

(1) Egypt Part

05 nights Cairo / 04 nights Nile Cruise

Day 1: (Cairo)

Upon arrival to Cairo airport (**Please advise your flight details**), our staff will meet, assist and Transfer to your Hotel in Cairo check in and Overnight.

Day 2: (Cairo)

Pick up and transfer after breakfast, start your Full day tour with your Egyptologist tour guide. Visit the 4500 years old **Giza Pyramids**, the only remaining wonders of the ancient world. Also see the **Sphinx** carved from a single stone representing a creature with a Pharaoh's head and a Lion's body, visit Papyrus Institute. Then visit the stepped Pyramid in **Sakkara** that is the oldest ever construction of hard rocks made by man Return back to hotel and overnight. (B)

Day 3: (Nile Cruise)

Check out after breakfast in Cairo hotel and transfer to Cairo airport to take flight to Luxor (**Please advise your flight details**) upon arrival to Luxor, our staff will meet, assist and Transfer to Nile Cruise embarkation and Lunch on board, Visit **East Bank (Karnak and Luxor Temples)** Afternoon tea, Dinner board, Free at leisure and Belly dancer and Folkloric Show and Overnight in Luxor (B, L, D)

Day 4: (Nile Cruise)

Breakfast on board, Visit the **West Bank – The Valley of the Kings and Queens, the temple of Queen Hatshepsut at El-Deir El-Bahari and the Colossi Memnon**, Sailing to Esna , Lunch on board ,Afternoon tea Captain's Welcome Cocktail, Dinner on board, **Disco & Music** and Overnight in Esna (B, L, D)

Day 5: (Nile Cruise)

Sail to Edfu, Breakfast on board, Visit **Horus Temple in Edfu**, Sail to Kom Ombo, Lunch on board Afternoon tea, **Visit the Temple shared by two gods Sobek and Haeroris in Kom Ombo**, Dinner on board Egyptian Galabeya Party and Overnight in Kom Ombo (B, L, D)

Day 6: (Nile Cruise)

Sail to Aswan, Breakfast on board, **Visit the High Dam, Philae temple**, Lunch on board **Sail on the Nile by Felucca around Kitchener's**

Day 7: (Cairo)

Disembarkation after Breakfast on board, pick up and transfer to Aswan airport to take flight to Cairo (Please advise your flight details), upon arrival to Cairo airport our staff will meet, assist and transfer you to Cairo hotel check in and Overnight. (B)

Day 8: (Cairo)

Pick up and transfer after breakfast, start your full day tour to Visit the **Egyptian Museum** famous for its antiquities from Egypt's Pharaonic period, which dates back some 50 centuries and includes the fabulous treasures of the mysterious young King Tutankhamen then go head to **Khan El Khalily** one of the oldest and most famous bazaars in Old Cairo and Return back to hotel and overnight. (B)

Day 9: (Cairo)

Pick up and transfer after breakfast, start your day tour with your Egyptologist tour guide to visit the **Coptic Quarter in old Cairo**, visiting the very old Coptic churches (the Hanging Church is named for its location above a gatehouse of Babylon Fortress, Abou Serge church & others) transfer to visit **The Monastery of Saint Simon**, Known as **the Cave church** in Mokkatam area. Then back to hotel and overnight. (B)

Price Includes:

- Five nights in **Le Meridian Pyramids Cairo Hotel 5******* standard or Similar on **bed & breakfast basis**.
- Four nights in **Nile Dolphin Nile Cruise 5******* or similar Nile Cruise on **Full Board basis**.
- Transfers, sightseeing, Meals and Entrance fees as per program.
- English speaking guide.
- All Taxes.
- The above quotation valid for Australian Nationality.
- These rates valid during March & April 2020 Except Pick periods and Holidays.

Price Excludes:

- International Flight tickets
- **Domestic Flight tickets**
- Visa
- Tips
- Extras
- Additional journeys and transfers

Important Notes:

Please note that in case of increase of Entrance Fees of Sightseeing or increase of Fuel or Egyptian Taxes or Visa fees, rates will be adjusted accordingly.

Itinerary may be changed without a prior notice due to navigational circumstances, may be in sequences but not in visits.

(2) Jordan Part

Please note this is just a tentative offer as the program could vary depending on hotels' availability and also rates still to be confirmed by the hotels as sometimes the contracted rates would not be valid depending on hotels' occupancy and if they have a conference or if there is a city event.

