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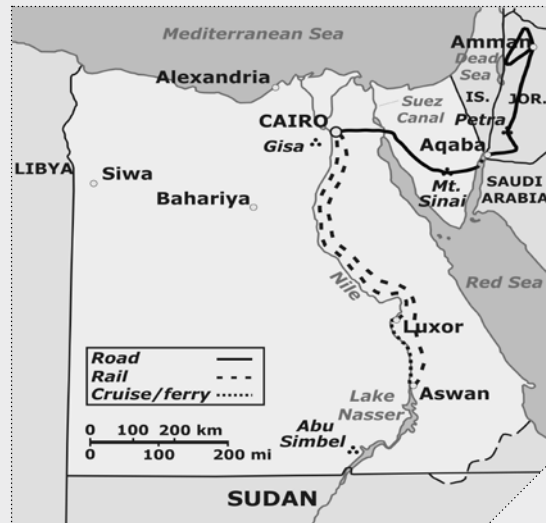
While Egypt's many temples, tombs & sites are rightly famous, Jordan also has a lot to offer the modern traveller including historical remains from many different cultures, and beautiful scenery. This tour starts by visiting the pyramids & sphinx and main sites in Cairo before featuring a luxury Nile Cruise from Aswan to Luxor. We then travel to Dahab where you can enjoy some snorkelling in the Red Sea, before heading to Jordan to travel up the King's Highway and visit Petra, Wadi Rum and the Dead Sea, among other sites.

FLIGHT BOOKINGS AVAILABLE

See page 8 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:
X	X	✓	✓

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TOUR FACTS

Tour Code & Class:	CUEGEJ / Superior
Group Size & Age:	Min. - 2 Max. - 18 / Min. age - none
Activity - Cultural:	Sightseeing, Nile cruise, camel ride (optional), snorkelling, jeep safari, Bedouin Lunch
Activity Level:	Low
Accommodation:	10 nights in 5-star hotels, 2 nights on sleeper train, 3 nights on cruise boat,
Transport:	A/C bus/minibus/jeep, cruise boat, sleeper train
Meals:	15 Breakfasts (B), 5 Lunches (L) and 5 Dinners (D)

YOUR 16 DAY TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1:	Arrive in Cairo. Transfer from airport to hotel.
Day 2:	Cairo. Pyramids & Sphinx tour.
Day 3:	Cairo. City tour, overnight sleeper train to Aswan.
Day 4:	Aswan. Philae temple, Aswan dam.
Day 5:	Aswan. Abu Simbel option. Nile cruise to Edfu via Komombo.
Day 6:	Tour Edfu. Sail to Luxor.
Day 7-8:	Luxor. West & East Bank tour, overnight sleeper train to Cairo.
Day 9:	Cairo. Free day (optional day trips).
Day 10:	Drive to Dahab (optional Mt. Sinai & St Katherine's tour).
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:	Kings Highway to Amman via Kerak, Madaba, Mt. Nebo.
Day 15:	Amman. Dead Sea & Jerash tour.
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 5-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 5-star hotel in Cairo.

DAY 2 / TOUR TO PYRAMIDS AND SPHINX

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. At 500 feet high and 750 feet wide at its base the Pyramid of Khufu is an awesome man-made structure constructed of giant stone blocks with 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 (Chephern) 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 in the Great Pyramid, so we cannot guarantee entry), 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.

Next stop is Saqqara, 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.

Finally we head back to the hotel where you will have a free evening and a chance to try one of the hotel's restaurants or head into town.

Overnight at 5-star hotel in Cairo (B).

DAY 3 / CAIRO, CITY TOUR

After breakfast we check out of the hotel and take you on a tour of Cairo. Founded in 969 AD by Gohar, a Fatimid army leader, El Kahera (Cairo) soon became the capital of Egypt. Subsequent additions like the El Azhar mosque, the Islamic University, and defensive walls and a citadel, built by Saladin in 1179, have helped Cairo remain Egypt's principal city. The 16-year reign of Ismail (1830-1895) ushered in a new period of expansion and modernisation and areas like Heliopolis, Dokki and Roda were added, while gardens, Opera houses, hotels and wide, tree lined avenues were built. Further post revolutionary, urban expansion has left Cairo as one of the world's largest cities. Today it is a bustling metropolis of over 20 million people, a strange mix of modern and old, a unique blend of diverse cultures and a gateway to Egypt's past.

