



## ANCIENT TREASURES OF EGYPT & JORDAN

20 DAYS / 19 NIGHTS

from \$14,699 per person, twin share

Departs Auckland 24 March 2021

### INCLUSIONS

Return Airfares with Emirates from Auckland, 15 nights hotel accommodation, 3 nights river cruise accommodation, meals, flights within Egypt, sightseeing, entrance fees and transfers as per the itinerary, visa for Jordan, gratuities and services of an English speaking guide and YOU Travel Escort from Auckland.

### EXCLUSIONS

- Insurance
- Passport & Visa fees unless stated otherwise
- Meals not included in itinerary
- Items of a personal nature

### 25 MARCH - DUBAI

Upon arrival we will be met and transferred to our hotel with early check in.

Later today we will embark on a half day Heritage Dubai City Tour. Discover the magnificent Dubai Creek, Dubai Museum and explore the Spice Souk and Gold Souk where stores sell huge selections of herbs, spices and jewellery made with precious metals and stones. To finish, view the majestic Jumeirah mosque, the most beautiful mosque in Dubai. (B)

### 26 MARCH - DUBAI

This morning we visit the tallest building in the world, Burj Khalifa and one of the world's largest shopping malls, Dubai mall.

Later, we will drive into the golden sand dunes of Arabia for a desert safari. Here you'll experience a beautiful sunset overlooking the desert with a delicious BBQ buffet. (B, D)

### 27 MARCH - DUBAI - AMMAN

Today we'll transfer to the airport and fly to Amman, Jordan. Upon arrival we will be met and transferred to our hotel.

This afternoon is at your leisure. (B, D)

### 28 MARCH - AMMAN

After breakfast we start the day with a tour of the Roman City Jerash, one of the best preserved roman cities in the world. We will then proceed to explore the ancient city of Gadara, which was once a Decapolis City. (B, L, D)

### 29 MARCH - AMMAN - PETRA

This morning we'll explore the Christian Town of Madaba, known as the 'City of Mosaics', which is home to the famous 6th Century mosaic map of Jerusalem and the Holy Land. We will then visit the impressive Kerak Castle, which is an example of the Crusaders' architectural military genius.

Tonight we'll discover awe-inspiring Petra. Lit at night by 1,800 candles, Petra at night is a truly magical experience. (B, L, D)

### 30 MARCH - PETRA

Today we visit the red rose city of Petra by day. This UNESCO World Heritage site is known to enchant visitors from all corners of the globe. (B, L, D)

### 31 MARCH - PETRA - WADI RUM

After Breakfast we'll embark on the journey to Wadi Rum desert. Today we'll discover this vast, starkly beautiful place that is virtually untouched by humanity. (B, L, D)

### 01 APRIL - WADI RUM - DEAD SEA

We will discover the lowest point on earth today, the Dead Sea. 400m below sea level, the waters that reach this stretch of water evaporate, leaving behind a dense cocktail of salts. The water is well known for being warm, incredibly buoyant and some ten times saltier than sea water. (B, L, D)





## 02 APRIL - DEAD SEA

Today is at your leisure. Enjoy your time to relax at the beach and soak in the waters of the Dead Sea. (B, L, D)

## 03 APRIL - DEAD SEA - CAIRO

After Breakfast we will make our way to the airport for our flight to Cairo, Egypt. Upon arrival we will be met and transferred to our hotel. (B)

## 04 APRIL - CAIRO

Today we will discover the jewels of Cairo. From the Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx, to Memphis, Sakkara and the Egyptian Museum, this day is full of the iconic sights of Egypt that has long captured the imaginations of many. (B)

## 05 APRIL - CAIRO

We will delve deeper into Cairo today with a sightseeing tour. Highlights will include the Citadel of Saladin, a medieval Islamic fortification, the alabaster mosque to Mohamed Ali and the old bazaar of Khan El Kahlili. (B)

## 06 APRIL - CAIRO - ASWAN

This morning we will transfer to the airport for our flight to Aswan. Upon arrival we will be met and transferred to our hotel with a sightseeing tour along the way. We will discover the high dam, unfinished obelisk and the Philae temple. (B)

## 07 APRIL - ASWAN - ABU SIMBEL - ASWAN

We will fly to Abu Simbel for the day to discover these magnificent temples. Originally built by Ramses II, they were moved in 1964 in a magnificent feat in engineering.

Later we'll fly back to Aswan to embark on our Nile Cruise. (B, L, D)

## 08 APRIL - ASWAN - KOM OMBO - EDFU

Our river cruise will take up to the unusual temple of Kom Ombo today. This temple features a unique engraving that is thought to be among the first representations of medical and surgical instruments.

Later we will continue onto Edfu. (B, L, D)



## 09 APRIL - EDFU - ESNA - LUXOR

This morning we will explore Edfu's mysterious temple. With a mix of traditional Egyptian and Greek elements, it is one of the most well preserved shrines in Egypt. (B, L, D)

## 10 APRIL - LUXOR - CAIRO

We will disembark our river cruise today to explore the Valley of the Kings, the most famed collection of elaborate tombs. After we will continue to the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut and the Colossi of Memnon. On the way to the airport for our flight back to Cairo we will visit the Karnak Temples, one of Egypt's most ambitious building projects.

Tonight we'll gather for a farewell dinner and reminisce about our journey through Dubai, Jordan & Egypt. (B, D)

## 11 APRIL - CAIRO

After breakfast we will say goodbye to Egypt and make our way to the airport for our flight home. We'll arrive in Auckland on the 13th. (B)



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