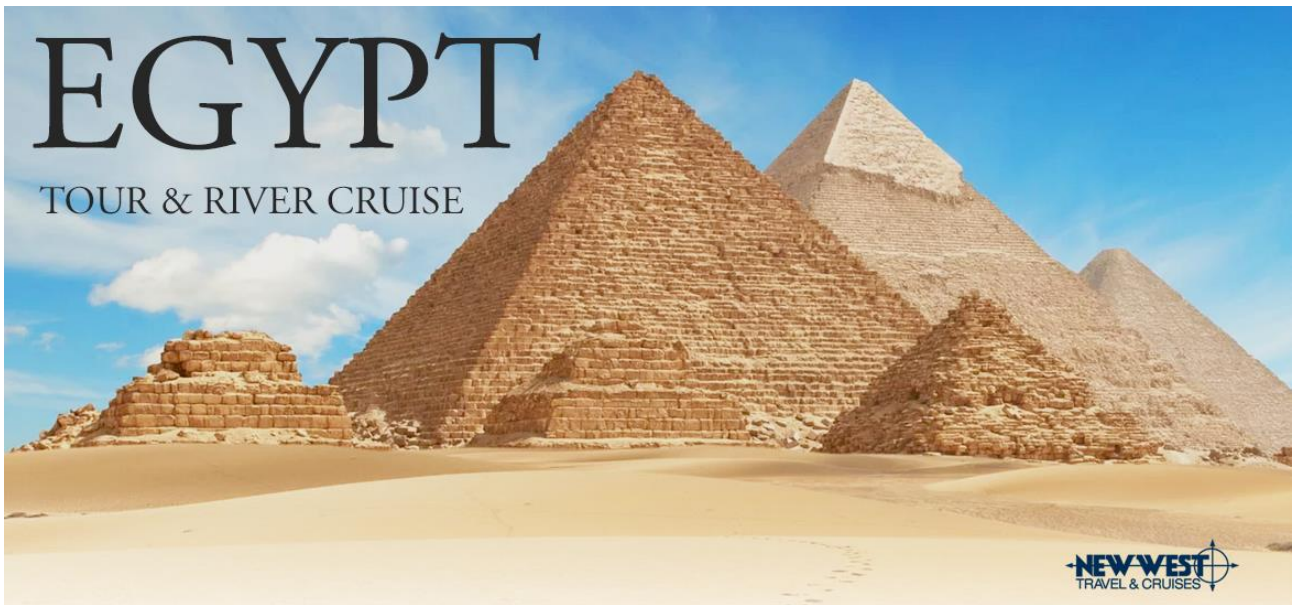


EGYPT

TOUR & RIVER CRUISE



DAILY ITINERARY (B) BREAKFAST (L) LUNCH (D) DINNER



INDICATES ADDED UNIQUE TOUR

DEPART CANADA: MARCH 10, 2022

Today your journey begins! Fly to Cairo overnight

DAY 1: MARCH 11, 2022

WELCOME TO CAIRO, EGYPT

Upon arrival at Cairo airport, you will meet your local tour guide. They will provide directions for the private transfer to the hotel for check-in. The rest of the day is at your leisure. [Hotel: Pyramids Hotel or similar](#)

DAY 2: MARCH 12, 2022

CAIRO

After breakfast, visit the Pyramids of Giza, built during the 3rd and 4th dynasties of the Old Kingdom. These monumental undertakings stand as a marvelous testimony to the almost unbelievable skill and determination of their builders. You will also enjoy a camel ride through the desert not too far from the Pyramids to see the great Sphinx of Giza, the legendary statue with the head of a human and the body of a lion, amazingly carved out of a huge piece of limestone.

After lunch we will visit Memphis, the capital of Egypt during the Old Kingdom, founded by King Menes. Today, Memphis is an open-air museum highlighted by a giant statue of Ramses II. You will be transferred to the hotel after visiting Memphis.



This evening, you will have a magnificent experience on a Cairo Cruise with dinner and enjoy a scenic view of Cairo from the Nile River. Enjoy dining under the stars among the city lights, watching the Belly Dancers, and listening to Egyptian music (B)(D) [Hotel: Pyramids Hotel or similar](#)

DAY 3: MARCH 13, 2022

CAIRO

After having breakfast at the hotel, you can choose to take an optional tour to the Egyptian Museum (US\$45), home to one of the world's great collections of antiquities. Wander the treasure-filled halls of the museum, and encounter some of the country's most important queens and pharaohs. From gold jewelry to the famous golden death mask and his gilded sarcophagi, these pharaohs were certainly prepared for the afterlife.

