



Egypt & the Eternal Nile by Private, Classic River-Yacht 2022

16-Day Small Group Adventure

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A WORD ABOUT ADVENTURE TRAVEL

Our *Egypt & the Eternal Nile by Private, Classic River-Yacht* adventure is designed for people who want a different kind of travel experience. The fascinating cities and riverside villages of Egypt beckon with their extensive histories and breathtaking landscapes—from the pharaonic treasures in Cairo and Luxor to typical Egyptian life along scenic stretches of the Nile. Your trip is split between a Land Tour where you'll dive into Egyptian history by exploring mighty temples and pyramids; and a Small Ship Adventure, where you experience the romance of the golden age of travel with five nights aboard a private, classic river-yacht as you slowly drift along the fabled waters of the Nile. To best enjoy the vivid contrasts on this trip, bring your curiosity, flexibility, and spirit of adventure.

INCLUDED IN YOUR PRICE

- » Explore in a small group of 8-16 travelers (average group size of 13)
- » International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- » All land transportation
- » Accommodations for 9 nights in hotels, 5 nights on our privately-chartered river-yacht
- » 40 meals—14 breakfasts, 13 lunches, and 13 dinners (including 1 Home-Hosted Dinner)
- » 21 small group activities
- » Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader who is also an accredited Egyptologist
- » Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters
- » 5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next O.A.T. trip

WHAT THIS TRIP IS LIKE

PACING

- » 6 locations in 16 days with two 1-night stays, including 5 nights aboard a classic private river-yacht; two internal flights of 1-2 hours each; two drives of 4-5 hours

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

- » Not appropriate for travelers using wheelchairs, walkers, or other mobility aids
- » You must be able to walk 2-3 miles unassisted and participate in 3-5 hours of physical activities on most days
- » You will need to access vehicles by ladder without aid; agility is required to board and disembark the yacht as we will dock in areas without any piers; at various sites, you will need to climb up and down steep inclines, with stooping and kneeling to enter and exit some areas
- » We reserve the right for Trip Experience Leaders to restrict participation, or in some circumstances send travelers home, if their limitations impact the group's experience

CLIMATE

- » The climate in Egypt varies from cold to extremely hot. During the dry summer months of May/June through September/October, temperatures can easily get into the 90°s and 100°F in Cairo, Luxor, and Aswan. Temperatures between October and May usually range from the 50°s (in the mornings) to the 80°F. Like all desert climates, winter temperatures in Luxor and Aswan can drop dramatically after sunset, so you may wish to bring extra layers for nights, when temperatures can drop as far as the high 40s (°F).

TERRAIN & TRANSPORTATION

- » Travel over city streets, rugged paths, cobbled streets and unpaved roads in some places
- » We travel via air-conditioned motorcoach (no toilet onboard), 16 passenger twin-sailed *dahabeya* (which may require the assistance of our small, motorized tug boat when sailing upstream), camel, horse and buggy, motorboat, pick-up truck (with bench seats)

FLIGHT INFORMATION

- » Travel time will be 17-20 hours and will most likely have one connection of 3-4 hours

ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES

- » We spend 5 nights aboard a privately chartered river-yacht (with small, motorized yacht tender); cabins are air-conditioned and include private bath
- » Water levels may require changes in our moorings and the location of our riverside barbeque
- » Hotels feature a variety of Western-style amenities and personal services; all hotels include private baths

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YOUR DETAILED ITINERARY

BEGIN YOUR ADVENTURE WITH AN OPTIONAL PRE-TRIP EXTENSION

4 nights in *Sacred Landmarks of Israel: Jerusalem, Masada & The Dead Sea*

Day 1 Fly to Jerusalem, Israel

Day 2 Arrive Jerusalem, Israel

Day 3 Explore Jerusalem

Day 4 Visit Yad Vashem Memorial

Day 5 Explore Masada • Discover the Dead Sea

Day 6 Fly to Cairo, Egypt

OR

5 nights in *Jordan: The King's Highway from Amman to Petra*

Day 1 Fly to Amman, Jordan

Day 2 Arrive Amman, Jordan

Day 3 Amman • Visit the Citadel and Roman Theater

Day 4 Discover Jerash and Ajlun • Home-Hosted Dinner

Day 5 Transfer to Petra via the King's Highway

Day 6 Explore Petra

Day 7 Fly to Cairo • Begin main trip

Day 1 Depart U.S.

Activity Note: Many flights from the United States arrive in Cairo late at night. You may choose to arrive a day early to settle in before your adventure begins. Please call for details.

You depart today for your overnight flight from the U.S. to Cairo, Egypt.

Day 2 Arrive Cairo, Egypt

- Destination: Cairo
- Accommodations: Cairo Marriott Hotel or similar

Activity Note: Travelers who took our arrive early option will have already spent the night at our Cairo hotel.

Afternoon/Evening: Upon arrival in Cairo late this afternoon (or early evening, depending on your flight) and have reserved your airfare with O.A.T. or purchased a transfer, an O.A.T. representative will meet you and escort you to your hotel, which should take approximately 45 minutes, depending on traffic. Set on an island in the Nile in the Zamalek district, our historic hotel—the first of three on our journey—offers a respite from the vibrant streets and exotic bustle of Africa’s largest capital. Hotel amenities will likely include several restaurants, cafés, and bars; along with elegant gardens and an outdoor pool. Air-conditioned rooms typically include a satellite TV, minibar, coffee- and tea-making facilities, and private bath.

After settling in, we’ll regroup in the lobby at around 6pm and your Trip Experience Leader will lead you and your fellow travelers, including those who just arrived from our *Sacred Landmarks of Israel: Jerusalem, Masada & The Dead Sea* or *Jordan: The King’s Highway from Amman to Petra* pre-trip extensions, on an orientation walk around the hotel grounds and surrounding area.

Dinner: On your own at around 7pm. Your Trip Experience Leader can offer suggestions on where to dine, or you may choose to eat at the hotel’s restaurant.

Evening: After dinner, you’re free to explore on your own or retire to your room to rest up from your flight and prepare for tomorrow’s discoveries.

Freedom To Explore: Make the most of your explorations in Cairo on these off-the-beaten path activities. These recommendations are designed by our team of local experts with women travelers in mind.

- **Traveling with your Trip Experience Leader by taxi**, gaze out at the city atop **Cairo Tower**: Resembling a lotus plant, this 613-foot-high tower that was built in 1961 is the city’s most famous landmark after the Pyramids. Take an elevator to the top and enjoy the 360-degree views across the city and try to spot the mighty Pyramids off in the distance.

- **How to get there:** A 10- to 15-minute taxi ride with your Trip Experience Leader, about \$4 USD one way.

- **Hours:** 10am-1am, daily.

- **Cost:** About \$9 USD.

- Witness how one community is tackling recycling at the **Association for Protecting the Environment (APE)**: APE was established in 1984 to improve the lives of *zabbaleen* (literally, garbage collectors in Arabic) living in a slum settlement outside of Cairo, also referred to as “Garbage City.” This unique community handles approximately 40% of Cairo’s waste at no cost to city authorities. The *zabbaleen* collect about 7,000 tons of garbage per day and up to 90% of that waste is recycled by them directly. As a result, this small community has created one of the world’s most efficient recycling industries. APE is working to improve the living conditions of the *zabbaleen*, including a center that produces patchwork and recycled paper products. The center teaches more than 250 young women how to create these fabrics into patchwork quilts, bedspreads, rugs, bags, and other marketable items. You’ll have the opportunity to interact with these women and see how the center is making a positive impact on their lives. Souvenirs can also be bought from these women.

- **How to get there:** A 25- to 30-minute coach ride, about \$5 USD one way.

- **Hours:** 8am-3pm, Monday-Thursday & Saturday; closed Friday & Sunday

- **Cost:** Free.

- Explore the bustle of **Downtown Cairo**: Begin in Talaat Harb, a square in the heart of Cairo noted for its historic streets laid out in the late 19th century and magnificent Art-Deco buildings; then go bargain-hunting with the locals during a stroll along El-Shawarby Street, the one-time shopping hub of colonial Cairo.
 - **How to get there:** A 10- to 15-minute taxi ride, about \$4 USD one way.
 - **Hours:** 11am-2am, daily.
 - **Cost:** Free.

Day 3 Visit Egyptian Museum • **Controversial Topic: Women's rights in Egyptian society**

- Destination: Cairo
- Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Accommodations: Cairo Marriott Hotel or similar

Exclusive O.A.T. Activity: Today's discoveries feature the **Controversial Topic** of women's rights in Egyptian society. This conversation will help our small group gain a deeper understanding of gender inequality and the forms of discrimination that Egyptian women face in their daily lives. Read more about this informative conversation below.

Breakfast: Served buffet-style at the hotel beginning at 7am, with Egyptian and American options.

Morning: At about 9am, we'll gather in the hotel with our Trip Experience Leader, who will set the stage for our discoveries in Egypt with a more formal Welcome Briefing. This briefing gives us the chance to introduce ourselves and get to know the other members of our small group. We will review our itinerary in more detail (including any changes that may need to occur). Our Trip Experience Leader will discuss logistics, safety and emergency procedures, and answer any questions we may have.

