



TÜRKIYE

## TÜRKIYE (TURKEY), JORDAN & EGYPT EXPLORER JOURNEYS

(TOUR CODE: 12978)

### STARTS AND ENDS

Istanbul to  
Cairo

### TRAVEL PERIODS

11 May 25 & 07 Sep 25

### EXPERIENCE

Cruising  
Escorted

### TRAVEL STYLE

Group Journeys

Embark on an unforgettable 22-day journey through Türkiye, Jordan, and Egypt, where history, culture, and natural beauty converge.

### Highlights

- **Guaranteed Departures.** Small group sizes (max 24 passengers). English speaking only tour with an experienced Tour Director.
- Experience a river cruise aboard the **Nile Premium with full board** included
- Indulge in a unique stay in a **superior Bedouin tent** within a desert camp
- Unveil the ancient wonder of **Petra** as you walk through the narrow **Siq** to witness the iconic **Treasury**, known as Al-Khazneh
- Admire the **Fairy Chimneys in Cappadocia**, unique rock formations that enhance the landscape, resembling fantastical shapes.
- Enjoy a **traditional cooking class** followed by a Dinner at a local restaurant in Amman
- Visit the **Blue Mosque** and the **Hagia Sophia Mosque**, iconic symbols of Istanbul.

Journey through Amman, Istanbul, and Egypt's wonders. Discover history in Amman, Jerash, and Petra's ancient ruins. Experience the desert in Wadi Rum's Bedouin tents. Istanbul beckons with the Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia, and a Bosphorus boat trip. Cappadocia and Pamukkale amaze before Egypt's Luxor, Karnak, and Valley of the Kings. Nile Premium's luxury leads to Edfu, Kom Ombo, and serene Aswan. Abu Simbel's temples and Giza's Sphinx inspire awe. Embrace Cairo's vibrant blend, a grand finale to this extraordinary journey.



GUARANTEED DEPARTURES



SMALL GROUP SIZES



SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL



ENGLISH-ONLY EXPERT GUIDES



CITY-CENTRE QUALITY HOTELS



SPECIAL EVENTS INCLUDED



SLOWER-PACED ITINERARY



✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period

✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind

✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support

✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices

✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited

✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

## INCLUSIONS

- 17-nights accommodation in 4-star & 5-star hotel
- 4-nights accommodation onboard the Nile Cruise
- One way flight from Istanbul to Amman
- One way flight from Amman to Cairo
- Transportation by coach
- Private transfers to/from airport as per itinerary
- Daily Breakfast
- Guided visits in Istanbul, Cappadocia, Pamukkale, Esmirna,
- Guided visits in Cairo & Aswan
- Visit to Temple of Luxor, Temple of Karnak, Valley of the kings, Colossi of Memnon
- Visit in Amman, Jerash, Ajlun, Madaba, Nebo, Petra, Wadi Rum, and Dead Sea
- Visit the Temple of Hatshepsut, Temple of Edfu, Temple of Komombo, Temple of Philae, and felucca ride around the Elephantine Island
- Excursion in a 4x4 vehicle through the Wadi Rum desert
- Entrance fees to monuments as described in the itinerary
- English-Speaking Only Tour Director throughout the journey

## ITINERARY

### Intro Map

Turkey, Jordan & Egypt Explorer Journeys



Day **1** Istanbul Airport Istanbul

Upon your arrival at the airport, a private transfer will be awaiting for you and transfer you to your hotel.

At 19:00, meet with your Tour Director at the hotel's Reception Desk for a welcome meeting where you will also be meeting your fellow travellers. Following the meeting, enjoy a delightful dinner in a local restaurant.

Overnight stay in Istanbul at **Hotel Barcelo Istanbul**.

Dinner



Day **2** Istanbul

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Departure from the hotel to visit the **Topkapi Palace**, residence of the sultans of the Ottoman Empire and It's situated in a strategic location overlooking the Bosphorus and the Golden Horn. The palace is renowned for its opulent architecture, lush



gardens, and intriguing collections of artifacts.

