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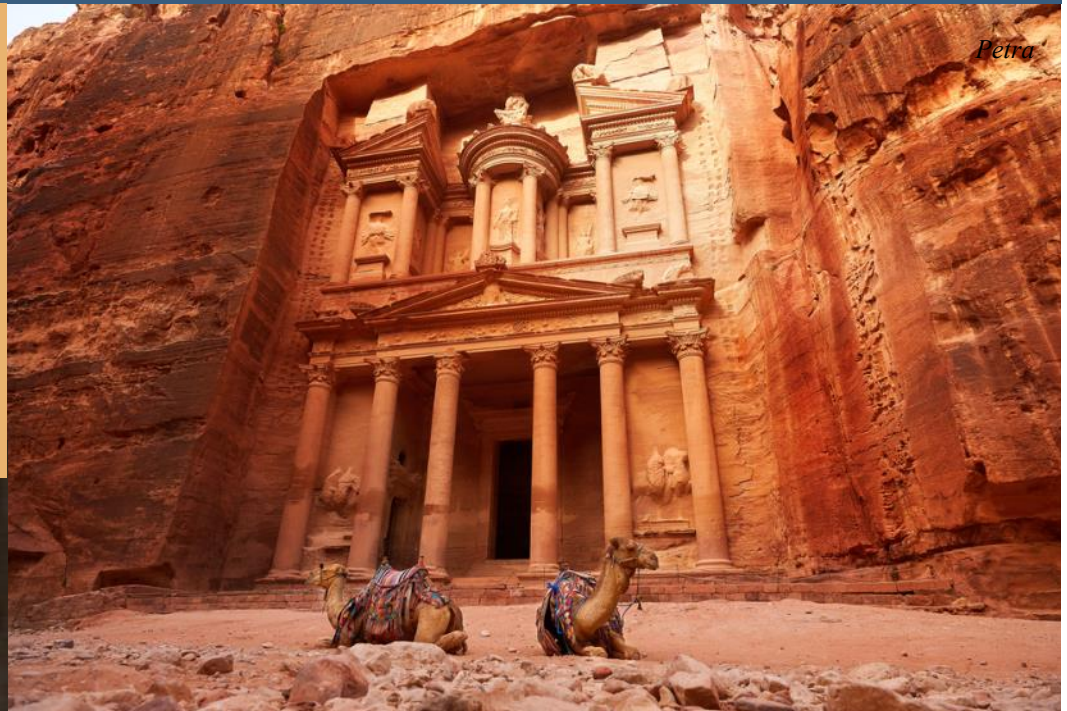
Splendors of
Egypt
Optional extension to Jordan

EGYPT
Sept. 2 - 12, 2024

JORDAN
Sept. 11 - 15, 2024



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Day 1: Monday Sept. 2, 2024 • Depart
We depart for Egypt. **In Flight meals.**

Day 2: Tuesday Sept. 3, 2024 • Cairo

Welcome to Egypt, one of the world's greatest ancient civilizations. At Cairo airport, our airport representative helps you with entry Visa & formalities. We then transfer to our hotel with the remainder of the day at leisure. Tonight, we attend an orientation meeting and have a welcome drink with our Tour Manager and fellow travelers at our hotel.

Day 3: Wednesday Sept. 4, 2024 • Cairo

We begin the tour with a highlight visit to the Pyramids of Giza, built during the 3rd and 4th dynasties of the Old Kingdom. We enjoy an up-close view of the Great Pyramid, built for the Pharaoh Khufu, as well as the Pyramids of Khafre and Menkaure. Close to the Pyramids, see the Mythical Sphinx of Giza, the legendary statue with the head of a human and the body of a lion, amazingly carved out of one huge piece of Sandstone Bedrock. After a BBQ lunch, we explore the unique masterpieces of art at the Grand Egyptian Museum, the largest cultural project in modern times.