Then, at about 10am, we'll depart for the 30-minute drive to the world-renowned Egyptian Museum, home to the greatest Pharaonic treasures in the world. The museum's vast exhibits will lend context to our later discoveries as we trace the history of Egypt from Cheops to Cleopatra. After our 2-hour guided tour, there will be time to reflect on Egypt's illustrious pharaohs or wander the museum's side rooms to glimpse the daily lives of the ancient Egyptians.

Around 12:30pm, we'll drive 20 minutes to a local restaurant.

Lunch: At a local restaurant, at around 1pm, featuring traditional Egyptian fare.

Afternoon: After lunch, we'll drive about 45 minutes back to the hotel, arriving around 2:30pm. Shortly after returning, we'll be met by one of two female speakers to discuss the **Controversial Topic** of women's rights in Egyptian society.

From ancient times to modern day, the role of women in Egyptian society has gradually evolved, and our conversation today will explore the extent of this evolution. To contextualize this complex issue, we'll glean insight from the personal experiences of either a working wife and mother or a single, working woman. Both speakers grew up in Cairo, but their parents hail from rural villages—often leading to a cultural rift between the generations. As such, these women offer wide-ranging perspectives which are sure to cast a personal light on the delicate subject matter.

Egypt is divided on the push for gender equality—the northern part of the country being progressive and the southern part less so. This contrast is, of course, most stark between rural and urban areas. However, in recent years, advocates and Egypt-based organizations

like the Egyptian Feminist Union have helped to increase awareness surrounding women's issues, such as lack of educational opportunities and equal representation in the workplace. And it seems that these efforts are having an impact: the number of women in the Egyptian parliament increased from 2% in 2005 to 25% in the following election alone, the literacy rate for women above 15 years old increased from 58% in 2006 to 65% in 2017, and the percentage of college graduated women (at the undergraduate level) increased from 8% in 2006 to 11% in 2017. Perhaps the biggest stride, though, was the passing of new legislation granting women the right to divorce their husbands, a law which only passed in 2000. We'll talk more in-depth specifically about this groundbreaking decision later in our adventure.

Our speaker will share her story and address both sides of the issue for about 20 minutes before opening the conversation up to a 40-minute Q&A. Take this opportunity to ask any questions you may have—perhaps you'd like to know about gender-based discrimination in the workplace, or maybe you're curious if her conservative family has warmed up to the idea of expanding women's rights.

From about 4pm to 6pm, enjoy free time for your own discoveries. If you'd like activity suggestions, check with your Trip Experience Leader. Alternatively, you may wish to use this time to relax before our Welcome Dinner this evening.

Dinner: At about 6:15pm, we'll enjoy a cocktail reception followed by a Welcome Dinner at a restaurant in our hotel.

Evening: You are free to retire to your room or perhaps purchase some cocktails at the bar with your fellow travelers and talk about the day's discoveries.

Day 4 Visit the Pyramids of Giza

- Destination: Cairo
- Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Accommodations: Cairo Marriott Hotel or similar

Breakfast: Served buffet-style at the hotel beginning at 7am, with Egyptian and American options.

Morning: At about 9am, we'll depart our hotel for a drive out to Giza to behold the Great Pyramids, including the greatest of them all—the 4,500-year-old Great Pyramid of Khufu. The only survivor of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Great Pyramid was built for the Egyptian Pharaoh Khufu (Cheops in Greek) and was the world's tallest man-made structure for more than 4,000 years. We can ponder another mystery for the ages at the Sphinx, enigmatic guardian of the Giza Plateau.

Lunch: At a local restaurant in Giza that specializes in grilled chicken and Egyptian fare, at around 1pm.

Afternoon: At about 3:15pm, we'll return to our hotel for the remainder of the afternoon free to relax or do some further exploring independently, perhaps to visit one of nearby art galleries.

Dinner: At a local restaurant near the Nile, at about 6:15pm, featuring regional cuisine.

Evening: The remainder of your evening is free for you to take advantage of the hotel's amenities, relax with your travel companions in the lounge, or retire to your room and prepare for tomorrow's flight to Luxor.

Day 5 Fly to Luxor • Explore Karnak Temple • Home-Hosted Dinner

- Destination: Luxor
- Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Accommodations: Winter Palace Hotel or similar

Exclusive O.A.T. Activity: This evening we'll venture into the home of a family in Luxor, where we'll enjoy a **Home-Hosted Dinner**. This is a special opportunity afforded to us by our small group size and made possible by the regional connections of our local Trip Experience Leaders. During our shared meal, you'll learn more about daily life in the region from these residents, and take part in the customs and culinary traditions of the region. Read more about this experience below.

Activity Note: Today's activities require an early wake up call of about 4am.

Breakfast: A breakfast box will be available for travelers at the hotel early this morning starting at 4am.

Morning: At about 5am, we'll head to the airport for our morning flight to Luxor—which will be like a journey back in time from Egypt's current capital, Cairo, to its ancient capital of Thebes. Our plane takes off around 7:30am for a 1-hour flight (flight time is subject to change). While flying high above the Nile, one gains an appreciation of how the mighty river enabled such a magnificent civilization to develop along its fertile banks—something noted by the ancient Greek historian Herodotus, who called Egypt the “Gift of the Nile.”

Modern-day Luxor grew out of the ruins of ancient Thebes. And we'll begin to grasp the scope and grandeur of the monuments and temples along both banks of the Nile at this special locale—Luxor Temple and the Temple of Karnak on the East bank, and the remote Valley of the Kings on the West bank. Upon our

arrival in Luxor this morning, we'll explore the Temple of Karnak. With its massive gate built by Ptolemy III, Karnak is one of the most important ancient sites in all of Egypt. Ancient Egyptians, who believed that their chief deity Amun-Ra first created himself and then everything else, called Karnak *Ipet-Isut*, “the most perfect of places.” And perfection was eventually attained at Karnak, which was built over the course of 1,300 years by successive kings and queens, who each added their own tributes to Amun-Ra, replacing or expanding existing monuments in ever more grand styles.

Lunch: At a local restaurant in Luxor, at around 2pm, featuring regional cuisine.

Afternoon: At about 2:30pm, we'll check in to our historic hotel, situated along the Nile River amid luxuriant tropical gardens and ancient temples. You can unpack and settle in to your air-conditioned room, which should include a satellite TV, safe, minibar, and private bath with hair dryer.

We'll regroup around 6:15pm in the lobby of our hotel for one of the highlights of our Egypt adventure: a **Home-Hosted Dinner** with a local family. We'll break up into smaller groups of no more than five travelers and depart for the home or apartment of our host family, which will be located in the suburb of Awamiya. This is a unique opportunity to learn more about life in the region—so come hungry for your home-cooked meal, and bring plenty of questions for your welcoming hosts.

Dinner: Around 6:30pm in the home of a local family. Learn about life in the legendary city of Luxor from these residents, and watch as they prepare an authentic dinner. Each family has a different background—some of them may be teachers, bank tellers, or shop owners, for example. Our meal this evening will consist of typical regional dishes—like *mahshi* (eggplant and zucchini), *moussaka* (an eggplant, meat,

and potato-based dish), and *tahini* salad (made from toasted, ground sesame)—and the family will sit down with us to savor it. We'll finish off our meal with a traditional dessert like *basbousa*, cake sweetened with a simple syrup, or *knafah*, filo pastry filled with cheese.

We're afforded this special privilege by our small group size; by dining in groups of no more than 5, we're given the chance to enter local homes and connect on a one-to-one level, and to even share a little with our hosts about who we are and what has brought us to Egypt. This will be a great opportunity to ask them about life in Luxor, any customs they practice, and more.

Evening: The rest of your evening is free to relax at the hotel, or perhaps to head over to the Luxor market, which is about a half of a mile from our hotel.

Freedom To Explore: Make the most of your explorations in Luxor on these off-the-beaten path activities. These recommendations are designed by our team of local experts with women travelers in mind.

- **Walking with your Trip Experience Leader**, hone your bargaining skills at **Luxor Market:** Mingle with the locals while shopping for Egyptian keepsakes at the colorful Luxor Market. Whether you just want to soak in the atmosphere or sit down for tea with a merchant before purchasing a cotton galabeya, this is always a fun and authentic Egyptian experience.
 - **How to get there:** About a 10- to 15-minute walk with your Trip Experience Leader.
 - **Hours:** 8am-12am, daily.
 - **Cost:** Free.
- Meet with Egyptian Christians at the **Evangelical Church in Luxor:** Also called the Synod of the Nile, the Evangelical (Presbyterian) Church began as a mission

of the United Presbyterian Church of North America among Coptic Egyptians in the late nineteenth century. With about 90% of Egypt's population Muslim, this is a rare opportunity to gain insights into another side of Egyptian religion.

- **How to get there:** A 10- to 15-minute taxi ride, about \$6 USD one way.
- **Hours:** 9am-4pm, and 6pm-8pm, daily.
- **Cost:** Free.
- Visit the **Habiba Association:** Open for over 4 years, this shop, run by single women and single mothers, sells handwoven goods, such as scarves, bags, purses, wall hangings, and more. As you peruse the many items being sold, you may strike up a conversation with the shop owner or the women working in the shop. This is a great opportunity to see how they are supporting themselves and their families through this time-honored craft.
 - **How to get there:** About a 10- to 15-minute walk.
 - **Hours:** 7am-7pm, Monday; 9am-5pm, Tuesday-Sunday.
 - **Cost:** Free.