Then, enjoy a lunch in a local restaurant.

In the afternoon, visit the **Sultanahmet** neighborhood with the Roman Hippodrome square, the Blue Mosque, unique among all Ottoman mosques in having 6 minarets and the splendid 6th century Hagia Sophia Mosque.

In the evening, discover the **Egyptian Bazaar**, a vibrant market filled with an array of aromatic spices, teas, sweets, nuts, and more.

Overnight stay in Istanbul at **Hotel Barcelo Istanbul**.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day **3**

## Istanbul Cappadocia

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

In the morning, we will have a **panoramic tour of the city**, passing through the important neighborhoods of the historical part and the modern part of the city, including a walk along the pedestrian street of Istiklal.

Time at leisure in the **Grand Bazaar** (closed on Sundays, religious holidays and on October 29), a building that houses more than 4,000 shops inside.

Take a **boat trip through the Bosphorus**, the strait that separates Europe from Asia where we can enjoy the great beauty of the forests of Istanbul, its palaces and the yali, wooden palaces built on both banks.

After the tour, transfer to the airport to take a **domestic flight to Cappadocia**.

Upon your arrival in Cappadocia, you will be transferred to your hotel. If your arrival time at the hotel is after 10:00 p.m., dinner will be provided in the form of a boxed meal.

Overnight stay in Cappadocia at **Carus Cappadocia**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **4**

## Cappadocia

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

The morning is free for you to enjoy at your leisure. Alternatively, you have the option to enhance your experience by choosing a **sunrise balloon ride** (*Please note: This is not included in the package and can be purchased on-site*).

Later, we will embark on a captivating exploration of this remarkable region, characterized by a unique landscape sculpted by the volcanic eruptions of Erciyes and Hasan Volcanoes that occurred 3 million years ago. Our journey begins with a visit to the **Göreme valley**, where you will discover a multitude of monasteries and chapels intricately carved into the rock formations and adorned with exquisite frescoes.

Continue to the **Avclar and Güvercinlik valleys**, both boasting awe-inspiring vistas of the iconic "Fairy Chimneys." This route also leads us to the troglodyte **town of Uçhisar**, a living testament to its era, with dwellings etched into the rock and a commanding fortress that has withstood the test of time. In Cappadocia you have the opportunity also to visit the **typical workshops of Turkish carpets**.

In the evening, enjoy a delightful dinner at your hotel.

Overnight stay in Cappadocia at **Carus Cappadocia**.

Breakfast, Dinner





Day **5**

## Cappadocia Konya

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

During the morning, we will have the opportunity to visit a **traditional pottery workshop**, where the age-old craft comes to life. Continuing our journey, we will encounter a remarkably intact 13th-century **Caravanserai**, a haven for travelers seeking respite along their routes.

En route, we will explore the **Serhatli underground city**. Constructed by Christian communities as a safeguard against Arab assaults, this city offers a glimpse into the strategic craftsmanship of its time.

Upon arriving in **Konya**, we will visit the **Mevlana Monastery**, the spiritual home of the whirling dervishes. This immersive experience provides a captivating window into the rich tapestry of traditional Turkish culture.

In the evening, enjoy a delightful dinner at your hotel.

Overnight stay in Konya at **Hotel Dedeman**.

Breakfast, Dinner



## Konya Pamukkale

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

We depart to **Pamukkale**, a true marvel of nature boasting a massive white cascade, intricate stalactite formations, and inviting natural pools created by the thermal springs. Renowned for its remarkable calcareous terraces, which have crystallized over time due to the calcium-rich water sourced from the region.

We will, then, visit **Hierapolis**, where a vast necropolis featuring over 150,000 tombs awaits our discovery.

In the evening, enjoy a delightful dinner at your hotel.

Overnight stay in Pamukkale at **Hotel Doga Termal**.

