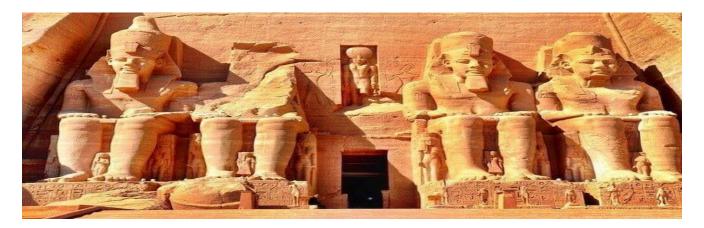


# Cultural Tour of EGYPT & JORDAN

## 10 nights/ 11 days





Join us as we visit and explore the finest ancient attractions in Cairo, Abu Simbel, Aswan, Kom Ombo, Edfu and Luxor. From the Great Pyramids of Giza in Cairo, to the incredible Valley of the Kings in Luxor, our Egypt tour packages never disappoint.

Enjoy the magic of an all-inclusive 5-Star cruise on the Nile with daily Expert guided excursions,





then take to the skies and fly to Amman in Jordan. Stroll through the ancient Roman city of Jerash and the exquisite rock-carved Nabatean city of Petra. Float on the magic waters of the Dead Sea, and round off your tour with an unforgettable 4×4 Wadi Rum adventure.

### Day wise Itinerary

#### DAY 1 – Arrival in Cairo, EGYPT

When you arrive at the airport in Cairo your representative/ guide will be there to meet you and assist you with your luggage, and to escort you to your hotel, where you will be staying while you are in Cairo. After you have been checked in, a pickup time will be confirmed with you for the next day's tour and then you will have the rest of the day to yourself.

#### DAY 2 – Giza Plateau, Egyptian Museum and Khan El Khalili

Today we visit the Giza necropolis on the outskirts of Cairo first, but only after you have had a good breakfast at your hotel. The Giza necropolis is of course the site where you will be able to see the Great Pyramids of Giza; the Sphinx; the Valley Temple and more. After spending most of the morning at the necropolis, we will then visit a good local restaurant for some lunch.

Our next stop will be a visit to the absolutely fantastic Egyptian Museum, home to the world's largest collection of Ancient Egyptian artifacts, including all those from King Tutankhamen's tomb which are now on display in their own area known as the Treasures Room.

After exploring the museum, we will then make our way to the city's famous Khan el Khalili Bazaar which is one of the oldest bazaars in the Middle East, and a Cairo attraction which always proves to be a big hit with visitors to this bustling city.

Enjoy a stroll around and explore the bazaar, or simply sit and watch locals going about their day. Once you are ready, we will return you to your hotel and you will have the rest of the afternoon/evening to yourself.

#### DAY 3 – Fly to Aswan and Aswan Tour

Enjoy your breakfast at your hotel and then you will be checking out from your hotel so that we can get you to the airport in time for your short flight to Aswan.

Of course, when you land in Aswan you will again be met, this time by one of our Expert tour guides who will take you so see 3 fascinating Aswan sites: the Aswan High Dam; the massive Unfinished Obelisk, and the incredible ancient Temple of Philae. This temple was moved in its entirety to higher ground to save it from being lost to Lake Nasser when the High Dam was built.

After your tour, you will be taken to check-in at your hotel in Aswan, and then you will have the rest of the day to yourself. We recommend that you have an early night because we will be leaving for the Abu





Simbel Temples at around 03h00 tomorrow morning.

#### DAY 4 – Abu Simbel Temples and Nile Cruise Embarkation

Today we will be picking you up from your hotel at 03h00, and you will be given a Breakfast Box when you check-out so that you can enjoy some breakfast during your trip to the Abu Simbel Temples, which is about a 3-hour drive from Aswan. When you reach this site, you will immediately realize that all the pictures in the world cannot convey just how amazing these two massive rock-carved temples actually are.

Pharaoh Ramses II had these temples created to serve as lasting monuments to him and his wife, Queen Nefertari, and also as a symbol of his great power and the success he had in a number of great battles. While it might seem impossible to believe, both of the gigantic complexes were meticulously dismantled and moved to their current location from lower ground. Had they not been moved; they would have been lost forever when Lake Nasser formed as a result of the Aswan High Dam being built.

Once you have finished exploring and admiring the temples, you will then be driven back to Aswan and you will be taken to board your beautifully appointed 5-Star River boat for your cruise along the Nile from Aswan to Luxor. Enjoy lunch and dinner on board, and get a good night's sleep on the quiet waters of the Nile at Aswan.

#### DAY 5 – Temple of Kom Ombo, Temple of Horus, and Overnight at Esna

Begin the 5th day of your Cairo, Abu Simbel, Nile Cruise and Jordan tour with a nice on-board breakfast, and then your cruise ship will depart from Aswan and it will sail to Kom Ombo. When you arrive our Expert guide will take you and some of our other clients for a small group tour to visit the intriguing Temple of Kom Ombo which is essentially two temples in one.

One half of the temple was dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek, while the other half was dedicated to the falcon-headed god Horus. It is believed to be the only twin temple complex ever built the ancient Egyptians.

