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Egypt: Wonders of the World

DURATION | 14 Days

TRIP LEVEL | Active

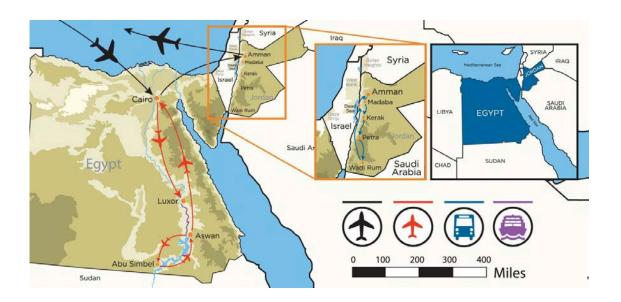
Trip Overview

Experience the captivating wonders of Egypt and Jordan on this unforgettable AdventureWomen trip. Begin your journey in Cairo, where you'll explore the Great Pyramids of Giza and the enigmatic Sphinx, followed by a visit to the National Museum of Civilization to learn about ancient mummies. Fly to Luxor to board a Nile cruise, visiting the Valley of the Kings, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, and the legendary King Tut's tomb. Marvel at the Temple of Karnak's grand pillars, the double-dedicated temple at Kom Ombo, and the romantic Philae Temple. A special flight takes you to the magnificent Abu Simbel temples before shopping at the bustling Khan El-Khalili Bazaar. In Jordan, tour Amman, explore the ancient city of Jerash, and visit Mount Nebo and the City of Mosaics in Madaba. Finally, uncover the hidden treasures of Petra, the Nabataeans' capital, and enjoy a unique overnight experience in the desert. This trip immerses you in the rich history and culture of two of the world's most remarkable destinations, leaving you enchanted and inspired.

Trip Highlights

- Cruise the majestic Nile for five days, immersing yourself in Egypt's rich history, followed by a serene sail on a traditional felucca.
- · Stand in awe of the Giza Pyramids and the Great Sphinx, the last remaining of the ancient Seven Wonders of the World.
- Discover the enchanting "Rose City" of Petra, Jordan, and unwind in a luxurious camp, savoring local delicacies under a star-filled sky.

Map View





Day 1

Welcome to Egypt!

Arrive in Cairo before 11:00 AM and enjoy a group transfer to your hotel. After settling in, dive into Egypt's rich history with a visit to either the Egyptian Museum or the Grand Egyptian Museum. Spend the afternoon exploring fascinating artifacts that narrate the story of ancient Egypt. Later, gather for a lively welcome dinner where you'll meet fellow travelers, share stories, and discuss your excitement for the journey ahead. This evening sets the tone for a memorable adventure through the wonders of Egypt and Jordan.

Meals: dinner | Overnight: Marriott Mena House



Marriott Mena House

The Marriott Mena House is one of the most unique hotels in Cairo, with its own rich and colorful history. Surrounded by 40 acres of verdant green gardens, this palatial hotel is in the shadows of the Great Pyramids of Giza in Cairo.

Amenities: complimentary toiletries, hair dryer, minibar, electric kettle, coffee / tea maker, bottled water, safe, flatscreen TV, cable / satellite TV, Wi-Fi, air conditioning



Day 2
Giza's Ancient Wonders

Today, stand in awe of the Great Pyramids of Giza, the last remaining wonder of the ancient world. Marvel at the enormous structures built as tombs for Pharaohs Khufu, Khafre, and Menkaure, and take a close look at the enigmatic Sphinx nearby. After a delicious lunch at a local restaurant, visit the National Museum of Civilization to learn about the mummies of Egypt. In the afternoon, explore the stunning architecture of the Refaii and Sultan Mosques before enjoying a free evening for dinner on your own.

Meals: breakfast, lunch | Overnight: Marriott Mena House



Day 3

Journey to the Nile

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for a short flight to Luxor. Upon arrival, visit the majestic Temple of Luxor, dedicated to the God Amun. Later, board the Sanctuary Nile Adventurer, your luxurious floating hotel for the next four nights. Settle into your cabin and embark on a remarkable exploration of the West Bank of Luxor. Discover the Valley of the Kings, visit King Tut's tomb, and marvel at the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, an extraordinary tribute to Ancient Egypt's only female Pharaoh.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Sanctuary Nile Adventurer



Sanctuary Nile Adventurer

Furnished in a contemporary style with an art deco influence, the modern fittings and cutting-edge technology on board the boutique Sanctuary Nile Adventurer are combined with sophisticated public areas with luxurious teak flooring for an elegant finish. All cabins have Nile views and are fully air-conditioned with individual control.