Breakfast, Dinner



## Pamukkale Ephesus Izmir Istanbul

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Departure to **Ephesus**, the capital of Asia Minor in Roman times. Visit the archaeological vestiges, where the temple of Hadrian and the library of Celso stand out. We will have the chance to visit a typical fur production center.

Later, we will make our way to Izmir's airport to catch a flight back to Istanbul. Upon arrival, we will come together with the fellow travelers for a memorable **Dinner** hosted at a local restaurant.

Overnight stay in Istanbul at **Hotel Barcelo Istanbul**.

Breakfast, Dinner





Day **8**

## Istanbul Amman

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and take a private transfer to the airport to reach Amman.

Upon your arrival at the airport in Amman, a private transfer will be awaiting for you and transfer you to your hotel.

At 19:00, meet with your Tour Director at the hotel's Reception Desk for a welcome meeting where you will also be meeting your fellow travellers. Following the meeting, enjoy a delightful dinner at the hotel.

Overnight stay in Amman at **Hotel Amman Kempinski**.

Dinner



Day **9**

## Amman Jerash Amman

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Depart to the capital city of Jordan, **Amman**. Explore the downtown part of Amman, visiting sites and museums including the



Citadel, Roman Theater, Archaeological Museums. Everywhere you look there is evidence of the city's much older past!

Departing from Amman, your next stop is **Jerash**, a captivating historical site. As you explore, you'll walk the Colonnaded Street, discover the Amphitheater, visit Churches and Temples, and take in the vast Roman Forum. Jerash, once Gerasa, is famed for its well-preserved Roman heritage, often referred to as the "city of a thousand pillars." Flourishing under Roman rule, it stands as one of the world's best-preserved Roman provincial towns. Rediscovered and restored over 70 years, Jerash offers a glimpse into the grand urbanism of the Middle East's past, reflecting its Roman golden age.

Back in Amman, and in the early evening, join your fellow travelers for an **authentic dinner at a local restaurant**.

Overnight stay in Amman at **Hotel Amman Kempinski**.

Breakfast, Dinner



## Day 10 Amman Madaba Nebo Shobak Petra

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Depart to visit **Madaba** located 30 kilometers south-west of the capital Amman. It is best known for its Byzantine and Umayyad mosaics, especially a large Byzantine-era mosaic map of The Holy Land. Then, visit *St. George church* where you will find the Mosaic Map of Jerusalem painted on the floor of the church.

Continue to **Mount Nebo**, the place where Moses was buried. From this vantage point, you'll be treated to a breathtaking panorama encompassing the Jordan Valley, the Dead Sea, and the city of Jericho on the opposite bank of the Jordan River.

Continue south to visit **Shoubak Castle**, perched on top of a small hill northeast of the town of Shobak. Inside the fortress there are two churches, the first of which is to the left of the entrance and is accessed via stairs. The second church is located just past the watchtower and contains catacombs underneath. As you explore the castle, you'll come across various remnants, including baths, cisterns, and rainwater pipes. The site also features millstones used for pressing olives, enduring archways, and other well-preserved elements that have withstood the passage of time. Shoubak Castle stands as a testament to the region's history and craftsmanship.

After the visit, return to the hotel in Petra for a delightful dinner.

Overnight stay in Petra at **The Old Village**.

Breakfast, Dinner



## Day 11 Petra

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Dedicate a full day to the exploration of **Petra**, often referred to as the "pink city" and the capital of the Nabateans. This ancient city, ingeniously carved into the rose-red sandstone cliffs, invites your imagination to roam freely. It's a place of mystique and grandeur, a timeless homage to a civilization now lost to time.

Petra held a pivotal role as the hub of the Nabatean spice routes, connecting regions from the Persian Gulf, Western Arabia, and the Red Sea. Over two millennia ago, it emerged as the heart of the Nabatean Empire. The city's significance extended to the point where one of its rulers, Aretas IV, earned a mention in the Bible. Their craftsmanship can be witnessed through the carved theaters, temples, tombs, monasteries, houses, and roads that grace the rose-red sandstone cliffs. Recognizing its significance, UNESCO has rightfully designated Petra as a World Heritage Site.