Your tour includes a visit to the Egyptian Museum (which houses a vast collection of artefacts from Egypt's past, including the famous King Tutunkhamun display), Coptic Cairo (with some ancient churches), the Citadel (a collection of mosques and palaces, with a great view over the city), and the Khan al Khalili bazaar (a mazy market that offers a window to the past and a guaranteed souvenir).

At the end of your day in Cairo there is a little free time and an option to visit the orphanage that we support in Cairo before we transfer you to the train station for an overnight sleeper train journey to Aswan (approx. 20.40-09.00).

Overnight in cabin on train (B D).

DAY 4 EXTRA OPTIONS

Cairo to Aswan flight option

DAY 4 / ASWAN, TOUR

After arriving in Aswan, we visit the Temple of Philae, a complex dedicated to Isis and reclaimed from the rising waters of Lake Nasser, which we reach by a scenic boat ride. We may also stop to visit the Aswan Dam. We then check into a hotel with great views over the Nile cataracts.

Aswan is Egypt's most southerly city and throughout history has controlled the trade routes both to the north and the south, and has acted as a gateway to and from Africa. Situated on the banks of the Nile it now lies at the northern end of Lake Nasser. This 360 mile long and 6 mile wide lake was created after the building of the High Dam, and covers the area once occupied by the ancient kingdom of Nubia. The Nile here is at its most picturesque, with cascading rapids, lush green islands, and feluccas sailing to and fro. The city is a melting pot of African and Middle Eastern cultures, most easily experienced by wandering through the busy souqs, which assail the senses with a riot of colours, sounds, and smells.

Overnight at 5-star hotel in Aswan (B).

DAY 5 AND 6 / NILE CRUISE

This morning is free for you to explore the town, stroll through the bazaars, and walk along the Nile at your leisure. Alternatively you can seize the chance to visit the remarkable temples of Ramses II at Abu Simbel, which were dismantled and rebuilt when Lake Nasser was flooded.

At lunchtime we check on board your luxury cruise boat (Egyptian 5-star deluxe level), where you have your own en-suite, air-conditioned cabins (we book upper deck cabins wherever possible for no extra charge but these are not guaranteed). The cruise boat has most of the facilities of a normal hotel, including a relaxing sun deck and swimming pool, and all your meals are included.

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After lunch we take you on a tour of the islands around Aswan on a traditional Egyptian felucca sailboat, stopping at Kitchener Island, with its beautiful and peaceful botanical gardens. The boat may remain moored in Aswan tonight or start sailing down the river.

On the way downstream you will stop for a guided tour at Komombo, where there are the remains of a temple dedicated to the Gods Sobek and Haroeris. The boat then sails further down river to Edfu temple, a well-preserved complex dedicated to the God Horus. From here you continue on northwards towards Luxor, crossing through the lock on the Nile at Esna en-route.

Note: Nile Cruise itineraries are subject to change during the journey - see details below.

2 nights on board luxury cruise boat (2xB 2XL 2xD).

DAY 5 EXTRA OPTIONS Abu Simbel option

DAY 7 / LUXOR, WEST BANK

After a very early breakfast, we take a trip 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 entry ticket covers 3 tombs - extra visits are available to the tombs of Tutankhamun and Ramses V & VI for an extra fee paid locally). 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 the cruise boat for lunch. The afternoon is free for you to relax or explore Luxor.

Overnight on luxury cruise boat, Luxor (B L D).

DAY 7 EXTRA OPTIONS Hot air balloon option

DAY 8 / LUXOR, EAST BANK

After breakfast on the boat, we check out, and take you on a tour of the East Bank of Luxor. 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 the Temples of Luxor and Karnak. Your tour of the East Bank will include a visit to the Temple of Luxor, and the huge temple complex at Karnak. 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, which was 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, Khous and Mut. 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.

