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# PYRAMIDS TO PETRA

## TOUR ITINERARY

### 15 Days/14 Nights

#### Day 1



#### Cairo

Upon arrival at Cairo International Airport you will be met, assisted through Immigration & Customs, and then escorted to your selected hotel.

#### Day 2

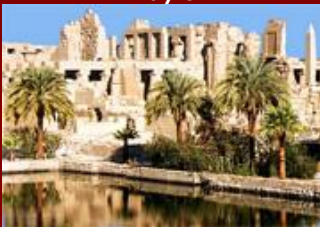


#### Cairo

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Today's sightseeing takes you to the fabulous **Egyptian Museum**. Regarded as one of the most prominent in the world, it offers visitors remarkable insights into Egypt's ancient history dating back 5000 years. The priceless antiquities include King Tutankhamon's Treasures -- a spectacle beyond belief! After lunch we visit **Cheops' Pyramid**--one of the Seven Ancient Wonders of the World--and the **Sphinx**, the great god-lion sentinel, built over 35 centuries ago. The towering pyramid stands majestically on a desert plateau with two slightly smaller pyramids (one built by Cheop's son Kephren and the other by Mycerinus) erected to preserve their bodies and treasures for the afterlife. East of Cheops Pyramid is the **Solar Boat Museum** housing the spectacular funerary boats placed at the King's disposal for his journey of Day and Night in the afterlife with the Sun God Ra. Your sightseeing also includes the bazaars featuring a variety of items and bargains galore! **(BL)**

#### Day 3



Karnak Temple, Luxor

#### Cairo / Luxor - Cruise

Transfer to Cairo Airport for your early morning flight to Luxor. On arrival you will be escorted to your Ship, your floating hotel for the next 5 days as you cruise up-the-Nile. This morning you cross the Nile to Luxor's West Bank, where you'll explore the astonishing and extensive **New Kingdom city of "Thebes"**. Sightseeing includes the **Valley of the Kings and Queens** where some 64 of Egypt's Pharaohs have their palatial resting places hewn into the sheer rock and the **Colossi of Memnon**, two huge seated statues of Amenhotep III. After lunch, you will visit Luxor and Karnak Temples, a holy city of pylons, hypostyle halls, colossal statues and obelisks built over many centuries and dedicated to the God Amon-Ra, his consort Mut, and their son Khonsu. **(BLD)**

#### Day 4



Edfu Temple

#### Luxor / Edfu - Cruise

Early morning, you sail to Edfu via Esna lock. Overnight in Edfu. **(BLD)**

#### Day 5



Temple in Komombo

#### Edfu / Kom Ombo / Aswan - Cruise

Today an exhilarating carriage ride takes you through town to the **Temple of Horus**, the Falcon God. Return to your ship and sail to Kom Ombo to visit the Graeco - Roman style **Temple of Sobek**, the Crocodile God. Standing serenely on a hilltop, the site offers an incredible view over the Nile. Continue sailing to Aswan. **(BLD)**

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### Day 6



Aswan

### Aswan - Cruise

Morning sightseeing includes Aswan's **Old and High Dams**, the ancient **Granite Quarries**, and the **Temple of Philae**. Sail around **Elephantine Island**, the **Botanical Gardens**. **(BLD)**

### Day 7



Cairo

### Aswan / Abu Simbel\* / Cairo

Disembark after breakfast. Transfer to Aswan Airport for your flight back to Cairo where you will be met and transferred to your hotel. \*Passengers who purchased the "Abu Simbel" excursion will fly from Aswan to this dramatic site to admire the magnificent **Temples of Ramses II and Queen Nefertari**. They were moved up the hillside to keep them from destruction by flooding from the Nile when the High Dam was built forming Lake Nasser. **(B)**

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**\*Abu Simbel Excursion by air is optional.**

### Day 8



Taba Heights

### Cairo/Sinai Desert/Taba Heights

Early morning we cross the Red Sea and continue by motorcoach to the Sinai Peninsula, which contains great stretches of extraordinary desert scenery. High Granite Mountains and deep chasms form landscapes that in places look like the surface of the moon. There are fertile green oases where Bedouin tribesmen bring their sheep and camels for water. Your imagination will be captured by the biblical traditions of its ancient past where Moses led the 12 tribes of Israel from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. **Jebel Musa**, the Mount Sinai of the Old Testament, is where Moses received the Ten Commandments from Jehovah. We arrive at the Monastery, an isolated holy place of rich treasures. The fortified monastery has sheltered Christian monks since the Sixth Century, when it was built on the order of Emperor Justinian. It is at the foot of **Jebel Musa** on the traditional site of the Burning Bush, a part of the Greek Orthodox Church. The Church contains the great Mosaic of the Transfiguration of Christ, numerous icons and sacred art treasures. The Monastery's Library is considered second in importance only to the Vatican Library. Overnight in Nuweiba' or Taba. **(BLD)**

