

Journeys Without A Crowd

GRAND CAPITALS OF THE MIDDLE EAST

Egypt + Jordan + Israel







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By Land to Egypt + Jordan + Israel

14 DAYS + from \$11,099 + Small Groups of Never More than 16 Guests or Travel Privately

Our Distinctive A+R Style

- + Thrill to the gems of the ancient world in a single land journey.
- + Relax in the finest hotels and explore by day with our expert, native guides.
- + Visit Cairo's ancient sites ... the pyramids of Giza, Memphis, Sakkara and the new Grand Egyptian Museum when it opens.
- + Marvel at Abu Simbel, the Valley of the Kings, as well as the temples of Edfu, Luxor and Karnak.
- + Explore the King's Way from Amman to Petra, Wadi Rum and cross the Jordan to Jerusalem.
- + Delight with four nights in Jerusalem to explore the Old City, Galilee, Masada and Tel Aviv.
- + Extend on, if you like, to an exclusive resort in the Arabian Desert, Abu Dhabi and Dubai.

OUR JOURNEY

See 12 UNESCO World Heritage sites

DAYS 1 + 2 | Cairo + The Pyramids + Egyptian Museum

We greet you inside Passport Control and chauffeur you to the Four Seasons at the First Residence. The next morning, it's the Great Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx with our Egyptologist, and a visit to the Egyptian Museum, the traditional one or the new one when it opens. MEALS BHL+D

DAY 3 | The Temples of Abu Simbel + Edfu

Fly to Abu Simbel © and the Temples of Ramses II, masterpieces of the ancient world. Fly on to

Aswan, be chauffeured to the Temple of Horus at Edfu and on to Luxor. MEALS B+L

DAY 4 | Valley of the Kings + Queens + Karnak + Luxor

Before any crowds, we cross the Nile to visit the fabled Valley of the Kings and its most elaborate tombs, as well as that of Queen Hatshebsut. Later, we enter the massive Karnak Temple , and walk the Avenue of the Sphinxes to the magnificent Temple of Luxor . MEALS B+L

DAY 5 | Return to Cairo

We'll return to Cairo (a) in time for an atmospheric lunch before returning to the *Four Seasons Residence*.

MEALS B+L





DAY 6 | Antiquity around Cairo

In Memphis ②, Egypt's ancient capital, marvel at the giant Colossus of Ramses II and in nearby Sakkara, we'll explore the Step Pyramid of King Zoser ③, the world's oldest stone structure. MEALS B+L

DAY 7 | The King's Highway to Petra

After an hour flight to Amman, our expert Jordanian guide takes you south to Petra stopping at Madaba to see the oldest map of the ancient Middle East. Enjoy a homecooked lunch in an old residence and ascend Mt. Nebo, Moses attributed burial place, for expansive views. Our introduction to Petra will be tonight by candelight. MEALS B+L

DAY 8 | A day in Petra

Built 2,000-years-ago by the Nabateans, tribal merchants who ammassed great wealth, we'll be guided through the Siq on a three-hour orientation. Then, explore Petra at your own pace... we've arranged that you can return to the convenient *Moevenpick* and re-enter the city at will. Tonight, we'll go to the Petra Kitchen for a hands-on culinary experience alongside local villagers. MEALS B+D

DAY 9 | Wadi Rum

Venture deep into Wadi Rum © by 4X4 and thrill to pristine desert sands, sheer-sided mountains, even a camel ride if you wish and a simple lunch with Bedouins. MEALS B+L

DAYS 10 | Across the Jordan to Jerusalem

Stopping first at Jerash, a well-preserved Roman military city, we'll cross the Jordan River by bridge with special VIP services and travel through the West Bank to Jerusalem.