In the evening, you have time for dinner (not included) before we transfer you to the train station for the overnight sleeper train to Cairo (approx. 22.30-08.05). A light evening meal is served on board.

Overnight in cabin on sleeper train (B D).

DAY 8 EXTRA OPTIONS Luxor to Cairo flight option

DAY 9 / CAIRO, FREE DAY

You arrive in Cairo early this morning, and transfer straight to your hotel (you may need to wait a short while before your rooms are available). The rest of the day is free to relax, visit Coptic Cairo, explore the bazaars or revisit the Egyptian Museum. You also have the option of a day trip to Alexandria or Wadi Rayan and the Valley of the Whales today.

Overnight at 5-star hotel in Cairo (B).

DAY 9 EXTRA OPTIONS Alexandria day trip option Wadi Rayan & Valley of the Whales day trip option

DAY 10 / DRIVE TO DAHAB

We leave Cairo this morning and drive in a private AC car/minibus across the Suez Canal and into the Sinai Peninsula (approx. 7 hours). We spend the next 2 nights in the Red Sea Resort of Dahab where you have time to relax or enjoy some of the many activities available.

Overnight in 5-star hotel Dahab (B).

DAY 10 EXTRA OPTIONS Overnight Mt. Sinai climb & St. Katherine's monastery visit

DAY 11 / DAHAB - FREE DAY

We have a free day today, with plenty of time for you to relax after the previous week's sightseeing. You can also try an introductory scuba-dive or do some snorkelling (Dahab has some of the finest coral reefs in Egypt), or take a camel or quad-bike trip into the desert.

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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 evening provides a perfect opportunity to try out some of the many wonderful restaurants and seafood.

Overnight at 5-star hotel in Dahab (B).

DAY 11 EXTRA OPTIONS

Snorkelling at the Blue Hole,

Introductory Scuba Dive

Jeep safari to the Coloured & White Canyons

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.

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

We leave Dahab early this morning and head North to Taba to cross overland through Eilat (Israel) into Jordan. You are accompanied throughout and this is a straightforward crossing during which your passports will not necessarily 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.

Overnight at 5-star hotel in Petra (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 5-star hotel in Petra (B L).

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

We have time for another visit into Petra early this morning (a 2-day ticket is included) 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 100sq 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

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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 5-star 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 to itch!

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 5-star 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. A day trip into Israel to visit Jerusalem and Bethlehem is available on request (this may require you to add an extra night in the hotel in Amman as well).

(B).

SMALL GROUP, PRIVATE AND TAILOR-MADE TOURS

SMALL GROUP DEPARTURES:

We have regular small group departures on this tour throughout the year. 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. We add a small supplement for these departures. 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: £570

If you have any single travellers in your party, then generally they need to add this supplement option to cover a single room in all the hotels used in the tour.

Triple rooms are not generally available in many of the hotels or cruise boat. Extra beds may be available in some hotels 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 the main tour and in Amman after the tour finishes. If you want to add extra days into the time elsewhere, we can arrange this, but please request a tailor-made tour. The price includes a night in the 5-star hotel, breakfast, all taxes and transfers (single room supplements apply).

Cairo/Aswan or 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.

Pyramid view room upgrade - Price: £50 p/p

If you would like to upgrade your hotel room to one with a direct view of the pyramids, then you can add this option to your booking (subject to availability). The price covers your first 2 nights in Cairo.

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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).

Abu Simbel tour - Price: see Options sheet

in the morning on Day 5, there is the option of an early morning tour to Abu Simbel. Lying 280 km south of Aswan this remarkable temple, reclaimed stone by stone from the rising waters of lake Nasser, stands as a testament to the greatness of the Pharaoh Ramses II, and to modern engineering.

We join the early morning convoy which departs at around 04.30, returning to Aswan around midday (approx. 3 hours drive each way, with 2 hours at the temples). You do not miss out on any other activities.