Your journey into Petra commences by passing through the **Siq**, a narrow and profound gorge. At its culmination, a breathtaking sight awaits you: **the iconic al-Khazneh**, known as the Treasury. As you explore further, the ancient city unravels before you. Countless stone-carved structures, shaped by the hands of time into resplendent multi-hued walls, await your discovery. Petra, with its rich history, architectural marvels, and vivid colors, promises an unforgettable journey into a world shaped by the hands of ancient artisans and the passage of time.

Overnight stay in Petra at **The Old Village**.

Breakfast, Dinner





Day **12** Petra Little Petra Wadi Rum

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Today's excursion takes us to **Little Petra**, a once-inhabited Nabatean site adorned with numerous tombs, water reservoirs, and intricate channels. A narrow trail leads to the inner section known as **Siq Al Bared**. This area, an extension of Petra itself, earned the name of "Little Petra" due to its scaled-down yet reminiscent features and its role as a continuation of the Petra experience.

Depart for **Wadi Rum**, traversing the captivating Lawrence of Arabia desert. Your exploration takes place in unique 4x4 vehicles led by Bedouin guides. This journey offers a glimpse into the lunar-like expanse of Wadi Rum's landscape. Marvel at the incredible creations of nature, shaped by rocks and sands. Highlights include *Wadi Rum village*, *Lawrence spring*, *Alamele inscriptions*, *7 pillars*, and *enchanting sand dunes*.

For the evening, you'll experience a stay in a **superior Bedouin tent** boasting a private bathroom and air conditioning, all within a desert camp setting. Enhance your experience by treating yourself to a delightful dinner in this remarkable setting.

Overnight stay in Wadi Rum in a **superior Bedouin tent**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **13** Wadi Rum Dead Sea

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at the Camp.

Journey towards the **Dead Sea**, a natural wonder situated at the lowest point on Earth, 400 meters below sea level. The high salinity and mineral content of its waters present therapeutic opportunities for various ailments, as well as serving as a source for producing cosmetic and beauty products..

Overnight stay near the Dead Sea at **Hotel Holiday Inn**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **14** Dead Sea Al Salt Amman

After enjoying a buffet breakfast, you'll be transferred to visit **Al Salt**.

Explore the **Harmony Trail**, where you'll encounter significant sites such as *Al Hammat Street*, *Bait Abu Jabber* showcasing



traditional Jordanian architecture, and the historic **Madafat Al Khalili**.

Enjoy lunch in Al Salt before proceeding to Amman.

In the early evening, come together with your fellow travelers for a **traditional cooking class** followed by a Dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight stay in Amman at **Hotel Amman Kempinski**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **15** Amman Cairo

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel. A private transfer will meet you and transfer you to airport.

At 19:00, meet with your Tour Director (TD) at the hotel's Reception Desk for a welcome meeting. You will also meet your fellow travellers.

Join your fellow travelers for a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight stay in Cairo at **Sheraton / Conrad Hotel Cairo**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **16** Cairo Luxor Nile Cruise

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Take a transfer from your hotel to the airport to take a flight to Luxor. Arrival and transfer to your river cruise ship, Nile Premium M/S Premium.

With beautifully designed common areas, Nile Premium has an elegant restaurant with a capacity of 130 guests and offering international cuisine; panoramic bar; disco/pub; pool; solarium; snack bar; gym; reading room; gift shop, medica services and laundry.

A total of 60 cabins, make the Nile Premium one of the best and most comfortable cruise ships along the Nile: 2 Presidential Suites (32,5 m2), 2 Ambassador Suites (27,5 m2) and 56 Junior Suites (21 m2).

