



## Lights of Jordan and Egypt with Nile Cruise -15 Days – 14 Nights

Day	Destination
	Amman, Jordan
	Dead Sea, Jordan
	Petra, Jordan
	Wadi Rum, Jordan
	Saint Catherine, Egypt
	Cairo, Egypt
	Luxor, Egypt
	Esna, Egypt
	Aswan, Egypt
	Cairo, Egypt

### Day 1: Day 1: Amman

Arrival at Amman airport. Welcome to Jordan!. Border procedures and transfer to the hotel Free time.

Overnight Stay at Hotel.

## **Day 2: Day 2: Amman- Ajlun- Jerash- Amman.**

Start your day with a delicious breakfast & at 08.00 hrs.- Departure to the north of the country.

11.30 a.m.- Arrival at the Ajlun Fortress, an imposing castle from the twelfth century, which is located in the middle of a fertile valley of vineyards and pine forests that gives us a particular view of the green side of the Hashemite Kingdom. It is considered one of the greatest examples of Arab military architecture, has spectacular panoramic views of the Jordan Valley and the three wadis constituted a strategic defense in the defensive chain that existed in the area. In this area Muslims and Orthodox Christians have always lived together, we will visit the old CHURCH OF SAN SERGIO. Shall we all pray together for peace?.

12.30 hrs.- End of the visit and continuation to Jerash.

13.30 hrs.- Arrival in Jerash and transfer to a local restaurant where we will have lunch (included).

15.00 hrs.- Visit of the Roman ruins of Jerash, one of the best preserved archaeological sites in the Middle East, it is called the Asian Pompeii and the second most visited attraction in Jordan.

17.00 hrs.- End of the visit to Jerash and return by road to Amman. Arrival in Amman in about an hour.

Overnight Stay at Hotel.

## **Day 3: Day 3: Amman- Castles of the Desert- Madaba- Mount Nebo- Amman**

Breakfast.

07.30 hrs.- Departure to the Desert Castles built between the 7th and 8th centuries. We'll head to the first castle, Qusayr Amra.

09.00 hrs.- Depart for Qusayr Amra Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Built in the early 8th century as a holiday resort for the caliph, it is preserved as one of the finest desert castles in Jordan.

10.30 a.m.- End of the visit to Qusayr Amra Castle, we will arrive in approximately 30 minutes at Qasr Kharana Castle built by the Umayyads from the year 661 to become an oasis of rest for the caravans of merchants who crossed the desert transporting their goods.

11.30 a.m.- Once the visit to Kharana Castle is over, we will head to Madaba.

13.00 hrs.- Arrival in Madaba.

We'll visit the Madaba Archaeological Park, crossed by an old Roman road and the Church of St. George, with its fantastic mosaic from the sixth century. where the map of Madaba is exhibited, the oldest cartographic representation of Jerusalem and the Holy Land that is preserved to this day.

13.30hrs.- End of the visit to Madaba and departure to Mount Nebo, being a place of great importance at a historical, religious and cultural level for being the place from which Moses contemplated the Promised Land before he died. You will have the opportunity to admire the beautiful views from the viewpoint where on a clear day you can see places as far away as Bethlehem, the Mount of Olives and the Dead Sea.

13.45 hrs.- Arrival at Mount Nebo and lunch included.

15.30 hrs.- Departure from Mount Nebo to Amman.

17.00 hrs.- Arrival at the hotel in Amman. Free time.

Overnight stay at the Hotel.

#### **Day 4: Day 4: Amman- Bethany- Panorama Complex- Dead Sea**

Breakfast.

07.30 hrs.- Departure from Amman and panoramic tour on the bus (without tickets) and continuation to Bethany.

09.45 hrs.- Arrival in Bethany on the banks of the Jordan River, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, it is the place where John the Baptist baptized Jesus Christ.

11.00 hrs.- Departure from Bethany.

11.30 a.m.-Arrival at the Dead Sea Museum, it is an impressive panoramic complex.

12.00 hrs.- Departure from the Dead Sea Museum.

12.30 hrs.- Arrival at the Dead Sea hotel and lunch included. Free time to take a dip in the salty sea at a lowest altitude on Earth. Dinner included. Accommodation.