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.

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.

Wadi Rayan & 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 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.

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 if you extend your time in Dahab on a private tour. Alternatively you can just try an introductory dive or two. These can all be arranged in advance or

with our representatives in Dahab. Further information is available on request.

Overnight Mt Sinai Climb- Price: see Options sheet

Whilst in Dahab we offer you the opportunity to do an overnight walk up to the summit of Mount Sinai. You will depart from your hotel late in the evening and head into central Sinai to Gebel Musa (Mt Sinai) (approx. 1 1/2 hrs) You walk through the night and reach the summit in time to witness the amazing sunrise over the Sinai Mountains (approx. 2-3 hrs walk). 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 half-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. Meals & drinks are available in one of the restaurants along the edge of the beach overlooking the sea.

Jeep Safari in Dahab - Price: see Options sheet

On one 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.

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INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE TOUR:

- All Accommodation
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- All transfers, including 24-hour airport transfer service
- Tours & guides as indicated on the itinerary
- Entrance fees to all sites mentioned in the itinerary
- Israel departure tax
- All transport in private AC vehicles, cruise boat & sleeper train

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE TOUR:

- International airfares
- Visa costs
- Jordan departure tax (JD5)
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Drinks, snacks, tips, and other personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Entry fees inside the Pyramids, and to the Mummy room in the Egyptian museum.
- Any other items not mentioned above

ACCOMMODATION:

Our Superior level tours use high quality 5-star hotels, in which all rooms have air-conditioning, en-suite bathrooms, telephone and cable TV. Other facilities and services include swimming pools in pleasant garden surroundings, an assortment of coffee shops, cafes, restaurants and shops, fitness studio, business centre, laundry service and room service.

Notes:

- 5-star standards in Egypt & Jordan may vary slightly from those in Western countries and they do vary between different towns/cities in each country as well. However, we regularly inspect the hotels we use to ensure their high levels of facilities and service.
- Single, double & twin rooms are available on request. Triple rooms

are not generally available. Connecting rooms are available for families in the hotels, but not on the cruise boats.

- *At certain times of the year or where circumstances dictate we may need to use different hotels from those listed below. In this event alternative hotels will always be of a similar standard.*
- *If you are joining one of our group tours, or booking a private departure on the normal tour itinerary, then we will confirm your hotels several weeks before departure. If you want to guarantee a stay in a particular hotel, then please request a tailor-made tour.*
- *On Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, the 5-star hotels in Egypt & Jordan run a very special Gala Dinner. The cost of this is often compulsory, whether you attend or not, and if this is the case it is included in our group tour prices, and will be added to our private & tailor-made tour prices as required.*

Hotels used on this tour:

Wherever possible, we like to use a hotel in the pyramids area for your first stay in Cairo, and a city centre hotel for your second stay (subject to availability). We use the pyramid area for both stays from June to September during the Arab peak season when city centre hotels fill up extremely early.

Cairo (5-star):

- *Pyramids area - Oberoi Mena House (we have an allocation here on our group dates. Private tours on other dates may use the Le Meridien Pyramids or require a supplement to use the Mena House)*
- *City centre - Cairo Marriott, Grand Hyatt, Semiramis.*

Aswan (5-star):

- *Pyramisa Isis Island, Movenpick Elephantine Island, Iberoitel.*

Dahab (5-star):

- *Le Meridien Dahab, Dahab Hilton*

Petra (5-star):

- *Marriott, Taybet Zaman or Movenpick.*

Amman (5-star):

- *Marriott, Kempinsky, Sheraton or Le Meridien.*

LUXURY NILE CRUISE BOAT:

A luxury Nile Cruise boat is a superbly appointed, floating hotel with many of the facilities of a normal 4 or 5-star hotel (including restaurants, shops, bar, sun deck, swimming pool). All your meals are included, but beverages and bottled water are not included.

You will have your own en-suite, air-conditioned cabin (we book upper deck cabins wherever possible for no extra charge, but these cannot be guaranteed), and full use of all the boats facilities.

