

*Lake at the Karnak Temple complex*



# *Egypt & Jordan*

*March 7 - 21, 2027*

*Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut*



*Giza Plateau*



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**Day 1: Sunday, March 7, 2027 • Departure**

Our journey begins as we board our international flights bound for Egypt.

**Day 2: Monday, March 8, 2027 • Cairo**

Welcome to Egypt, one of the world's greatest ancient civilizations. Tonight, we have a welcome dinner with our local tour manager. **D**

**Day 3: Tuesday, March 9, 2027 • Sakkara Pyramids, Old Cairo**

The group will visit the Saqqara Necropolis, home to many noble tombs featuring remarkably preserved wall carvings and vibrant colors, as well as several royal pyramids including the famous Step Pyramid, the earliest known large-scale stone structure in the world. After exploring Saqqara, the group will enjoy a BBQ lunch at a country club restaurant before continuing to Old Cairo, where we will visit several historic churches, mosques, and the Jewish Synagogue, reflecting the city's rich religious and cultural heritage. In the evening, we return to the hotel to prepare for a memorable dinner cruise on the Nile River. While sailing through Cairo, guests will enjoy live music and traditional entertainment including folk dancing, belly dancing, and the mesmerizing Whirling Dervish performance. **B/L/D**

**Day 4: Wednesday, March 10, 2027 • Aswan, Philae Temple Spice Market, Nile Cruise**

After flying to Aswan, the group will visit the Temple of Philae, a beautiful temple from the early Greek period of Egyptian history that was completed by Roman emperors while maintaining the traditional architectural style of the ancient pharaohs. We will also have the opportunity to visit a Nubian perfumery, where we will learn how perfumes, medicinal oils, and massage oils are traditionally made. Next, the group will embark on a deluxe 5-star Nile cruise to enjoy lunch and some time to rest. In the afternoon, we will explore Aswan city and visit a Nubian village, home to the local African Egyptian community known as the Nubians, often referred to as the "Golden People." Along the way, we will sail through the Nile's rapids and around its massive granite islands, followed by a relaxing ride on the Nile aboard a traditional felucca sailboat. In the evening, the group will explore the vibrant Aswan Spice Market. **B/L/D**

**Day 5: Thursday, March 11, 2027 • Optional Abu Simbel Temples, Kom Ombo Temple, Nile Cruise**

In the morning, the group will enjoy free time relaxing on the cruise during the first half of the day. Guests may also choose to join an optional excursion to the magnificent Abu Simbel Temples (\$420pp), the largest temples carved directly into a mountainside, built by Pharaoh Ramses the Great in honor of himself and his wife, Queen Nefertari, reached by a round-trip flight. After lunch, the cruise will sail to the Temple of Kom Ombo, where we will visit the temple and the Crocodile Museum. The journey will then continue to Edfu, where the ship will stay overnight. The day will conclude with a festive Galabiya dress party and an Egyptian buffet dinner on board the cruise. **B/L/D**

**Day 6: Friday, March 12, 2027 • Karnak Temples, Nile Cruise**

The day will begin with a relaxing morning sailing along the Nile, enjoying the scenic views as the cruise passes through the Esna Lock and continues on to Luxor. Upon arrival, the group will visit the impressive Karnak Temples, built in honor of Amun-Ra, the king of the gods. In the evening, there will be an opportunity to explore the lively Luxor Market. **B/L/D**

**Day 7: Saturday, March 13, 2027 • Optional Sunrise Hot Air Balloon Ride, Valley of the Kings, Colossi of Memnon, Nile Cruise**

This morning you will have the option to take a sunrise hot air balloon ride over the temples and tombs of Luxor (\$160 pp). The group will visit the Valley of the Kings, the burial site of many rulers from the imperial era of ancient Egypt. The valley contains more than 60 tombs belonging to kings, queens, and high-ranking officials. Inside the tombs, visitors can see beautifully preserved carvings and vibrant colors that are over 3,000 years old, illustrating ancient Egyptian beliefs about the afterlife. Next, we will visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, followed by a stop at an Alabaster workshop, where we will learn about traditional craftsmanship that has been passed down through families since the time of the ancient pharaohs. The tour will also include a visit to the Colossi of Memnon, the massive statues that have stood guard over the Theban Necropolis for thousands of years. After lunch, the group will fly back to Cairo for an overnight stay. **B/L/D**

**Day 8: Sunday, March 14, 2027 • Pyramids, Sphinx, The Grand Museum**

The group will visit the Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx, the legendary monuments that served as the eternal resting places of the god-kings of ancient Egypt. Guests will admire their immense scale, remarkable construction, and historical significance, with an opportunity to explore the interior of one of the pyramids. The visit can conclude with a short and memorable camel ride around the pyramids. Next, the group will visit the newly opened Grand Egyptian Museum, where we will tour its impressive galleries, including the full collection of King Tutankhamun's treasures. Built at a cost of approximately \$1 billion, the museum is considered the largest in the world dedicated to a single civilization—the civilization of the ancient pharaohs. The tour will also include a visit to a Papyrus Museum, where we will learn about the traditional methods used to produce papyrus in ancient Egypt. **B/L**