Amenities: private bathroom and shower, minibar, smart TV, satellite TV, air conditioning



Day 4

Karnak and Beyond

Start your day at the incredible Temple of Karnak, a massive complex built over a thousand years, featuring the stunning Hypostyle Hall. Next, your Egyptologist will guide you through the Greco-Roman Temple of Khnum at Esna. Afterward, enjoy afternoon tea onboard as you cruise towards Edfu. This evening, savor a delicious dinner on the boat, taking in the enchanting views of the Nile as you relax and unwind after a day filled with ancient wonders.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Sanctuary Nile Adventurer



Day 5

Exploring Kom Ombo

Spend the morning leisurely on the boat, perfecting the art of relaxation on the deck. After lunch onboard, visit the Temple of Kom Ombo, dedicated to Haroeris and Sobek. This unique double temple features mummified crocodiles and offers a glimpse into the beliefs of ancient Egyptians. As the sun sets over the Nile, return to your boat for another delightful dinner, surrounded by the serene ambiance of the river.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Sanctuary Nile Adventurer



Day 6

Philae Temple and Farewell to the Nile

Today, visit the romantic Philae Temple, dedicated to the goddess Isis, beautifully relocated to Agilika Island. Next, explore ancient granite quarries, home to an unfinished obelisk that showcases the skills of ancient engineers. Enjoy lunch onboard before embarking on a felucca ride around Elephantine Island, taking in the lush surroundings. Celebrate your final evening on the boat with a gala dinner, featuring exquisite cuisine served by white-gloved waiters, marking the end of your Nile adventure.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Sanctuary Nile Adventurer



Day 7

Temples of Abu Simbel

Transfer to Aswan airport for a short flight to the awe-inspiring temples of Abu Simbel. Explore Ramses II Temple, featuring four colossal statues, and visit the Temple of Hathor, dedicated to Queen Nefertari. These UNESCO World Heritage Sites were saved from the rising Nile waters through a remarkable international effort. After your visit, fly back to Cairo, enjoying a packed lunch on the plane. Spend the evening at the vibrant Khan El-Khalili Bazaar, where you can shop for local treasures and enjoy dinner at a recommended restaurant.

Meals: breakfast, dinner | Overnight: Intercontinental Cairo Citystars



Intercontinental Cairo Citystars

The Intercontinental Citystars offers a convenient location in the busy center of Heliopolis, which is a tree lined suburb of Cairo that is home to Egypt's Diplomatic and Presidential offices.

Amenities: complimentary toiletries, minibar, safe, flatscreen TV, Wi-Fi, air conditioning



Day 8

Welcome to Jordan

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Amman, Jordan. Upon arrival, enjoy a warm welcome and transfer to your hotel. Spend the afternoon exploring the local area, soaking in the unique ambiance of Amman. In the evening, gather for dinner at a local restaurant, savoring traditional Jordanian flavors and sharing your experiences from the Egyptian leg of the journey with your group.

Meals: breakfast, dinner | Overnight: Fairmont Hotel Amman



Fairmont Hotel Amman

Fairmont Amman offers travelers luxury accommodations in spacious guest rooms. With a modern, beautiful architectural design and stunning interiors, the hotel makes use of the finest wood and marble, and the rooms and hotel interiors combine classic luxury with contemporary design, all housed in spacious rooms.

Amenities: complimentary toiletries, bathrobes, hair dryer, minibar, electric kettle, coffee / tea maker, safe, flatscreen TV, Wi-Fi, air conditioning



Day 9

Amman's Historic Treasures

Embark on a city tour of Amman, including the Citadel and the Roman Theater. From the Citadel, enjoy panoramic views and explore the rich history that shaped this city. After a leisurely lunch, head to Jerash, one of the best-preserved Roman cities. Wander through its ancient streets and admire the impressive ruins that tell the story of human civilization. In the evening, enjoy a Jordanian wine tasting before dinner on your own, discovering more about local culture.

Meals: breakfast, lunch | Overnight: Fairmont Hotel Amman



Day 10

Mount Nebo and Madaba

Visit Mount Nebo, where Moses is said to have viewed the Promised Land. Explore the memorial site and enjoy breathtaking views of Jordan and beyond. Next, head to Madaba, known for its exquisite mosaics, including a detailed 6th-century map of Jerusalem. After a delicious lunch at a local restaurant, continue your journey to Petra, settling in for the night and preparing for the wonders that await you in this ancient city.