### Day 9



Dead Sea

### Taba/Aqaba/Wadi Rum/Dead Sea

We cross by ferry to Aqaba and continue to Petra through **Wadi Rum** a land of mesmerizing beauty and contrast: the haunting wilderness, ever changing, and remote desert canyons, immense and still. **A jeep ride takes us deep inside the valley**. Lunch at a desert camp. Afterwards continue to Marriott Dead Sea for overnight. **(BL)**

### Day 10



Madaba

### Dead Sea/Madaba/Mt. Nebo/Petra

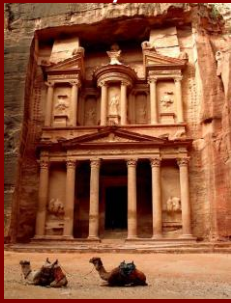
After breakfast, we drive to **Madaba** "City of Mosaics" where we visit St. George's church and the 6th century Byzantine mosaic map showing Jerusalem and other holy sites. We proceed to **Mount Nebo**, the memorial of Moses, the presumed site of the prophet's death and burial place. The remarkable view of the Jordan Valley, the Dead Sea and the spires of Jerusalem is simply exhilarating. Continue to Petra and overnight at the Beit Zaman. **(BL)**

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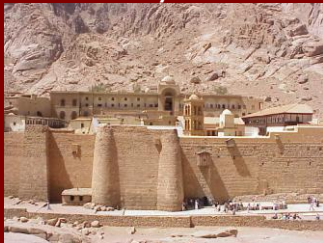
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**Day 11***Petra***Petra/Taba Heights**

Today you visit **Petra**, Jordan's most exciting site. It was carved out of the craggy rock mountains south of the Dead Sea by the Nabataean traders more than 2000 years ago. Travel by horseback through a narrow defile or sig; the sudden view of the spectacular Khazneh or **Treasury** is dramatic. See the gigantic Deir or **Monastery**, the High Place and the Roman-styled Palace Tomb. After lunch at the Basin, transfer to Aqaba to cross by ferry to Taba Heights. Dinner and overnight at the Inter-Continental. **(BLD)**

**Day 12***Taba Heights***Taba Heights**

A day at leisure to relax and soak up the sun. Also, time for water sports activities, scuba diving and snorkeling. **(BD)**

**Day 13***Santa Katherina Monastery***Taba Heights/Santa Katherina Monestary/Cairo**

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**NOTE: Please dress conservatively when visiting St. Katherina Monastery Chapel. Entry is at the discretion of the resident monks. We might be refused entry without notice.**

**Day 14****Cairo/Depart**

Transfer to airport for your departure flight home. **(B)**

**(B)**- Breakfast**(L)**- Lunch**(D)**- Dinner*Note: All itineraries are subject to change***Dates**

<b>LO SEASON</b>	May 1 – September 25, 2011 (Tour ENDS September 25, 2011)
<b>HI SEASON</b>	September 26, 2010 to April 30, 2011 except holidays (Tour <b>ENDS</b> Saturday April 30, 2011)
<b>HOLIDAYS &amp; PREMIUM</b>	December 19, 2010 to January 5, 2011 – April 17 – April 30, 2011

