunity to take part in an overnight climb of Mount Sinai. You will depart from your Hotel in the evening and head into central Sinai to Gebel Musa (Mt Sinai) You will climb through the Night and (hopefully) reach the summit in time to witness the amazing sun rise over the Sinai Mountains. After descending the mountain you have time to visit St Catherines Monastery - said to be the site of the Burning Bush.

Snorkelling at the Blue Hole - Price: see Options sheet

On this day trip we go snorkelling at the World Famous Blue Hole, an 80m-deep, reef-lined pool (equipment included). Here we spend

time relaxing and exploring the wonders of the Red Sea. The clear blue waters are home to a myriad of marine life including many varieties of colourful fish and corals. Lunch is available in one of the restaurants along the edge of the beach overlooking the sea.

Jeep Safari in Dahab - Price: see Options sheet

One on of your free days in Dahab, you can head into the desert for a 4X4 jeep adventure. Firstly we take you to visit the impressive Coloured Canyon where we walk for around 2-3km and admire the many coloured rocks, and worn rock formations. We then continue the bright green Ain Khudra Oasis where you can relax among the many palm and date trees, and enjoy a traditional Bedouin cooked lunch. Our next stop is the White Canyon, which also has strange rock formations but looks completely different to the coloured canyon. There is a ladder and steep path with a rope handrail at the end of the canyon so you need to be relatively fit for this trip. Finally we take you back to Dahab to relax for the evening.

Book & pay in advance OR in Dahab.

INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE TOUR:

- Accommodation
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- All transfers, including 24-hour airport transfer service
- Tours & guides as indicated on the itinerary
- All transport, including ferry crossings
- All entrance fees in Jordan

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE TOUR:

- International airfares
- Visa costs
- Jordan departure tax (JD5)
- Entrance fees in Egypt
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Drinks, snacks, tips, and other personal expenses

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- Sleeping bag (needed for the Egypt desert camp)
- Travel insurance
- Any other items not mentioned above

ACCOMMODATION:

This Economy level tour uses good quality tourist class hotels (approx. 2 to 4-star) in Cairo, Luxor and Dahab, in which all rooms have air-conditioning and en-suite bathrooms. In Cairo, subject to availability, we like to use a pyramids area hotel with a pool in the summer months, and a city centre hotel when it is cooler in the winter months.

In the hotels in Baharya, Dakhla & Kharga, we provide more basic rooms, normally en-suite but not always with air-conditioning.

Please note that for the night in the Western desert, mattresses are provided, but you will need to bring a sleeping bag with you.

Hotels used on this tour (subject to availability):

Cairo:

- 1st stay - Oasis Hotel (4-star)
- 2nd stay - Zayed Hotel (3-star)

Baharya (2-star):

- Panorama Hotel, Golden Valley Hotel.

Dakhla (2-star):

- Mobarez Hotel.

Kharga (2-star):

- Al Kharga Hotel, Hamadalla Hotel.

Luxor:

- Pyramisa Isis Luxor (5-star)

Dahab (3-star):

- Oricana Hotel, Dyama Hotel.

Petra (3-star):

- Petra Palace Hotel, Amra Palace Hotel.

Amman (3-star):

- Al Waleed Hotel.

TRANSPORT:

This tour aims at bringing you as close to the real Egypt as possible and not cocooning you from it. To this end we use public transport wherever we feel that it meets our high standards - this includes 1st class overnight trains with large reclining seats from Luxor to Cairo, and the public tourist coach between Cairo and Dahab. We also use private air-conditioned minibuses for all the sightseeing tours and transfers. All coaches and minibuses are fitted with speed limiters.

During the desert loop from Baharya to Luxor, we use comfortable AC minibuses on the main roads, and a 4x4 jeep is used for the White desert safari section where we need to go off-road.

In Jordan we use private AC minibuses, and 4x4 jeeps in Wadi Rum.

TRANSFERS:

The tour includes a 24-hour airport meet & assist service in Cairo airport, your arrival and departure airport transfers and all other transfers.

Our representative will meet you in the immigration hall of Cairo airport, before you go through passport control. He will help you obtain your visas if required, and then take you through passport control, assist with collecting your luggage, and then take you directly to your hotel.

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS:

In order to keep our tours flexible, and to make them accessible to as many people as possible, we do not include your international flights in the set tour itinerary or price.