DAY 11 | The Sea of Galilee

We head north this morning to beautiful Galilee (a), visiting Capernaum, Tabgha, the Mount of Beatitudes and a lovely boat ride across the Sea of Galilee. MEALS BELL

DAY 12 | Masada and the Dead Sea

East of Jerusalem, you'll visit the Qumran Caves, famous for the Dead Sea Scrolls. At Masada ②, ascend by cable car to King Herod's mountaintop fortress, where the Jewish Zealots made a last stand to the Romans, before lunch and a dip in the Dead Sea. MEALS BHL



DAY 13 | Exploring Jerusalem

We begin at the Western Wall, part of the Second Temple destroyed by the Romans. Above is Temple Mount which we'll next visit, subject to official permission, the site of the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock, the oldest building in Islam. We'll explore the Jewish Quarter, the Via Dolorosa, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and King David's tomb, also Gethsemane and the Mount of Olives.

DAY 14 | Tel Aviv + Ben Gurion Airport

Today begins in Jaffa, Tel Aviv's ancient port, and continues through the White City \bigcirc , the largest 1930's Bauhaus district in the world, and then to our onward flights. MEALS B



Classic Elegance of the Middle East



CAIRO - FOUR SEASONS AT THE FIRST RESIDENCE

With the largest rooms in Cairo, this intimate Four Seasons is on the Nile by the Botanical Gardens.



LUXOR - STEIGENBERGER NILE HOTEL

Your Executive Room in this deluxe hotel offers extensive views of the Nile from your own private terrace.



PETRA - MÖVENPICK HOTEL

The most highly sought deluxe hotel due to its unbeatable location across from the visitors' entrance to the Lost City.



AMMAN - THE FAIRMONT HOTEL

World-class 5-star luxury hotel with well-designed spacious accommodations, located near the diplomatic section of this inviting capital.

JERUSALEM - KING DAVID HOTEL

Overlooking the Old City, a luxury historical landmark with comfortable rooms, modern amenities, fine services and extensive dining.

Finish in the United Arab Emirates 6 days including airfare from Jerusalem

DAY 14 | Fly to Abu Dhabi

Fly non-stop to Abu Dhabi, the first route between Israel and the U.A.E., arriving in the early evening. We'll overnight at the *St. Regis Hotel*. MEALS B+D

DAY 15 | Capital of the United Arab Emirates

Starting at the new Louvre Abu Dhabi for a guided tour, we move on to the opulent Presidential Palace, the Qasr al-Watan, just opened to visitors in 2019. We'll enjoy a delightful lunch at The Emirates Palace. Next, we'll be guided through the astonishing Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, one of the



world's most stunning new landmarks. Then we're off to the secluded *Qasr al-Sarab Resort* with our trip leader for two nights. MEALS B+L

DAY 16 | In the Empty Quarter of the Arabian Desert

Today is free for you to enjoy the luxury of this resort, surrounded by towering dunes and recognized in 2020 as the finest in the Middle East by *Conde Nast Traveler*. Relax on your private terrace with panoramic views of the infinite desert. Our trip leader can assist with activities. MEALS B

DAY 17 | Welcome to Dubai

We'll depart mid-day for Dubai and we'll see man-made Palm Island and the iconic Burj al Arab before arrival at the 5-star *Raffles Dubai*, an oasis of calm and charm. MEALS B

DAY 18 | Exploring Dubai

We'll walk through the Gold and Spice Souk, the Textile Market, the Al Fahidi Historic District with its graceful wind towers, and the Dubai Museum. Lunch is at the Sheikh Mohammed Center and then to the top of the Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest structure. There's time for the Dubai Mall before tonight's farewell dinner. MEALS B+L+D

DAY 19 | Depart Dubai

You'll be escorted to the airport at the right time for your departure. MEALS B

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ORIGINAL Value

- + Comprehensive sightseeing with our expert Egyptologists and Guides
- + 28 meals: 13 breakfasts, 11 lunches and 4 dinners with wine
- + 13 nights in our luxury hotels
- + All 4 internal flights, all on-tour transportation, and chauffeured transfers
- + VIP airport services throughout and across the Allenby Bridge between Jordan and Israel
- + All entry fees, all luggage handling, and hotel taxes
- + All gratuities are included, except for your Egyptologists and guides
- + 4 or more guests save \$100 each
- + Solo guests enjoy double occupancy accommodations throughout

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