Step Pyramids of Sakkara



The museum houses the world's largest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts. We have a special pass to the Hall of King Tut-Ankh-Amon which displays 5000 pieces for the first time. We have free time at the Museum, along with a visit to the Papyrus Gallery where they teach us how ancient Egyptians made it. We then return to the hotel. **B,L**

Day 4: Thursday Sept. 5, 2024 • Cairo

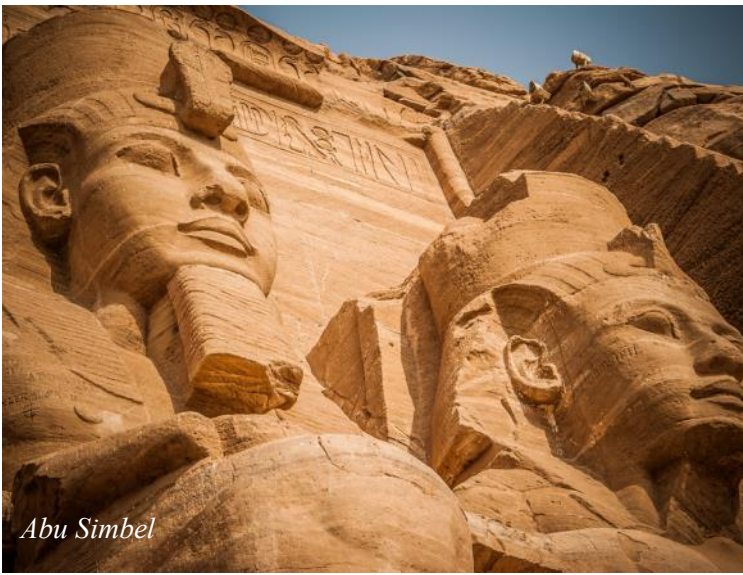
After breakfast, we start our tour with the Step Pyramids of Sakkara, the oldest pyramid in Egypt and the oldest construction of stone still standing in the whole world. We also visit the Nobel tombs with carvings of daily life activities on the walls, with an opportunity to enter the Pyramid of King Teti. Next, we visit a rug school where we learn how the rugs are woven, what materials are used and how the designs are created. We enjoy lunch at a countryside restaurant at Sakkara. We then continue to Old Cairo visiting a church that was built on the Holy family crypt where they lived for three months. **B,L**

Day 5: Friday Sept. 6, 2024 • Nile Cruise

After breakfast, we check out of our hotel and fly to

Papyrus depicting a Nile farmer and an ox





Abu Simbel

Aswan where we later board our cruise ship on the Nile River. We have an **Optional excursion** to the Temples of Abu Simbel, reclaimed from the floodwaters of the Aswan High Dam and totally reconstructed in the present location. The site is dominated by the looming twin temples of Ramses II and his wife Queen Nefertari. It is one of the most recognizable ancient sites of Egypt. We fly back to Aswan and transfer to our cruise ship, our home for the next three nights. We are warmly welcomed aboard for lunch and have time to settle in. After lunch, we take a tour to Philae Temple dedicated to the goddess Isis and marvel at the temple's beautiful island location. We learn about the legend of Isis and Osiris with lots of accounts of love and drama. **B,L,D**

Optional: Abu Simbel Temples by air (Extra \$420)

Day 6: Saturday Sept. 7, 2024 • Nile Cruise

In the early morning, our ship sets sail for an unforgettable cruise on the legendary Nile River to Edfu. After breakfast, we stop to tour the imposing Greco-Roman Dual Temple of Kom Ombo dedicated to two Gods with its unique carvings of the ancient calendar and medical instruments. We admire the



