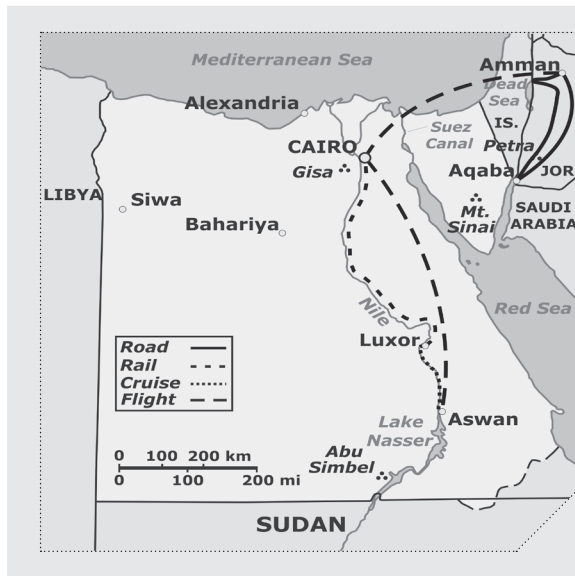


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While Egypt's many temples, tombs & sites are rightly famous, Jordan also has a lot to offer the modern traveller including historical remains from many different cultures, and beautiful scenery. This tour starts by visiting the pyramids & sphinx and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



FLIGHT BOOKINGS AVAILABLE
See below 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 see notes below or our website for details.

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

Tour Code:	CUEGEJ
Group Size & Age:	Min. 2 Max. 18 / Min. age - 12 (group deps only)
Travel Idea:	Classic Journey
Activity Level:	Mild
Comfort Rating:	Luxury
Accommodation:	11 nights in 5-star hotels, 2 nights on sleeper train, 4 nights on cruise boat,
Transport:	A/C bus/minibus/jeep, cruise boat, sleeper train)

YOUR 16 DAY TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1:	Arrive in Cairo. Transfer from airport to hotel.
Day 2:	Pyramids, Sphinx & Museum tour. Sleeper train to Luxor.
Day 3:	Karnak Temple Tour. Board cruise boat. Visit Luxor temple
Day 4:	Luxor - (Hot air balloon option). West Bank Tour. Cruise to Edfu and tour the temple
Day 5:	Visit Edfu Temple. Cruise to Aswan via Komombo temple.
Day 6:	Aswan - (Abu Simbel option). Free time & island boat trip.
Day 7:	Aswan - Philae Temple & Aswan Dam tour. Flight to Cairo.
Day 8:	Cairo - City tour. Evening flight to Amman.
Day 9:	City tour. Afternoon tour of Jerash
Day 10:	Desert castles and wildlife reserve tour.
Day 11:	Morning Madaba tour. Afternoon drive to Aqaba.
Day 12:	Wadi Rum jeep safari. Short drive to Petra
Day 13-14:	Petra. Tour and free time in main site. Visit Little Petra
Day 15:	Kings Highway to Amman via Kerak, Madaba, Mt. Nebo.
Day 16:	Dead Sea. Free time. Departure airport transfer.

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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 a 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 full-day tour of Giza and the Egyptian Museum.

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.

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.

After a break for lunch, our next stop is the famous Egyptian Museum which houses a vast collection of artefacts from Egypt's past, including the famous King Tutankhamun display. 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 Luxor.

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

Overnight on sleeper train to Luxor (B,D)

DAY 3 / LUXOR, KARNAK AND LUXOR TEMPLES

The train arrives early this morning into Luxor, and we transfer straight to our cruise boat for breakfast (our cabins will not be available until lunch-time).

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.

Our first tour after breakfast is to 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.

At lunch time we return to the Nile to check into our cruise boat cabins (all en-suite and AC). We book upper deck cabins wherever possible for no extra charge but these are not guaranteed. The cruise boat has many of the facilities of a normal hotel, including a relaxing sun deck and swimming pool, restaurant, bar and shop, and all your meals are included.