Day 6 Valley of the Kings • Explore Luxor Temple

- Destination: Luxor
- Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Accommodations: Winter Palace Hotel or similar

Breakfast: Served buffet-style at the hotel beginning at 6am, with Egyptian and American options.

Morning: At about 8am, we'll depart the hotel, crossing over to the west bank of the Nile by motorboat, and then traveling by coach to the Valley of the Kings, about an hour's drive away. The Valley of the Kings, situated in a secluded locale in the Theban Hills, is where the great pharaohs were buried in rock-cut

tombs and surrounded by all the treasures they would need in the afterlife. Almost all of the sacred burial chambers were plundered over the millennia—with the exception of an obscure young ruler whose reign lasted a mere decade. On the afternoon of November 26, 1922, British archaeologist Howard Carter made a small hole in a sealed doorway, inserted a candle, and peered inside. He later wrote about what he saw: “As my eyes grew accustomed to the light, details of the room within emerged slowly from the mist, strange animals, statues, and gold—everywhere the glint of gold.” When his patron, Lord Carnarvon, asked if he could see anything, Carter replied, “Yes, wonderful things.” Completely untouched, Tutankhamen’s burial chambers contained thousands of priceless objects, along with a gold coffin containing the mummy of the teenage king.

Upon arrival in the Valley of the Kings at around 9am, we’ll set off on a walking tour, which includes a visit to the tomb of this young pharaoh, followed by a visit to the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, built for Egypt’s first known female monarch. Ruling for 20 years in the 15th century B.C., Hatshepsut is also considered one of Egypt’s most successful pharaohs. At approximately 12:30m, we’ll walk 15 minutes to a local restaurant for lunch.

Lunch: At around 12:45pm, we’ll enjoy lunch at local restaurant specializing in traditional tagine dishes (casseroles cooked in earthenware pots) in the fields surrounding the Valley of the Kings.

Afternoon: Following lunch, we’ll cross back over the Nile by motorboat, and return to our hotel, where you’ll have the balance of the afternoon free—an ideal opportunity to explore our historic hotel’s many links to Carter’s great discovery.

Then, at around 5:30pm, we’ll explore Luxor Temple, a center of power for Egypt’s mighty pharaohs over a nearly 1,500-year period. The temple complex was largely built by Amenhotep III and Ramses II, the greatest and most celebrated pharaoh of the New Kingdom (his reign lasted some 66 years, up until his death at age 91). Many other pharaohs and rulers added to the temple over the centuries. Tutankhamen even contributed some—the only mark left by the boy king who is far more famous for being dead than alive. After exploring the series of statues, halls, columns, and pillars of Luxor Temple, we can turn our gaze to the incredible avenue of sphinxes that begin here and stretch for more than a mile into the distance, all the way to Karnak.

Dinner: At about 6:45pm, we’ll walk over to Luxor’s local market for dinner at a restaurant serving traditional Egyptian fare.

Evening: Your final night in Luxor is free to explore on your own or begin packing for tomorrow’s journey to Esna.

Day 7 Optional hot air balloon ride • Esna & Temple of Khnum • Begin Nile cruise

- Destination: Nile cruise
- Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Accommodations: *Asiya* river-yacht or *Aida*, *Amunet*, or *Aton* river-yachts

Activity Note: Travelers taking the hot-air balloon ride Optional Tour will depart the hotel at 5:30am.

Breakfast: Served buffet-style at the hotel beginning at 6am, with Egyptian and American options.

Morning: You may elect to rise early for an optional balloon ride over the west bank to witness a glorious Egyptian sunrise over the Nile. Then, shortly after 9am, we’ll drive south to Esna, a town on the Nile’s western bank. An

important stop on the camel-caravan route for centuries, Esna is also home to the Temple of Khnum, one of the later great temples of ancient Egypt's unrivaled 2,500-year civilization, which we'll visit upon our arrival. Then, about 11:45am, we'll board our private river-yacht to begin our Nile River cruise.

Lunch: Aboard our yacht, at about 12:30pm.

Afternoon: While we're enjoying lunch, our private, classic Nile river-yacht will have already set sail as we begin one of the highlights of our Egypt adventure. To set your expectation for the days ahead, a word about our private 16-passenger *dahabeya*—your accommodations for the next five nights: This is not your typical large river ship, packed with travelers, chugging up and down the Nile (we're content to let those big boats pass us by). Instead, you'll experience a gentler, more gracious era in travel. As we glide quietly across the Nile's timeless waters, guided by the gentle winds and whims of the currents, our small motorized tender is there to nudge us along when we require assistance. The intimate size of our vessel also allows us to visit ancient temples at quiet times, and gives us access to the smaller islands and riverside villages that travelers on the big river ships can only dream about. And at night, we'll be far away from the bright lights and lines of the noisy tourist steamers. Quietly moored in secluded locales, we can spend peaceful evenings relaxing on deck, gazing out at the Nile to imagine a time when Cleopatra and Julius Caesar drifted past these very same waters aboard the Egyptian queen's gilded barge.

With a crew of 15 along to provide attentive, personal service to our small group of just 16 travelers, you may feel a bit like a queen or a pharaoh yourself as we begin our romantic journey along the Nile this afternoon. Our first cruise will last approximately four hours,

plenty of time to appreciate just how relaxing this form of Nile travel can be while taking in the vistas to either side of the river where life plays out along its banks unchanged for centuries. We should arrive in Higz, a small village along the Nile's east bank, at around 4pm. Then, we'll take a village walk and watch the sun setting over the Nile before returning to our yacht.

Dinner: At about 6:15pm, aboard our river-yacht, featuring regional dishes selected nightly by our onboard chef.

Evening: You are free to relax on deck to admire the night sky or settle in to your cabin for the night.

Day 8 Cruise to Edfu • Discover Edfu Temple

- Destination: Nile cruise
- Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Accommodations: *Asiya* river-yacht or *Aida*, *Amunet*, or *Aton* river-yachts

Breakfast: Served aboard our yacht beginning at 7am, with Egyptian and American options.

Morning: After breakfast, we set our course for Edfu. During our scenic 5-hour cruise, perhaps you'll join our Trip Experience Leader for a discussion on pharaonic life, or maybe try your hand at *senet*, an ancient Egyptian board game that was a favorite pastime of Tutankhamen. There are many onboard activities that you can enjoy, and you may find a deep sense of camaraderie developing aboard ship with such a small group size.

Lunch: Aboard our yacht, at around noon.

Afternoon: At about 12:30pm, we'll arrive at Edfu, a town on the west bank of the Nile that is home to the best-preserved cult temple in Egypt. Stepping off our yacht, we'll then split into smaller groups and take a horse and buggy

ride out to the Temple of Horus, dedicated to the falcon-headed god. After exploring the remarkable hieroglyphs and bas-reliefs of Egypt's second largest temple, at about 4pm, we'll cruise well beyond the lights and noise of Edfu to moor for the night at Fauaza, a quiet little village further down the Nile.

Dinner: At about 6pm, aboard our river-yacht.

Evening: Free to mingle with your fellow travelers over a drink at the bar, or retire to your cabin for the night.

Day 9 Gebel Silsila Temple and Quarries **• A Day in the Life of Besaw Island** **• Education for girls in rural Egypt discussion**

- Destination: Nile cruise
- Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Accommodations: *Asiya* river-yacht or *Aida*, *Amunet*, or *Aton* river-yachts

Exclusive O.A.T. Activity: Today's activities feature our **NEW A Day in the Life** experience of Besaw Island, where we'll meet a local farmer and his family. Our discoveries will provide a window into this isolated agricultural community and help us understand their unique perspective and traditional livelihood. Read more about this activity below.

Breakfast: Served aboard our yacht beginning at 7am, with Egyptian and American options.

Morning: Picking up the anchor at about 5am, our yacht will have already set sail by the time we wake up. So during our breakfast, we can admire the palm trees, farmland, donkeys, and tranquil scenes of traditional Egyptian life as we slowly cruise farther south along the Nile. At about 10am, we'll arrive at Besaw Island, where we'll proceed to walk 15 minutes to begin our **NEW A Day in the Life** discoveries with local farmer, Sayed, and his

family. Sayed's ancestors moved to this island after the building of the Aswan High Dam. As irrigation became more regulated and agrarian reform took effect, Besaw transformed into a viable, agricultural haven, and land previously owned by the wealthy was redistributed among agricultural workers. This 500-strong island community primarily cultivates mangoes, bananas, dates and feed for their livestock. They are noticeably isolated from surrounding areas, as there are no bridges, no modern developments, and electricity only came to the island around 2010. Besaw is seemingly frozen in time, where the pace of life is much like the gentle breeze and long-established traditions are the beating heart of local culture.