After your tour, you will return to your cruise ship, and it will set sail for Edfu, with a nice lunch served along the way. When you reach Edfu, our guide will take you on another wonderful excursion, this time to visit Egypt's best preserved ancient cult temple, the Edfu Temple of Horus. This temple was buried beneath the sand after it was deserted and it remained buried for more than 2,000 years, hence the reasons for its high level of preservation.

On returning to the cruise ship, it will continue sailing and it will dock at Esna where you will enjoy another good dinner and another good night's sleep on the quiet waters of the Nile.

#### DAY 6 – Valley of the Kings, Hatshepsut Temple and Colossi of Memnon

Today, once you have eaten breakfast, the cruise ship will sail to Luxor. Shortly after arrival, we will be visiting 3 amazing ancient sites on Luxor's West Bank: Valley of the Kings; the mortuary Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, and the Colossi of Memnon. Valley of the Kings is home to more than 60 ancient





tombs. It is also home to one of the world's most desirable ancient attractions, the tomb of King Tutankhamun.

Your visit to the Valley of Kings includes entry to some of the tombs. However, several of the other tombs have been designated as "special" tombs, and to see inside these visitors are required to purchase the necessary tickets which are available at the site.

You can also expect to be left speechless when you visit the ancient Mortuary Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. This vast terraced temple was the grandest temple ever built by the ancient Egyptians. Such is its magnificence, that it is today considered to be on of the "Incomparable Monument of Ancient Egypt" and it well and truly is.

After your guided tour of the West Bank, you will head back to the cruise ship in time for some lunch, and then you will have to rest of the day for relaxing. Enjoy dinner and the 6th night of your Nile cruise tour on the river at Luxor.

#### DAY 7 – Luxor Temple, Karnak, and Flight to Cairo

Shortly after your breakfast today, you will check-out and disembark from the cruise ship, and then we will take a short trip to the East Bank in Luxor to visit two of the area's most popular ancient attractions. First we will visit the amazing Luxor Temple, and then we will visit the absolutely mind-boggling ruins of the sprawling Karnak Temple complex.

Karnak Temple complex was built over a period of more than 2,000 years. It is believed to be the largest place of worship ever built. Today it is Egypt's second-most visited ancient site.

Once your tour ends, we will then travel to the airport so you can board your short flight back to Cairo. When you land in Cairo your tour manager will meet you and escort you to your hotel for your last night in Egypt. Enjoy the remainder of the day as you wish.

#### DAY 8 – Flight to Amman, JORDAN and Free Time

Today ushers in the second phase of your magical Cairo, Abu Simbel, Nile Cruise and Jordan tour, so at the appropriate time, your rep/ guide will meet you at your hotel and assist you with check-out and then you will travel to the airport in time for you to board your flight from Cairo to Amman in Jordan.

Of course, when you land in Amman, we will be there to meet you and to drive you to the hotel where you will be staying for the duration of your trip in Jordan. After checking at the hotel, you will then have the remainder of the day to enjoy as you wish.

Recommended: A visit to the old Roman Theater and dinner at one of the many good restaurants in Amman.

#### DAY 9 – Ruins of Jerash and Dead Sea Visit

After you have had breakfast at your hotel today, you will be picked you up from your hotel and then





you will travel to the ancient city of Jerash. When you reach the site, you will meet up with a specialist tour guide who will then give you a comprehensive tour of what was once a thriving Roman city. This is truly a magnificent site and the ruins that remain are without question the best example of ancient Roman architecture outside of Italy.

Once your tour of Jerash ends, we then travel to the Dead Sea where you will have ample time for relaxing or floating on its notoriously salty water. As evening approaches, you will travel back to Amman and you will be dropped off your hotel.

#### DAY 10 – Lost City of Petra and 4×4 Wadi Rum Tour

Enjoy another good hotel breakfast and then at the confirmed time you will again be met at your hotel, and you will travel to the indescribable Lost City of Petra, a trip which takes approximately two hours. The Lost City of Petra was created by the Nabateans during the 6th century BC. Also known as the Rose Red City of Petra, the site is as impressive today as it was back then. This incredible ancient city was carved out of the walls of a long and deep gorge that stretches for about 1,200 meters.

If there is one place in Jordan which you really can't afford to miss out on, it is Petra, the biggest, best and most famous attraction in Jordan. Generally speaking, your Petra tour will last for about 2 hours and then the fun continues with a 4×4 Jeep tour in an area of the Jordanian Desert known as Wadi Rum. Wadi Rum was always popular among locals, but it was made internationally famous by the movie, Lawrence of Arabia.

Finally, after a long but totally unforgettable day out, you will travel back to Amman and you will be dropped you off at the hotel where you will be staying for the last night of your tour.

#### DAY 11 – Jordan Tour Ends and Final Departure

Unfortunately, your magical trip through Egypt and Jordan ends today but not before you have had one last breakfast at your hotel in Amman. At the appropriate time, you will again be met at your hotel; you'll be assisted with check out, and then you will travel to the airport in time for you to board flight out of Jordan.

Your tour is now over, but you can be sure that you will be able to cherish your memories of this trip forever. Thank you for choosing us for travel dreams, and we hope you have a safe and pleasant trip back home.

\*Touring and sites are subject to traffic and timing. Also, note that some sites are subject to seasons and weather conditions.

End of your tour to Egypt & Jordan: Ahlan WA Sahlan!

