

Egypt and Jordan have long been on our "bucket" list. Once we decided that "the time has come" and started doing research, we learned just how much more there is to experience than the Great Sphinx and Pyramids of Giza in Egypt or Petra in Jordan! So, we decided on a full 10 days in Egypt, including a 4-night Nile River Cruise, plus five additional days in Jordan to allow us time to experience more of the rich and diverse heritage of both ancient lands.

**We invite you to read through the day-by-day description of what we have planned.
If you decide to join us, we urge you not to delay: advance interest in this tour
outpaces any in the past so it is likely to sell out quickly.**

**Reservations will be honored in the order of receipt and we reserve the right
to prioritize those who choose the full tour, including both Egypt and Jordan.**

YOUR SCHEDULE, DAY-BY-DAY

Prices, per person

**10-day Egypt program:
\$4,530 sharing a double
\$5,880 single occupancy**

**5-day Jordan option:
\$1,730 sharing a double
\$2,200 single occupancy**

**Prices are stated in
U.S. Dollars**

Tuesday March 5: Depart for Cairo. Turkish offers by far the best schedules, both directions; we are exploring the advantages of a group contract and will share that information as soon as we have it.

Wednesday March 6: Late evening arrival in Cairo and transfer to the Steigenberger Hotel El Tahrir for a 5-night stay.

Thursday March 7: Today we discover **Islamic Cairo**. We drive to the **citadel of King Saladin**, one of the most impressive defensive fortresses dating to the Middle Ages, offering sweeping views over Cairo. The citadel is home to the 19th-century **Muhammad Ali (Alabaster) Mosque** and a number of museums including **Al Gawhara (Jewel) Palace Museum**. 14th-century **Sultan Hassan Mosque**, located just below the Citadel, is one of the largest mosques, not only in Egypt, but in the whole Arab world. Continue to visit **Khan El Khalili Bazaar**. Lunch included.

Friday March 8: The **pyramids of Giza** and the **Great Sphinx** are among the most popular tourist destinations in the world. Each of these spectacular structures served as the final resting place of a king of the 4th Dynasty (c. 2613–2494 BC). The Great Pyramid of Giza was built for king Khufu (c. 2589–2566 BC), and the other two for Khafre and Menkaure, his son and grandson. Khufu's pyramid is both the oldest and largest of the three, and the first building to exceed it in height would not be built for another 3,800 years! Following lunch, we visit the **Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM)**, scheduled to open this year - one of the largest, most modern, and most talked-about new museums in the entire world. When everything is finally transferred not only from the current Egyptian Museum's publicly displayed collections but also from its much more vast private storage areas, the GEM will host about 100,000 ancient artifacts, 4,549 of which will be from the tomb of the famous King Tutankhamun.

Saturday March 9: Visit **Saqqara**, the necropolis site of the ancient capital city of Memphis and Egypt's largest archeological site. We will discover the famous **Step Pyramid of Djoser**, the oldest known complete stone building complex in the world (2630 to 2611 BC) built by Imhotep, one of the first recognized architects in history. The step pyramid was the Egyptians' first successful attempt to build a pyramid. Lunch included. *The Cairo Symphony typically performs at the historic Cairo Opera House on Saturday evenings; if they do, we plan to attend.*

Package prices include

Accommodation in these carefully chosen facilities:

Five nights at the 5-star
Steigenberger Hotel El Tahrir

Four nights on the 5-star
Sonesta St. George-1

One night at the
Le Meridien Cairo Airport

Two nights at the 5-star
House Boutique Suites, Amman

Two nights at the 5-star
Petra Moon Luxury Hotel

One night at the 4-star
Aitch Boutique Hotel Airport



Breakfast each day



Lunch or dinner every day,
both during the cruise



Water, coffee, and tea will be
provided at all meals; alcoholic
beverages are not included
(often not available)



All internal flights in Egypt
plus Cairo to Amman



Airport transfers



Ground transport by
private coach



Seats for concerts by the
Cairo Symphony Orchestra and
the Amman Chamber Orchestra if
performances are scheduled



Sightseeing and excursions with
expert guides
as described to the right

Sunday March 10: Discover the oldest part of the city, known locally as Masr al-Qadima or "**Old Cairo**," the heartland of Egypt's indigenous Christian (Coptic) community. When Jews were exiled from Jerusalem in AD 70, some found refuge in Egypt; **Ben Ezra**, the country's oldest (9th-century) synagogue is here. We discover the narrow cobbled alleyways running between high stone walls, and visit the **Church of the Virgin Mary** (aka the "Hanging Church") and the **Church of St. Sergius** (Abu Serga). The former was built atop the southern gatehouse of the Roman-built Babylon Fortress, and gets its name from the fact that its nave is suspended over a passageway. This unique location gives the church the impression of hanging in mid-air. We finish over lunch "with a view."