Overnight Stay at the Hotel.

#### **Day 5: Day 5: Dead Sea- Karak Castle- Dana- Shobak- Petra**

Breakfast.

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09.00 hrs.- Departure from the Dead Sea.

10.30 hrs.- Arrival at Kerak Castle, a former stronghold of the Crusaders, rising 900 meters above sea level, between the walls of an ancient city.

12.00 hrs.- Departure from Kerak and heading to the local restaurant where we will have lunch (included) until 14.00 hrs.

15.00 hrs.- Continuation to Dana, a small picturesque rural village of stone houses on a huge cliff located at the foot of the largest biosphere nature reserve in Jordan. We'll take a panoramic tour where we'll be able to take photos.

15.30 hrs.- Departure from Dana we will head towards Shobak.

16.00 hrs.- Arrival at Shobak Castle, built by the Crusaders in 1115 to control the trade routes between Egypt and Syria, as well as the passage permits for pilgrims and caravans. We will be able to take some photos to remember.

16.30 hrs.- Departure from Shobak, we will head to Wadi Musa where the Spring of Moses is located.

17.00 hrs.- Arrival and brief visit to the Spring of Moses, where Moses supposedly hit the rock with his rod and the water gushed out.

17.15 hrs.- Departure to Moses Spring.

17.30 hrs.- Arrival at the Petra Museum, an excellent exhibition that allows us to understand the history of the Nabataeans and learn about magnificent pieces found in the area.

18.00 hrs.- Departure from the Petra Museum.

18.15 hrs.- Arrival at the hotel. Dinner included. Overnight in Petra. Petra is the ancient capital of the kingdom of the Nabataeans. This civilization occupied the city in the 6th century B.C. and took advantage of the city's location as a strategic lodging point for caravans during the Silk Road.

Overnight Stay at Hotel.

## **Day 6: Day 6: Petra- Wadi Rum**

Breakfast.

Known as the "Pink City", the "Lost City" or the "City of Stone", it is considered the jewel of Jordan and one of the Seven Wonders of the World since 2007.

07.00 hrs.-Departure from the hotel to visit Petra, we will access through the narrow canyon and discover the temples and tombs carved into the cliffs in this city founded 300 years before Christ. Lunch included.

14.00 hrs.- Departure from Petra to Wadi Rum, an impressive desert that is famous for being the setting for famous films where 'Dune', 'Lawrence of Arabia' or 'Star Wars' have been filmed. We will

be able to enjoy unparalleled sunsets and starry nights.

16.00 hrs.- Arrival at Wadi Rum- Valley of the Moon, a magical ecosystem of the Jordanian desert that has extensive red sand dunes and imposing sandstone arches, at the visitor center we take all-terrain vehicles to visit some of the most impressive landscapes. We include a ride of about 45 minutes on a camel through the desert. We will also visit the Khazali Canyon, in this spectacular place we will see the engravings that show us the origin of the Arabic language.

18.00 hrs.- End of activities in Wadi Rum.

18.15 hrs.- Arrival at the camp. Dinner include.

Overnight stay at the hotel.

## **Day 7: Day 7: Wadi Rum- Aqaba- Eilat- Saint Catherine**

After breakfast.

08.00 hrs.-: we leave for AQABA, Jordan's second city, lying on the banks of the Red Sea.

08.45 hrs.-: Arrival in the city of Aqaba.

09.45 hrs.-: Panoramic city tour of Aqaba.

10.00 hrs.-: Arrival at the Araba border crossing with ISRAEL, EILAT, and arrive in this modern and tourist city with its excellent beaches. There's time to relax, have lunch and stroll around. Are you tempted to have a swim?.

14.00 hrs.-: We then continue towards the EGYPT border, and into Sinai. On the way, there's chance to take photographs of the Pharaoh's Island with the powerful fortress of Saladin. Continue to SAINT CATHERINE /TABA. Arrival, accommodation and dinner included.

Arrival time from Santa Catalina / Taba will depend on the duration of border crossing procedures.

Overnight Stay at Hotel.