Upon arrival at Sayed's half-acre property around 10:15am, we'll be greeted by his family and welcomed into their two-story, roughly 1,500 square feet mud-brick house. There, we'll begin with a 30-minute conversation about education for girls living on the island. As we learned on Day 3, Egypt is quite split on the subject of women's rights and the resistance to such progress is significantly greater in rural areas like Besaw. Many residents believe that learning to read and write is sufficient education for girls and that they should begin thinking about marriage in their teenage years. Furthermore, education can be a burden on families because children must travel to the mainland to attend school—meaning parents and elders lose out on the extra domestic help. However, as we get to know our host, we'll come to find out that not all people here have such old world views on the subject. Sayed is an advocate for women's rights and strives to support his daughters in pursuing education and whatever career they choose. In fact, one of his daughters hopes to become a doctor, a dream which Sayed fervently supports. We'll also have the opportunity to ask any questions we might have about the issue—perhaps you'd like to know how forward-thinking residents

like Sayed are working to change the minds of conservative neighbors, or you might wish to ask about local school curriculums.

Then, around 11:15am, we'll stretch our legs with a 1-hour walk through the village crop fields. In summer time, we'll stroll through dense rows of lush mango plants and banana palm trees—two of the most lucrative commodities grown here—and if we happen to visit in winter, we'll see zucchini, tomatoes, lettuce, okra, parsley, and other types of produce. We'll also have the chance to observe some of the livestock, such as water buffaloes, cows, sheep, and various poultry. All of this life is sustained, of course, by strategic irrigation methods, which we'll learn about and even have a chance to try our hand at throughout our walk. Depending on the time of year, we may also have the opportunity to seed the land or harvest some of the crops.

Around 12:15pm, we'll walk about 15 minutes back to Sayed's house, where we'll have a chance to prepare the table for lunch.

Lunch: Around 12:30pm in Sayed's home on Besaw Island, featuring traditional dishes like orzo chicken soup, sun-baked bread, fried chicken, or beef stew, followed by a semolina-based dessert.

Afternoon: At about 1:30pm, we'll walk 15 minutes back to our river-yacht and resume sailing for about 1.5 hours. Then, we'll reach the narrowest stretch of the Nile, an area the ancient Egyptians called "Khenu," or the place of rowing. Our destination is Gebel Silsila, a rocky gorge where high sandstone cliffs descend down to the water's edge. Our small river-yacht will then come to a slow drift while we gaze out at the ancient quarries that provided the stones to build almost all of Egypt's great monuments and temples, including Karnak, Luxor, Kom Ombo, and many others. It is estimated the amount of

sandstone mined here during the pharaonic era is eight million tons. You can be among the few to explore this historic site, and learn about a recent archaeological discovery made here—a massive sacred temple used for four epochs of ancient Egyptian history. Our Trip Experience Leader will shed light on this historical finding for about 45 minutes, during which we can ask any questions we might have.

Then, at about 6:30pm, we'll venture ashore for dinner this evening.

Dinner: At about 6:30pm, we'll enjoy a traditional Egyptian dinner on Gebel Silsila (weather permitting).

Evening: We'll head back to our river-yacht around 8pm, and enjoy the remainder of the night free for our own discoveries.

Day 10 Island village visit • Cruise to Kom Ombo

- Destination: Nile cruise
- Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Accommodations: *Asiya* river-yacht or *Aida*, *Amunet*, or *Aton* river-yachts

Breakfast: Served aboard our yacht beginning at 7am, with Egyptian and American options.

Morning: Beginning at about 9am, we'll enjoy some island exploring, visit Fares' traditional Egyptian village, and stop to see a local craftsman. Then, at about 11am, we'll go back onboard our yacht to begin a cruise of 4 to 5 hours on our way to Kom Ombo.

Lunch: Aboard our yacht, at around 12:30pm.

Afternoon: At about 3pm, we will arrive at Kom Ombo, a riverside town surrounded by sugar cane fields that is home to Egypt's only double temple. Dramatically situated along a bend on the Nile, the beautiful Graeco-Roman Kom Ombo Temple features one side dedicated to

the local crocodile god, Sobek (it is said that real crocodiles used to bask here). The other side honors the falcon god, Haroeris. The entire structure is unusual in that everything is doubled and perfectly symmetrical along the main axis: twin entrances, twin courts, and twin colonnades. Another unique feature of Kom Ombo is a series of engravings thought to be among the world's first representations of medical and surgical instruments. After exploring Kom Ombo, we'll return to our river-yacht at about 4:30pm and cruise for about an hour to the nearby town of Daraw, arriving at approximately 5:30pm.

Dinner: Aboard our yacht, at about 6pm.

Evening: Free to relax with your travel companions on the yacht while we moor for the night in Daraw.

Day 11 Visit Daraw livestock market • Cruise to Aswan

- Destination: Nile cruise
- Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Accommodations: *Asiya* river-yacht or *Aida*, *Amunet*, or *Aton* river-yachts

Breakfast: Served aboard our yacht beginning at 6am, with Egyptian and American options.

Morning: At about 7am, we'll find out what really draws the locals to Daraw—the livestock market. Throughout the year, cows, goats, camels, and other livestock are traded in a bustling weekly market here. Because we are traveling in such a small group, we'll hop aboard pick-up trucks, a more modern form of local transport, and head over to the market (during non-market days, we will visit some of the livestock barns). With herders urging their camels and goats along and Nubian men hawking their mint and Egyptian spinach as they squeeze through the crowds in their *tuk-tuks*, the scene can be dusty, colorful,

chaotic—and fun. We'll spend about an hour at the market before returning to our yacht. Then, at about 8:45am, we'll set off on a 6-hour cruise to Aswan, our final port-of-call.

Lunch: Aboard our yacht, at around noon.

Afternoon: You'll want to be on deck as we drift along this enchanting stretch of the Nile where the desert closes in on the river, tropical islands abound, and lateen-sailed *feluccas* are seen gliding past the ancient ruins.

Dinner: Aboard our yacht at about 6:30pm, featuring regional dishes.

Evening: We'll arrive in Aswan by about 8pm and moor for the night at the city's edge, relatively secluded from Aswan's main bustle. You can relax on deck this evening and take in the views of the Nile and Aswan for the final night of our cruise.

Day 12 Aswan • Disembark yacht • Travel to Abu Simbel

- Destination: Abu Simbel
- Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Accommodations: Seti Abu Simbel Hotel or similar

Breakfast: Served aboard our yacht beginning at 6am, with Egyptian and American options.

Morning: At about 7am, we'll bid farewell to our captain and crew and travel overland for approximately four hours to Abu Simbel for an overnight stay. Upon arrival around 11am, we'll spend about 2 hours exploring the ancient relics and structures for which the area is known. Unlike the throngs of day-trippers who rush their visit here, we get to witness the iconic temples seemingly carved into living rock both by day and at night. We'll see this ancient wonder fully intact, with its huge guardian statues and elaborate depictions of famous battles on the inner walls of Ramses'

Temple. It has been said that this famed king was something of a narcissist—we'll see ample evidence of that here in the sheer number of objects depicting him, including a mammoth statue in which his head appears to support the weight of the entire temple. The massive colossi of Ramses II were an expression of Egypt's might and its dominance over the Nubian kingdom.

When Lake Nasser was created as a result of the construction of the Aswan High Dam (which we'll visit the next day), some 100,000 Nubians were displaced. Not only did the High Dam's construction upend the lives of Nubians, but it appeared that the massive temples of Abu Simbel—hewn out of the solid cliff in the 13th century B.C.—were doomed to vanish beneath the rising waters of Lake Nasser. But the entire complex was cut into 1,036 blocks (weighing eleven tons each), and thanks to the labor of 25,000 workers over three years, was moved 200 feet up the cliffs and safely re-established above the new water level.

After exploring the area, we'll check in to our centrally located hotel around 1pm. Depending on where we stay, hotel amenities may include an outdoor pool and onsite restaurant. Each air-conditioned room may feature complimentary wireless Internet access, an in-room safe, and a private bath with hair dryer.

Lunch: At our hotel around 1pm, featuring a selection of Nubian specialties.

Afternoon: Following lunch, you'll have free time to relax or venture out on your own. Perhaps after the long drive this morning you'd prefer to settle into the hotel and enjoy some tea—or you may wish to consult with your Trip Experience Leader for ideas. Then, at about 5:30pm, we'll continue our discoveries with a short drive back to Abu Simbel, where we'll

gain an entirely new perspective of the site during an enchanting sound and light show. The illuminated temples and relics provide a dramatic lens through to which to experience the rich history and heritage before us.

Around 7:15pm, we'll make the short drive back to our hotel.

Dinner: At about 7:30pm, at our hotel for a Nubian-style dinner.

Evening: Free to relax and enjoy the amenities of our hotel or return to our rooms to beginning packing for tomorrow's transfer back to Aswan.

Day 13 Transfer to Aswan • Visit High Dam • Explore Aswan's Spice Market

- Destination: Aswan
- Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Accommodations: Old Cataract Hotel or similar

Breakfast: Served buffet-style at our hotel, beginning at 6:30am.

Morning: At about 8am, we depart Abu Simbel and drive back to Aswan for our two-night stay. Set along an enchanting stretch of the Nile, Aswan is an ancient frontier town where life glides by as gently as the canvas-sailed feluccas that drift past the tropical islands dotting the river's sapphire waters. Along the way, we'll make a stop at the Aswan High Dam, whose 1971 construction created the massive Lake Nasser. We'll arrive at the dam at about 11am to enjoy the scenery before continuing to Aswan.

Lunch: At a local restaurant on the way to Aswan, at around noon.

Afternoon: At about 1:30pm, we'll arrive in Aswan and check in to the historic Old Cataract Hotel, whose terrace provides views of Elephantine Island and the most dramatic Nile sunsets in all of Egypt. Constructed in

1899 by Thomas Cook for refined European travelers, the Old Cataract Hotel occupies one of the most breathtaking locations along a bend in the Nile, facing out over the sands of the Sahara beyond. Hotel guests have included Tsar Nicholas II, Winston Churchill, Howard Carter, among many others. Agatha Christie also set portions of her novel *Death on the Nile* at the elegant hotel, and scenes from the 1978 film of the same name were shot here. Visitors from the golden age of travel to the present day have praised this captivating Victorian palace perched on a granite shelf above the Nile. Rooms are air-conditioned and include satellite TV, Internet access, minibar, and private bath.

After some free time to explore the hotel and its magnificent grounds, we'll gather together at about 6pm to enjoy a discovery walk through Aswan's bustling spice market. We'll hunt for bargains at a colorful bazaar of aromatic spices, Nubian crafts, embroidered *galabayas* (traditional Egyptian garments), and more, before heading over to a local restaurant for dinner.

Dinner: At about 7pm, in a local restaurant in Aswan.

Evening: Free to relax, enjoy a drink at the hotel's famous terrace, or perhaps just soak in the history of these legendary accommodations.

Freedom To Explore: Make the most of your explorations in Aswan on these off-the-beaten path activities. These recommendations are designed by our team of local experts with women travelers in mind.

- **Walking with your Trip Experience Leader,** discover the treasures of the **Nubian Museum:** Nestled into a hillside in Aswan, this award-winning museum celebrates

the culture and civilization of the Nubian region of Egypt from prehistoric times to the present.

- **How to get there:** About a 10- to 15-minute walk with your Trip Experience Leader.
- **Hours:** 9am-4pm, daily.
- **Cost:** About \$8 USD.
- **Go bird watching along the Nile:** Visit Aswan's small islands along the Nile and discover why bird enthusiasts have been flocking here for ages. If you choose to reserve a private tour, your expert, English-speaking bird spotter will guide a *felucca* boat tour along the Nile, pointing out local species such as egrets, kingfishers, herons, and parakeets. Your guide will provide you with binoculars for optimal bird-spotting, and it is suggested that you leave a tip at the end of your tour. Or, you can opt to go birding on your own. If you choose to do so, we recommend bringing your own binoculars, visiting earlier in the day to avoid the heat, and setting aside roughly 1.5 hours for the experience.
 - **How to get there:** About a 20-minute *felucca* ride from your ship.
 - **Hours:** 9am-12pm, daily.
 - **Cost:** About \$50 USD.
- Visit the **Coptic Orthodox Cathedral of the Archangel Michael:** Opened in 2006, this cathedral has striking modern architecture. As you explore the church, you can meet Christian locals and gain a deeper understanding of this sect of Christianity. Our regional associates suggest spending an hour visiting the cathedral.
 - **How to get there:** About a 5- to 10-minute walk.
 - **Hours:** 8am-8pm, daily.
 - **Cost:** Free.

Day 14 Camel ride to St. Simeon Monastery • Explore Temples of Philae

- Destination: Aswan
- Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Accommodations: Old Cataract Hotel or similar

Breakfast: Buffet-style at the hotel beginning at 6am, featuring Egyptian and American options.

Morning: At about 8am, we'll depart our hotel for a visit to the abandoned Monastery of St. Simeon. Constructed on the Nile's west bank in the seventh century (then rebuilt in the tenth), the hilltop monastery was destroyed in 1173 by Saladin, who feared that it might serve as a refuge for Christian Nubians. And now that our Nile cruise is over, we'll take to the original ships of the desert—camels—to arrive at these historic ruins. We'll also see the chamber where St. Simeon used to pray for hours on end (legend has it that he fastened his beard to the chamber's ceiling lest he fall asleep during those lengthy prayers).

Then, at around 10am, we'll depart the monastery by bus and then take a boat to the island temple of Philae, center of the cult of the goddess Isis. Similar to the plight of Abu Simbel, this temple complex was moved in order to save it from the rising waters of Lake Nasser. Our discoveries include the Temple of Isis, with its courtyards flanked by granite lions and walls covered in ancient gods and goddesses; and Trajan's Kiosk, with its 14 majestic stone pillars.

Lunch: At a local restaurant at around 12:30pm, featuring traditional Egyptian dishes served in clay pots.

Afternoon: We'll return to our hotel by about 1:45pm for a few hours of free time to relax or explore on your own.

Dinner: At about 6pm, in a local restaurant overlooking the Nile.

Evening: Free to enjoy time at the hotel, witness life along the Nile, or to begin packing for tomorrow's flight to Cairo.

Day 15 Fly to Cairo • Explore Old Cairo

- Destination: Cairo
- Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Accommodations: Cairo Marriott Hotel or similar

Breakfast: Buffet-style at the hotel beginning at 7am, featuring Egyptian and American options.

Morning: At about 8am, we'll transfer to the airport for our 1.5-hour flight north to Cairo (flight time is subject to change).

Lunch: At a local restaurant near Old Cairo, at around 12:30pm.

Afternoon: At about 1:30pm, we'll make a half-hour drive out to a pair of ancient communities along the twisting alleyways of Old Cairo. Our discoveries include the Hanging Church, a Basilica-style church housed in a Babylonian fortress dedicated to the Virgin Mary. We'll check in to our Cairo hotel by about 4:15pm, and then have some free time for our last day in Egypt—perhaps to witness the panoramic views of the city from atop Cairo Tower or to do some last-minute shopping before returning home.

Dinner: At about 6:30pm, we'll enjoy a festive Farewell Dinner in a local restaurant. This is a great time to celebrate our Egypt discoveries with the entire group while dining on traditional Egyptian fare that we've come to know during our adventure.

Evening: Free to relax at the hotel to compare Egypt memories with your fellow travelers or begin packing for tomorrow's return flights home.

Morning: Depending on your flight time, transfers to the Cairo airport will begin at about 7am for your return flight back to the U.S., or begin your post-trip extension to *Alexandria's Glorious Past*.

Day 16 Return to U.S. or begin trip extension

- Included Meals: Breakfast

Breakfast: Buffet-style at the hotel beginning at 7am, featuring Egyptian and American options.

END YOUR ADVENTURE WITH AN OPTIONAL POST-TRIP EXTENSION

5 nights in *Alexandria's Glorious Past*

Day 1 Transfer to Alexandria

Day 2 Visit Library of Alexandria • Royal Jewelry Museum

Day 3 Excursion to Rosetta (Rashid)

Day 4 Catacombs of Kom ash-Shuqqafa • National Museum

Day 5 Transfer to Cairo

Day 6 Return to U.S.

OPTIONAL TOURS

During your trip you will be able to book optional tours directly with your Trip Experience Leader. He or she will ask you to confirm the payment for these tours by filling out a payment form. Optional tours can only be purchased with a credit or debit card. We accept Visa, MasterCard, and Discover credit cards. We also accept Visa and MasterCard debit cards, but it must be a debit card that allows you to sign for purchases.

In order to correctly process these charges, there can be a delay of 2–3 months from the date of your return for the charges to be posted to your account. Therefore we ask that you use a card that will not expire in the 2–3 months following your return.

Please note: *Optional tour prices are listed in U.S. dollar estimates determined at the time of publication and are subject to change. Optional tours may vary.*

Hot Air Balloon Ride

(Day 7 \$110 per person)

Rise early for a hot air balloon ride and view the splendor of the Nile's West Bank and Valley of the Kings with a new sense of wonder. See ancient Luxor from a unique angle as you drift over temples, ancient sites, and sacred ruins (depending on wind direction)—and also over vast sugar cane fields and villages waking up in the early morning sun. **Please note:** *This optional tour is weather permitting.*

PRE-TRIP

Sacred Landmarks of Israel: Jerusalem, Masada & The Dead Sea

INCLUDED IN YOUR PRICE

- » Accommodations for 4 nights in Jerusalem at the Dan Boutique Hotel or similar
- » 8 meals—4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 2 dinners
- » 4 small group activities
- » Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
- » Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters
- » All transfers

PRE-TRIP EXTENSION ITINERARY

Within Israel's complex society, you'll find the world's three great religions threaded into the fabric of life. From deeply sacred landmarks to completely isolated ancient sites located in the middle of the Judean Desert, there isn't a part of Israel that isn't touched by history and religion. Let Jerusalem inspire you with its culturally-rich landscape and tap into your inner historian during an exploration of the ancient hilltop fortress of Masada.

Day 1 Fly to Jerusalem, Israel

You depart today for your overnight flight from the U.S. to Jerusalem, Israel.