All onboard, get comfortable in your Junior Suite cabin and enjoy the rest of the day.

Overnight stay onboard the **Cruise Ship** in Nile Premium Junior Suite.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner





Day **17** Cruise: Luxor

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at the ship's restaurant. After breakfast, start of the program of shore excursions included in the cruise.

Visit the Temple of Luxor, where the avenue of the Sphinxes, the Obelisk, the statues of Ramses II and the Naos stand out. Afterwards, visit the Karnak Temple, where more than 18,000 statues have been discovered.

We will cross to the west bank of the Nile to visit the Valley of the Kings and see the fabulous statues of the Colossi of Memnon, and the Temple of Hatshepsut.

Overnight stay onboard the **Cruise Ship** in Nile Premium Junior Suite.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **18** Cruise: Edfu Kom Ombo

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at the ship's restaurant.

Upon arrival in Edfu, immerse yourself in history as you explore the best-preserved temple in Egypt, devoted to the god Horus. Journeying onwards, sail to Kom Ombo to visit its distinctive temple perched on a rocky platform along the Nile's graceful curve.

Lunch and dinner will be served on board.

Overnight stay onboard the Nile Premium M/S Cruise in a **Junior Suite Cabin**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **19** Cruise: Aswan

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at the ship's restaurant.

Venturing to **Aswan**, situated on Egypt's southern frontier, you'll embark on a felucca ride around Elephantine Island. Explore the enchanting Temple of Isis on the Island of Philae, weaving history and beauty into your journey.

Lunch and dinner will be served on board.

Overnight stay onboard the Nile Premium M/S Cruise in a **Junior Suite Cabin**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **20** Cruise: Abu Simbel Aswan Cairo

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at the ship's restaurant.

Unforgettable day to **Abu Simbel** to visit its impressive temples of Ramses II and Nefertari, rescued from the depths of the



Nile.

After this remarkable experience, return to Aswan and prepare for your transfer to the airport, where you'll catch a flight to Cairo.

Upon arrival at the airport, enjoy a private transfer to your hotel in Cairo, followed by a dinner.

Overnight stay in Cairo at **Sheraton or Conrad Hotel Cairo**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **21**

## Cairo

Start your day with a lavish buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Prepare for another unforgettable day as you embark on a journey to the world-renowned **Pyramids of Giza and the enigmatic Sphinx**, gaining access to these iconic sites.

Your exploration continues with visits to the **Egyptian Museum, the Coptic neighborhood, and the Citadel**, revealing layers of Cairo's history.

As evening approaches, come together with your fellow travelers for a heartwarming Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight stay in Cairo at **Sheraton or Conrad Hotel Cairo**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **22** Cairo Cairo Airport

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before a private transfer takes you to the airport.

Breakfast

## ACCOMMODATION

### Barcelo Istanbul

The recently renovated Barceló Istanbul hotel is situated at the heart of the city near the elegant Taksim Square. It offers 270 well-designed rooms and suites with modern amenities, providing utmost comfort. The hotel boasts contemporary facilities including a rooftop lounge, sunbathing area with jacuzzis, and an impressive 1,200 square meter Wellness and Fitness Center. Additionally, it features 7 versatile event spaces accommodating up to 600 individuals, equipped for successful meetings and gatherings. The hotel's prime location in the Beyoglu district makes it an excellent choice for both business and leisure travelers, allowing them to immerse themselves in Istanbul's rich historical, cultural, and economic offerings.





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## Carus Cappadocia

### **Cappadocia**

Situated in Göreme and located 3.9 km from Uchisar Castle, Carus Cappadocia provides concierge services, non-smoking accommodations, a garden, complimentary WiFi, and a bar. All rooms at Carus Cappadocia are distinct from one another, each exemplifying unique sizes, architectural details, and forms. The hotel offers a total of 39 stone rooms and 11 cave rooms.



