

Walking Egypt & Jordan

Full tour: March 2010 – 16 Days

Egypt: Land of the Pharaohs
March 2010 – 9 Days

Day 1: Arrive Cairo

- Arrive late in the day – no group activities except for Welcome Dinner

Day 2: Activities in Cairo

Walk #1: Cairo of the Caliphs

- Kick off your first full day in Egypt with a morning walk in Cairo through Old Town; the walk features the rich history and superb city views of the Citadel, the Alabaster Mosque, and the Synagogue.
- In the afternoon, explore the Egyptian Museum, home to the world-renowned exhibit of Tutankhamen. Spend the remainder of the day immersing yourself in the fascinating oriental ambiance of the largest city in Africa.

Day 3: Activities in Cairo

Walk #2: Pyramids of Giza

- Get up close and personal with the only one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World that is still in existence – the famed Pyramids.
- Our walk today offers panoramic views of the pyramids of King Cheops, built in 2690 B.C., as well as the iconic Sphinx.
- An afternoon stop at Sakkara will afford you a wonderful view of the “one step” Pyramid built by famous architect and physician Imhotep for the Pharaoh Zoser in 3816 B.C.

Day 4: Cairo – Alexandria

- Journey to Alexandria, the “Pearl of the Mediterranean”, for the opportunity to explore one of Egypt’s oldest cities.
- Sightseeing stops today include Pompey’s Pillar, the multi-level labyrinth of the Kom El Shogafa catacombs, the impressive seaside fortress at Qait Bay, and a Roman Amphitheater dating back to the 2nd century A.D.

Day 5: Alexandria – Aswan

Walk #3: Ancient Alexandria

- Breathe in the coastal air as our morning walk meanders through a variety of historic sites in Alexandria.
- Relax on our afternoon drive back to Cairo, followed by a flight to the southern city of Aswan, one of the driest inhabited places on earth, located on the banks of the Nile.
- Enjoy dinner aboard our ship, the *MS Nile Dolphin*, home for the next four nights.

Day 6: Activities from Aswan

Walk #4: Aswan

- The morning walk today will be devoted to discovering the ancient city of Aswan.

- Explore the open air museum of the Unfinished Obelisk , the island temple of Philae, and the vitally important HighDam.
- End the day with a delightful sailing experience aboard the local feluccas.

Day 7: Aswan – Kom Ombo – Edfu

- In Kom Ombo, take a carriage ride to the Temples of Kom Ombo, dedicated to two deities: the crocodile-headed “Sobek” and the “Haroeris”, a double headed sparrow/hawk.
- In Edfu, tour the superbly preserved Temple of Horus, dedicated to the Falcon God.
- Enjoy dinner and a “galabaya” party on board as we sail this evening.

Day 8: Luxor – Cairo

Walk #5: Valley of the Kings Walk

- Your morning walk will feature sites along the west bank of the “Valley of the Kings,” where 64 of Egypt’s Pharaohs had palatial resting places.
- Expected highlights are the tombs of Ramses VI, Amenhotep II, the tomb of Tutankhamen, the palatial Temple of Queen Hatchepsut, and the Colossi of Memnon.
- In the afternoon, enjoy a visit to the fabulous Luxor and Karnak Temples.
- We’ll return to Cairo by airplane, and then enjoy our Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 9: Cairo – USA

Travelers participating in Egypt only will return home to the USA today. Those continuing on for the Jordan portion will fly to the capital city of Amman.

Jordan: Crossroads of the Middle East March 2010 – 8 Days

Day 1: Cairo – Amman, Jordan

- Fly from Cairo to Amman, capital city of Jordan.
- Check into the hotel and explore parts of the city near the hotel.

Day 2: Activities from Amman

Walk #1: Jerash Roman City

- After a brief drive north from Amman, we’ll enter the fascinating world of Jerash, considered by some to be the world’s best preserved Roman provincial city.
- Take a trip back in time as our walking tour explores the highlights of Jerash.
- Back in Amman, our afternoon city tour will give us a glimpse of the ancient capital of the Ammonites, which has been home to many civilizations for more than 10,000 years.

Day 3: Amman - Dead Sea

Walk #2: Madaba, City of Byzantine Mosaics

- Depart Amman on a journey to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on the surface of the earth.
- Visit Mt. Nebo, final resting place of Moses, from where he saw the Promised Land, the land beyond the Jordan River.

- Explore Madaba, famous for its Byzantine-era mosaics, including an amazing 6th century map of the Holy Land.

Day 4: Dead Sea – Petra

Walk #3: White Dome Trail

- A memorable visit awaits you at Bethany Beyond the Jordan, where early Christian pilgrims believe Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist.
- Walk the White Dome Trail through terraced gardens and along the massive escarpments of Wadi Dana with breathtaking views of the canyon-like Wadi.
- Arrive in Petra for an unforgettable evening candlelight tour.

Day 5: Activities in Petra

Walk #4: Rose Red City of Petra

- Walk through the amazing rose-colored rock city of Petra, carved in relief out of the cliffs. Highlights include the Treasury, Street of Facades, Theater, Museum, and ad-Deir, Petra's largest carved façade.
- Spend the balance of the day exploring the wonders of Petra.

Day 6: Petra – Wadi Rum

- Drive to a remote Bedouin community in the middle of Wadi Rum, the crimson desert setting of the movie "Lawrence of Arabia".
- Spend the afternoon and evening with the Bedouins; enjoy the stars like you have never seen them; share the fabled hospitality of our hosts.

Day 7: Wadi Rum – Amman

Walk #5: Wadi Rum Desert meets the Mountains

- Spend the morning exploring this timeless desert and mountain landscape, also called the Valley of the Moon.
- Return to Amman in the afternoon in preparation for our return home tomorrow.

Day 8: Amman – USA

- Fly back to the USA today