

Daily Itinerary
 Welcome to the Middle East
 Featuring Israel, Jordan, and Egypt
 Here's your Itinerary!
 May 29 – June 10, 2020



- 1 = Israel
- 2 = Jordan
- 3 = Egypt
- 4 = Nile River Cruise (Optional Extension Trip)



Here's What's Included:

12 days in Israel, Jordan, Egypt:

- Lodging for 11 nights in 4-star hotels in central city locations (4 nights in Jerusalem, 3 nights in Petra, 4 nights in Cairo)
- Daily Breakfast at hotels and five dinner meals
- Local tours and transport in each country
- **Roundtrip air transportation from a Washington, DC airport (arrangements for other departure locations can be arranged).

Optional Extension Trip – Nile River Cruise:

- 4 Nights and 3-day cruise on the Nile River from Aswan to Luxor
- Daily meals on the cruise
- Local tours and transport in each port
- Lodging for one night in Luxor
- Local airport transportation

****Pricing not yet included as airline schedules will not be published until August**

Detailed Day by Day Schedule of Activity Coming Soon


General Itinerary:


- Day 1:** Arrive in Tel Aviv, Israel, Tel Aviv tours, overnight for 4 nights in Jerusalem
- Day 2:** Tours in Israel – Bethlehem and Jerusalem
- Day 3:** Tours in Israel – Haifa, Nazareth and Galilee
- Day 4:** Free day or optional tours
- Day 5:** Depart to Jordan, overnight for 3 nights in Petra
- Day 6:** Tours in Petra
- Day 7:** Tours in Wadi Rum
- Day 8:** Depart to Egypt **, overnight for 4 nights in Cairo
- Day 9:** Tours in Cairo to include Pyramids and Sphinx - Memphis - Saqqara
- Day 10:** Tours in Cairo to include Egyptian Museum, Citadel, Coptic Cairo, Khan El Khalili
- Day 11:** Free day to explore
- Day 12:** Depart for home or continue **to a Nile River Cruise (**optional Extension trip)**


Optional Nile River Cruise (June 10 – 14)**

- Day 12:** Begin Nile Cruise in Aswan - Visit the High Dam, Philae Temple, Obelisk
- Day 13:** Cruise Nile River - Sail to Kom Ombo, -Visit the Temples, Sail to Edfu,
- Day 14:** Cruise Nile River - Visit East Bank (Karnak Temple & Luxor Temple)
- Day 15:** Return to Luxor - Visit West Bank and the remainder of the day at leisure
- Day 16:** Depart for home

Date/Time	Activity/Location	Comments
Friday, May 29	Depart to Israel	
	Depart from IAD	Airline info
Saturday, May 30	Arrival	Arrive in Tel Aviv in the afternoon
	Transport to hotel	
	Hotel	The Inbal Jerusalem Hotel for 4 nights 3 Jabotinsky St. Jerusalem Phone: <u>+972 (0) 2 675 66 66</u> <u>www.inbalhotel.com</u>
	Dinner	Dinner in Jerusalem
Sunday, May 31	Tours	Jerusalem/Bethlehem
	Breakfast at hotel	Buffet available from 7-11AM
8:30AM	Depart for tour	Jerusalem and Bethlehem tours Details to be provided Duration: 8 hours
	Lunch and Dinner	Lunch and Dinner are on your own
Monday, June 1	Tours	Haifa, Nazareth, and Galilee
	Breakfast at hotel	Buffet available from 7-11AM


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	Depart for Tour	Nazareth and Galilee tours Details to be provided Duration: 8 hours
	Lunch and Dinner	Lunch and Dinner are on your own
Tuesday, June 2	Free Day	Optional tours may be available
	Breakfast at hotel	Buffet available from 7-11AM
	Day at leisure	Explore and make your own adventure
	Dinner	Dinner at local restaurant
Wednesday, June 3	Depart to Jordan	Visit Dead Sea
		