Day 2 Arrive Jerusalem, Israel

- Destination: Jerusalem
- Included Meals: Dinner
- Accommodations: Dan Boutique Hotel or similar

Afternoon: Upon arrival in Israel late this afternoon, an O.A.T. representative will meet you at the airport and escort you to your hotel in Jerusalem—a transfer of about 1.5 to 2 hours, depending on traffic. Then, you will meet your Trip Experience Leader, check in, and receive your room assignment. Depending on where we stay, we'll likely be at a centrally-located hotel near Jerusalem's Old City, with amenities

that include a bar and restaurant, along with a fitness center and large sun deck. Rooms are air-conditioned and typically include a safe, telephone, satellite TV, refrigerator, coffee- and tea-making facilities, and private bath with hair dryer.

After settling in, we'll regroup in the lobby at about 5:30pm and your Trip Experience Leader will lead you and your fellow travelers on an orientation walk around your hotel. Then, we'll enjoy a Welcome Drink before heading to a local restaurant for dinner.

Dinner: At a local restaurant around 6:30pm. Our Welcome Dinner features local cuisine, and our meal will include an appetizer, main course, and dessert. Bottled water, soft drinks, and a glass of beer or wine are included.

Evening: After dinner, you're free to explore on your own or retire to your room to rest up from your flight and prepare for tomorrow's discoveries.

Freedom To Explore: Make the most of your explorations in Jerusalem on these off-the-beaten path activities. These recommendations are designed by our team of local experts with women travelers in mind.

- View the exhibits at the **Museum for Islamic Art:** Opened to the public in 1974, this celebrated museum was founded to showcase Islamic civilization and also to bridge the cultural divide. Home to myriad artifacts spanning many centuries, the museum boasts one of the world's foremost collections of Islamic artwork and antique timepieces.
 - **How to get there:** A 10- to 15-minute taxi ride, about \$4 USD one way.
 - **Hours:** 10am-3pm, Monday-Wednesday; 10am-7pm, Thursday.
 - **Cost:** About \$11 USD.
- Witness Jerusalem's controversial side at the **Museum on the Seam:** Hailed by the *New York Times* as "one of 29 leading art venues around the world," the Museum on the Seam describes itself as a socio-political contemporary art museum and features unique exhibits on themes related to human rights, slavery, the right to protest, and a variety of topics related to national, ethnic, and economic issues.
 - **How to get there:** A 10- to 15-minute taxi ride, about \$4 USD one way.
 - **Hours:** 10am-5pm, Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday; 2pm-8pm, Tuesday; 10am-2pm, Friday.
 - **Cost:** About \$9 USD.
- Gaze in wonder at the **Chagall Windows:** Get a glimpse of Russian-born artist Marc Chagall's genius at the synagogue of the Hadassah

Ein Kerem hospital, home to the famous 12 abstract stained glass windows representing the 12 Tribes of Israel.

- **How to get there:** A 25- to 30-minute taxi ride, about \$25 USD one way.
- **Hours:** 8:30am-3pm, Sunday-Thursday.
- **Cost:** About \$4 USD.

Day 3 Explore Jerusalem

- Destination: Jerusalem
- Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
- Accommodations: Dan Boutique Hotel or similar

Breakfast: An Israeli-style buffet breakfast is served at the hotel beginning at 7am, with hot and cold selections available.

Morning: At about 9am, we'll gather for a more formal Welcome Briefing in the hotel, where we can review our itinerary in more detail (including any changes that may need to occur). Our Trip Experience Leader will also discuss logistics, safety and emergency procedures, and answer any questions we may have.

After our briefing, we'll set off to experience Jerusalem's Old City on foot. Measuring less than one square mile, the Old City contains an immense amount of history and holds a deep spiritual significance for many, including Muslims, Christians, and Jews. We'll see ancient sites like the Western Wall, one of the holiest sites in the world for Jewish people, and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, theorized to be the site of Christ's burial and resurrection. We'll also explore the Mount of Olives, the location of Christ's betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane. We'll discover the biblical stories that took place here while taking in sweeping views of the city. Then, we'll continue on to Machane Yehuda Market. Located in one of the oldest neighborhoods in Jerusalem, this popular market sells everything from baked goods like sweet, soft challah bread to textiles.

Lunch: At a local restaurant in Machane Yehuda Market around 1pm, featuring typical Middle Eastern cuisine with fresh, local ingredients.

Afternoon: We'll return to our hotel at around 2pm, and you are free to explore the area on your own, relax in your room, or take advantage of the hotel's amenities. You could also take this opportunity to check out the Chagall Windows, or perhaps you'll visit the Israel Museum to get a glimpse of the world's oldest biblical documents—the Dead Sea Scrolls. The Israel Museum covers the country's vast history and complex culture with its large collection of artifacts and art pieces—the museum is the largest of its kind in Israel and is one of the top archaeology and art museums in the world.

Dinner: On your own. Your Trip Experience Leader will be happy to recommend some nearby restaurants or you can dine in the hotel's restaurant if you wish.

Evening: On your own—you're free to explore Jerusalem as you'd like, or ask your Trip Experience Leader for recommendations.

Day 4 Visit Yad Vashem Memorial

- Destination: Jerusalem
- Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
- Accommodations: Dan Boutique Hotel or similar

Activity Note: The visit to the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial includes many graphic images and may be disturbing to some travelers.

Breakfast: Buffet-style at the hotel beginning at 7am, with Israeli and American options.

Morning: At about 9am, we'll depart our hotel for a tour of Yad Vashem, the memorial commemorating the more than six million lives lost during the Holocaust. Discover the faces and stories of the Holocaust's victims

and survivors as you explore the museum and memorial, and gain deeper insight into this harrowing piece of history with the museum's nearly 50 million artifacts—the world's largest Holocaust archive collection.

Lunch: On your own, at about 1pm. You may wish to try any number of Jewish specialties such as *mejadra*, which is made with lentils, rice, and onions; or a Palestinian classic like *fattoush* (bread and fresh vegetable salad).

Afternoon: We'll return to our hotel at around 2pm, and you are free to explore on your own, or perhaps just to reflect on our morning's activity before we gather again at about 6pm in the lobby to depart for dinner.

Dinner: Included at a local restaurant tonight.

Evening: You have the freedom to enjoy the rest of the evening as you wish, or ask your Trip Experience Leader for recommendations.

Day 5 Explore Masada • Discover the Dead Sea

- Destination: Jerusalem
- Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
- Accommodations: Spa Club Hotel Dead Sea or similar

Breakfast: Buffet-style at the hotel beginning at 7am, with Israeli and American options.

Morning: At about 8:30am, we'll depart our hotel for a drive of approximately 1.5 hours to Masada. Upon arrival, we'll ascend to the summit of the mighty hilltop fortress, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, via cable car. Standing high above the Judean Desert, this isolated 20-acre fortification was the site of a siege during the Jewish revolt against the Romans in the eighth century. After tracing the turbulent history of Masada and exploring these ancient ruins, we'll board our bus and head to the coast for lunch.

Lunch: At a local restaurant along the Dead Sea, at about 1pm.

Afternoon: This afternoon, we can experience what it's like to take a dip in the Dead Sea. As a result of the water's high salt concentration, we'll float effortlessly in the mineral-rich waters of what is considered to be the lowest place on Earth—located 1300 feet below sea level. Then, at about 3pm, we'll drive for approximately an hour back to Jerusalem, arriving at our hotel by about 4pm. We'll regroup at about 5:30pm for an enlightening conversation with our Trip Experience Leader about the complicated relationship between Palestine and Israel.

Dinner: On your own shortly after 5:30pm. Your Trip Experience Leader will be happy to provide you with restaurant recommendations for an authentic Israeli meal this evening.

Evening: Free to explore on your own for your final night in Jerusalem or to begin packing for tomorrow's flight to Egypt.

Day 6 Fly to Cairo, Egypt

- Included Meals: Breakfast

Morning: After breakfast, we'll transfer to the airport for our flight to Cairo to join the main trip. We arrive in Cairo to begin the next leg of our adventure on Day 2 of *Egypt & the Eternal Nile by Private, Classic River-Yacht*.

PRE-TRIP

Jordan: The King's Highway from Amman to Petra

INCLUDED IN YOUR PRICE

- » Accommodations for 3 nights in Amman at the Crowne Plaza Amman or similar, and 2 nights in Petra at the Petra Boutique Hotel or similar
- » 14 meals—5 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 5 dinners (including 1 Home-Hosted Dinner)
- » 9 small group activities
- » Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
- » All transfers
- » Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters

PRE-TRIP EXTENSION ITINERARY

Experience another facet of the Middle East's centuries-old culture in Jordan. You'll explore Roman ruins in Amman and stroll ancient city streets in Jerash. And discover the Nabataen "Lost City" of Petra, described in poetry as a "rose-red city half as old as time."

Day 1 Fly to Amman, Jordan

You depart today for your overnight flight from the U.S. to Amman, Jordan.