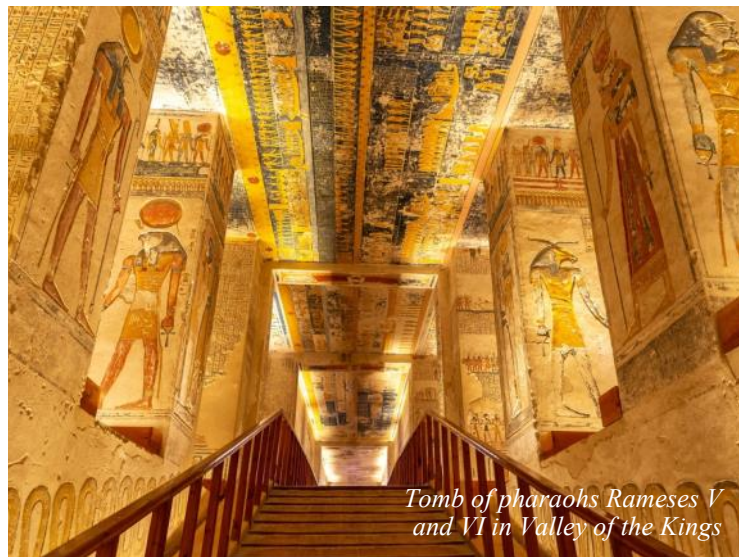
Temple of Kom Ombo



fascinating detailed reliefs on the walls and continue sailing to Edfu. After lunch, we visit the Temple of Edfu on horse carriages. Edfu temple is the best-preserved temple from the ancient world, and dedicated to Horus the God of the Sky, represented as a Falcon. We continue sailing to Luxor. Evening entertainment is an Egyptian Galabiya Night (Dress Party) with Egyptian food, music, dancing and fun. **B,L,D**

Day 7: Sunday Sept. 8, 2024 • Nile Cruise

Today, we begin with a visit to the UNESCO listed Valley of the Kings, the necropolis of Thebes. We admire the tombs of ancient Egypt's rulers. Included is a visit to King Tutankhamun's Tomb. Next, we head to the Temple of Hatshepsut, a colonnaded structure surrounded by cliffs. We learn about the life of Queen Hatshepsut, Egypt's first female ruler. We then visit alabaster house to learn about making handmade Alabaster. We conclude the tour at the Colossi of Memnon: two massive stone statues of the Pharaoh Amenhotep III. We return to the ship for lunch. In the late afternoon, we ride a horse-carriage through the local and tourist markets of Luxor along the riverside. We have free time in the tourist market before heading



Tomb of pharaohs Rameses V and VI in Valley of the Kings



Ruins of the Egyptian Karnak Temple

back to the ship for dinner. Our evening entertainment includes Belly Dance and Dervish Dance shows with live music and drumming. **B,L,D**

Day 8: Monday Sept. 9, 2024 • Sharm El Shei

We check out of the Nile cruise and take a sightseeing tour of the East Bank of Luxor. We visit the magnificent Temples of Karnak, dating back over 3,000 years. We walk along the avenue of the Sphinxes and marvel at the Hypostyle Hall with its 134 massive sandstone columns. After lunch, we fly to Cairo with a connection to Sharm El Sheikh where we check into the hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to relax on the beach or at the pool. Our evening is free to go to town for a seafood dinner and/or free time to explore. **B,L**

Day 9: Tuesday Sept. 10, 2024 • St. Catherine

After breakfast, we have free time to snorkel in the Red Sea, experiencing the clear warm water and enjoying the beautiful corals and colored fish. Be sure to check out the Market area to eat lunch at a restaurant of your choice. The group reconvenes for the drive to St. Catherine where we overnight at the



St. Catherine's Monastery



Sunrise on Mt. Sinai

Monastery Guesthouse. **B,D**

Day 10: Wednesday Sept. 11, 2024 • Cairo

We rise early today (around 2:00 am if you wish) to climb Mt. Sinai and enjoy the wonderful sunrise. We return to the Monastery for breakfast. We then visit St. Catherine Monastery, church of transfiguration and the Museum inside the Monastery. Depending upon availability, we meet with Fr. Justine, one of the Monastery Monks, who gives us a lecture on the Greek monastic life in the monastery and its history. He also briefs us on the digitalizing project of the ancient manuscripts in its library which is the second largest in the world after the Vatican regarding the Volume of the Ancient Manuscripts. Some of us drive to Cairo where we overnight at a hotel near the airport. Others depart for the optional Jordan extension. **B,L**

Day 11: Thursday Sept. 12, 2024 • Depart

We transfer to the airport for our return flights to the U.S., enriched with a life changing experience.