**Day 9: Monday, March 15, 2027 • St. Catherine Monastery**

The group will travel by bus to St. Catherine's Monastery, a journey of approximately seven hours through the Sinai Peninsula, following the traditional route of the Exodus of Moses and the Israelites. During the drive, your biblical Egyptologist guide will highlight significant locations associated with the Exodus story, including discussions about the possible crossing point of the Red Sea, as well as the historical importance of Sinai and the Suez Canal, both in ancient times and today. Upon arrival, the group will check in and stay overnight. **B/D**

**Day 10: Tuesday, March 16, 2027 • Optional Climb Mt. Sinai, Catherine Monastery, Petra**

Early in the morning, around 2:00 a.m., those who wish may begin the climb up Mount Sinai, following the traditional path believed to be the route taken by Moses when he received the Ten Commandments. The hike can take about three hours each way, and camels are available for part of the journey to make the ascent easier. After descending from Mount Sinai, the group will freshen up and enjoy breakfast before visiting St. Catherine’s Monastery. Here we will explore the Church of the Transfiguration, which houses many treasures brought by early European royal pilgrims, as well as the monastery museum and the famous Burning Bush. If possible, we may also visit the Manuscript Library, home to a remarkable collection of ancient manuscripts dating back to the 4th century. Later, the group will drive to Nuweiba to spend the rest of the day relaxing along the shores of the Gulf of Aqaba, enjoying its clear, warm waters and vibrant marine life filled with colorful fish and coral. **B/D**

**Day 11: Wednesday, March 17, 2027 • Aqaba, Wadi Rum**

After a relaxed breakfast and some time enjoying the beach, the group will check out and take a short drive to Nuweiba Port to board the ferry to Aqaba. Upon arrival at Aqaba Port, you will be met and assisted by our representative and then transferred to Wadi Rum. In Wadi Rum, the group will enjoy a two-hour Jeep safari through the breathtaking desert landscape. After the tour, you will be transferred to your desert camp, where you will enjoy dinner and an overnight stay in Wadi Rum. **B/D**

**Day 12: Thursday, March 18, 2027 • Wadi Rum, Petra**

After breakfast, proceed to Petra. Take in the beauty of the Lost City, also known as the Red Rose City of Petra. Explore its numerous caves and tombs. Walk through the canyon and marvel at the magnificent Treasury, the entrance guarding the ancient Nabatean city, now one of the 7 Modern Wonders of the World. Conclude the day by transferring to your hotel in Petra for dinner and an overnight stay. **B/L**

**Day 13: Friday, March 19, 2027 • Petra, Madaba, Mount Nebo, Dead Sea**

After breakfast, the group will drive to Mount Nebo, where Moses is believed to have viewed the Promised Land. From the summit, enjoy panoramic views across the Jordan Valley and toward the Holy Land. Next, explore the town of Madaba, known for its remarkable Byzantine mosaics discovered throughout the area. Here you will see the famous Madaba Map, the oldest preserved mosaic map of the Holy Land. The journey then continues to the Dead Sea, where the group will spend the day relaxing at one of the resort hotels. Enjoy floating in the mineral-rich waters at the lowest point on earth, and experience the famous Dead Sea mud bath, known for its skin-cleansing properties. As the day ends, watch the beautiful sunset over the hills of the West Bank, with Jerusalem visible in the distance. The evening concludes with dinner and an overnight stay at a Dead Sea hotel. **B/L**

**Day 14: Saturday, March 20, 2027 • Optional Climb Mt. Sinai, Catherine Monastery, Petra**

Early in the morning, around 2:00 a.m., those who wish may begin the climb up Mount Sinai, following the traditional path believed to be the route taken by Moses when he received the Ten Commandments. The hike can take about three hours each way, and camels are available for part of the journey to make the ascent easier. After descending from Mount Sinai, the group will freshen up and enjoy breakfast before visiting St. Catherine’s Monastery. Here we will explore the Church of the Transfiguration, which houses many treasures brought by early European royal pilgrims, as well as the monastery museum and the famous Burning Bush. If possible, we may also visit the Manuscript Library, home to a remarkable collection of ancient manuscripts dating back to the 4th century. Later, the group will drive to Nuweiba to spend the rest of the day relaxing along the shores of the Gulf of Aqaba, enjoying its clear, warm waters and vibrant marine life filled with colorful fish and coral. **B/D**

**Day 15: Sunday, March 21, 2027 • Arrive Home**

**TOUR COST**

**Double (per person): \$6,990 Ins. \$505**  
**Single: \$7,995 Ins. \$580**

**Your Tour Includes:**

- **Estimated Round-trip Airfare Gateway O'Hare**
- **Land transportation** via private, deluxe air conditioned vehicle
- **Domestic flights within Egypt**
- **Accommodations**
- **Meals** as indicated in itinerary
- English-speaking Egyptologist/tour manager throughout Egypt
- Services of **professional tour manager** throughout Dubai
- **Admissions**
- **Luggage handling**
- All taxes and tips except as indicated below

**Your Tour Does Not Include:**

- Entry Visa (\$25) at Cairo airport (Available upon arrival)
- **End of tour tips** for tour manager (\$10 per person/per day) and coach driver (\$5 per person/per day)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation.

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**Abbreviations for Meals**  
**B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner**