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# EGYPT & JORDAN IN DEPTH

**20 DAYS**







#### DAY 8 AMMAN

Today we visit Ajloun Castle, one of the greatest examples of Islamic architecture. We then head to the Roman City of Jerash, hidden for centuries in sand before being excavated and restored over the past 70 years. The site is now generally acknowledged to be one of the best preserved Roman cities in the world.

Meals: B + L + D Accommodation: Corp Amman

#### DAY 9 GIZA

We farewell Jordan this morning and fly to Cairo. On arrival, we will be transferred to Giza, home of the iconic Great Pyramids and Sphinx. The afternoon will be spent at your leisure.

Meals: B + D Accommodation: Marriott Mena House

#### DAY 10 GIZA

It's a memorable day today as we visit one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Great Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx. Learn about one of the most celebrated civilisations in human history from an Egyptologist. We also see first-hand how papyrus was made in ancient times on a tour of the Papyrus Institute. This afternoon we visit the pyramids of Memphis and Sakkara.

Meals: B + L Accommodation: Marriott Mena House

#### DAY 11 ALEXANDRIA

Today we head for Alexandria, our first stop is the Alexandria Library – renowned for its walls carved with giant letters, hieroglyphs and symbols. This afternoon we explore the Catacombs of Kom Ash Shuqqafa, the largest-known Roman burial site in Egypt. We then make our way to the striking 14th century, Citadel of Qaitbay.

Meals: B Accommodation: Sheraton Montazah

#### DAY 12 ALEXANDRIA

Today we visit El Alamein for a guided tour of the site of the allied force victory in World War II. Wander through the War Museum which offers an outstanding collection of artefacts, followed by a visit to the War Cemetery where more than 1200 Australian WWII Diggers have been laid to rest.

Meals: B Accommodation: Sheraton Montazah

#### DAY 13 LUXOR

We farewell Alexandria this morning and fly to Luxor for our next adventure, a 4 night cruise on the magnificent Nile. After settling in on the ship and enjoying a late lunch, we'll tour Luxor's East Bank, where you will see Karnak and Luxor Temples. Karnak Temple is perhaps the greatest example of worship in history and was dedicated to the God Amon, his wife Mut and their son Khonsu, while the temple of Luxor has been in almost continuous use as a place of worship right up to the present day.

Meals: B + L + D Accommodation: MS Tulip

#### DAY 14 NILE CRUISE - ESNA

This morning we discover the West Bank of the Nile including the Valley of the Kings and descend into the tomb of the boy king Tutankhamun, one of the most renowned archaeological sights in history. We also visit the temple of Queen Hatshepsut which is one of Egypt's most impressive temples and the Colossi of Memnon, two massive stone statues of the Pharaoh Amenhotep III.

Meals: B + L + D Accommodation: MS Tulip

#### DAY 15 NILE CRUISE - KOM OMBO

This morning we visit the Temple of Horus in Edfu, the most well-preserved temple of Ancient Egypt, renowned for its gigantic pylons and the second largest temple in Egypt after Karnak. We then sail to Kom Ombo and the ancient Egyptian temple of Horus and Sobek, a healing place of pilgrimage for ancient Egyptians and famous for its mummified crocodiles.

Meals: B + L + D Accommodation: MS Tulip

#### DAY 16 NILE CRUISE - ASWAN

We arrive into Aswan this morning. We tour the High Dam and the Temple of Philae, one of the greatest Temples in Egypt, rising from the waters of the Nile on the Island of Philae. This afternoon we board a traditional Felucca to sail around Kitchener's Island and visit the Aswan Botanical gardens.

Meals: B + L + D Accommodation: MS Tulip

#### DAY 17 CAIRO

This morning we disembark our cruise and take a short flight to visit the impressive temple of Abu Simbel which is guarded by four colossal statues of Ramses II. Admire the effort of relocating the temples, when the Aswan dam created Lake Nasser in 1968. We return to Aswan for our flight to Cairo where we will transfer to our hotel.