However, we do hold an ATOL (UK flight sales license) and are happy to book your flights for you. If you let us know your ideal dates and departure airport, then we will be happy to provide you with some flight options that we can arrange for you.

A range of airlines offer 'Open-Jaw' flight options into Cairo, and out of Amman, from the UK and elsewhere.

You can then choose whether to book the flights through us, or make your own arrangements. Either way, your airport arrival & departure transfers are included.

TOUR LEADERS/GUIDES:

In order to provide the most personal service, and to make sure that you get as much out of our tours as possible, we like to keep our groups small. We therefore set the maximum number at 18 and the minimum at 2 people. You can join our group departures as an individual, couple, group of friends, or family.

For this tour we provide a fully trained, local English-speaking Egyptologist to act as your tour guide for the sightseeing tours in Cairo and Luxor. One of our reps from Cairo will accompany you throughout the desert loop, together with a Bedouin driver & assistant who have good local knowledge of the desert and oases.

In Jordan, small groups will travel with a vehicle and driver, using specialist local guides at each of the sites. Larger groups will have an escort guide and driver throughout.

Our local reps in all the towns and cities en-route are also at your service, and will be handling all the practical arrangements for the tour.

Our policy at Egypt Uncovered is to use only local guides and tour leaders wherever possible, rather than sending people out from the UK. For more details, please visit the 'Tour Type' page on our website. The guides in both Egypt and Jordan are excellent, and picked out by many of our travellers as highlights of their tour.

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ENTRANCE FEES:

The tour price does not include entrance fees to the EGYPTIAN tourist sites mentioned in the itinerary. However, entrance fees to all the sites in JORDAN are included (this includes a 1-day ticket into Petra. If you want to visit again the following morning, a supplement of around £5 can be paid locally for a 2-day ticket).

You should allow around £50 per person or £25 for minors or students with an ISIC card, to cover all of the sites we visit in Egypt. Your guide will be happy to collect payment for all the entrance fees at the start of the tour, and pay them for you as you go along if you wish.

Camera Fees are applied at some of the sites in Egypt, and these are not included in the price.

COUNTRY GUIDE:

For an in-depth overview of Egypt & Jordan, please checkout the country guide pages on our website.

DATES & PRICES:

We run regular small-group departures on this tour, normally every two weeks, throughout the year. These departure dates and prices are listed on our website and on a separate dates & prices sheet available on request. We can also run the set tour itinerary privately for you on other dates, or customise it to make a tailor-made tour to fit your personal requirements.

HEALTH:

For up to date health information & vaccination requirements for Egypt & Jordan we recommend that you contact your GP or a travel clinic (1st Contact travel clinic gives free advice tel. 0800 0393073).

General vaccination recommendations for Egypt & Jordan include Tetanus, Typhoid, Polio and Hepatitis A.

VISAS:

Many nationalities (including UK, USA, European, Australian, Canadian) can obtain their Egyptian visa on arrival in Cairo airport (cost US\$15 or equivalent). Our local representative will assist you with this process.

All African nationals will need to arrange their Egypt visa in advance.

For many nationalities (including UK, USA, European, Australian, Canadian) there is no requirement to pay for a Jordanian visa when you enter Jordan via Aqaba (as on this tour). Other nationalities may still require a visa - please contact your local consulate for details.

RESPONSIBLE TOURISM:

We take responsible travel seriously, and as well as taking this into consideration when we design our itineraries, and select the people and agents we work with, we also donate £2 for every person travelling on of our Egyptian & Jordanian tours. This is split between two projects - the Dar Al Rahman orphanage in Cairo, and a desert clean-up project in Wadi Rayan, near Al Fayoum. If you would like to visit or support either of these projects while you are in Egypt, please let your guide or our Cairo representatives know. Full details of our responsible travel policy are given on our website.

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION:

After booking, we will provide you with detailed information to help you prepare for the tour. This will include helpful advice on money, health, insurance, tipping, climate, clothing etc.

Further information is also available in the County & Travel guides on our website.

YOUR SPACE @ UNCOVER THE WORLD:

We have launched a community space for use by past, present and future travellers with us. Here you can make contact with fellow travellers in your group before you travel, or share photos and stay in contact with them after you return home. You can also ask questions of our staff and read updates on itineraries and destination news etc. For further details, please check...

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