	Breakfast from hotel	Breakfast bags to be provided
6:30AM	Depart for Jordan	Depart hotel and meet in the lobby by 6:15AM to load the bus for the ride to the Jordan border. Transfer to the Allenby King Hussein Bridge to enter the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.
11AM	Dead Sea	Arrive in Jordan and travel to the Dead Sea. Spend 3-4 hours at the Dead Sea. Will have access to facilities to change to enjoy a swim in the unsinkable waters of the Dead Sea. Continue the afternoon ride to Petra.
5PM	Arrive at hotel	Mövenpick Resort Petra for 3 nights Tourism Street, Wadi Musa 71810 Petra Jordan Phone: +962 3 215 71 11 https://www.movenpick.com/en/middle-east/jordan/petra/resort-petra/

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	Free evening	Relax and spend the remainder of the day at leisure
	Dinner	Dinner on your own
Thursday, June 4	Tours	Visit Petra
		
	Breakfast at hotel	Buffet available from 6-11AM
	Morning at leisure	
8AM	Depart for tour	<p>Meet in lobby by 8AM to depart for the tour.</p> <p>Today you will tour the “rose-red city” of Petra. Walk along the Siq at the end of the passage you’ll see Petra’s most beautiful monument – The Treasury (The Khazneh) which starred in Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade. Beyond the Treasury, you’ll discover soaring temples; elaborate royal tombs, a theatre, burial chambers and water channels covering an area of about 100 square km, where over 800 monuments. In the first and second century, after the Romans took over, the city reached the peak of its fame. When shipping slowly displaced caravan routes, the city’s importance gradually dwindled; it fell into disuse and was lost to the world until 1812, when it was re-discovered by the Swiss explorer Johann Ludwig Burckhardt.</p> <p>Duration: 4 hours</p>
1-5PM	Free Time	Afternoon at leisure
5PM	Dinner and Cooking Lesson	<p>Meet in the hotel lobby by 5:15PM to depart for dinner.</p> <p>This evening enjoy dinner at lively “Petra Kitchen”, where you will learn how to prepare a traditional</p>

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		meal. The “Petra Kitchen” has a relaxed atmosphere where you will work alongside local women under the supervision of a chef. The meal will include soup, cod and hot mezza, and salads, a main course and take home recipes.
Friday, June 5	Tours	Visit Wadi Rum
	Breakfast at hotel	Buffet available from 6-11AM
7:30AM	Depart for Tour	<p>Meet in the hotel lobby by 7:15AM to depart for the morning tour</p> <p>Travel to Wadi Rum, a journey to another world. Board your 4X4 jeep, driven by professional Bedouin drivers onto Jordan's legendary sandstone area of Wadi Rum. The enchanting Wadi Rum is an area almost surreal in its distinctive beauty. Cross red sand dunes and explore the beautifully eroded pillars of sandstone rock, amongst the natural attractions are what have become known as 'The Seven Pillars'. Enjoy a delightful lunch hosted in an authentic Bedouin Tent!</p> <p>Duration: 5 Hours</p>
3PM	Return to hotel	Remainder of the day at your leisure
	Dinner	Dinner is on your own
Saturday, June 6	Depart to Egypt	
		
	Breakfast at hotel	Buffet available from 6-11AM
8AM	Depart Jordan	<p>Depart hotel by 7AM to Airport in Amman. Drive is 4 hours through the landscape.</p> <p>Afternoon flight 3PM</p>





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4PM	Arrive Egypt	Meet local transportation in the receiving area after customs.
5PM	Transfer to hotel	Four Seasons Cairo at the First Residence for 4 nights 35 Giza St. Cairo, Egypt Phone: +20 (2) 3567-1600 www.fourseasons.com/cairofr/
	Remainder of day at leisure	
	Dinner	Dinner at local restaurant
Sunday, June 7	Tours	Visit Pyramids
	Breakfast at hotel	Buffet available from 6-11AM
8:30AM	Tours	Meet in lobby by 8:30AM to depart for tour Tour to Pyramids and Sphinx - Memphis - Saqqara- Giza Plateau to visit the Great Pyramids of Cheops, Chefren and Mykerinus - Famous Sphinx and Valley temple facing the great statue. Additional visit to the Solar Boat in front of Cheops Pyramid. Lunch included during the tour and then proceed to Sakkara area to visit Sakkara Complex and first pyramid ever built (Djoser Pyramid). Move to Memphis; Old kingdom's capital and famous Necropolis Duration: 6 hours
	Dinner	
Monday, June 8	Tours	Visit museums