Monday March 11: Fly to Luxor and transfer to the **Luxury Sonesta St. George**, one of the newest, smallest, and most elegant ships on the Nile, offering a full-service spa and fitness center, restaurant, bars, and nightly entertainment. All cabins come with double-glass panoramic French windows that open to bring in fresh breezes from the Nile, and impressive bathrooms featuring spa units including steam bath, Jacuzzi and water massage. Throughout, the imaginative decor is in a vintage French style, creating an air of decadence and luxury.

During our four-day cruise, with our own private guide, we will see **Kom Ombo** with its unusual double temple; **Edfu**, the largest temple dedicated to Horus; **Luxor with the Valley of the Kings** and the greatest monument to the gods of ancient Egypt, **Karnak Temple**; the **temple of Queen Hatshepsut**; the tomb of Nefertari, and **the Colossi of Memnon**. All meals included on board.

Friday March 15: Early morning disembarkation and flight to **Abu Simbel** to visit the Great Temple, dedicated to Ramses II, and the Small Temple dedicated to Queen Nefertari, the beloved and favorite wife of Ramses II (1244 BC). Carved out of a sandstone cliff on the west bank of the River Nile, these temples are among the most magnificent monuments of the ancient world, built to celebrate King Ramses II's victory over the Hittites at the Battle of Kadesh (1274 BC), which was believed to be one of the largest chariot battles in history. The two temples were moved from their original location in 1968 after the Aswan High Dam was built, as it threatened to submerge them. The relocation was completed thanks to an international effort led by UNESCO, and the temple was

admitted into its list of World Heritage Sites in 1979. Fly back to Cairo where we overnight at a hotel near the airport, to facilitate your departure tomorrow, whether onward to Jordan or back to the States.

Saturday March 16: Those not heading home today will take a morning flight to Amman, Jordan. After dropping our bags at the House Boutique Suites, we visit the **Amman Citadel** with its impressive historic buildings including the remains of the **Temple of Hercules** and the 8th-century **Umayyad Palace**, an extensive complex of royal and residential buildings that was once home to the governor of Amman. We continue to the 6,000-seat 2nd-century **Roman theater**, the most impressive monument of old Philadelphia, as Amman was known when it was part the Roman Decapolis, the cities network on the frontier of the Roman Empire in the southeastern Levant. Then we stroll through an open-air marketplace. Dinner follows.

Sunday March 17: This morning, we drive to **Jerash**, often called the "**Pompeii of the East**." Being one of the largest and best-preserved Roman ruins outside Italy, Jerash impresses with its Forum, Hadrian's Arch, the Colonnaded Street, Oval Plaza, Nymphaeum (ornamental fountain), and the Temple of Artemis.

Today's lunch is a "do-it-yourself" affair at Beit Sitti in Amman: established in 2010, **Beit Sitti ("Grandmother's House")** was created by 3 sisters to keep their grandmother's legacy alive. It offers a cook-and-dine experience: you learn how to prepare a traditional 4-course Arabic meal with the help of a Hajjeh (grandmother figure), and then get to eat the food that you prepared. The business employs many Jordanian women experiencing hardship, empowering with monthly income as well as independence and new experiences with people from various backgrounds. Beit Sitti is more than just food: it's an opportunity to immerse in another culture, to ask questions, and to learn.

Monday March 18: This morning, we head south along the King's Highway, forged by ancient royalty, stopping at **Mount Nebo**, where Moses by tradition first caught sight of the Promised Land. After soaking up panoramas of Israel and the River Jordan, we travel to **Madaba**, stopping at **St. George's Church** to see a treasure of early Christianity: a 6th-century Byzantine mosaic floor that is the oldest surviving map of Palestine. We then continue to **Wadi Musa**, the town where Petra, one of the New Seven Wonders of the World, is located and rest overnight before tomorrow's full-day visit. Dinner is included at the hotel.