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## Rates

Category	TWIN			SINGLE		
	LO	HI	HOLIDAYS	LO	HI	HOLIDAYS
<b>4* SUPERIOR</b>						
Swiss Inn (Pyramids)	\$2248	\$2318	\$2683	\$700	\$736	\$889
Horizon (Pyramids)	\$2248	\$2318	\$2653	\$683	\$718	\$830
Triumph (Heliopolis) NILE SYMPHONY CRUISE Inter-Conti. – Taba Heights Holiday Inn – Dead Sea Beit Zaman - Petra	\$2248	\$2318	\$2600	\$683	\$718	\$795
<b>5* STANDARD</b>						
Sheraton Dream (Pyramids)	\$2300	\$2442	\$2918	\$648	\$718	\$918
Novotel El Borg (Center)	\$2336	\$2477	\$2942	\$671	\$742	\$971
Sheraton Cairo (Center) PREMIUM NILE CRUISE Inter-Conti. – Taba Heights Holiday Inn – Dead Sea Beit Zaman - Petra	\$2430	\$2571	\$3100	\$595	\$665	\$889
<b>5* DELUXE</b>						
Cairo Marriot (Garden View)	\$2542	\$2683	\$3218	\$900	\$971	\$1295
Sofitel Gezirah (Nile View)	\$2559	\$2700	\$3218	\$883	\$953	\$1253
Fairmont Tours (Heliopolis) PREMIUM NILE CRUISE Inter-Conti. – Taba Heights Marriott – Dead Sea Marriott - Petra	\$2624	\$2765	\$3248	\$977	\$1048	\$1324
<b>5* DELUXE</b>						
Cairo Marriot (Garden View)	\$2753	\$2848	\$3465	\$1036	\$1083	\$1442
Sofitel Gezirah (Nile View)	\$2771	\$2865	\$3465	\$1018	\$1065	\$1400
Fairmont Tours (Heliopolis) PLATINUM NILE CRUISE Inter-Conti. – Taba Heights Marriott – Dead Sea	\$2836	\$2930	\$3489	\$1112	\$1159	\$1471

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Marriott - Petra						
<b>5* DELUXE</b>						
Cairo Marriot (Garden View)	\$2789	\$3071	\$3930	\$1195	\$1336	\$1848
Sofitel Gezirah (Nile View)	\$2806	\$3089	\$3930	\$1177	\$1318	\$1806
Fairmont Tours (Heliopolis) SONESTA NILE GODDESS MOVENPICK ROYAL LILLY Inter-Conti. – Taba Heights Movenpick – Dead Sea Movenpick - Petra	\$2871	\$3153	\$3959	\$1271	\$1412	\$1877
<b>5* DELUXE</b>						
Cairo Marriot (Garden View)	\$3100	\$3883	\$4224	\$1383	\$1524	\$2018
Sofitel Gezirah (Nile View)	\$3118	\$3400	\$4224	\$1359	\$1500	\$1977
Fairmont Tours (Heliopolis) SONESTA ST. GEORGE SHIP Inter-Conti. – Taba Heights Movenpick – Dead Sea Movenpick - Petra	\$3183	\$3465	\$4256	\$1453	\$1595	\$2048
<b>5* PREMIUM (Nile View)</b>						
4 Seasons Nile Plaza (Ctr) SONESTA STAR GODDESS Inter-Conti. – Taba Heights Kempinski – Dead Sea Movenpick - Petra	\$4512	\$4795	\$5589	\$3048	\$3189	\$3824
<b>Premium Hotel Rates Are Subject To Availability And Review At Time Of Booking Supplements</b>						
. <b>INTER-AIR (Y Class):</b> \$365 <i>subject to change at airline discretion.</i>						
. <b>ABU SIMBEL EXCURSION FROM ASWAN:</b> \$277 ( <i>subject to change at airline discretion</i> )						
. <b>ONE PASSENGER TRAVELING ALONE Add:</b> \$800 + Single Supplement						
. <b>PRIVATE TOURS &amp; TRANSFERS IN CAIRO, LUXOR ADD:</b> \$495 per person – 2 pax min. (Shore Excursions Excluded)						
. <b>SOUND &amp; LIGHT “GIZA” PYRAMIDS &amp; SPHINX ADD:</b> \$36 per person – 2 pax min.						
. <b>DINNER CRUISE ONBOARD THE NILE MAXIM INCLUDING SHOW ADD:</b> \$77 per person – 2 pax min.						
. <b>HOT AIR BALLOON:</b> \$159						
. <b>COMPULSORY HOLIDAY DINNER MAY APPLY:</b> Xmas Eve; New Year’s Eve; Easter – cost varies from \$120 to \$240 per dinner.						

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### **Additional Information:**

- **Touring in Cairo** is based on shared seat in a van. Private touring available on request.
- **Cruise Shore excursions**, shared with other English Speaking passengers onboard. Private guide available on request
- **Shore excursions** are at the discretion of the cruise line. Description provided may be altered or changed. Refer to the Ship lobby bulletin Board for the final daily cruise itinerary schedule.
- **Egyptair** is the only major airline within Egypt. Their internal flights are generally very early morning and late evening. Be prepared for flight cancellation; delay; change of schedule; overbooking condition; too many or too little flights. therefore, your cooperation and understanding are very much appreciated.
- **Beyond our Control:** During certain times of the year, hotels and cruise ships may overbook. If so, we reserve the right to substitute accommodations within the same or higher category. We also reserve the right to change the sequence of the itinerary and internal flight schedule should local conditions necessitate. Onsite passenger(s) will be attended to at all times.

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