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

DAY 10 : Q.A.I. AIRPORT – JERASH s/s (LOCAL GUIDE) – AMMAN (BB)
DAY 11 : AMMAN – MADABA s/s – MOUNT NEBO s/s – DEAD SEA (SWIM / FLOAT) (BB)
DAY 12 : DEAD SEA – DANA s/s – SHOBAK s/s – LITTLE PETRA s/s – PETRA – PETRA BY NIGHT (OPTIONAL) (BB)
DAY 13 : PETRA s/s (LOCAL GUIDE / QASR EL BINT) (BB)
DAY 14 : PETRA s/s (HALF DAY | UNGUIDED) – WADI RUM (4x4) (HB)
DAY 15 : WADI RUM – AQABA AIRPORT..... Q.A.I. AIRPORT.....

Please note we were just informed that the Crusader fortress of **Shobak** is currently closed for renovations but from past experiences this could take some time... so for the time being we will include Shobak castle and should it be closed we would then offer the visit to Kerak Crusader castle instead.

- The imposing Crusader stronghold of **Kerak** with its commanding position overlooking the town of Kerak was one of the most famous Crusader castles strategically situated on the Kings' Highway and dominating the ancient caravan routes between Egypt and Syria. The fortified castle was built in AD 1142 and had witnessed many battles between the Crusaders and Saladin's Muslim armies until its surrender to the Arabs after more than a one year of siege. Visitors will be amazed by the network of the dimly lit vaulted rooms and long winding corridors, which lead into each other through heavy arches and doorways. Also of interest, are the narrow arrow slits in the walls, to prevent invaders from climbing up the steep rocky slope to the castle and the spacious underground dining rooms, the giant oven, and the millstone used for pressing olives.
- The following are the abbreviations & what they stand for :
 - s/s : Sightseeing.
 - BB : Bed & Breakfast at the hotel.
 - HB : Half Board accommodation at the hotel (Buffet dinner & breakfast).

Hope our offer meets with their approval.

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2 AUSTRALIAN GUESTS

06 DAYS / 05 NIGHTS

[01 Night **Amman** | 01 Night **Dead Sea** | 02 Nights **Petra** | 01 Night **Wadi Rum**]

ITINERARY IN DETAILS

DAY 10 : Q.A.I. AIRPORT – JERASH s/s (LOCAL GUIDE) – AMMAN (BB)

Arrive from **Cairo** in the **morning** at **Queen Alia International Airport** in **Amman**.

Pass through customs and immigration formalities (please keep with you the requested visa fees in Jordanian currency which is equal to **JD 40** approx \$ 57 per person, payable in Jordanian Dinars only – amount subject to change without prior notice). Your driver will be waiting for you at the outside arrival hall and will hold a **sign** with your name on it for identification.

Drive north of Amman to visit one of the most splendid provincial cities anywhere in the Roman Empire, the remarkably well preserved 2,000 year old city of **Jerash**. From the southern end walking past Hadrian's Arch and alongside the impressive 244m long Hippodrome, where chariot races took place in antiquity, one enters (accompanied by an English speaking local guide) the ancient city of Jerash, onto the lovely colonnaded Oval Plaza, connecting the Temple of Zeus, which overlooks it, with the main street, the Cardo, which is beautifully lined by Corinthian columns. Overlooking the Plaza is the extraordinarily well preserved and the most magnificent of all the city's monuments, the South Theater, which seats more than 3,000 spectators. Walking through the magnificent Colonnaded Street, one can see the Market Place and the Omayyad residential quarter. Further up is a 4th century AD Cathedral, St. Theodore's Church, the impressively carved Nymphaeum (public fountain), an Omayyad mosque, the arches of the West Baths & the North Theater. One can also see the Temple of Artemis and the western churches.

Return to **Amman** (1 hr. drive) for the overnight stay at the capital (official check in time is @ 2 pm).