Tuesday March 19: Hidden behind an almost impenetrable barrier of rugged mountains, the **rock-carved city of Petra** enchants visitors. Siq, a long narrow gorge, opens into a natural square dominated by Petra's most famous monument, the Khasneh (Treasury). The ancient city gradually unfolds, one monument leading to the next. The sheer size of the city and the quality of beautifully carved facades is staggering, displaying the creativity and industry of the Nabateans who made Petra their capital more than 2,000 years ago. From here, they established an elaborate network of caravan routes which brought spices, incense, myrrh, gold, silver, and precious stones from India and Arabia. Dinner is included at the hotel.

Wednesday March 20: On our way back to a hotel near Amman airport, we stop at **Kerak** to view its crusader castle, one of the largest in the region, and at the UNESCO World Heritage site of **Umm ar-Rasas**, a mostly unexcavated archaeological site known for its magnificent Byzantine mosaics. Farewell dinner is a **farm-to-table experience**: after exploring the owner's house, we sit around a communal table and enjoy an artisanal 5-course meal. Each dish is cooked using locally sourced ingredients, with a cultural relevance and a story shared with us as we enjoy our last meal together.

Thursday March 21: Depart from Amman airport for home or further adventures.

PLEASE BE AWARE:

Policies regarding non-Muslims can and do change from time to time, which is to say, a mosque that is open to non-Muslims today might not be tomorrow.

Occasionally, a site we are scheduled to visit may be closed or offer only limited access because of restoration or updating of facilities. We will adapt as necessary.

Security is an issue, especially in Egypt. Our itinerary is on the "well-beaten" track and sites are normally well-guarded.

We have chosen top-drawer, 5-star hotels, providers, and cruise ship, being mindful of both your comfort and security.

To make best use of your time and energy, we will fly to and from Abu Simbel, rather than spending 3 hours on a bus, each way, for a 2-hour visit.

We are also providing electric carts into and out of the archaeological site at Petra



FLIGHTS:

Turkish Airlines offers the shortest transit times and best connections, both directions via Istanbul.

As soon as schedules and pricing for March 2024 are available, we will attempt to book group rates for those flights, including both Economy and Business fares.

**Reservations will be honored in the order deposits are received.
Payment in full is due by November 1, 2023**

<u>Prices per person</u>	<u>Sharing a double</u>	<u>Single occupancy</u>
10-night Egypt portion only	\$4,530	\$5,880
5-night Jordan portion only	\$1,730	\$2,200

For details, visit DeanDaltonTours.com or email DD@DeanDaltonTours.com or call 713-213-6447.

Please be aware that it can be hot, even in March, and that many of the sites you will visit require substantial walks, often on uneven surfaces. If your mobility is limited, you might have to forego some activities.

To reserve space, please sign and return this form and your non-refundable deposit of \$1,500 per person (see the "Terms and Conditions" on page 2) payable to **Dean Dalton Tours**, to:

Dean Dalton Tours
1904 Banks St. #2
Houston, TX 77098

Name 1 as it appears on passport (LAST/First): _____

Name 2 as it appears on passport (LAST/First): _____

Street address: _____ Mobile phone: _____

City: Houston St. _____ Zip _____ Email: _____

Passport # 1: _____ Issue date _____ Date and **place** of Birth: _____

Passport # 2: _____ Issue date _____ Date and **place** of Birth: _____

Name and phone of emergency contact: _____

If reserving for two: prefer one bed prefer two beds

If reserving for one: prefer a private room will share a twin room with _____

Please reserve space for me / us for the full Egypt-Jordan package
 the Egypt portion only the Jordan portion only

Please note: applications for the full Egypt-Jordan package will receive priority consideration

I/we prefer to pay by credit card and understand there will be a 3.5% merchant fee added.
Please send an electronic invoice for the deposit.