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## Dedeman

Nestled in the heart of Konya, Dedeman Hotel presents rooms with complimentary Wi-Fi, conveniently situated next to one of the city's largest shopping centers. The hotel boasts a rooftop bar and a range of recreational amenities, including an outdoor swimming pool, squash court, and fitness center. The contemporary air-conditioned rooms at Dedeman Konya Hotel Convention Center are equipped with a flat-screen TV and minibar. Indulge in Turkish and International cuisine at the Safran Restaurant amidst sophisticated surroundings. For panoramic city views, the Roof Restaurant and Bar is a perfect choice, and 24-hour room service is at your disposal. The hotel's offerings encompass an indoor swimming pool, hot tub, and hammam, inviting relaxation and massage indulgence.





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## Doğa Thermal

Beyond being a localized thermal hotel, Doğa Thermal Health & Spa boasts consistent therapeutic thermal water temperatures throughout the year, an expansive 693-square-meter spa and wellness center, four distinct conference venues, and a variety of leisure and communal spaces. As an opulent 5-star gem in the Karahayıt-Pamukkale region, this extraordinary establishment, located approximately 3 kilometers from the UNESCO World Heritage site of Pamukkale and conveniently situated about an hour's drive (60 km/37.28 miles) from Denizli Çardak Airport, offers an unparalleled experience.



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## Hotel Amman Kempinski

Encompassing an area of 56,000 square meters, Kempinski Hotel Amman presents a blend of contemporary design and elegant interiors. This establishment offers a European luxury ambiance infused with Jordanian authenticity and hospitality. It stands as a unique venue in Amman with its exclusive convention center, making it the foremost choice for hosting conferences, gatherings, exhibitions, and social occasions within the city.





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## The Old Village

Located on the outskirts of Wadi Musa with stunning views of the Shahara Mountains and Petra, The Old Village Hotel & Resort offers luxurious five-star accommodations. The resort features multiple relaxation areas where guests can enjoy beverages while taking in the terraces and sunset. Just 1.9 km from Petra, the property is conveniently close to Petra Visitor Centre and Wadi Mussa City Centre. Each room is equipped with Wi-Fi, TV, air conditioning, and a mini bar, designed to reflect local culture and history. The resort also includes an indoor pool and sauna for post-exploration relaxation.



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## Aladdin Camp

Experience a distinctive fusion of modern comfort and traditional Bedouin culture at Aladdin Camp in Wadi Rum. Nestled amidst breathtaking mountains and strategically situated close to renowned tourist spots, visitors can unwind and indulge in an authentic Bedouin glamping escapade. The camp provides cozy facilities and a range of desert activities, allowing you to uncover the enchantment of Wadi Rum. Secure your reservation now to fully engage in the captivating history and heritage of the Bedouin community.



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## Holiday Inn

Experience the allure of the Dead Sea at the modern Holiday Inn® Resort Dead Sea hotel. Situated just 45 minutes from Queen Alia International Airport, this 5-star retreat offers a private beach by the famous salt lake. With palm-fringed heated pools, a soothing infinity pool, and a dedicated kids' area, water enthusiasts are in for a treat. Luxurious spa treatments using natural Dead Sea products await at the Shape Up spa. The resort provides event facilities including a ballroom and meeting rooms, along with complimentary valet parking and a business center. Dining options range from a chic pool bar to fine steaks and Jordanian dishes, while Horizon Terrace offers sunset views and live music. Enjoy the ultimate comfort with 24-hour room service.



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## Nile Premium M/S Premium

Embark on a delightful Nile journey aboard the MS Premium. Experience the luxury of well-appointed suites, a refined dining area, an expansive sundeck with a pool, and more. Immerse yourself in the enchantment of history as you discover iconic sites like Karnak Temple, Luxor Temple, the Valley of the Kings, Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, High Dam, Philae Temple, Unfinished Obelisk, Kom Ombo, and Edfu Temples.





## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit.

### Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fee
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package (Entrance tickets to sites and museums)

## IN PARTNERSHIP