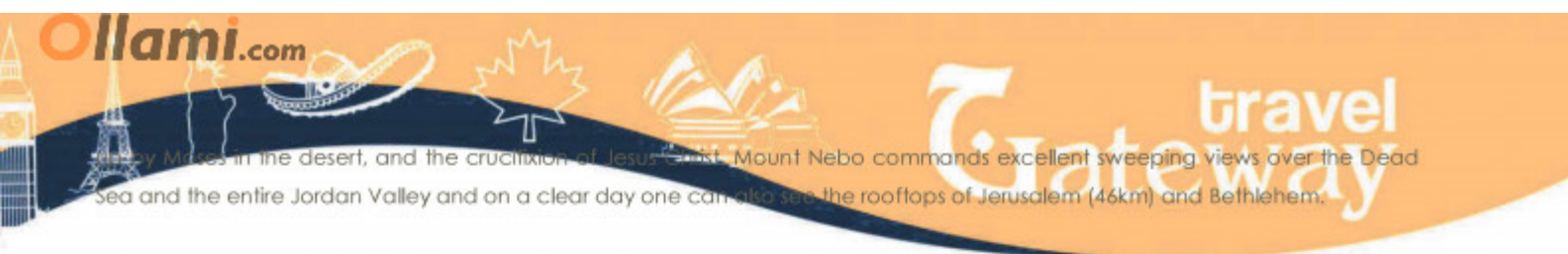
Overnight in **AMMAN** (**BED & BREAKFAST**)

DAY 11 : AMMAN – MADABA s/s – MOUNT NEBO s/s – DEAD SEA (SWIM / FLOAT) (BB)

Buffet breakfast at the hotel's main restaurant.

Drive to **Madaba** the "City of Mosaics" which is renowned for its magnificent collection of lavish Byzantine mosaics found in its churches and homes. The most famous and significant of all the city's treasures is one of the oldest maps of ancient Palestine, the 6th century AD mosaic map which covers the floor of the Greek Orthodox **Church of St. George**, depicting the major biblical sites from Egypt to Palestine. The extraordinary map offers a historical insight into the surrounding region and was depicted in the past for the benefit of the pilgrims on their way to the Holy Land. The River Nile, Mount Sinai, the Dead Sea, the Jordan River and Lake Tiberias are easily identified on this map, in addition to many cities such as Gaza, Bethlehem and the detailed Holy City of Jerusalem where one can still clearly make out the city walls, gates, the main street (cardo) and the domed Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Visit also Madaba's **Archaeological Park** which includes a "Roman Road", Byzantine floor mosaics found in the area around Madaba from Ma'in & Machaerous, the Church of the Virgin Mary which was built over the 6th century AD "Hippolytus Hall" with its fascinating floor mosaics, Church of St. Elias & the Crypt of St. Elianus.

Proceed to **Mount Nebo** which dates back to the time of the Prophet Moses, around the 12th century BC and is believed to be the site of the Prophet's burial place and from where he viewed the Holy Land. On the top of the 1000m hill are the ruins of Moses Memorial Church, built by the early Christians in the 4th century AD. Inside, are the remains of magnificent mosaic floors with stunning designs that feature hunting and herding scenes. From a viewing platform in front of the church and looking out towards the Holy Land, a visitor may see a an Italian-designed bronze memorial of a snake on a cross which symbolizes the serpent lifted



DAY 12 ...

Drive to the **Dead Sea** for the overnight stay at the lowest spot on earth; 423 meters below sea level.

Check-in at your hotel in the **Dead Sea** (official check in time is @ 4 PM but guests may use the hotel's facilities until check in time).

Afternoon at leisure in the **Dead Sea** where one can experience floating ethereally on its saline waters without exerting any effort. The extraordinarily unique healing and beautifying powers along with the relaxing feeling that this salt lake imparts, makes it an exceptional natural spa with exclusive benefits, ranging from the oxygen-rich atmospheric haze which filters out harmful ultra-violet sunrays to the soothing and therapeutic properties of its mineral-rich salty waters and mud. Please note should you wish to use the spa facilities (chargeable) you may wish to check first thing with the spa center as you might need to book an appointment! Slight wounds or scratches may be painful if subjected to the salty waters of the Dead Sea & therefore shaving is not advisable on this day. Splashing is painful to your eyes & sometimes could cause suffocation if swallowed (rinse with fresh water if it happens) & no diving!! Flip flops may be useful in the Dead Sea as the dry salt can sometimes be sharp.

Overnight in the **DEAD SEA** (**BED & BREAKFAST**)

DAY 13 : DEAD SEA – DANA s/s – SHOBAK s/s – LITTLE PETRA s/s – PETRA – PETRA BY NIGHT (OPTIONAL) (**BB**)

Buffet breakfast at the hotel's main restaurant.