We use several different cruise boats on the Nile, including the Al Jamila, Crown Jubilee and Crown Jewel boats (all boats used are at the Egyptian 5-star deluxe level). Unfortunately, we cannot confirm at the time of booking exactly which boat we will use, as the boats shuttle back and forth on the Nile between Aswan and Luxor, with regular breaks for cleaning and maintenance. However, we regularly inspect all the boats we use to ensure they are of the same standard.

Notes:

- *For practical reasons on the Nile, the cruise itineraries are subject to slight alterations at short notice while in Egypt.*
- *Most sailing is done during the day, but during some periods some sailing may be required after dark.*
- *At busy periods the boat may be required to wait for a short time to get through the lock on the Nile at Esna.*
- *When moored, several cruise boats may be required to moor alongside each other. This can restrict views and require clients to cross several boats to reach the shore. Assistance will be provided if required.*

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TRANSPORT:

The transport used on this tour includes private AC cars or minibuses, and the 1st Class overnight sleeper train. Most vehicles used are fitted with speed limiters and all are inspected & checked daily.

The sleeper train has private twin cabins with two seats and fold-down beds, storage space, and a sink with running water. A light airline style dinner & breakfast are included (single cabins are available - see single supplement). Most pairs of cabins have a lockable connecting door.

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

TRANSFERS:

The tour includes a 24-hour airport meet, assist & transfer service in Cairo airport, all other transfers during the tour, and also a 24-hour airport departure transfer service in Amman.

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 whilst you are in Egypt. He/she will be with you for all of the sightseeing tours in Cairo and the Nile Valley. 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.

We will then send one of our Cairo reps with you until you arrive at the Israeli border. An Israeli rep meets you after you have crossed the border and travels with you through Eilat to the Israel/Jordan border, where you will be met by a Jordanian driver and rep. 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.

For some private tours and groups of fewer than 4 people, we may use one guide in Cairo, and a second guide for the Aswan to Luxor section.

Our policy at Egypt Uncovered is to use only local guides and reps in Egypt and Jordan, and for more details on our reasons for this 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

ENTRANCE FEES:

The tour price includes entrance fees to all the sites mentioned in the itinerary in both Egypt and Jordan (this includes a 2-day ticket into Petra).

Entrance to the interior of the pyramids, and the mummy room in the Egyptian museum are not included, as the guides are not allowed in with you, and there are only limited tickets issued for the inside of the Great pyramid (allow £8 for the mummy room, and £2-10 to go inside each of the pyramids).

In the Valley of the Kings, your entrance ticket covers 3 tombs. Extra tickets may be purchased locally to visit the tombs of Ramses V & VI (recommended, approx. £7 p/p) and of Tutankhamun (small tomb currently displaying the mummy of Tutankhamun, approx. £12 p/p).

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.

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VISAS:

On this tour there are visa considerations for three countries - Egypt, Jordan and Israel.

Egypt:

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 if possible.

All African nationals and some other nationalities will need to arrange their Egypt visa in advance. Please contact your local consulate for details.

Jordan:

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 and to obtain this in advance - please contact your local consulate for details.

Israel:

There is no visa required for many nationalities entering Israel briefly to transit from Egypt to Jordan (including British, European, USA, Australia, New Zealand citizens). Most African, and many Asian nationalities must obtain their Israel visas in advance. We recommend that you contact us, or your closest Israeli consulate/embassy for current information for your nationality if you are unsure.

Your passport will not receive an Israeli stamp if you ask the border officials not to stamp it. If you are unable to obtain an Israeli visa, or have concerns about travelling through Israel, then you must let us know in advance, so that we can arrange an alternative crossing into Jordan for you, either by ferry from Nuweiba to Aqaba, or by air.

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 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. You will have the chance to visit the orphanage if you wish during your time in Cairo, and if you would like to support either of these projects while you are in Egypt, you would be very welcome.

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.

We also provide a Welcome Pack when you arrive in Egypt with more information including a tipping guide, local travel guide and an options information & booking sheet

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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