



The Women's Travel Group Ancient Egypt with a Nile Cruise Departure - December 4, 2021

Cairo, Abu Simbel , Aswan, Nile River Cruise & Luxor

Tour Overview

In grade school, *Egypt was 'the cradle of Western civilization'. The blackboard had 1 or 2 hieroglyphics. 2021 is the year to book with 2 amazing new visits: **The Egyptian Museum just reopened + a new excavation near the pyramids.** From its balmy Mediterranean coast to endless Saharan dunes, Egypt is so much more than you thought. You gasp at The Pyramids of Giza and the iconic Tutankhamun Tomb in Luxor, even at the Nile River as it snakes through the sand. But until you experience remote Abu Simbel with gigantic statues of Ramses II and Queen Nefertari, you have not yet felt such intensity.*

Combine our luxury Nile cruise, Cairo museums and markets, Sphinx and Pyramids presented by our private Egyptologist , and this is the only trip to consider. Top hotels and cruise ship, wonderful small group meals, meetings with locals and personal assistance all enhance our experience. We follow all health and safety guidelines and are happy to share that Egypt is praised by global health and safety organization for its reopening policy.

*As on all our trips, we offer a pre and post tour (**pre historic Alexandria and post Amman, Dead Sea and Petra**). We arrange for back-to-back tours for as long as you wish to travel.*

OPTIONAL PRE-TOUR TO ALEXANDRIA

Wednesday Dec. 2 – Arrive Cairo

We will be met on arrival and transferred to the **Hilton Cairo Heliopolis Hotel**

Hilton Cairo Heliopolis is an iconic hotel in the presidential quarter 10 minutes from the airport and 15 km from city center and the business district. Enjoy attentive service and unrivaled amenities such as 15 dining outlets, a wellness spa, beauty salon, two outdoor pools, a fitness center and sport courts.

Thursday Dec. 3 - Cairo / Alexandria (B)

Mid-morning pick up by our private car with driver/guide for the journey to Alexandria (2 ½ to 3 hours). Enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

2-night stay at Helnan Palestine Hotel

Helnan Palestine hotel is a five-star deluxe hotel in a unique location and embracing the Mediterranean and providing harmonious scenery. The vast magnificent 350 acres of gardens and golden sandy beaches surround its bay. The hotel faces one of the most famous historical



landmarks in Alexandria, "Montaza Royal Palace" which was once the site where the late Egyptian royal family vacationed.

Saturday – Dec 4. - Alexandria - City Sightseeing (BL)

Full day tour on private basis with English-Speaking Egyptologist guide. First visit the Catacombs. This family tomb shows the merging of Egyptian and Roman art and architecture. We see Pompey's Pillar built to honor Emperor Diocletian freed Alexandria. On to the Citadel of Qaitbay in the Mediterranean Sea. Built in the 15th century by Sultan al-Ashraf Qu'it Bay. Enjoy lunch at a seafood restaurant. This afternoon visit Bibliotheca Alexandria (Alexandria Library).

Sunday -- Dec. 5. - Alexandria / Cairo (B)

We will be transferred back to Cairo by private car and driver/guide. Arrive at approximately 1:30pm. Check-in at **The Marriott Historical Mena House Hotel, Garden Section**

MAIN TOUR

Day 1: Sunday Dec. 5 - Arrive Cairo

Arrive Cairo, Egypt, where we are met and escorted to your hotel.

4-night stay at The Marriott Historical Mena House Hotel, Garden Section

Set amidst 40 acres of verdant gardens, this stunning hotel offers 331 plush rooms and suites offering spectacular views of the mighty Giza Pyramids and the surrounding lush greenery. Leisure facilities include an outdoor heated pool, Health Club and Spa.

Day 2: Monday Dec. 6 - Cairo - Giza Pyramids & Sphinx (BD)

This morning we meet our dedicated English-speaking Egyptologist guide who will accompany us throughout the tour. Today we visit the Great Pyramids of Giza, including the Pyramid of Khufu and the Sphinx. Welcome dinner at the hotel.