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	Breakfast at hotel	Buffet available from 6-11AM
8:30AM	Tours	<p>Meet in lobby by 8:30AM to depart for tour</p> <p>Tour to Egyptian Museum, Citadel, Coptic Cairo, Khan El Khalili Treasures room for the child king Tutankhamen, alongside many other fascinating artifacts. Additional visit to the mummies room at the museum. Lunch through out the tour at local restaurant, then moving to visit Saladin Citadel including Mohamed Ali Alabaster Mosque inside. Continue to Coptic Cairo to visit the Hanging Church and Ben Ezra Synagogue. Continue driving to Islamic Cairo, where you will be able to explore Khan El Khalili, Cairo's old bazaar.</p> <p>Duration: 6 hours</p>
	Dinner	
Tuesday, June 9	Free Day	Optional tours may be available
	Breakfast at hotel	
	Day at leisure	Explore and make your own adventure
	Dinner	Dinner at a local restaurant
Wednesday, June 10	Depart for home	

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	Breakfast at hotel	
	Depart Egypt	Depart hotel in the morning to Airport:

Optional Nile River Cruise

Wednesday, June 10	Depart for Aswan	Cruise from Aswan to Luxor for 3 nights
		
	Breakfast at hotel	Breakfast bags will be available
	Depart Cairo	Depart hotel by 7AM to Airport:
	Arrive in Aswan	Pickup from Aswan by 10AM
10:30AM	Meet at cruise ship	Depart to Cruise Ship MayFair Nile Cruise
	Begin cruise activity	<p>Arrive onboard by 11AM Lunch on board Visit the High Dam, Philae temple and unfinished Obelisk. Dinner on board. Overnight in Aswan</p> <p>Blue Shadow Cruise Blue Shadow is a Brand New 5 Stars Luxury Nile Cruise. Nile cruise is much more than just a room-and-sightseeing package; It is an escape to the tranquility of relaxing under the sun, visit temples of the Pharaohs and enjoy freshly prepared traditional cuisine.</p> <p>While on board, guests can enjoy traditional dance and music performances, relax and refresh in our exquisite spa, in our swimming pool, on a sun-deck, or in the comfort of their luxurious cabins.</p> <p>http://www.egypt-nile-cruise.com/ms-blue-shadow-nile-cruise/</p>
Thursday, June 11	Nile Cruise	

	Breakfast onboard	
	Cruise and Tours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sailing to Kom Ombo • Lunch on board • Afternoon tea • Visit the Temple shared by two gods Sobek and Haeroris in Kom Ombo • Sail to Edfu • Visit Horus Temple in Edfu Overnight in Edfu
	Dinner Onboard	
Friday, June 12	Nile Cruise	
	Breakfast onboard	
	Cruise and Tours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sailing To Luxor Via Esna • Lunch on board • Afternoon tea • Visit Luxor Temple • Visit Karnak Temple • Belly Dance Show Overnight in Luxor
	Dinner Onboard	
Saturday, June 13	Luxor	End of cruise
	Breakfast onboard	Check-out after breakfast
		
	Tours	Visit Valley of the Kings and Temple of Queen Hatshepsut (El-Deir El-Bahari).
12PM	Transport to the hotel	Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa for 1 night Phone: +20-100-6001270 New Karnak, Luxor, Egypt hiltonluxor.com

12-6PM	Afternoon at leisure	
	Dinner	Dinner at local restaurant
Sunday, June 14	Depart for home	



	Breakfast at hotel	
	Depart Egypt	Depart hotel in the morning to Airport