## **Day 8: Day 8: Saint Catherine- Well of Moses- Cairo**

Breakfast.

07.00 hrs.-: Departure from the hotel and drive to St. Catherine's Monastery at the foot of Mount Sinai.

09.00 hrs.-: We visit the impressive walled monastery of SAINT CATHERINE. According to tradition, this is where Moses saw "the Burning Bush that burned without being consumed". The monastery, which is a sacred place for Jews, Christians and Muslims, belongs to the Orthodox Church and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

12.00 hrs.-: Stop at the WELL OF MOSES, a biblical site that looks like a small oasis.

16.00 hrs.-: Lunch included in route. After lunch, We will leave Sinai through the tunnel under the SUEZ CANAL.

20.00 hrs.- : Arrival in CAIRO at the end of the afternoon.

Overnight stay at the Hotel.

## **Day 9: Day 9: Cairo**

Breakfast.

07:00 hrs.-: We will visit the esplanade of the Pyramids, the most famous of which are those of the pharaohs Cheops, Kephren and Mykerinos (entrance to the interior of the pyramids not included), as well as the enigmatic Sphinx. Afterwards we will visit the Papyrus Institute for about 30 minutes, where we will see how the papyrus is handmade.

11:30 hrs.-: Visit the Coptic Quarter, which is nowadays one of the meeting places of the Egyptians and one of the oldest areas of the city. Visit the Hanging Church.

12:30 hrs.-: Visit the Citadel, built by order of Saladin in 1176 and completed in 1182. From 1218 until the 19th century it was the official seat of the Egyptian government. The history of this area is full of palace intrigues, assassinations, overthrows and massacres such as that of the Mamluks in 1811. Representative buildings include the Muhammad Ali Mosque, also known as the Alabaster Mosque, built on the model of Istanbul's Hagia Sophia.

13.45 hrs.-: Lunch included in a local restaurant.

15:00 hrs.-: Visit the Egyptian Museum, which is about 10 km from the Pyramids and contains one of the most important and impressive archaeological exhibits in the world. The jewel of this exhibition is the treasure of Tutankhamun which occupies the entire upper floor. Remember that it takes at least a week to visit it in its entirety.

17:00 hrs.-: Departure from the Egyptian Museum and return to the hotel.

18:00 hrs.-: Arrival at the hotel.

Overnight stay at the Hotel.

## **Day 10: Day 10: Cairo – Luxor**

Picnic breakfast.

Transfer from Cairo hotel to the airport to take a regular flight (included) to LUXOR (the booked flight can be between 06:00 and 08:30 AM). This flight lasts one hour and 10 minutes. Once you arrive in Luxor according to the flight schedule, we will visit the temples of Karnak and Luxor, which build the most important monumental complex in Egypt, built over two thousand years. The temples are about 3 km from the cruise and the visit lasts 3 hours. Transfer to the boat. Distribution of cabins.

Overnight stay on the Cruise.

## **Day 11: Day 11: Luxor – Esna**

Breakfast at 05:00 hrs. We leave the ship at 06:00 hrs. Visit of the Necropolis of Thebes, comprising the famous Valley of the Kings, which is 18 km from the boat. Arrival at the Valley of the Kings around 06:45 hrs and we finish the visit around 08:30 hrs. Then, at about 4 km, we will have the panoramic visit of the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut in Deir Al Bahari, by bus 10 minutes away is Deir Bahari. The visit lasts an hour and then it takes another 10 minutes by bus to reach the temple of Medinet Habu located about 4 km from the temple of Hatshepsut and another hour to visit the temple and on the way back to the boat, a stop to see the Colossi of Memnon. After the visit, return to the boat. Navigation to Edfu crossing the Esna lock. Luxor is 120 km from Edfu It takes 4 hours to reach the Esna lock; we need to wait for the turn to pass and sail for another 4 hours to reach Edfu.

Overnight stay on the Cruise.