Day 3: Tuesday Dec 7 - Cairo - City Sightseeing & Egyptian Museum (BL)

Explore the ancient city of Cairo, including the Citadel and the Alabaster Mosque of Mohammed Ali. We visit the spice market and antiques market and have lunch at a local restaurant. **Spend the afternoon viewing antiquities at the Egyptian Museum-JUST REOPENED..**

Day 4: Wednesday Dec. 8 - Cairo - Memphis and Saqqara. (BL)

This morning we visit Memphis, once a vast metropolis and capital of the Old Kingdom. Continue to Saqqara, the oldest stone complex in the world, to see the towering Step Pyramid of Djoser, the earliest pyramid. **We also visit the exciting new discovery of 2500-year-old sarcophagi found deep in an old well.** Lunch at the new **9 Pyramids Lounge** with views of the pyramids. The balance of the day is at leisure.

Day 5: Thursday Dec. 9 - Cairo / Abu Simbel / Aswan (B)

Transfer to Cairo Airport for the scheduled domestic flight to Aswan, then connect to our scheduled flight to Abu Simbel. Upon arrival, visit the magnificent Temples of Ramses II & Nefertari. We then depart on the scheduled domestic flight back to Aswan. Arrive and transfer to our hotel. This afternoon we visit the High Dam, Unfinished Obelisk and Philae Temple.

1-night stay at Movenpick Resort Aswan



Pleasing its guests with a spectacular view over the river Nile, the Movenpick Resort Aswan offers a unique location elephantine island. It lies within walking distance of the historical Island, touristic sites, central station and cultural sites.

Day 6: Friday - Dec.10 - Aswan / Nile River Cruise . (BLD)

We visit the spice market in Aswan with time to have our hands decorated with a delicate henna design! Visit a Nubian Village where we are invited for tea inside one of the homes. Meet with women and learn more about the culture and see their handicrafts. Transfer to our Nile cruise ship, our home for the next three nights as we cruise the majestic and mystical Nile River

3 Night Nile Cruise onboard the M/S Tulip

The M/S Tulip cruise ship was completely refurbished in 2018. The ship features contemporary themed cabins and spacious communal areas with panoramic views from the large windows. Each of the standard 40 cabins has panoramic window and balcony rail. Cabins and suites offer air-conditioning, en-suite bathroom with bathtub and shower. Hair dryer, satellite TV and safe, mini fridge and tea/coffee making facilities. There is a large sun deck with sun beds and stylish furniture. It is a relaxing place to sit and enjoy the spectacular views of the Nile. The swimming pool is ideal for a refreshing dip during the day. The Deck bar offers cool daytime refreshments, and lounge bar offers drinks and entertainment in the evening. There is also a Sauna, small fitness suite that is free to use and a massage service at an additional charge.

Day 7: Saturday - Dec.11 - Nile River Cruise - Aswan / Kom Ombo / Esna (BLD)

Today we sail to Kom Ombo. Visit the Ptolemaic Temple of Kom Ombo then continue to Esna.

Day 8: Sunday - Dec 12 - Nile Cruise - Esna / Luxor & Home Hosted Lunch (BLD)

Early morning sail to Luxor. This morning disembark from our cruise and visit Luxor's West Bank - Valley of the Kings and Queens, Temple of Hatshepsut, and Colossus of Memnon. A traditional Egyptian lunch is arranged with a local family in their home. This evening visit the illuminated Luxor Temple.

Day 9: Monday - Dec. 13 - Nile Cruise / Luxor / Cairo (BD)

Morning visit Luxor's East Bank – Karnak and Luxor Temples. In the afternoon depart on the scheduled domestic flight back to Cairo. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner at our hotel.

1-night stay at the Hilton Cairo Heliopolis Hotel

Hilton Cairo Heliopolis See Dec 2 description above.

Day 10: Tuesday - Dec. 14 - Depart Cairo (B)

Transfer to the airport for our departure flight.

THE WOMEN'S TRAVEL GROUP 4-DAY JORDAN EXTENSION

Day 1 – Tue. December 14. Cairo / Amman / Dead Sea (D)

Morning transfer from our hotel in Cairo to the airport . Fly to Amman and continue to our resort on the **Dead Sea**. Afternoon at leisure to enjoy floating on the Dead Sea or relaxing in the

resorts world-class spa (spa entry and treatments are payable direct).

Overnight Movenpick Dead Sea Resort or similar

Located in a traditional village setting nestled among 20 acres of lush gardens, the resort stands on the northern shores of the Dead Sea, at the lowest point on earth. With your well-being and



balance in mind, this resort is an oasis of tranquility. Relax in our award-winning Arabian Dead Sea Zara Spa with breathtaking views of the healing waters. A revitalizing and therapeutic experience awaits you. 346 rooms and suites offer both air-conditioning and ceiling fans as well as balcony with garden or valley views.

Day 2 – Wed. December 15, Dead Sea / Madaba / Mt. Nebo / Shobak / Petra (BLD)

The morning is dedicated to the sites of Madaba and Mt. Nebo. **Madaba** is a small town at the head of the ancient King's Highway, covered with fantastic mosaics from the Byzantine era. Many are in private homes, discovered when owners dug foundations or gardens. At St. George's Cathedral, we see the most famous of all - a clearly labeled mosaic map of Jerusalem and surrounding areas dated 560 A.D., which helped archaeologists identify important sites in Jordan. **Mt. Nebo** is west of Madaba, on a cliff overlooking the Jordan Valley and Dead Sea, long believed to be the burial place of Moses, Impressive 4th and 6th Century A.D. Churches, monasteries, and hermitages are maintained by Franciscan priests living nearby. Continue to enchanting **Shobak** Castle, built in 1115 under the rule of King Baldwin I. Shobak Castle is particularly striking due to its remote location in the desert which makes visitors feel a world away from home. Within the castle grounds, visitors can explore the churches, historic ruins, and a secret passageway that leads to a charming spring. The castle also boasts a watchtower, catacombs and Christian carvings and Islamic tablets. We then travel to our hotel in Petra.

Overnight Nabatean Castle Hotel or similar

Renovated in 2018, explore the magnificent Red Rose City of Petra from an elevated fortress-style hotel in the rolling hills of the captivating Rift Valley. Movenpick Nabatean Castle Hotel is a 10-minute drive from the historic site of Petra. Enjoy the free minibar in our 90 renovated rooms and suites, with balconies and terraces that face the striking landscape. After a day of discovery and exploration at Petra, relax in the heated indoor pool. In summer, we open the windows and offer access to the terrace. Relish sumptuous Jordanian specialties and international fare at the restaurant, bar, and outdoor terraces.

Day 3 – Thu. December 16, Petra / Amman (BLD)

Full day to explore the legendary rose-red city of Petra. Petra is the legacy of the Nabataeans, an industrious Arab people who settled in southern Jordan more than 2,000 years ago. Most of the 800 monuments in Petra are carved out of solid rock. See the spectacular Treasury, the 8,000-seat amphitheater, the Temple of the Winged Lions, and other monuments. Enjoy a 15-minute horseback ride on our way back to the entrance. Late afternoon travel to Amman. Farewell dinner at the hotel or local restaurant.

Overnight InterContinental Amman or similar

An iconic landmark in bustling Amman, InterContinental Jordan Hotel offers cosmopolitan amenities with a Middle Eastern touch, from light-filled rooms, vibrant furnishings and sweeping architecture to international cuisines, Spa facilities, a selection of beautiful spaces suitable for different occasions, along with magnificent views. Located atop one of the seven hills of Amman, the hotel attracts international clientele from all over the world who enjoy its proximity to the city center.

Day 4 – Fri. December 17, Depart Amman (B)

Transfer to Amman Airport for our departure flight.



Extend your travels! Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Sharm el-sheik and many European cities are good stop overs.

MAIN TOUR double occupancy 6 persons traveling minimum \$3995

Single Supplement \$1295

6 persons minimum traveling

Single room supplement

Pre Tour to Alexandria double occupancy 2 persons minimum \$\$700 per person

Single Supplement \$290

POST TOUR Extension to Jordan double occupancy

4 persons minimum traveling

\$1,525 per person

Single room supplement

\$290

Tour Reservations:

Egypt tour deposit: \$500 per person

Balance due 90 days prior to departure.