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



Welcome to what will certainly be the trip of a lifetime! Egypt is a fascinating place filled with unbelievable antiquities. Then you can add on the wonders of Petra, too. Join us for this exciting adventure!

Paul Snyder



Optional Jordan Extension

Day 10: Wednesday Sept. 11, 2024 • Petra, Jordan

After finishing the visit to St. Catherine, we collect a lunch box and drive to Taba where we ferry to Aqaba Jordan, and continue to Petra. We have a relaxing evening in Petra where we overnight. **D**

Day 11: Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024 • Petra

After breakfast, we have a guided tour of Petra. We explore the many streets and marvel over the architectural masterpieces. It is a full day of exploring and learning about the culture and history of Petra. Tonight, we enjoy a delicious dinner at our hotel. **B,D**

Day 12: Friday, Sept. 13, 2024 • Dead Sea

This morning, we make our way to Mt. Nebo. This beautiful panoramic view is where God showed Moses the Promised Land. After, we drive a short distance to Madaba, where we view the beautiful 6th century mosaic floor and the map of the Holy Land as the Christian pilgrims of that time knew it. Then we make our way to the salty Dead Sea. We float around and relax while taking in the magnificent views. **B,D**

Day 13: Saturday Sept. 14, 2024 • Overnight flight

We explore the Baptismal sight of Jesus on the Jordan River and the surrounding area where John the Baptist told of Jesus. We make our way to Amman where we explore the city and visit the Roman Amphitheater. We have a late night farewell dinner at a local restaurant before heading to the airport for an early morning (3-4 AM) flight home. **B,D**

Day 14: Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024 • Arrive U.S.

We arrive back in the U.S.

To register for this tour:

<https://ed-ventures.grcoll.co/v2/go/rej224>

Tour Price:

- ❑ **REJ24: Egypt Land & Air • \$3,975**
- ❑ **Egypt Single Supplement • \$720**
- ❑ **Egypt with Jordan Extension • \$5,600**
- ❑ **Egypt with Jordan Single Supplement • \$920**

Prices are *per person, double occupancy*

with a minimum of 12 participants

Your Tour Includes:

- **Estimated Roundtrip airfare** including all related taxes and fees (*estimated at \$1,700 from St. Louis to Cairo and return from either Cairo or Amman*)
- **Land transportation** via private, deluxe air conditioned motor coach
- Ferry Crossing to Aqaba for Jordan Extension
- **Accommodations** (double-occupancy) in superior 3 star and moderate 4 star hotels
- **Meals** as indicated in itinerary
- Services of a **professional tour manager** throughout tour
- **Admission** to all activities listed in the itinerary
- **Luggage handling:** one piece per person at hotels where available
- All **taxes and tips** for provided services, except coach driver, tour guide, and restaurant and hotel staff

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- Egypt Entry Visa Fee (\$25 per person)
- **Beverages** except for juice, tea, coffee and water with breakfast and coffee, tea and water with dinner
- Tips for restaurant and hotel staff
- End of tour tips for tour manager (\$10 per person/per day) and coach driver (\$5 per person/per day)
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees (*Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date*)
- Optional insurance for health, baggage and cancellation (*This insurance is available and recommended*)

Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$500 per person is due with registration. Final payment is due 90 days before departure (June 14, 2024). Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Early registration is encouraged. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance, airlines may impose fuel, tax or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after final payment, an additional invoice will be sent for the surcharge amount.

Currency:

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, a currency surcharge may apply to the price of the tour.

Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 100 days before departure, a \$50 administrative fee plus airfare penalties will be assessed. From final payment to 31 days prior to departure, a \$500 cancellation penalty plus any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers as well as any penalties imposed by airlines will be assessed. Airline tickets once written are usually not refundable. Anyone canceling 30 days or less prior to departure will receive **NO REFUND**.

Purchase of health, baggage and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly encouraged.

Terms and Conditions

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