Drive on to the rose-red city of **Petra** for a 2-night stay...

En route, stop at **Dana**; one of the largest and most beautiful protected areas in the kingdom, famed for its spectacular scenery and commanding views. The reserve stretches from the peaks of the Sharaa Mountains in the east, with an elevation of around 1,800 meters above sea level, descending across gorges with sheer rock walls, down to the beautiful dunes in the Rift Valley of Wadi Araba at sea level. Walk for an **hour** through **Dana Village** along the self-guided trail which starts from Dana Guesthouse to Dana Village and through the terraced gardens and local craft workshops where you would enjoy the views and the Ottoman architecture.

Continue to the Crusader castle of **Shobak** which was known as "Crak de Montreal" or "Mont Realis" –the fortress of the royal mount– built in AD 1115 on a remote hill to keep the route that connected Syria and Egypt under control. It was the first of a string of similar strongholds in the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem. The fortress was captured by Salah el-Din in (AD 1189) after an 18-month siege, and then by the Mamluks who completely restored it during the 14th century AD, as witnessed by the numerous Arabic inscriptions adorning its walls and towers. A visitor today can see the remains of the enclosing wall, archways, arrow slits, Crusader chapel, and most fascinating of all, the ancient well shaft cut deep into the rock, with 375 steps leading down to the water supply at the bottom. The shaft is one of the deepest ever created by Crusader forces.

Proceed to visit **Little Petra**, a miniature Petra with a modest gorge (Siq el-Barid) that leads into the area of carved tombs and monuments. Of interest is the Painted Cave which is believed to have been a shelter for a sect focused on Dionysus, the ancient Greek god of wine, as it contains remains of Greek-style plaster artwork, quite unique for Petra, displaying tangled vines and flowers with brightly coloured birds and Cupid-like figures.

Check-in at your hotel... Enjoy an optional " **Petra by Night** " evening excursion (20h30 – 22h30) where the 'rose-red' city is transformed into a world of magic with only the flickering light of candles to guide your way to the Treasury where you will hear Bedouin music (This evening excursion involves walking, in stages over sometimes uneven ground dimly lit with candles. It is advisable to wear comfortable shoes & to bring a torch. Petra by Night operates only on Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays but is subject to cancellation depending on weather conditions

Overnight in **PETRA** (**BED & BREAKFAST**)

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DAY 14 : PETRA s/s (LOCAL GUIDE 3.5 hrs.) (BB)

Buffet breakfast at the hotel's main restaurant.

Explore (accompanied by an English speaking local guide for 3.5 hrs. till Qasr el-Bint) the legendary city of **Petra** which was carved entirely out of solid sandstone rock more than 2,000 years ago and has been recently voted as one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. The breathtaking ancient city is accessed by foot through the magnificent 1.2 km narrow **Siq** (gorge), which leads to Petra's most famous 1st century BC monument, the spectacularly carved **Treasury** which appears dramatically as you enter the hidden city at the end of the Siq. The numerous stunning ruins of tombs, known as the **Street of Facades**, lead your way into the remarkable 3,000 seat rock carved **Theatre**, and the impressive collection of **Royal Tombs**. The once bustling colonnaded market street, leads to the **Great Temple**, the beautiful 5th century AD **Byzantine Church** and to the mighty **Qasr el-Bint Faroun**. **Pls. wear comfortable walking shoes, as there is a lot of walking involved. A degree of fitness & mobility is required. Not recommend the usage of horses & camels in Petra.**

Should you wish to explore Petra further on your own in the afternoon (unguided) a flight of about 900 steps cut into the colorful rock, takes you up to the gigantic 1st century AD monument of the **Monastery**, with its beautiful views over Wadi Araba. **Please note as the trail that leads up to the Monastery has some exposed edges it's no longer recommended & hence no longer included in the tour. Also the usage of donkeys up to the Monastery is not recommended too for safety reasons.**

Overnight in PETRA (BED & BREAKFAST)

DAY 15 : PETRA s/s (HALF DAY | UNGUIDED) – WADI RUM (4x4) (HB)

Early buffet breakfast at the hotel's main restaurant (official check out time from the hotel is at 12 noon).