Meals: breakfast, lunch | Overnight: Mövenpick Resort Petra



Mövenpick Resort Petra

The Movenpick is located directly at the entrance to the historic Jordanian city of Petra. This resort features a combination of natural stone, handcrafted wood, and Middle Eastern fabrics and textures.

Amenities: complimentary toiletries, bathrobes, hair dryer, minibar, coffee / tea maker, bottled water, electric kettle, safe, flatscreen TV, cable / satellite TV, Wi-Fi, air conditioning



Day 11

Discovering Petra

Today, immerse yourself in the ancient city of Petra, carved from red sandstone. Explore the hidden treasures of this UNESCO World Heritage Site, once the capital of the Nabataeans. After lunch inside Petra, return to your hotel for some rest. Later, learn to prepare an authentic Jordanian three-course meal with a local chef, delving into the culinary traditions that define Jordanian cuisine.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Mövenpick Resort Petra



Day 12
Wadi Rum Adventures

Depart for Little Petra, a smaller yet stunning version of Petra, featuring several notable tombs. Then, journey into the breathtaking Wadi Rum desert, famous for its dramatic landscapes and Bedouin culture. Experience the desert with a local Bedouin guide on a thrilling 4x4 adventure, followed by a traditional lunch under a Bedouin tent, savoring local flavors while enjoying the serene desert atmosphere.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Sun City Camp



Sun City Camp

Sun City Camp stands in the heart of Wadi Rum's majestic desert. Enjoy the simple Bedouin life of the valley with its unmatched authentic charm and beauty. The Camp has excellent service and amenities, along with a wide range of relaxing and adventurous recreational activities.

Amenities: complimentary toiletries, private bathroom and shower, towels, cotton sheets, hot water, electricity



Day 13
Relaxing at the Dead Sea

Leave Wadi Rum and drive to the Dead Sea, where you'll enjoy a free afternoon to relax and explore the area. Take advantage of the luxurious amenities at your hotel, float in the mineral-rich waters, or indulge in spa treatments. In the evening, gather for a farewell dinner with your fellow travelers, reminiscing about the incredible memories made throughout your journey through Egypt and Jordan.

Meals: breakfast, dinner | Overnight: Kempinski Hotel Ishtar Dead Sea



Kempinski Hotel Ishtar Dead Sea

Situated on the edge of the famous Salt Lake, Kempinski Hotel Ishtar Dead Sea is a brilliant ode to the hanging gardens of Babel, featuring a private sandy beach and a 5-star spa that provides luxury experiences infused with Dead Sea rich minerals. The rooms are located in three luxurious enclaves set amidst gardens dotted with lagoons, waterfalls, and swimming pools.

Amenities: complimentary toiletries, bathrobes, hair dryer, minibar, bottled water, electric kettle, flatscreen TV, Cable / satellite TV, safe, Wi-Fi, air conditioning



Day 14
Farewell, Jordan

Today, say goodbye to your new friends as you transfer to the airport for your flight home. Depart from Amman at your convenience, reflecting on the unforgettable experiences and connections formed during this remarkable adventure through the wonders of Egypt and Jordan.

What's Included

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- · Accommodations as per itinerary based on double occupancy
- · All meals as listed in the itinerary
- · All ground transportation
- Domestic airfare (priced separately from the main trip)
- · One group transfer on arrival and departure
- · Guided sightseeing and activities as indicated in the itinerary
- English-speaking Egyptologist guide in Egypt
- English-speaking guide(s) throughout the trip
- Entrance fees
- · Bottled water
- All gratuities

Not Included

- International airfare to Egypt and from Jordan
- Optional activities
- · Meals not specified in the itinerary
- · Alcoholic beverages (unless otherwise specified)
- Fees for passport, visas, immunizations, or travel insurance
- · Cost of hospitalization or evacuation
- · Items of a personal nature

Please note: AdventureWomen will attempt to adhere to the itinerary as much as possible. However, certain conditions (political, climatic, environmental, and cultural) may necessitate changes in the itinerary. AdventureWomen reserves the right to alter any itinerary at any time if necessary. We will attempt to notify participants of changes as far in advance as possible. Costs incurred by such changes will be the responsibility of the participants.