You have some free time this afternoon to relax, explore Luxor's

markets or visit Luxor Museum or the Mummification Museum, before we visit Luxor Temple when it is lit up in the evening. 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 on luxury cruise boat (B D).

DAY 3 EXTRA OPTIONS

Sound & Light show at Karnak Temple

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

Overnight on luxury cruise boat (B L D).

DAY 4 / WEST BANK TOUR, CRUISE TO EDFU

There is an option available this morning for a spectacular hot air balloon flight to see the sunrise over the West Bank of the Nile.

After breakfast on the boat (or the hot air balloon flight), we take you on a tour of the West Bank of the Nile, starting with the Valley of the Kings. Here you will explore 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 may be 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

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50 feet high statues of King Amenhotep II, before returning Luxor to reboard the Cruise boat for lunch.

The boat leaves Luxor this afternoon, and you start sailing southwards, up-river towards Aswan. You will cross the lock on the Nile at Esna this afternoon, and may have a chance to explore Esna a little if there is a long queue of boats ahead of you. The boat then sails further up river to Edfu temple, a well-preserved complex dedicated to the God Horus. We spend the night here.

Overnight on luxury cruise boat (B L D).

DAY 4 EXTRA OPTIONS

Hot air balloon flight

DAY 5 / NILE CRUISE TO KOMOMBO & ASWAN

After visiting Edfu Temple this morning we begin sailing on towards Komombo, where we have a guided tour at the riverside temple, where there are the remains of a temple dedicated to the Gods Sobek and Haroeris. We then sail on to Aswan, enjoying the sights and sounds of rural Egyptian life passing us by on the banks of the river.

Overnight on luxury cruise boat (B L D).

DAY 6 / ASWAN. FREE TIME & BOAT TRIP

This morning is free for you to explore the town of Aswan, 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 (see options section below for details).

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.

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

Overnight on luxury cruise boat (B L D).

DAY 6 EXTRA OPTIONS

Abu Simbel tour, Sound & Light show at Philae Temple

DAY 7 / ASWAN. PHILAE TEMPLE TOUR. FREE TIME

Today we check out of the boat cabins and visit the Temple of Philae, a beautiful 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. You have some free time this afternoon to explore Aswan further and may have time for an early evening meal if you wish before we transfer you to the airport for a domestic flight back to Cairo (flight times vary). After arriving our rep will transfer you straight to your hotel. The remainder of the evening is free.

Overnight at a hotel in Cairo (B)

DAY 8 / CAIRO, CITY TOUR

Today's tour explores more of Cairo's history and contrasting buildings and culture. 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 Coptic Cairo (with some important ancient churches), the Citadel of Saladin (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).

Later in the day we transfer back to Cairo airport for a flight to Amman, Jordan. Upon arrival our Jordanian rep will meet you and transfer you directly to your hotel in Amman.

Overnight at a hotel Amman (B).

DAY 9 / AMMAN AND JERASH TOUR

We start this morning with a short city tour in the centre of Amman, visiting the Roman amphitheatre and Odeon, and getting a feel for the geography of the city with its many hills and steep winding roads. In the afternoon we visit Jerash which 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 a hotel in Amman (B)

DAY 10 / DESERT CASTLES AND WILDLIFE RESERVE

After breakfast we take you on a tour of the 'Desert Castles' to the east of Amman. Really palaces, fortresses and bath houses

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rather than castles, many of these numerous sites are now in ruins, but make for a fascinating tour. We start with a stop at Qasr Hallabat, with its elaborate mix of white limestone ruins from the 8th century, and some remaining black basalt stones from an earlier 2nd century Roman fort. There is also an old bathhouse about 3km away we can visit.

Another stop is at the World Heritage Site of Qasayr Amra, another bath house, famous for its detailed and exuberant frescoes covering the whole of the interior.