Day 2 Arrive Amman, Jordan

- Destination: Amman
- Included Meals: Dinner
- Accommodations: Crowne Plaza Amman or similar

Afternoon: Upon arrival in Jordan this afternoon, an O.A.T. representative will meet you at the airport and escort you to your hotel in Amman—a transfer of approximately 45 minutes, depending on traffic. Then, you will meet your Trip Experience Leader, check in, and receive your room assignment. Our hotel will most likely be situated in the heart of Amman, about a 5-minute walk from the popular Amman Mall. Hotel amenities should include a restaurant, lounge, and spa facilities.

Air-conditioned rooms will include wireless Internet, minibar, coffee- and tea-making facilities, and private bath with hair dryer.

After settling in, we'll regroup in the lobby and your Trip Experience Leader will lead you and your fellow travelers on an orientation walk around your hotel. Then, we'll enjoy a Welcome Drink and dinner at our hotel.

Dinner: At a restaurant in our hotel, beginning at about 6:30pm, featuring local cuisine.

Evening: After dinner, you're free to linger at the bar, or head to your room to relax after your flight and prepare for tomorrow's discoveries.

Freedom To Explore: Make the most of your explorations in Amman on these off-the-beaten path activities. These recommendations are designed by our team of local experts with women travelers in mind.

- Learn about life in rural Jordan at the **Iraq Al-Amir Women Cooperative Society**: Meet the friendly local women of this small rural Jordanian village and see how they have transformed their lives through training in different handicraft skills. The women offer cooking classes, traditional lunches, and a variety of traditional craft workshops. Visitors have an opportunity to gain unique insights into village life while providing the women with a sustainable source of income.

- **How to get there:** A 20- to 25-minute taxi ride, about \$20-\$25 USD one way.
- **Hours:** 9:30am-5pm, Monday-Friday.
- **Cost:** Free.

Day 3 Amman • Visit the Citadel and Roman Theater

- Destination: Amman
- Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Accommodations: Crowne Plaza Amman or similar

Breakfast: Served buffet-style at the hotel beginning at 6:30am, with Jordanian and American options.

Morning: At about 9am, we set off to explore this ancient city by bus and on foot. Amman was once besieged and captured by King David and the Egyptian King Ptolemy, and occupied by the Byzantine Empire and Christian Crusaders. Today, it is a thriving modern metropolis that has taken great care to preserve its historical heritage. We visit Amman's citadel, with its blend of ancient Greek, Roman, Byzantine, and Islamic ruins. After enjoying the views of the Old City, with its 5,000-seat Roman amphitheater and lovely Abu Darwish Mosque, we continue to the older section of downtown Amman. We'll have many opportunities to mingle with the locals as we stroll through

places like the "gold souk," named for its concentration of gold jewelry shops selling unique local items.

Lunch: At a local restaurant at around 1:15pm, featuring regional cuisine.

Afternoon: At about 2:30pm, we'll continue our discoveries of Amman with a walk in Jabal Amman, a neighborhood near the downtown area that is known for its distinctive historic architecture, followed by a visit to the city's newer sections. We'll return to our hotel at about 4:30pm, and you'll have time to relax for a bit or freshen up before dinner. Then, at about 6:30pm we'll get a glimpse of Amman's nightlife during a brief walking tour along Rainbow Street, a trendy stretch of town popular with expats and young Jordanians that also features many ceramic and pottery shops.

Dinner: At about 7:30pm, we'll enjoy a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.

Evening: After returning from dinner, the rest of your evening is free.

Day 4 Discover Jerash and Ajlun • Home-Hosted Dinner

- Destination: Amman
- Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Accommodations: Crowne Plaza Amman or similar

Breakfast: Served buffet-style at the hotel beginning at 6:30am, with Jordanian and American options.

Morning: At about 8am, we'll depart for Jerash, a drive of approximately one hour. Considered the world's best-preserved and most complete Greco-Roman city, Jerash was first established as a town in AD 70. Today, it's a sprawling open-air museum of monumental temples, baths, theaters, and lovely Byzantine churches. We'll be greeted by the triple-arched gateway

built to honor the arrival of the Emperor Hadrian in AD 129. Next to Hadrian's Arch stands the massive hippodrome, partially reconstructed. We'll wander through this amazing site and marvel at the Zeus Temple, Oval Plaza, and splendid avenues and plazas lined with graceful colonnades. After our tour, we'll have free time to explore Jerash on our own, a time when you can visit the site's museum, or perhaps attend the gladiator show and chariot race that takes place here (when available).

Lunch: At a local restaurant in Jerash, at around noon.

Afternoon: At about 1:30pm, we'll drive for approximately 45 minutes through fertile green hills lined with olive groves to Ajlun—where we'll visit its imposing Saracen castle. Built in the late twelfth century by the nephew of Saladin, it is known as Qalat ar-Rabad and dominates the skyline for miles. We'll depart Ajlun at about 3:15pm and arrive back at our hotel in Amman by about 4:45pm.

Dinner: In the home of a local Jordanian family in Amman beginning at about 6:30pm. Our dinner will feature traditional Jordanian cuisine.

Evening: During our Home-Hosted Dinner, we may linger for a while with our hosts to ask questions and get a personal glimpse of Jordanian life. After returning from dinner at around 8:30pm, the remainder of your evening is free. You may wish to retire early to pack and prepare for tomorrow's departure to Petra.

Day 5 Transfer to Petra via the King's Highway

- Destination: Petra
- Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Accommodations: Petra Boutique Hotel or similar

Breakfast: Served buffet-style at the hotel beginning at 6:30am, with Jordanian and American options.

Morning: At about 9am, we'll depart Amman and set off for Petra along the King's Highway, which has been an international trade route for the last 5,000 years. The route is scenic, and dotted with picturesque villages and historic sites mentioned in the Bible. After a drive of about one hour, we'll arrive at Mount Nebo, the place where Moses is purported to have gazed upon the Holy Land that he was not meant to reach. It is said that his tomb lies here. From here, we'll enjoy spectacular views across the Jordan Valley and Dead Sea. We'll also see some preserved mosaics uncovered from archaeological digs that date back to the sixth century. Then, at about 11am, we'll depart Mount Nebo and visit a nearby mosaic workshop and showroom to gain insight into this ancient craft before our next stop in Madaba. At about 12:15pm, we'll arrive in Madaba, where we'll take a short walk to St. George's Church. This 19th-century Greek Orthodox Church is home to a treasure trove of early Christianity, including the earliest surviving mosaic map of the Holy Land. The map, which once contained some two million mosaic pieces, dates to about the sixth century.

Lunch: At a local restaurant in Madaba around 1:15pm. Typical Jordanian cuisine often includes dishes like *mansaf*, a large platter of meat layered with flatbread and rice.

Afternoon: At about 2:30pm, we'll continue our transfer to Petra, taking our time to witness the scenic views of the Mujib Valley along the way. We'll also stop for a panoramic view over Wadi Mujib before arriving at our hotel in Petra by about 6:30pm. Depending on where we stay, our hotel will likely be situated just steps away from the entrance to Petra's renowned archaeological sites, and offer excellent views of the surrounding mountains. Hotel amenities should include a lobby lounge, restaurant, and Nabatean-style bar. Typical rooms include air-conditioning, minibar, safe, coffee- and tea-making facilities, and private bath.

Dinner: At our hotel at about 7:30pm, featuring regional cuisine.

Evening: You are free to explore on your own, take advantage of the hotel amenities, linger at the bar, or retire to your room to prepare for tomorrow's exploration of Petra.

Freedom To Explore: Make the most of your explorations in Petra on these off-the-beaten path activities. These recommendations are designed by our team of local experts with women travelers in mind.

- Take a culinary adventure at the **Petra Kitchen:** This highly regarded venue near Petra's main gate features nightly cooking classes that give you the opportunity to work alongside local chefs to prepare dishes found on a typical Jordanian family's menu using fresh, local ingredients.
 - **How to get there:** A 5- to 10-minute walk.
 - **Hours:** Cooking courses take place every day beginning at 6:30pm (Mar-Oct) and at 6pm (Nov-Feb).
 - **Cost:** About \$50 USD.

Day 6 Explore Petra

- Destination: Petra
- Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Accommodations: Petra Boutique Hotel or similar

Breakfast: Served buffet-style at the hotel beginning at 6:30am, with Jordanian and American options.

Morning: At about 8:30am, we set off for a full-day walking excursion through one of the most beautiful of all ancient ruins—the fabled red city of Petra. Reached through a towering narrow canyon, the city is carved into the solid red sandstone cliffs, and features soaring temples, a 3,000-seat amphitheater, houses, banquet halls, churches, and tombs. It is said that Petra's massive Treasury, with its portico and pillars, was the storeroom for the Queen of Sheba's gifts to Solomon.

For more than 2,000 years, the name Petra was just a mysterious sound, a name in dusty documents. Only the local Bedouin people knew of its existence, because they lived in its caves. Converted to Islam and disguised as an Arab, Swiss traveler Johann Ludwig Burckhardt found the lost city in 1812. You'll recognize several views of Petra from the film *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*.

Lunch: At a local restaurant inside the archaeological site of Petra, at around 1pm.

Afternoon: At about 2pm, we'll continue our walking tour of Petra, and spend another 1.5 hours exploring the remarkable ruins with our Trip Experience Leader. A short drive will return us to our hotel at about 4pm, and have time to freshen up and relax before dinner.