This afternoon, you will visit Salah El-Din Citadel, one of the world's greatest monuments to medieval warfare. Resembling a typical early medieval fortress, with large imposing gateways, towers and high defending walls, the Citadel is one of Cairo's most popular non-pharaonic monuments.

We then go to the Old Coptic, an area of great historical and cultural importance. The most attractive sight is the Hanging Church, known in Arabic as al-Muallaqah (The Suspended). This church is dedicated to the Virgin Mary and possibly the first built in Basilican style.

As we continue, we will stop at the Khalili Market, located in the heart of Old Cairo. This market consists of thousands of individual shops scattered in dozens of streets and alleys, many of which date back to the 14th century A.D. We will then transfer back to the hotel. The rest of the evening is yours at leisure. (B) [Hotel: Pyramids Hotel or similar](#)

DAY 4: MARCH 14, 2022
CAIRO–LUXOR–NILE RIVER CRUISE

Today, take an early morning flight to Luxor. Upon arrival take a sightseeing tour of the East Bank. Visit the magnificent Temples of Karnak, dating back over 3,000 years. Walk along the avenue of the Sphinxes, and marvel at the Hypostyle Hall with its 134 massive sandstone columns.

After that, you will be transferred to your ship for embarkation, and enjoy lunch on board. Later in the afternoon, continue to visit Luxor Temple to admire the colossal statues of the great pharaoh Ramesses II. Transfer back to the cruise ship and enjoy dinner on board. (B)(L)(D) *Accommodations: Nile River Cruise Ship*

DAY 5: MARCH 15, 2022
NILE RIVER CRUISE (LUXOR-ESNA-EDFU)

After breakfast, sit back and view the magnificence of the Luxor West Bank from the comfort of the ship, or you may choose to take an optional hot air balloon tour (US\$180). If so, you will be transferred to the takeoff area where you are going to start your balloon ride in the sky of the biggest open-air museum: Luxor. The balloon ride takes approx. 45 minutes.

Later this morning, you will visit the UNESCO listed Valley of the Kings, the necropolis of Thebes and admire the tombs of ancient Egypt's rulers. Next, head to the Temple of Hatshepsut, a colonnaded structure surrounded by cliffs and learn about the life of Queen Hatshepsut, Egypt's famous female ruler. Conclude the tour at the Colossi of Memnon, two massive stone statues of the Pharaoh Amenhotep II. Return to the ship for lunch and continue sailing onward this afternoon. (B)(L)(D) *Accommodations: Nile River Cruise Ship*

DAY 6: MARCH 16, 2022
NILE RIVER CRUISE (EDFU–KOM OMBO)

Early in the morning, sit back and take in the beauty and bustle of Aswan on a private horse-drawn carriage ride to visit the stunning Temples of Horus in Edfu, considered one of the best preserved of all the Egyptian Temples. It was built during the Ptolemaic times and was completed over a 180- year period. The temple is dedicated to the falcon god Horus, son of Isis and Osiris. Its extravagant design and sheer size are an indication of the country's prosperity at the time. Return to the ship for breakfast and continue sailing. Free time until lunch on board.

In the afternoon you will arrive at Kom Ombo and tour the imposing Greco-Roman Temple of Kom Ombo, dedicated to Horus, the Sky God and Sobek, the Crocodile God. Admire the fascinating detailed reliefs on the walls. Then return to the cruise ship where you'll continue on the river, with free time relaxing on the sundeck and taking in the surrounding sights – desert hills forming a backdrop to lush riverbanks, fishermen casting their nets and farmers working their land. (B)(L)(D) *Accommodations: Nile River Cruise Ship*

DAY 7: MARCH 17, 2022
NILE RIVER CRUISE–ASWAN

This morning you will tour Abu Simbel by bus. A bus from Aswan takes you back in time to the Temple 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 Ramesses II and his wife Queen Nefertari. It is one of the most recognizable ancient sites of Egypt. Afterwards, drive back to Aswan. Visit the spectacular Aswan High Dam and Philae Temple, then return to the boat. In the evening, have dinner on board and stay overnight on the river cruise ship in Aswan. (B)(L)(D) *Accommodations: Nile River Cruise Ship*

NOTE: The itinerary and sailing hours could be changed for reasons beyond cruise control, during the cruise sailing with respect of all visits mentioned in the itinerary.

