



Travel with just 24 passengers on this Explorations tour where a smaller group setting means a more personal travel experience.

Journey through Jordan & Egypt



Highlights....

Amman • Petra • Dead Sea • Cairo • Pyramids • Aswan • 3-Night Deluxe Nile River Cruise • Luxor • Valley of the Kings and Queens

DEPART APRIL 6, 2011

\$5979.00 USD per person...double occupancy

16 Days • 24 Meals: 13 Breakfasts • 3 Lunches • 8 Dinners

More To Explore

- ★ Relax in the Dead Sea and enjoy a swim in the healing waters.
- ★ Delight in the flavours of the region as you assist in creating an evening meal at "Petra's Kitchen" with the guidance of a chef and the help of locals.
- ★ Discover the world of the ancient Egyptians as you visit the incomparable sites of the pharaohs - Memphis and Sakkara, Luxor and Karnak, and the Pyramids of Giza, one of the Seven Wonders of the World.
- ★ Enjoy a typical Bedouin lunch in the Wadi Rum and learn about the people who lived here for centuries.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Day 2: Arrive Amman, Jordan

Today is at leisure and personal explorations

Day 3

Today we are in the "White City." Amman is best known for the white limestone used to construct the majority of the buildings. Gather this evening for a welcome dinner with your fellow travellers. Today dinner will be included.

Day 4: Amman - Jerash - Amman

Explore Amman this morning on a comprehensive city tour where you visit the ancient citadel and the amphitheatre. Meet some of the locals during an interactive guided walk through the world-famous 'souks' – marketplaces – and experience the wonder of the spice markets and the endless products for sale. ↔Travel north through a quiet valley among the mountains of Gilead to the city of Jerash, the best preserved Roman civilization outside of Italy, also known as the "Pompeii of the East."↔ Be transported back 2,000 years as you tour the ruins with a local guide. Walk along the paved and columned streets, gorgeous hilltop temples and majestic public squares and plazas. Archeologists have found evidence inside Jerash's city walls that indicate it has been occupied as far back as the Neolithic age, over 6,500 years ago. Take a short drive through pine forest and olive groves to the Arab castle of Ajloun. Built in the 12th century for

protection from the crusaders, the hilltop castle offers a splendid view over the Jordan Valley. Return to Amman for the evening. Today breakfast will be included.

Day 5: Amman - Madaba - Petra

Travel along the Kings Highway this morning, an ancient route first mentioned in the Bible. This drive is a treasure trove of sights, lined with prehistoric villages from the Stone Age, biblical towns, Roman fortresses and Islamic settlements. Arrive in the city of Madaba, the "City of Mosaics." ↔Visit the church of St. George to see the famous 6th century Byzantine mosaic map of the region, one of the oldest in existence, and the museum where many other spectacular mosaic examples are on display.↔ Visit a local mosaic school to learn the history of this ancient art and how to create your very own mosaic piece. You will also visit Mt. Nebo where Moses saw the Promised Land – present day Israel – and is believed to be laid to rest, before travelling through the desert to arrive in the ancient city of Petra. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 6: Petra

Enjoy a full day tour of the remarkable stone-carved city of Petra, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and one of the new Wonders of the World. A treasure of the ancient world, Petra was "hidden" behind rugged mountains prior to its discovery in 1812 after being lost for over 300 years. Explore this rose hued, breathtaking city carved from sandstone by the Nabataeans with an expert guide and learn about the importance of Petra to the ancient trade routes, the history of its prominence and decline, its rediscovery and efforts at preservation. ↔This evening, experience the flavours of the region as you create tonight's meal! With the guidance of the chef and the assistance of locals, you will delight in the design of traditional Jordanian fare.↔ Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 7: Petra - Wadi Rum - Dead Sea

This morning you depart for the immense magical desert of Wadi Rum, stunning in its natural beauty and home of the famous film "Lawrence of Arabia." Experience desert life here first hand as you

enjoy lunch at a traditional Bedouin camp. Learn about the fascinating history of the Bedouin people who have lived for generations in the Wadi Rum's stark, fragile and unspoiled desert. Arrive this evening at the Dead Sea. Today breakfast and lunch will be included.

Day 8: Dead Sea - Amman - Cairo, Egypt

The day is yours to spend at leisure experiencing the Dead Sea, the lowest body of water on Earth. The world's richest source of salts, the Dead Sea's waters are believed to have powerful healing powers. Enjoy a swim in the healing waters of the Dead Sea, where you can "float" without even trying! Or perhaps you will choose to take in a spa treatment* or simply relax at your luxurious resort. Depart this afternoon for your flight to Cairo, Egypt. Today breakfast will be included.

Day 9: Cairo - Giza - Memphis - Sakkara - Cairo

↔*This morning travel to nearby Giza to experience another of the seven ancient Wonders of the World - the Pyramids of Giza.*↔ This afternoon travel south to visit the site of ancient Memphis, with its 40-foot statue of Ramses II, and Sakkara, the home of the oldest of all the pyramids, the Step Pyramid. Enjoy a demonstration in the ancient art of papyrus this afternoon. Discover how this plant is transformed into a paper-like substance, while you learn about the history of how the Egyptians used papyrus to record their written language. This evening you may choose an optional tour to see the pyramids illuminated under the night sky during the spectacular sound and light show.