Meals: B Accommodation: Ramses Hilton

#### DAY 18 CAIRO

We begin our day with a visit to the Citadel of Salah el-Din, then proceed to the beautiful Alabaster Mosque of Muhammed Ali. We make our way to the Grand Egyptian Museum, home to Tutankhamun's death mask and the most extensive collection of Egyptian antiquities in the world. We then have time for some bargain hunting at the Khan El Khalili Markets. This evening we celebrate our final night on tour with a farewell dinner.

Meals: B + D Accommodation: Ramses Hilton

#### DAY 19 CAIRO - AUSTRALIA

Spend the morning at leisure before we say goodbye to the "Land of the Pharaohs" and travel to the airport to begin our journey home.

Meals: B

#### DAY 20 AUSTRALIA

Our Escorted Escape concludes today. On arrival, farewell your new friends and tour host as you head home.



# TOP 10 REASONS TO TRAVEL WITH US

“Once a year,  
go someplace you’ve  
never been before.”

Dalai Lama

## AUSTRALIAN-BASED TOUR HOST

Each and every tour is hosted by an experienced travel professional. Our hosts have travelled extensively themselves and have a passion for exploring our wonderful world. We are there to liaise with the local operators to ensure you relax and enjoy your holiday while we take care of the details.

## AIRFARES INCLUDED

Every Escorted Escape includes return economy airfares from Australia (Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne or Adelaide), plus all internal flights as per the itinerary. For available upgrades (at additional cost) or departures from Australian cities not listed above please contact your consultant for pricing. We generally use premium airlines for all long haul travel, to give you the most direct flights and best connection times to our destination. Deviations from the group are often possible, please contact your consultant who will customise your itinerary to make the most of your trip.

## SMALL GROUPS

We offer a small-group experience on all of our Escorted Escapes. We guarantee our group size will never exceed 20 travellers on any one tour. With fewer travellers in our groups, you'll spend less time checking into hotels and getting on (and off) transport and more time seeing the sights.

## INCLUSIVE SIGHTSEEING

While our trips are leisurely paced, we pride ourselves on including the very best sightseeing on offer in each location. Please refer to the itinerary and trip notes for daily inclusions. Optional activities (at additional cost) may also be available in certain locations.

## VISAS, TIPPING & TRANSFERS INCLUDED

We believe travel should be simple and easy for you, which is why we include as many costs as possible, including transfers from your home to the airport (to the value of \$100). Visa costs for Australian passport holders are also included in every tour. We take care of tipping for group activities as well as for your tour leader, local guides and drivers.

## UNIQUE ITINERARIES

Each itinerary is carefully planned and unique to Escorted Escapes. They are individually designed with our clientele in mind, reflecting our extensive travel industry experience and valued customer feedback. We prefer to travel at a leisurely pace, minimising one night stays in favour of two and three-night stays at key destinations.

## OUR ACCOMMODATION

We use a range of quality accommodation including hotels, lodges, luxury tented

camps and cruise cabins. We take pride in selecting the best locations and guarantee that all accommodation includes private ensuite facilities. With our small group sizes, we have the flexibility to stay in smaller boutique properties, where available, to further enhance your travel experience. Please refer to the trip itinerary for the hotels we have carefully selected for your trip\*.

## TOUR LEADERS & LOCAL GUIDES

Each of our trips include a local English-speaking tour leader who is your destination expert, in addition to your Australian-based tour host. We also utilise the services of expert local guides where appropriate to enhance your experience in the key destinations.

## SOLO TRAVELLERS

If you're travelling solo you don't need to be travelling alone. With our Escorted Escapes, you have the opportunity to travel with a whole new set of friends. Our single supplements are designed to keep the cost down and remove the stress of travelling by yourself.

## MEAL INCLUSIONS

Breakfast is included each day for your convenience. We also offer a selection of included meals as per the trip itinerary, while allowing plenty of opportunities for you to sample the local cuisine at your leisure.

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