Our other main historical visit is to Qasr Hraneh, one of Jordan's most impressive ancient buildings, visible for miles around.

Our tour is completed by tours to one or two nature reserves located right out in the middle of the desert (subject to time and whether the reserves are open when you visit). The Azraq Wetlands Reserve is an area of marshland and lakes once home to numerous water buffalo, wild horses, and hundreds of thousands of ducks and water birds which stop off here on their migrations to feed, or over-winter and breed. Over the last few decades extensive draining of the lakes and aquifers has diminished the oasis, and the visitor centre gives a good explanation of the work being done to try and counteract this, and information about the extensive wildlife which still makes the reserve home. A boardwalk provides access through the reeds.

If it is open, we may also stop at the Shaumari Wildlife Reserve, which is successfully re-introducing locally endangered species, including the Arabian oryx (an elegant white long-horned antelope), ostriches, onagers (an Asian wild ass) and gazelles, which are all protected here from the from hunting and habitat destruction that nearly wiped them out. Enclosures and viewing towers allow potential sightings of all these animals.

Returning to Amman, your evening is free to relax in the hotel, or to head into Downtown to explore the many souks and noisy street-life in and around the Forum and Hussein Mosque.

Overnight at hotel in Amman (B L).

DAY 11 / DESERT HIGHWAY TO AQABA VIA MADABA

We leave Amman today and head south on the Desert Highway, a large trunk road offering the fastest way to get down from Amman to Aqaba. You'll see numerous trucks heading in either direction transporting goods all around the Middle East. Along the way we will make a stop at Madaba - an important Christian town in Jordan. Here we will 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.

We arrive in the resort town of Aqaba by lunchtime and check into our beach resort by the Red Sea. The afternoon is free to relax on the beach, or do a snorkelling boat trip to one of the nearby islands. Scuba-diving options are also available.

Overnight at hotel in Aqaba (B).

DAY 12 / AQABA, WADI RUM JEEP SAFARI. BEDOUIN LUNCH

After some more free time in Aqaba this morning, we make the short drive into 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 as 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.

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.

Overnight at hotel in Petra (B,L)

DAY 13 / PETRA

We have a whole day today to tour this fascinating city (4 hour guided 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 during your free time you 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

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views west across Wadi Aruba and the Jordan valley.

Another climb can take you 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.

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 hotel in Petra (B L).

DAY 14 / LITTLE PETRA, FREE TIME

This morning we visit Siq al-Berid, often known to tourists as 'Little Petra'. The whole of Little Petra was once a thriving community and almost every nook and cranny provides evidence of Nabatean habitation. When you first enter the Siq you will discover why this was once referred to as the 'Cold Siq'. Almost no sunlight reaches this area and because of this the area stays cold most of the time. The Little Petra site differs from that of the main Petra site due to the density of the rock carved houses and temples and also the rock cut steps which lead off in all directions to a multi-storey alley-way which must have once buzzed with life. Our guide will ensure that you visit the main highlights whilst at Little Petra and you will also have some free time to explore on your own. In the afternoon you can relax in the hotel, explore the village of Wadi Musa, or return to the main Petra site where you will have more free time to continue exploring this amazing site (a 2-day ticket is included for Petra)

Overnight at hotel in Petra (B)

DAY 15 / DEAD SEA VIA KERAK & MT. NEBO

We leave Petra early this morning and drive north to the Dead Sea 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 a hugely 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 down, and then back up the other side of this 1km deep canyon to visit the Mt. Nebo area. This area is 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 to the Dead Sea where we can 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.

You can spend your evening relaxing by the Dead Sea or enjoying some spa treatments in your hotel.

Overnight at resort by the Dead Sea (B).

DAY 16 / DEAD SEA, TOUR ENDS

Your tour ends after breakfast and your time is free until we transfer you to Amman airport for your flight home. Extensions to the tour are available to add extra days by the Dead Sea, day trips to the Baptism Site at Bethany, Ajloun Castle and Umm Qais in Jordan, or to take a tour into Israel to visit Jerusalem and Bethlehem. (B).

