

### DAY 5: ACTIVITIES IN PETRA (BD)

**Rose Red City of Petra Walk – 10 km, rated 2**

A full day is allotted to roaming the Rose Red City of Petra. This breathtaking collection of sandstone formations with hues of red, yellow, gray, and orange was carved into magnificent facades by Nabatean tribes 2000 years ago to serve as tombs for their nobles.

### DAY 6: PETRA – AQABA (BLD)

**Wadi Rum Desert Lawrence of Arabia Walk – 10 km, rated 3**

Leaving Petra, we enter the stark beauty of a desert world once used by Lawrence of Arabia to rally Arabs against the fading power of the Turks. The expedition begins with an optional camel ride, followed by a combination of walking and jeep rides with local Bedouin guides. Stunning panoramas of multi-colored monoliths against grain-colored waves of sand and bright blue desert sky are no less impressive than the timeless scenes of Petra! A memorable Bedouin feast in a desert camp precedes our return to “civilization” in Aqaba.

### DAY 7: ACTIVITIES IN AQABA (BD)

After many busy days, enjoy a day off to stroll and window-shop, or join us for an Optional Excursion into the Red Sea to Pharaoh’s Island to see yet another face of this corner of the Middle East. Home to a well-preserved crusader castle captured by the able Muslim general Saladin, Pharaoh’s Island also offers a chance to snorkel amongst the Red Sea’s famed underwater coral and sea life. Back in Aqaba this evening, we celebrate our Adventure in Jordan at the Farewell Dinner.

### DAY 8: DEPART FOR HOME (B)

The Adventure comes to a close today as we make our way north towards Amman along the Dead Sea. We part ways with fond memories of this surprisingly diverse country, amazing visits to places we’ve heard about all our lives, and the joy of sharing the trail with walking friends.

**NOTE:** Travelers who purchased the WAI Air Package will return to Cairo and have one more night at an airport hotel before departing for home on the early morning of Day 9.



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**WAI Airfare Package Available:** \$1250 (Includes roundtrip airfare from New York and internal flights for Egypt – see brochure memo for details.)

*Adventure Combo Air: Roundtrip airfare from Cairo, Egypt to Amman, Jordan included for travelers who purchase the WAI Airfare Package!*

#### INCLUDING:

- Airport to hotel transfers on first and last day
- 4-night cruise in 5-star MS Tower (EGY)
- Superior tourist-class (3 star) or better hotel accommodations
- 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches, and 9 dinners (EGY)
- 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 7 dinners (JOR)
- 9 IVV-sanctioned walks and fees for walking credit
- All tipping for local guides and coach drivers
- Local guide and WAI guide service throughout
- Entrance fees/admission to:
  - Pyramids of Giza – Cairo (EGY)
  - Egyptian Museum - Cairo (EGY)
  - Valley of the Kings, including Tomb of King Tut – Luxor (EGY)
  - Queen Hatshepsut Temple – Luxor (EGY)
  - Luxor Temple – Luxor (EGY)
  - Felucca cruise – Aswan to Nubian Village (EGY)
  - Citadel – Cairo (EGY)
  - Jerash Archeological Site – Jerash (JOR)
  - Dead Sea swimming experience (JOR)
  - Church of St. George – Madaba (JOR)
  - Petra by Night – Petra (JOR)
  - Petra Archeological Park – Petra (JOR)
  - 4x4 jeep transport with guide – Wadi Rum (JOR)
  - More fun and educational stops than we can list!

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

- Great Pyramid of Cheops Pharaoh’s Burial Chamber – Cairo (EGY)
- Karnak Temple Sound & Light Show – Luxor (EGY)
- Camel ride – Nubian village (EGY)
- Temples of Abu Simbel – Abu Simbel (EGY)
- Camel ride – Wadi Rum (JOR)
- Pharaoh Island with lunch & snorkeling – Red Sea (JOR)



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# Walking Egypt

## DAY 1: ARRIVE CAIRO (D)

Travelers arrive into Cairo today and enjoy their first exposure to this largest city in Africa during a fascinating drive from the airport to our hotel on the west side of the Nile. No group activities are planned until our *Get Acquainted* dinner this evening.

## DAY 2: ACTIVITIES IN CAIRO (BLD)

### *Pyramids of Giza Walk – 10 km, rated 2+*

The Great Pyramid of Cheops is a fitting starting point for today's walk, and the brave among us may enter the pharaoh's burial chamber to see what old *really* feels like (*Optional*). After going nose to missing nose with the legendary Sphinx, we continue to Saqqara to examine the earliest pyramids, and finish our day with a stroll through Memphis, ancient capital of the Old Kingdom.

## DAY 3: CAIRO – LUXOR (BLD)

The star attraction of our spellbinding visit to the Egyptian Museum is the exhibit of Tutankhamen's tomb. Following lunch, we fly south to Luxor to start our Nile River experience. Join us after dinner for an Optional Excursion to the *Karnak Temple Sound & Light Show!*

## DAY 4: ACTIVITIES FROM LUXOR (BLD)

### *Valley of the Kings Walk – 10 km, rated 3+*

Our Valley of the Kings visit evokes a twinge of sympathy for New Kingdom pharaohs, who could neither take it with them nor keep "it" a secret. We continue with a challenging trail offering 360° views of the Valley, and finish at the mortuary temple of Queen Hatshepsut. Later today, we'll check into our floating home for the next four nights, the lovely *MS Tower*.