Special needs: _____

I have read the brochure and accompanying "Terms and Conditions" and agree to their contents.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

We strongly encourage all participants to be covered by a travel protection plan, whether just for this trip or annual coverage. You should be covered at the very least for medical emergencies and evacuation. Since group policies are no longer available, we now offer a variety of individual plans through Travel Insured International, one of which can almost certainly provide coverage appropriate to your situation. Go to this address <https://www.travelinsured.com/agency/?p=deanhdalton> to compare coverage and costs, specific to you and this tour, for the several plans Travel Insured can provide. You may also call Travel Insured International at 855-752-8303. Please identify yourself as a client of Dean Dalton Tours, agency #49076.

We encourage you to explore other providers as well, to find the coverage that best suits your needs. Once you have returned this reservation form and deposit check for the tour and have determined which plan you prefer, you must purchase coverage within the time limit indicated, usually 14 to 21 days of your reservation.

Don't hesitate to contact us for a quote or to discuss the pros and cons of the various options.

Terms and Conditions of Sale – Egypt and Jordan Tour, March 5 – 21, 2024

A deposit of \$1,500.00 per person is required to guarantee your reservation; the date of receipt will determine the order in which space is allocated. The balance of the tour price is due on or before November 1, 2023.

Owing to high, non-refundable prepayments required by most suppliers in both Egypt and Jordan, deposits and subsequent payments for this tour are not refundable with the following exceptions:

1. in cases where vacated space on the tour is subsequently resold
2. to the degree that Dean Dalton Tours is able to recover payments to suppliers made on your behalf

Dean Dalton Tours guarantees the operation of this tour with a minimum of 15 participants, with exception only in case of "force majeure." That term refers to any major event, including but not limited to civil unrest, natural catastrophe, military action, public health emergency, etc. that adversely affects international travel patterns, or other circumstances beyond Dean Dalton Tours' control. In case of such cancellation, the tour will be rescheduled; if impossible, refunds will be based on the actual cost of each traveler's tour package, less a proportionate share of any unrecoverable expenditures and plus an administrative fee of \$100 per person. If you decline the new date, refunds will be as described in the paragraph above.

Included in quoted tour prices: All transportation in Egypt and Jordan, by private coach and scheduled airline (4 flights), from arrival at Cairo airport, March 6 to departure from Cairo on March 16 or from Amman on March 21 and the flight from Cairo to Amman; luggage handling (1 piece, maximum 50 pounds, at owner's risk); accommodations in hotels and cruise ship listed in the itinerary or comparable, including hotel taxes and daily breakfast; lunches and dinners, sightseeing, entrance fees, performance tickets, guide and escort services as indicated in the itinerary.

Not included in quoted tour prices: Transatlantic airfare, costs of passports or visas; optional performances; meals, beverages and sightseeing not specified in the itinerary; room service, laundry, etc.; travel protection; gratuities to guides and drivers; communication charges; excess baggage fees.

Exchange Rates: Dean Dalton Tours reserves the right to adjust prices to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange rates or inflation-based changes in costs imposed by suppliers.

Admission to religious sites cannot be guaranteed: Policies regarding non-Muslims change from time to time, with or without notice.

Dean Dalton Tours also reserves the right to withdraw a tour or any part of it, to make such alterations in the itinerary as it deems necessary or desirable, to refuse to accept or retain as a member of any tour any person at any time, and to pass on to tour members any expenditures or losses caused by delays or events beyond its control.

Passports and Visas: Passports are required. Visas are required for entry into Egypt and can be purchased online in advance (strongly recommended) or at the airport on arrival. The entry fee for Jordan is included in the "Jordan Pass" which will be provided by Dean Dalton Tours as part of the tour price.

Itineraries: Hotel accommodations, performances, and sightseeing are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Health Measures: In light of evidence of the effectiveness of face coverings in limiting the spread of airborne pathogens, including the common cold, flu, and other respiratory viruses, as well as Covid, participants in Dean Dalton Tours programs are expected and agree to wear masks when traveling together on a coach or other enclosed conveyance and to comply with any local masking requirements.

Claims and Refunds: Except for verifiable extenuating circumstances, refunds are not made for any missed tour services. For claims to be considered, they must be received in writing within 30 days of the termination of the tour and be accompanied by supporting documentation. Any adjustment will be based on the actual cost of the services involved and not on a per diem basis. Adjustments will not be made for sightseeing trips or meals not used at traveler's choice. Dean Dalton Tours will not accept any liability for any claims not received within 30 days of the termination of this tour.

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