SMALL GROUP, PRIVATE AND TAILOR-MADE TOURS

SMALL GROUP DEPARTURES:

We have regular small group departures on this tour starting on Saturdays 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 three types

A - Those that must be booked and paid for in advance (mainly accommodation based).

B - Those that may be booked in advance or in Egypt (generally things you may know you definitely want to do. eg. Abu Simbel option, hot air balloon flights, day trips out of Cairo)

C - Those that are arranged while you are in Egypt (eg. extra city tours, dinner cruises, sound & light shows etc.). Leaving decisions about these until you get to Egypt gives you more flexibility and means you won't lose out if you were to book an option in

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advance and then not do it.

Prices:

Prices for all of these options are given on our website and/or in a separate Option Price List provided on your arrival in Egypt and from our UK office.

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

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 on the tour and on the cruise boat (We do not share rooms between people not booking together on our 'Luxury' level tours). Triple rooms with 3 separate full size beds are not generally available in many of the hotels or cruise boat. Extra beds may be available in some hotels only for children to share their parents' room if required. Please contact us if you have any questions about room allocations and prices for your party.

Extra days - Price: subject to hotel & party make-up

These are available on request in Cairo before and in Amman after the main tour. If you want to add extra days into the time elsewhere, we can arrange this, but please request a tailor-made tour. If you wish, you may book a hotel at a higher or lower level than that used on the tour. In this case, we can offer a transfer to/from the group hotel for a small charge (paid locally). Prices include a night in the hotel, breakfast, all taxes and your airport transfer. Single room supplements apply.

Cairo/Luxor flight option - Price: on request

The overnight 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

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 night in Cairo.

B - OPTIONS BOOKABLE IN ADVANCE AND 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).

Once booked and paid for, these options are not refundable if you choose not to do them while on the tour.

Abu Simbel tour

In the morning on Day 6, there is the option of an early morning tour to Abu Simbel. Lying 280 km south of Aswan this remarkable temple, dismantled and rebuilt stone by stone to escape 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 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

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 option price is based on using one of the first flights of the day to see the rising sun over the West Bank of the Nile, so it is a very early start. All transfers are included and you get around 1 hour in the air. You do not miss out on any other activities.

If flights are cancelled for any reason (eg. very strong winds), a refund will be provided.

Note: Please remember to check that your travel insurance will cover hot air balloon flights as many require you to book and pay for the flight in advance. The balloon operators we use are fully licensed and insured - you may see cheaper options advertised locally for later start times and with operators which don't have all this cover in place.

C - OPTIONS BOOKABLE IN EGYPT

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Payments may be made with hard currency (GB Pounds, Euros, US Dollars) or in local currency 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).

Once booked and paid for, options are generally not refundable if you choose not to do them for any reason later in the tour.

- Sound & Light show at the Pyramids (Cairo)
- Sound & Light show at Philae Temple (Aswan)
- Sound & Light show at Karnak Temple (Luxor)
- Nile Dinner cruise (Cairo)
- Cairo Night-time tour

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Sunset Felucca sailboat trip on the Nile in Cairo
Petra by Candlelight (Petra)

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
- Entrance fees to all sites mentioned in the itinerary
- All transport, including Cairo-Amman Flight
- Tipping Kitty
- Sleeper Train upgrade

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE TOUR:

- International airfares
- Visa costs
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Drinks, snacks, tips for your guide, and other personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Any other items not mentioned above

ACCOMMODATION:

Tours with our 'luxury' comfort rating use mainly high quality 5-star hotels and luxury Nile cruise-boats and Dahabiyas to provide you with all the luxury and comfort available. We may still use more basic overnight sleeper trains and slightly lower level hotels where necessary, but the vast majority of the tour will be in 5-star hotels.

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 a couple of weeks before departure. If you want to guarantee a stay in a particular hotel, then please request a tailor-made tour.

Please see our website for more details of the hotels that may be

used on the tour.

Notes:

- 5-star standards in Egypt and 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 with three separate full size beds are not generally available. Extra beds (normally a mattress or sofa-bed) are available for children under 12 to share a room with their parents in the hotels and on the cruise boat, though they do make the cruise boat cabins rather cramped. Connecting rooms are available for families in the hotels, but not on the cruise boats where we will endeavour to secure adjacent cabins.
- 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.

LUXURY NILE CRUISE BOAT:

We use several different cruise boats on the Nile, including the Al Jamila, Jaz Jubilee and Al Kahila 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. All meals, but not drinks are included.

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.
- On Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, the 5-star hotels and cruise boats normally run a very special Gala Dinner. The cost of this is compulsory, whether you attend or not, and is included in our group tour prices, and will be added to private and tailor-made tour prices as required.

TRANSPORT:

This tour aims at balancing a comfortable and enjoyable travelling experience with seeing as much of Egypt and Egyptian life as possible. We therefore use the overnight sleeper train for the journeys between Cairo and Luxor instead of the much more basic sitting train, and private air-conditioned minibuses and coaches for all the sightseeing tours and transfers. Most vehicles used are fitted with speed limiters and all are inspected & checked daily. We also use internal flights for your journey between Luxor and Cairo, and Cairo and Amman. In Wadi Rum we use basic 4x4 jeeps which are owned by the local Bedouin. Local regulations do not allow us to send vehicles into Wadi Rum and while suitable for use in the desert, the jeeps used may not reach our normal vehicle safety standards.

TRANSFERS:

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

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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. 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.

GROUP SIZE/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 (min age 12).

For this tour we provide a fully trained, local English-speaking Egyptologist to act as your tour guide. 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. For some private tours and groups of fewer than 4 people, we may use one guide in Cairo, and a second guide for the Luxor to Aswan section.

In Jordan, small groups (up to 5 people) will travel with a vehicle and English speaking driver, using specialist local guides at each of the sites. Larger groups will have an escort guide and driver throughout.

Our policy at Egypt Uncovered is to use only local guides and reps in Egypt. We feel this gives you the best experience of the country and the sites you are seeing. More details are given on our website.

ENTRANCE FEES:

The tour price includes entrance fees to all the sites mentioned in the itinerary (including a 2-day entry ticket into Petra). Entrance tickets 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 approx. £12 for the mummy room, and £3-12 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).

TIPPING:

Tipping is very much a part of Egyptian and Jordanian culture and customs. To make our prices more transparent and so it is easier for you to budget and less hassle while you travel, we include a 'Tipping Kitty' in your tour price. This provides tips for a wide range of people you'll meet along the tour including hotel porters, drivers, local reps etc..

Your Egyptologist guide and Jordanian guide(s) and/or driver are not included in this kitty and you may tip them at the end of your tour subject to your satisfaction with, and appreciation of the service they have provided.

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 and 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 and Jordan include Tetanus, Typhoid, Polio and Hepatitis A.

VISAS:

Egypt:

Many nationalities (including UK, USA, European, Australian, Canadian) can obtain their Egyptian visa on arrival in Cairo airport (cost US\$15 or equivalent).

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

Jordan:

For many nationalities (including UK, USA, European, Australian, Canadian) the group visa we can obtain on arrival in Aqaba for groups of 5 or more people is free. However, as our travellers often depart from Amman on different flights, you are no longer considered to be part of a group and the visa fee of 10JD (British/European citizens) is due. Please have 10JD (or equivalent in Aqaba) ready to pay for this visa when you arrive in Aqaba or when you leave from Amman airport.

Other nationalities may require a visa prior to arrival and to obtain this in advance 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 tours. This is split between two

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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.

COUNTRY GUIDE:

For an in-depth overview of Egypt and Jordan, please checkout the country guide pages 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.

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