## **Day 12: Day 12: Esna - Edfu- Kom Ombo – Aswan**

Breakfast is from 06:00h rs. to 07:00 hrs. Full board on the ship. At 07.00 AM visit of Temple of Edfu. The temple is 1km from the boat. The transfer of the boat to the temple of Edfu is done in carriages. It is almost 15 minutes each way, and an hour and a half in the temple. The Temple is dedicated to the Falcon God Horus and is the best preserved in Egypt as well as being the second largest in the country. At 09:00 hrs. return to the boat. Navigation to Kom Ombo. It takes almost 6 hours to get to Kom Ombo. Arrival around 17:00 hrs.. Departure to visit the Temple of Kom Ombo; we walk there because it is very close to the boat, about 200 meters. The visit lasts a total of an hour and a half. It is the only temple dedicated to two Gods: Haroeris, who had a falcon's head and Sobek, with a crocodile head and God of fertility. At Kom Ombo, we will also visit the Nilometer, used by the ancient Egyptians to measure the water level of the Nile. After the visit return to the ship at 18:30 hrs.. Navigation to Aswan (almost 4 hours).

Overnight stay on the Cruise.

## **Day 13: Day 13: Aswan**

Arrival to ASWAN, the ancient city of Swenet, was an important commercial port, is located in the southernmost Egypt, located on the banks of the Nile River, is a charming city with a personality and a special charm influenced by the Nubian culture that makes it so special.

Optional visit to Abu Simbel (visit NOT included in your programme), located two hundred and eighty kilometres from Aswan and visit the temples carved into the western cliff of the desert by Ramses II

in the twelfth century BC, with statues of 20 meters high, If you book the excursion to Abu Simbel, the departure of the boat will be in the early morning and the journey takes 3 and a half hours one way and three and a half hours return, the visit lasts approximately 2 hours and the return to Aswan is approximately at 12:00 hrs. Afterwards you will visit the Aswan Dam (duration of the visit is half an hour). At about 13.00 hrs. you will visit the temple of Philae dedicated to the goddess Isis and located on a small island which can only be reached by boat and at about 14.00 hrs. you will visit the Unfinished Obelisk.

In case you do not hire Abu Simbel, departure at 08:00 hrs. to visit the Aswan Dam; it is a huge engineering work that retains the waters of the Nile River, creating Lake Nasser. Around 09:00 hrs. visit the Philae temple dedicated to the goddess Isis and located on a small island that can only be reached by boat. At about 11:00 hrs. visit the Red Granite Quarry, where the famous Unfinished Obelisk, forty-one metres high, is located and where you can observe the ingenious procedure used by the ancient Egyptians for the extraction of the granite blocks. The visit lasts about 30 minutes. Return to the boat for lunch.

At about 16:00 hrs. you will take a trip on the river in the typical fishing boats, called 'falucas'. The ride lasts between 45 and 60 minutes. The faluca always comes very close to the boat.

Overnight stay on the Cruise.

## **Day 14: Day 14: Aswan – Cairo**

Breakfast. At the scheduled time transfer to the airport to take the flight to Cairo (flight included). The airport is 25 km away. Flight time is one hour and 25 minutes. Arrival at CAIRO airport and transfer to the hotel. In the evening departure from the hotel at 18:30 hrs. to attend the Light and Sound show at the Pyramids of Giza which lasts about one hour. Return to the hotel at about 20.30 hrs.

Overnight stay at the Hotel.

## **Day 15: Day 15: Cairo**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and end of our services.

## **Highlights**

Experience the best of Australia with an unforgettable 11-day adventure through Melbourne, Gold Coast, and Sydney. Witness the Phillip Island Penguin Parade, explore Melbourne's iconic landmarks, and embark on the Great Ocean Road scenic tour. In Gold Coast, enjoy thrilling rides at Movie World & Sea World, soar above stunning landscapes on a hot air balloon ride, and relax on pristine beaches. Discover Sydney with a Big Bus hop-on-hop-off tour, visit Merlin's top attractions, step inside the Sydney Opera House, and marvel at the breathtaking Blue Mountains. A perfect blend of wildlife, adventure, and cityscapes, this journey promises memories that will last a lifetime!

