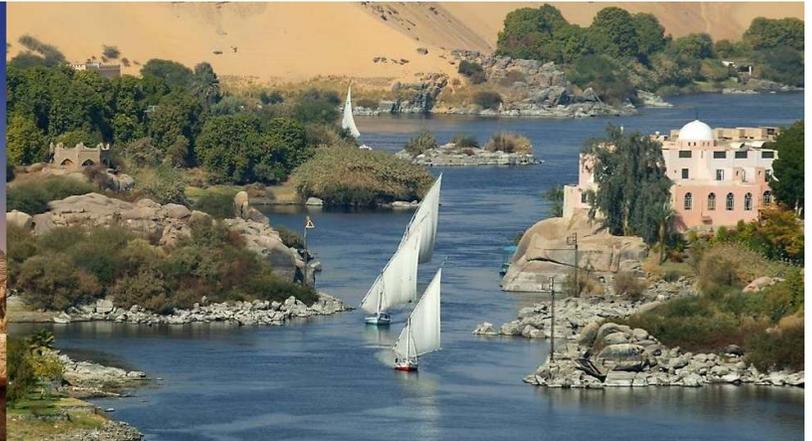


Giza pyramids and Sphinx. Photo: Sam Valadi



The Nile River at Aswan. Photo: Sam Valadi

Visit magnificent ancient sites that reveal why Egypt was such a significant Middle Eastern power in the Bible. Central themes of this tour include: escape from slavery in Egypt, sojourn in the wilderness, and movement into the Promised Land. Hear stories of Abraham and Sarah, Joseph, Moses and Miriam, and the Israelites in the lands where biblical events happened. Learn how Hebrew prophets viewed Egypt, why Jewish and early Christian communities flourished and sometimes suffered there. Also taste the vibrance of modern Egypt on a tour of Cairo that includes visits to Coptic Christian and Islamic sections of Egypt's capital. In Jordan, follow the route of Israelites on their way to Canaan all the way to Mount Nebo where Moses surveyed the land he could not enter. See Petra, the ancient Nabatean trading city carved in stone, and tour astonishing desert landscape along the route of the Israelites. Celebrate the life of Ruth as we travel through her homeland of Moab, and hear the story of Balaam unexpectedly blessing the Israelites. Experience all this with a band of pilgrims who worship, eat, learn and travel together on a journey that will change how you read the Bible.

Itinerary

Sunday, April 11 Cairo

Begin in Cairo, the capital of Egypt. Meet your tour leader and fellow travellers over dinner.

Monday, April 12 Giza

Egypt's massive pyramids have long captured the imagination of travellers. Visit the Great Pyramids of Giza, the largest pyramids ever built in Ancient Egypt. Learn more about the history of pyramids at Sakkara, where you'll be able to see the first of Egypt's pyramids, such as the Step Pyramid. Also see the Sphinx and the ancient city of Memphis.

Tuesday, April 13 Nile River Cruise

This morning, fly to Aswan to board a luxury river cruise ship, your home for the next four nights as you travel along the magnificent Nile River.

Wednesday, April 14 Nile River Cruise

Today's excursions take you to the Temple of Isis on Philae Island, the last temple built in classic Egyptian style, as well as the impressive Aswan High Dam. In the afternoon, sail on a felucca—a traditional wooden sailing boat.

Thursday, April 15 Nile River Cruise

Stop at the Kom Ombo Temple, an unusual temple honouring two Egyptian gods. Then visit the well-preserved Temple of Horus at Edfu for insight into Egypt's Hellenistic period. Tonight, have fun at a galabeya party with traditional Egyptian gowns.

Friday, April 16 Nile River Cruise

Take an excursion to the famed Valley of the Kings, burial place pharaohs. Visit the incomparable Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. See the Colossi of Memnon, massive stone statues which originally guarded the entrance to a mortuary complex.

Saturday, April 17 Luxor / Cairo

Disembark in Luxor, site of ancient Thebes. Take a guided tour, including the vast temple complexes of Karnak and Luxor which stand within the modern city. Then board a short flight from Luxor to Cairo.

Sunday, April 18 Cairo

Visit Coptic Cairo, a Christian stronghold for many centuries, with many historically important

churches. Then discover the Muslim history of Cairo. Visit the Sultan Hassan Mosque, a magnificent 14th century place of worship. Compare it with the Mosque of Muhammad Ali, in 19th century style. In the City of the Dead, marvel at the vast extent of these ancient Muslim cemeteries, including elaborate mausoleums.

Monday, April 19 Alexandria

The city of Alexandria was known in ancient times as the intellectual and cultural capital of the world. On a day trip, see into the city's storied past on a guided tour. Visit the catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa dating to the 1st century. See Pompey's pillar, a massive ancient monolith commemorating a victory, as well as surrounding monuments. And of course you'll see the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, the successor to the famous lost Library of Alexandria. Return to Cairo for the night.

Tuesday, April 20 Petra

After a flight to Amman, Jordan's capital city, transfer to Petra to settle in.

Fare per person:

CAD: Double Occupancy \$5,368; Single Supplement \$1,545

USD: Double Occupancy \$4,261; Single Supplement \$1,130

Fare includes

- Land transportation within the tour
- Arrival and departure airport transfers
- Hotel accommodations
- Entrance fees & reservations in itinerary
- All breakfasts, 4 lunches, all dinners
- Water with dinner
- 4 day Nile River cruise (5-star accommodations & all meals)
- Expert tour leader & local guides
- Gratuities for drivers, guides, group meals, hotel & cruise staff

Fare excludes

- International airfare
- Airport transfers if separate from group
- In-tour airfare (estimate \$425 CAD / \$320 USD)
- Tips for cruise excursions
- Tourist visas
- 9 lunches, drinks with meals
- Travel medical (out-of-country emergency) and cancellation/interruption insurance

Wednesday, April 21 Petra / Wadi Rum

Take in the grandeur of Petra, an ancient trade centre and burial grounds of the Nabataean people during New Testament times. See amazing temple-like tombs chiselled from rose-coloured sandstone. Transfer to Wadi Rum Bedouin Camp where you'll discover spectacular desert scenery and rock formations as well as traditional Bedouin hospitality.

Thursday, April 22 Madaba / Dead Sea

Travel along the King's Highway to Madaba, and ascend the heights of Mount Nebo, where Moses surveyed the Promised Land that he could not enter. Then travel on to the Dead Sea and relax as you float in its buoyant salty waters.

Friday, April 23

Depending on departure times, spend more time relaxing in the Dead Sea. Depart for home from Amman with rich new insights into ancient times.

Insurance

Travel medical (out-of-country emergency) and cancellation/interruption insurance are not mandatory but are highly recommended.

Payments

Rates shown are in effect 10/19. Though every effort is made to maintain established prices, TM reserves the right to adjust prices should it become necessary. The price is guaranteed when paid in full. We accept cheque and credit card payments. Credit card payments are charged a 3% fee.

Important note: Costs could increase if you sign up less than 90 days before a tour begins

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