Main Tour

INCLUDED:

- 4 Nights at The Marriott Historical Mena House Hotel Garden Section with buffet breakfast
- 1 Night at Movenpick Aswan Resort with buffet breakfast
- 3 Nights on the Luxury M/S Tulip Cruise on Full board basis from Aswan to Luxor.
- 1 Night at Hilton Heliopolis Hotel with buffet breakfast.
- Welcome dinner at Hotel, 2nd night.
- 3 Full days excursions in Cairo as per the Itinerary by private car.
- 3 Lunches in Cairo at Local restaurants (one will be the new restaurant at the Pyramids).
- All excursions during the cruise include private transportations and admissions.
- All transfers at Cairo, Luxor and Aswan by private car with meet and assist.
- **Private Egyptologist English speaking guide throughout.**

- Lunch in Luxor with Egyptian Family.
- Water on touring coach and Nile Cruise – maybe bottled water, or re-fill water jug
- 1 small bottle of water at included meals – subject to government rules on single use plastic
- Farewell dinner at hotel
- Abu Simbel excursion



- Domestic flight tickets (CAI/ABS/ASW & LXR/CAI)
- Portage at airports, Hotels, and cruise.
- All service charge, taxes, and VAT.

- **Not included**
- Entry Visa to Egypt
- Gratuities to drivers Guide, Hotel and cruise staff
- Any beverages with the meals
- Any additional personal expenses.

Post-Tour Jordan

Included in Custom Package:

- Accommodation – as per itinerary or similar
- Meals – as per itinerary
- Sightseeing w/ entrance fees – as per itinerary
- Transportation in 7-seater van with professional driver
- Amman Airport arrival and departure transfers, including assistance
- Coffee/Tea/Juice with breakfast only
- Service of local professional English-speaking guide throughout Jordan
- Porterage at airport and hotels (1 bag per person)
- Two bottles of mineral water per person per day in vehicles
- One bottle of mineral water per person per lunch & dinner
- Jordan Visa (passport copies required)

Not included:

- Meals not mentioned
- All drinks (except coffee/tea/juice with breakfasts, 1 bottle of water with lunches and dinners & 2 bottle of water per day in vehicle)
- Tours not mentioned
- International Air & Airport taxes (quotes available upon request)
- Insurance
- Tipping/gratuities for all services (meals, lodge staff & driver/guide)
- Items of personal nature such as telephone, laundry, beverages
- Any items not listed above.

Terms and Conditions:

Airfares: Based on current fares and subject to change without notice UNTIL TICKETED. Airfares are based on the current lowest fare, and subject to availability of the applicable class of service. It may be necessary to re-quote a fare at the time of booking, depending on availability. At time of final payment, please check for any applicable increase in taxes and fuel surcharges. Airfares are subject to different rules and cancellation fees. Some airfares may be non-refundable once ticketed. Details will be provided on request.

****Insurance:** We strongly recommend Travel Insurance. Pre-existing conditions are covered PROVIDED Insurance premium is paid with deposit or within 14 days thereof. Alternatively, premium may be paid with final payment. Insurance cannot be purchased after final payment has been received by SITA. Insurance is non-refundable



Visas: Egypt: US Passport holders require visas for Egypt **U.S. citizens can obtain a renewable single-entry 30-day tourist visa on arrival at Egyptian airports for a 25 USD fee. A multiple entry visa is also obtainable for 60 USD. The Government of Egypt has created a website for the issuance of "e-visas" at visa2egypt.gov.eg/eVisa/Home.** There are other websites purporting to offer electronic visas, but this is the only official Government of Egypt portal for this service Please ensure that your passport is valid for 6 months from return date.

Jordan: A passport with a validity of at least six months and a visa are required for entry into Jordan. Jordanian immigration officials issue single entry visas to U.S. citizens for a fee upon arrival at Amman's Queen Alia International Airport, The Jordanian visa is included in this tour but requires passport copies.

Inoculations: We recommend that you contact Passport Health at 1-888-499 7277 or www.passporthealthusa.com for questions regarding country-specific health counseling. Consult with your personal physician.

Tour Reservations: SITA requires a deposit of \$500 per person to commence reservations. This amount will be adjusted with the balance due 90 days prior to departure.

Tour Payments: SITA accepts tour payments by Agency check and /or by clients Visa, Master & American Express credit cards. Signed statement on SITA form required by each client charging on credit cards. Copy of form will be supplied by SITA. SITA does not accept 3rd party credit cards.

Cancellation policy: Cancellations received 90 days or more prior to departure: \$350 per person; 89-61 days prior to departure, the fee incurred will be 75% of the entire tour price No refunds whatsoever will be made for cancellations received within the last 60 days prior to departure.

Tour documents: Final tour documents including day-by-day itinerary, hotel listing, air tickets & vouchers are sent between 30-15 days prior to departure