Today breakfast will be included.

Day 10: Cairo - Aswan - Board Cruise

Fly this morning to Aswan where you may choose to take an optional tour to Abu Simbel** to see the extraordinary temples built by Ramses II. Explore the Nubian city of Aswan as you explore the unfinished obelisk, the High Dam and the Philae Temple of Isis. ↔**Board your cruise ship this afternoon for a three night cruise along the fabled Nile River.**↔ Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 11: Aswan - Kom Ombo - Edfu

Your ship sails in the early hours toward Kom Ombo. Visit the imposing structure of Kom Ombo, a unique twin sanctuary dedicated to both the crocodile god and the falcon god. Enjoy some leisure time

aboard the Mirage this afternoon as your ship continues up the Nile toward Edfu. Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.

Day 12: Edfu - Luxor

Visit the Temple of Horus at Edfu, the best preserved ancient temple in all of Egypt and second in size only to Karnak. Learn about the temple's construction beginning 327 BC and its long history during a guided tour. Continue sailing north, arriving in Luxor this evening. Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.

Day 13: Disembark Cruise - Luxor

Disembark your cruise ship this morning and discover the West Bank of Luxor. ↔**Journey through the Valley of Kings and Queens, one of the most famous archeological sights in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage site.**↔ For a period of almost 500 years, from the 16th to 11th century BC, elaborate tombs were constructed for Kings and other powerful nobles. Marvel at the amazing designs on the tombs and learn of their history from your local guide. Visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut and the Colossi of Memnon. Today breakfast will be included.

Day 14: Luxor - Cairo

This morning, explore the massive Temple of Karnak, perhaps the most impressive site in Egypt and the largest temple complex ever built by man. Your local guide will explain the history of the three main temples and discuss construction of this massive complex, built over a 1,300 year period dating back to the 16th century BC. Fly back to Cairo this afternoon. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 15: Cairo

↔**This morning you will explore the unparalleled collection of the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities. Discover the amazing statues, sarcophagi and the treasures of Tutankhamen.**↔ The afternoon is yours to spend at leisure. You may choose to take an optional tour to the famous El Khalili Bazaar. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner.

Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 16: Cairo - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today in Cairo. Today breakfast will be included.

Explore It!

Guided Tour of Petra

Journey through Petra, a place that has inspired countless writers and artists for centuries with its unique beauty, architectural ingenuity and rich history. Surrounded by towering hills of rust-coloured sandstone, this city, renowned for its rock-cut architecture, was unknown to the Western world until 1812. You'll enter the hidden city through the Siq, a narrow gorge that stretches out for over one kilometer, and is flanked on either side by soaring cliffs. As you reach the end of the Siq, you will catch your first glimpse of Petra's most elaborate ruin, Al Khazneh - "the Treasury." This massive face of Petra presents an awing sight as it was carved out of the sandstone mountain. Your guide will help you discover the great history of this vast, unique city that was carved from rock more than 2,000 years ago by the Nabataeans. Petra was once the major junction for silk, spice and other trade routes linking Asia and Europe. Marvel at the legends that live forever inside Petra. Nothing can prepare you for the amazement upon exploring this new Wonder of the World.

YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2, 3	Le Meridien Hotel, Amman
Day 4, 5	Moevenpick Nabatean Castle Hotel, Petra
Day 6	Moevenpick Resort & Spa, Dead Sea
Day 7, 8	Le Meridien Pyramids, Cairo
Day 9 - 11	M/S Mirage I Cruise Ship,
Day 12	Sheraton Resort, Luxor
Day 13, 14	Sonesta Hotel & Casino, Heliopolis

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Please Note:

To complete your vacation, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

Smaller buses, which may not be lavatory equipped, may be used on this program. In this case, frequent stops are made during travel periods.

VISAS: Canadians must also be in possession of a visa for both Jordan and Egypt, which can be obtained on arrival at any border crossing or airport or from any Egyptian and Jordanian consulate in advance for a fee.

To truly experience the program and destination, you need to be able to participate in physical activities such as longer walking tours, walking over uneven terrain, climbing stairs and periods of standing. Some of the touring

days may be longer, with select included activities occurring later in the evening.

IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

IDENTIFICATION

Obtaining the proper proof of citizenship for entry to destination countries is the responsibility of each client. Proof of Citizenship is required for all trips outside Canada.

NOTE: Passports must be valid for up to eight months beyond the travel date to their destination country(ies). Some countries require a visa in addition to a passport. Please check with the appropriate consulate for specific information on passport/visa and entry requirements. Visit www.voyage.gc.ca for the latest details.

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When travelling outside of Canada, health insurance is required. Contact your booking agent for more information.

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Cancellation Charges for this tour: After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 20% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 25% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 50% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 75% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 50% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. For Oberammergau: Non-refundable deposit will be retained. A cancellation fee of 75% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If waivers have not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Purchase of Waiver and Insurance guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Waiver and insurance fee itself, made to Collette Tours Canada

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