Dinner: At a local restaurant in Petra at about 7pm, with Jordanian cuisine.

Evening: You can explore on your own, relax at the bar, or retire to your room to prepare for tomorrow's flight to Cairo.

Day 7 Fly to Cairo • Begin main trip

- Destination: Cairo
- Included Meals: Breakfast

Breakfast: Served buffet-style at the hotel from 6:30am, with Jordanian and American options.

Morning: We check out of our hotel early this morning (by about 7:30am) and transfer to the Amman airport for our flight to Cairo to begin the next leg of our adventure on Day 2 of *Egypt & the Eternal Nile by Private, Classic River-Yacht*.

POST-TRIP

Alexandria's Glorious Past

INCLUDED IN YOUR PRICE

- » Accommodations for 4 nights in Alexandria at the Helnan Palestine Hotel or similar, and 1 night in Cairo at the Marriott Hotel or similar
- » 14 meals—5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 4 dinners
- » 5 small group activities
- » Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
- » All transfers
- » Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters

POST-TRIP EXTENSION ITINERARY

Founded near a Mediterranean fishing village by Alexander the Great in 332 BC, Alexandria rose to fame during Cleopatra's reign, when visitors from across the ancient world came to view the splendor of the grand port city that grew to rival Rome—teeming with wide boulevards, massive sphinxes, and lavishly decorated temples. Even today, no visit to Egypt is complete with exploring the legendary city of Alexandria.

Day 1 Transfer to Alexandria

- Destination: Alexandria
- Included Meals: Lunch, Dinner
- Accommodations: Helnan Palestine Hotel or similar

Morning: At about 9am, we'll begin our 3- to 4-hour transfer from Cairo to Alexandria, with a stop for lunch along the way. Our journey will take us mainly through desert landscapes and past rural farms and plantations.

Lunch: At a local restaurant en route to Alexandria, at around 1pm.

Afternoon: We'll arrive in Alexandria by about 4:30pm. Then, we'll check in to our hotel. Depending on where we stay, our hotel may be situated on the very spot where Cleopatra is said to have famously took her life with an asp and ended 2,500 years of Pharaonic rule. We'll

have a couple of hours to explore the local area, or settle in and relax at our hotel. Typical rooms include air conditioning, satellite TV, safe, coffee- and tea-making facilities, minibar, and private bath. You can relax and enjoy some free time before dinner.

Dinner: At our hotel's restaurant around 7pm, featuring local Egyptian cuisine.

Evening: Free to explore the bustling harbor-side area of Alexandria on your own, take advantage of the hotel amenities, or retire to your room to prepare for tomorrow's discoveries.

Freedom To Explore: Make the most of your explorations in Alexandria on these off-the-beaten path activities. These recommendations are designed by our team of local experts with women travelers in mind.

- Explore the streets of the **Women’s District**: Discover a section of Alexandria’s Old Town (Zane’t El Setat) where shops feature crafts and other products tailored primarily for women.
 - **How to get there:** A 20-minute taxi ride, about \$5 USD one way.
 - **Hours:** 9am–12am, daily.
 - **Cost:** Free.
- Go for a drink at **Sheik Ali’s**: Officially called Cap d’Or, this neighborhood bar has been a local favorite for more than a century—even with the longstanding Muslim ban on alcohol. In the early years, Sheik Ali’s was a gathering spot for intellectuals, artists, and actors.
 - **How to get there:** A 30-minute taxi ride, about \$5 USD one way.
 - **Hours:** 7pm–1am, daily.
 - **Cost:** Varies by drink and/or food order.
- Journey back in time at the **Roman Amphitheater**: Modest in size (it only had room for about 800 people on its marble seats), this remarkably preserved theater is an excellent representation of the Roman presence in Egypt—and was only discovered in 1964.
 - **How to get there:** A 40-minute taxi ride, about \$10 USD one way.
 - **Hours:** 9am–5pm, daily.
 - **Cost:** About \$6 USD.

Day 2 Visit Library of Alexandria • Royal Jewelry Museum

- Destination: Alexandria
- Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Accommodations: Helnan Palestine Hotel or similar

Breakfast: Served buffet-style at the hotel beginning at 6am, with American and Egyptian options.

Morning: At about 8am, we’ll take a 30-minute drive to the modern Library of Alexandria, which sits some 400 yards away from the original Bibliotheca Alexandrina. During Cleopatra’s time, the library held some 700,000 scrolls (the modern version can accommodate 8 million volumes). Then, at around 10am, we’ll take 20-minute drive for a visit to the Royal Jewelry Museum. Housed in a palace built in 1805, the museum features a glittering collection of priceless jewels that belonged to the royal family of the Muhammad Ali dynasty. Among the royal artifacts are precious stones and diamonds, a golden chess set, clocks, watches, ornamental boxes, and diamond-encrusted garden tools.

Then, at around noon, we’ll drive to a local restaurant for lunch.

Lunch: At a local restaurant at around 12:30pm, with typical Alexandrian cuisine that may include seafood, hummus, tahini, and vegetarian dishes.

Afternoon: After returning to our hotel, you’ll have some free time to relax or explore on your own. At about 6:30pm, we’ll gather the group together in the lobby and then drive to a local restaurant for dinner

Dinner: At a local restaurant, at around 7pm.

Evening: After dinner, you’re free to explore the city on your own, enjoy a cocktail in the hotel’s lounge, or retire to your room.

Day 3 Excursion to Rosetta (Rashid)

- Destination: Alexandria
- Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
- Accommodations: Helnan Palestine Hotel or similar

Breakfast: Served buffet-style at the hotel beginning at 6am, with American and Egyptian options.

Morning: At about 8am, we'll depart our hotel and drive to the fishing village and former port city of Rosetta (now known as Rashid), arriving at around 9:45am. This is the site where the Rosetta stone—a stele that provided the key to deciphering hieroglyphics and unlocking Egypt's ancient history to the world—was found. Remnants of Rosetta's glory days remain in the many Ottoman-era homes and mosques, but its real fame came in 1799, when French soldiers discovered the famous stone stele that now resides in the British Museum. We'll visit the citadel where the Rosetta stone was found, see where the Nile River meets the Mediterranean, and admire the Islamic architecture along Rosetta's cobblestone street. At around 12:45pm, we'll depart Rosetta and drive back to Alexandria for lunch.

Lunch: At a local restaurant in Alexandria, at around 2:15pm.

Afternoon: After lunch, we'll drive back to our hotel, arriving at around 4pm. The remainder of the day is free to explore independently, perhaps to take advantage of one of our recommended activities.

Dinner: On your own in Alexandria. You can ask your Trip Experience Leader for recommendations of local restaurants, or dine at the hotel. This might be a good time to try out Alexandria's take on fondue, a secret 7-cheese mixture that is a local favorite.

Evening: Free to explore the city on your own, relax at the lounge, or retire to your room to prepare for tomorrow's discoveries.

Day 4 Catacombs of Kom ash-Shuqqafa • National Museum

- Destination: Alexandria
- Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Accommodations: Helnan Palestine Hotel or similar

Breakfast: Served buffet-style at the hotel beginning at 7am, with American and Egyptian options.

Morning: At about 9am, we'll drive out to the Catacombs of Kom ash-Shuqqafa, the largest Graeco-Roman necropolis in Egypt. More than 100 feet deep, the three levels of tombs and chambers cut into the bedrock at this site date from the second century BC. Then, at around 10:45 our tour continues with a visit to the National Museum, home to some of the many treasures that have been excavated in and around the ancient city. We'll depart the museum at around 12:45pm and drive to a nearby restaurant.

Lunch: At around 1pm, we'll have a light lunch at a local restaurant.

Afternoon: At about 2pm, we'll make a half-hour drive back to our hotel, where we'll have a couple of hours of free time.

Dinner: At a local restaurant in Alexandria, at about 6:15pm.

Evening: Free to explore on your own—perhaps to take in the scene at the Corniche, the busy waterfront area that is central to Alexandrian nightlife. Or, you may wish to begin packing for tomorrow's transfer to Cairo.

Day 5 Transfer to Cairo

- Destination: Cairo
- Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Accommodations: Cairo Marriott Hotel or similar

Breakfast: Served buffet-style at the hotel beginning at 6am, with American and Egyptian options.

Morning: At about 7am, we'll check out of our hotel and begin our transfer to Cairo. Our journey will take us approximately 4 hours aboard an air-conditioned coach.

Lunch: At a local restaurant, upon our arrival in Cairo around noon.

Afternoon: Free in Cairo, perhaps to take one last stroll through the historic city. With plenty of time on your hands, you might wish to check out one of the invigorating local spas, visit the nearby Museum of Islamic Ceramics, or just relax in your room before we regroup later for dinner.

Dinner: At about 6:30pm, we'll celebrate our Egypt discoveries during a festive Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

Evening: Free to gather with your fellow travelers for a farewell cocktail in the lounge, or begin packing for your return flight home tomorrow morning.

Day 6 Return to U.S.

- Included Meals: Breakfast

Breakfast: Served buffet-style at the hotel beginning at 6am, with American and Egyptian options.

Morning: After breakfast, transfer to the Cairo airport for your return flight home.