Afterwards, a stroll along the Nile promenade takes us between Karnak Temple and spectacular Luxor Temple.

## DAY 5: CRUISING THE NILE (BLD)

We cruise upstream on the storied Nile River today, with time to relax and enjoy timeless scenes of white-sailed feluccas, observe agricultural pursuits fed from time immemorial by the life-giving floods of the Nile, and share the company of fellow passengers on the Sun deck.



## DAY 6: EDFU – KOM OMBO (BLD)

Today's first port of call in Edfu offers the superbly preserved Temple of Horus. Further upstream, the Temples of Kom Ombo were dedicated to two deities: the crocodile-headed "Sobek" and the "Haroeris", a double-headed sparrow/hawk. Gaining understanding of the myriad manifestations of the Egyptian pantheon and the cryptic symbols of hieroglyphics requires a good teacher – an Egyptologist who will be with us throughout the Adventure.

## DAY 7: ACTIVITIES IN ASWAN (BLD)

### *Aswan Nubian Village Walk – 10 km, rated 2*

Today's walk is interspersed with numerous colorful stops including: the Unfinished Obelisk; Elephantine Island; a felucca cruise to a Nubian village, where you'll have a chance to ride a camel (*Optional*), visit a local school, and enjoy lunch in a local home; the Nile promenade Corniche; and the large, colorful souq (market) near our ship.

## DAY 8: ASWAN – CAIRO (BLD)

More than 32 centuries ago, Ramses II built two temples into the rock face of a promontory in Nubia, the larger dedicated to the God of Sun – Harakhti – the lesser dedicated to the Goddess Hathor. An Optional Excursion to these temples, considered by many to be the apex of Egyptian temple architecture, involves an early morning flight to Abu Simbel. Back in Aswan, we return by plane to Cairo in time for a special dinner in the home of a host family.

## DAY 9: ACTIVITIES IN CAIRO (BLD)

### *Cairo of the Caliphs Walk – 10 km, rated 1+/2*

We start our final walk at Cairo's Citadel, where we explore the Mosque of Muhammad Ali Pasha, then wander through the gardens that overlook Cairo in Al Azhar Park. Following lunch, we thread our way through the Islamic Quarter to reach the bazaar of Khalili, where you'll have time to shop, or just enjoy the maze of colorful shops. This evening, we gather for our Farewell Dinner and reminisce about our Adventure together in this ancient land of pyramids and pharaohs!

## DAY 10: DEPART FOR HOME/AMMAN, JORDAN (B)

Travelers returning home today will be transferred to the airport for their flight from ancient Africa to 21st century North America. Those continuing for the Jordan portion will fly to Amman (flight included) to continue our Adventures there in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

**NOTE:** Egypt Only travelers who purchased the WAI Airfare Package have one more day free in Cairo to relax or explore before returning home tomorrow morning, Day 11.

# Walking Jordan

## DAY 1: AMMAN – MADABA (D)

Upon arrival in Amman, you'll be transferred to our hotel in the center of the ancient town of Madaba. Known for the beautiful mosaics that adorn the floors of its Byzantine-era churches, charming Madaba will be our home for the next three nights. No group activities are planned until this evening's *Get Acquainted* dinner.



## DAY 2: ACTIVITIES FROM AMMAN (BLD)

### *Amman and Jerash Roman City Walk – 10 km, rated 2*

Our visit to Amman offers opportunity to explore the Citadel, with ruins from the Roman period and a museum boasting exhibits claiming to be some of the world's oldest. After an intriguing stroll through old town markets, we continue to Jerash, one of the ancient world's best-preserved Roman cities, where our walk will continue along stone-flagged streets.

## DAY 3: AMMAN - DEAD SEA (BLD)

### *Madaba, City of Byzantine Mosaics Walk – 10 km, rated 2*

Among this morning's several interesting stops is Mount Nebo, final resting place of Hebrew leader Moses that overlooks the "Promised Land". Later, we descend to the Jordan River to the place where Jesus began his ministry after baptism by John, the Baptist. Following an unsinkable dip in the therapeutic waters of the Dead Sea (lowest point on Earth), we return to Madaba to walk past shops and busy street scenes.

## DAY 4: DEAD SEA – PETRA (BLD)

### *Dana Nature Trail & Petra Candlelight Walk – 10 km, rated 2+*

After wandering through the evocative crusader fortress in the ancient city of Karak, we continue to Dana Nature Reserve for a nature walk that snakes along the rim of the canyon offering stunning views of dramatic rock formations and the canyon floor below. In Petra, an unforgettable after-dinner stroll takes us through the candle-lit, mile-long siq (canyon) to the Treasury, the signature stone façade of an ancient hidden world.

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