## **Tour Includes**



- Europamundo General Services: Travel by bus with English speaking guide, basic travel insurance, hotel and breakfast buffet.
- Includes arrival transfer
- Includes departure transfer
- City tour in: Cairo
- Excursion: 4x4 vehicles, camel rides, Valley of the Kings, Colossi of Memnon , Sound and Light Show at the Pyramids of Giza
- Boat: Ship Temple of Philae, sailing boats felucca
- Ticket admission: Fortress and Church of Saint Sergius in Ajlun, Archaeological site in Jerash;, Castle of Qasr Kharana and Castle of Qusayr Amra in Castles of the Desert; , Church of St. George, Madaba Archaeological Park , Archeological Site , Dead Sea Museum and Panorama Complex , Kerak castle , Moses Springs and Petra Museum , Archeological Site , Visitor Centre, 4x4 vehicles and camel rides , Monastery of Santa Catalina , Well of Moses , Pyramids of Cheops, Kefren and Micerinos, Egyptian Museum, Citadel of Saladin and the Alabaster Mosque, the Hanging Church Coptic neighbourhood , Temples of Luxor and Karnak , Necropolis of Thebas, Valley of the Kings, Colossi of Memnon, Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, Medinet Habu , Temple of Horus , Temple of Kom Ombo , Red Granite Quarry and Unfinished Obelisk, Philae Temple, Aswan Dam
- Flights included: Cairo-Luxor, Aswan-Cairo
- 11 Lunch included in: Jerash, Madaba, Dead Sea, Shoubak, Petra, The Well of Moses, Cairo, Luxor, Luxor, Kom Ombo, Aswan
- 8 dinner included in: Dead Sea, Petra, Wadi Rum, Saint Catherine, Luxor, Esna, Aswan, Aswan
- Powered by Europamundo

## Tour Excludes

- **Tax of 5% over and above the Tour Cost mentioned**
- **Tax collected at source (TCS) applicable at 5% on tour price if PAN & Aadhaar is provided else it will be 20% of tour price**
- Any increase in Airfare, Visa fees, Airport taxes, Govt. Taxes, Fuel Surcharges and any applicability of new taxes from Govt.
- Any up gradation in Airline class or hotel room category
- Cost of Air ticket deviation charges

- Any Increase in the rate of exchange leading to an increase in all land arrangements which may come in to effect prior to departure
- Cost of pre or post tour hotel accommodation
- Any extra expense such as route change, Airline change, Date change, Accommodation facilities, etc incurred due to the unforeseen, unavoidable forced majeure circumstances during the tour
- Cost of insurance for 61years and above
- Porterage, laundry, telephone charges, shopping, wines & alcoholic beverages, items of personal nature and food or drink which is not part of a set group menu
- Any extra cost incurred on behalf of an individual due to illness, accident, hospitalisation, or any personal emergency
- Any services or activity charges other than those included in the group tour itinerary
- To and fro Air fare, Airport transfers, insurance, visa fees to join/leave the group for joining and leaving guests
- Anything specifically not mentioned in the 'tour price includes' column
- Conversion Rate on the date of actual payment will be based on the Rate of Euro on XE.com + INR 1.50
- Airfare to be calculated at the time of booking as per actual.

## Notes

- FEES: At the border crossing from Jordan to Israel and from Israel to Egypt, every traveler must pay an entry/exit fee for the different countries. Jordan: \$15 (exit fees), Israel: \$32 (exit fee), Egypt: \$45 (entry visa, which is actually \$25 visa + \$20. Approximate rates and subject to change without prior notice by the authorities of the country.

Drones and cameras with a 5,5 mtr zoom are prohibited as well as other types of professional equipment cameras (Europamundo is not responsible for objects that may be seized at borders by the authorities of the countries)

- IMPORTANT NOTE: Due to exceptional circumstances or due to a small number of participants, it may happen that we will cross directly from Jordan to Egypt by boat, taking the AQABA- TABA FERRY with a duration of just over two hours. During the ferry crossing, there will be no assistance from any guide.
- In summer temperatures are higher, so visits to archaeological sites are made earlier in the

day to avoid the hottest hours of the day. It is recommended to wear sports shoes, sunglasses, sunscreen and a hat or cap for these visits.