Day 8: MARCH 18, 2022


ASWAN

This morning, disembark from the cruise ship and we will tour by a felucca, the traditional sailboat of Egypt used along the Nile. Glide gently down the river and catch the refreshing breeze while witnessing the beautiful scenery of the Nile Valley. In the afternoon, you can choose to join a Nubian Village Tour by motorboat (US\$40), that is located on the West Bank of the River Nile in Aswan and just opposite to Soheil Island and near the Aswan Dam passing by the First Cataract of Aswan. This fantastic tour to the Nubian Village lets you meet and interact with a Nubian family and learn about their simple lifestyle, culture and traditions. Then you will be transferred back to your hotel in Aswan. (B) [Hotel: Helnan Aswan Hotel or similar](#)

DAY 9: MARCH 19, 2022

ASWAN–CAIRO

Today fly from Aswan to Cairo. Upon arrival, you'll be met at Cairo airport and transferred to your hotel.

 Tonight, you will enjoy the Sound and Light show at the Giza Pyramids. Images are projected onto the ancient monuments and you are whisked away on a narrated journey of Egypt's history by dramatic combination of storytelling, lights, and music. (B) [Hotel: Pyramids Hotel or similar](#)

DAY 10: MARCH 20, 2022

CAIRO–AMMAN

This morning, transfer to the airport for your flight to Amman, the capital of Jordan. It is a city situated on a series of seven hills. Today, you will be greeted upon your arrival at Queen Alia Airport in Amman and will be escorted to your hotel. (B)(D)
Hotel: TBA

DAY 11: MARCH 21, 2022

AMMAN– WADI RUM –PETRA


After breakfast, drive to Wadi Rum; the biggest desert in Jordan and the protected area where Sir Laurence wrote the seven pillars of wisdom. Take an optional Jeep Ride tour (US\$40) in Wadi Rum visiting: Bburrah Canyon via Alameleh, Khor Um Ishrin, Lawrence House and Siq Lawrence. The tour includes a visit to several of Wadi Rum's distinctive rock formations and an opportunity to soak in the vast silence and spectacular desert landscapes. After the day tour, we will head to Petra. (B)(D) [Hotel: Hyatt Zaman Village Hotel or similar](#)

DAY 12: MARCH 22, 2022

PETRA – DEAD SEA

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, then start your full day tour to discover the Nabateans City of Petra, the "Pink City", which has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site and voted one of the 7 New Wonders of the World in 2007. It's the home of the Nabateans. The complete city is carved in a mountain with huge colorful rocks, and is known as "The Red Rose City". It impresses travelers from all over the world with its desert rock carved monumental tombs, palaces, temples, and the Treasury, which was featured in the Indiana Jones and The Last Crusade film.

The tour will start by crossing the "Siq" which is an impressive, deep and narrow gorge of stunning natural beauty. The Siq is hemmed in by cliffs soaring up to 80 meters. Along the city tour, our guide will give us a brief introduction about the whole city of Petra, while we walk through the 1.2 km canyon to reach the magnificent Treasury. Then through Wadi Farsa & Wadi Kharrouba, and visit the Royal Tombs.

 Enjoy a horse carriage ride which has been set up to take you back through the Canyon.

In the afternoon, continue the trip to the Jordan Valley and Dead Sea, which is one of the most spectacular natural and spiritual landscapes in the World. It is the lowest point on Earth, and the world's richest source of natural salts, hiding wonderful treasures that accumulated throughout thousands of years. (B)(D) [Hotel: Valley Marriott Resort or similar](#)

DAY 13: MARCH 23, 2022

DEAD SEA – MADABA – MT.NEBO – DEAD SEA

After breakfast, we will drive along the King's Highway; the ancient Silk Road, and transfer to Madaba; "The City of Mosaics" a typical East Bank town. Underneath almost every house lies a fine Byzantine mosaic. Many of these mosaics have been excavated and are on display in the town's museum, but it is estimated that many more lie hidden waiting to be discovered.

We will visit the Church of St. George to see the earliest surviving original map of the Holy Land in a mosaic floor, dating back to 560 A.D.

Next we arrive at Mt. Nebo, where Moses went to get a view of the Promised Land before he died. From a platform in front of the church, you can enjoy a breathtaking view across the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea.

Once we arrive at the hotel, you will have your own leisure time to enjoy the Dead Sea. (B)(D) [Hotel: Valley Marriott Resort or similar](#)

DAY 14: MARCH 24, 2022

DEAD SEA - AMMAN

The Dead Sea is one of the most incredible places in the World. As the name suggests, the Dead Sea is devoid of life! Swimming in the Dead Sea is quite an incredible feeling, as it is impossible to sink in the thick brine, which is four times as salty as regular sea water. Due to an extremely high content of salts and minerals, it is known for its curative powers and its mud is used as various treatments. This evening we will transfer to the Amman airport for your flight home. (B)(D) [Hotel: Valley Marriott Resort or similar](#)

DAY 15: MARCH 25, 2022

AMMAN–EDMONTON

You will fly overnight from Amman to Edmonton and due to the time difference will arrive in Edmonton this morning.