Early morning, return to **Petra** for an **unguided** 2nd half day visit up to the **High Place of Sacrifice** where animal offerings were made at the rock carved sacrificial alters (45 minutes uphill / approx.. 700 steps).

At noon drive to Wadi Rum (2 hrs.) best described by Lawrence of Arabia as 'vast, echoing and God-like' for its stunning natural beauty, and known by the Arabs as the Valley of the Moon for its moonscape terrain of ancient riverbeds, soaring wind carved rocks and smooth golden dunes, offering the most spectacular desert scenery in the world. Explore its stunning landscape and venture for **3 hrs.** into the magnificent desert by an open-top **Bedouin four-wheel drive vehicle** while marveling at the massive mountains, beautiful canyons, awe-inspiring rock formations, sand dunes & the remarkable desert sunset. **Please note Bedouin jeeps have no seatbelts and are not suitable for anyone with bad back as the ride is quite bumpy due to the rough nature of the terrain.**

Proceed to your **Bedouin camp** for **dinner** & overnight in the desert.

Dinner & Overnight in WADI RUM (HALF BOARD)

DAY 16 : WADI RUM – AQABA AIRPORT..... Q.A.I. AIRPORT.....

Early buffet breakfast at the camp...

Drive (1hr.) to the Red-Sea resort of **Aqaba** for departure from **Aqaba Airport** to **Queen Alia International Airport** in Amman to connect flights.

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IN		OUT		HOTELS		ROOMS	
Day 01	-	02	:	01 Night Amman	The House Boutique Suites-4* DLX	Bed & Breakfast	Standard Studio Superior Suite
Day 02	-	03	:	01 Night Dead Sea	Holiday Inn Resort Dead Sea-4* DLX	Bed & Breakfast	Standard rooms
Day 03	-	05	:	02 Nights Petra	Movenpick Nabatean Castle-4* DLX	Bed & Breakfast	Standard Classic room
Day 05	-	06	:	01 Night Wadi Rum	Memories Aicha Luxury Camp	Half Board (HB)	Standard Junior Luxury Bedouin tent

INCLUDED OUR SERVICES

- Transportation provided all throughout the program in a private chauffeured car as per program mentioned above.
- Accommodation in the above mentioned hotels on Bed & Breakfast except for Wadi Rum on Half Board basis.
- English speaking local guide in Jerash on day 01 & in Petra on day 04.
- All entrance fees according to program (2-day entry ticket to Petra).
- Bedouin four-wheel drive vehicles in Wadi Rum for 3 hours.
- Porterages at the airport & hotels.

NOT INCLUDED OUR SERVICES

- Assistance upon arrival at Amman Airport & upon departure from Aqaba Airport.
- Visa fee (JD 40 = \$ 57 per person) & Departure tax (none at the moment) subject to change any minute.
- Tip for the car driver, local guides & hotels/camp.
- Optional Petra by Night (JD 17 = \$ 25 per person) .. This is the published rate... no commission for agents.
- Domestic & international flight tickets.
- Camels in Wadi Rum due to safety.

PLEASE NOTE

- Above package prices are per person in a twin room (land view) & are quoted in US Dollars.
Non-restricted nationals such as the Australians are granted the entry visa to Jordan upon arrival at Amman Airport... payable in Jordanian Dinars (JD 40). There is no departure tax from Aqaba Airport. Rules & regulations regarding the **visa & departure tax** are subject to change by the government without prior notice.
- For the hotels we would need the guests' passport details: Family Name – First Name – Date of Birth – Passport Number – Date of Issue – Expiry Date – Nationality.
- Hotels' **Websites**:
 - The House Boutique Suites : www.thehouse.jo
 - Holiday Inn Resort Dead Sea : www.ihg.com/holidayinnresorts/hotels/us/en/dead-sea/ddljo/hoteldetail
 - Movenpick Nabatean Castle Petra : www.movenpick.com/en/middle-east/jordan/petra/hotel-petra-nabatean-castle/overview/
 - Memories Aicha Luxury Camp : www.mlc.jo
- Suggested **tipping guideline**:
 - Car driver & local guides.... JD 7 (\$ 10) per person per day.
 - Hotels (Reception - Housekeeping - Restaurant) = JD 2 (\$ 3) per person per night
 - Jeep driver in Wadi Rum = JD 3 (\$ 5) per person.

Package per person in Twin Room 3120 USD

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