

**Exclusive
Eugene Area
Chamber Tour**

Splendors Of
EGYPT & JORDAN
15 DAYS

**10 FEB
2022**

PORTLAND | CAIRO | LUXOR | EDFU | KOM OMBO | ASWAN | CAIRO | AMMAN |
JERASH | MADABA | PETRA | WADI RUM | AMMAN | PORTLAND

PORTLAND
USD\$ **4999**

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
USD\$ **899**



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TOUR LODGING INFO: 12 Night's Accommodation

Accommodation will be provided on a twin sharing basis in hotels listed below or similar

CITIES	NIGHTS	DELUXE HOTELS
Cairo	03 Nights	Steigenberger Hotel El Tahrir
Luxor	01 Night	Sonesta St. George Hotel
Luxor - Aswan Cruise	04 Nights	M/S Esmeralda Nile Cruise
Cairo	01 Night	Steigenberger Hotel El Tahrir
Amman	01 Night	Le Meridian
Petra	02 Nights	Marriott Petra
Amman	Day Use	Airport Hotel

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Marvel at the oldest structure of the "seven wonders of the ancient world" the Great Pyramid of Giza
- Visit the magnificent Temples of Karnak, dating back over 3,000 years
- Spend 4 nights cruising along the picturesque and historic Nile River
- Admire the two colossal statues of Ramses at the entrance to the ancient Luxor Temple
- Tour the stunning Temple of Edfu, dedicated to the falcon god Horus, built in the Ptolemaic period
- Explore the imposing Greco-Roman Temple of Kom Ombo
- Discover the Temple of Philae dedicated to the goddess Isis with its beautiful island location
- See the ancient and impressive Crusader Castles around Amman
- Explore the world-famous 'rose red' city of Petra
- Enjoy a 4 x 4 ride through the spectacular desert at Wadi Rum

TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 08 Nights accommodation at listed hotels or similar
- 04 Nights accommodation aboard ship
- International round trip airfare from Portland
- Round trip transportation from Eugene to Portland
- Daily buffet breakfast
- 02 Lunches in Cairo at local restaurant
- Full board meal plan during your four-night cruise
- Arrival & departure transfers
- Transportation in a private AC vehicle
- Meet & greet at Cairo airport by our representative
- Sightseeing & entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Full day visit of the Pyramids of Giza including the Sphinx
- Full day visit of Egyptian Museum including Mummies room
- Visit to Citadel & Khan El Khalili bazaar
- Half day visit of East Bank
- Half day visit of West Bank

- Visit to Edfu & Kom Ombo temple
- Full day visit of Temple of Philae, High Dam and the unfinished Obelisque
- Tour of Jerash
- Full day Petra Tour
- Wadi Rim Jeep tour
- Service of English-speaking guide
- Domestic flights Cairo – Luxor, Aswan – Cairo
- Regional flight Cairo - Amman
- All air taxes and fuel surcharges
- All local applicable taxes

TOUR PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Items of a personal nature, tips & gratuities
- Travel insurance
- Any item not mentioned as included

TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 01: PORTLAND - CAIRO

Make your own way with provided transportation to the International Airport to check in for your flight to Cairo, Egypt. Enjoy in-flight meals and services.

DAY 02: CAIRO ARRIVAL

Welcome to Cairo, Egypt's capital with a population of 17 million, which is not only Africa's largest city but the political and cultural centre of the Arab World. Upon arrival at Cairo International Airport, you will be met and assisted through customs and formalities, then transferred to your hotel. Spend the rest of the day acclimating to your new surroundings in exotic Cairo, an extraordinary mix of old and new. Overnight in Cairo

DAY 03: CAIRO (B/L/-)

Spend the day on the Giza Plateau home of Egypt's signature attractions: The Great Pyramids, proclaimed by the Greeks to be among the Seven Wonders of the ancient world. A single pyramid is built of 2,300,000 blocks, each weighing an average of two and one-half tons. In the face of such immensity, one cannot help but feel the wonder and awe that so many writers & artists have sought to convey over the centuries. Continue to see the Great Pyramid of Khufu and the timeless Great Sphinx of Giza, which dates from the time of Chephren (2620BC). Hewn from natural yellowish limestone & standing 65 feet high & 187 feet long, this unforgettable statue combines the head of a Pharaoh with a lion's body. Enjoy your lunch at the local restaurant before going back to the hotel. Overnight in Cairo

Optional: Sound & Light show at Pyramids (minimum 2 guests): USD 60 per person on minimum 2 pax

This evening return to Giza for a spectacular Sound & Light show. Nothing compares to seeing the Pyramids and the Sphinx illuminated at night; the visual effects, as well as dramatic commentary, make for an unforgettable evening. The show begins with the story of the Sphinx who has been the vigilant guardian of the City of the Dead for five thousand years. The show depicts the story of the building of the Pyramids of Cheops, Kephren, Mykerinos and relates the history of great and famous figures of ancient Egypt such as Nefertiti, Thutmosis IV, Akhnaten and Tut Ank

DAY 04: CAIRO (B/L/-)

This morning visit the world-renowned Museum of Egyptian Antiquities. Accompanied by your certified Egyptologist, you'll stroll through the halls highlighting each historical period of this ancient land. Admire the world's greatest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts, including the golden treasures of Tutankhamun's tomb (not included) and the Mummy Room, where more than 20 pharaohs lie in state. Enjoy lunch at the local restaurant before visiting the Citadel, situated on a highly visible spur of the Mokattam Hills of Old Cairo, was the nerve centre of Egypt for almost 700 years. Construction of the grand structure began in 1176 and was completed by Muhammad Ali Pasha, ruler of Egypt in the late 19th century. Mamluk sultans and Turkish governors resided in the Citadel, which is among the world's most splendid monuments of medieval warfare. Facing the Citadel is the Mosque of Sultan Hassan, built between 1356 and 1363 and perhaps the most majestic monument of Arab architecture in Egypt and the Mosque of Al-Rifai was constructed in two phases over the period between 1869 and 1912 when it was finally completed. Last but not the least, visit Khan El Khalili, known as the Turkish bazaar during the Ottoman period, was built in 1382 by Emir Djaharks ElKhalili, in the heart of what was then Fatimid City. Until this day, the bazaar is a centre of trade and communion in the city and offers a wide array of antiques, handcrafts of gold, silver and copper as well as numerous old coffee shops and local restaurants which attract both Egyptians and tourists alike.

Overnight in Cairo

DAY 05: CAIRO – LUXOR (FLIGHT) (B/-/-)

This morning we are transferred back to Cairo International Airport for a flight to Luxor. Upon arrival in Luxor, we will be transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight in Luxor

Optional: Full day excursion to Denderah & Abydos from Luxor: USD 75 per person on minimum 2 pax

Hathor, the ancient Egyptian goddess of love and joy, was what Aphrodite was to the Greeks and Romans Venus. It was at Denderah, some 60kms North of Luxor that the Egyptians worshipped Hathor in a Temple, which is exceptionally well preserved, plus a visit to Abydos

another 60 Kms drive north of Denderah. Abydos occupies an important place in the religious history of Pharaonic Egypt. By the end of the Old Kingdom, its local god, Osiris, was the most prominent and popular of the Egyptian gods, since he was considered the god of the afterlife. According to the popular tradition, Osiris' head was buried in Abydos. Here Seti I and his son Ramses II built a beautiful temple ca. 1300B.C.

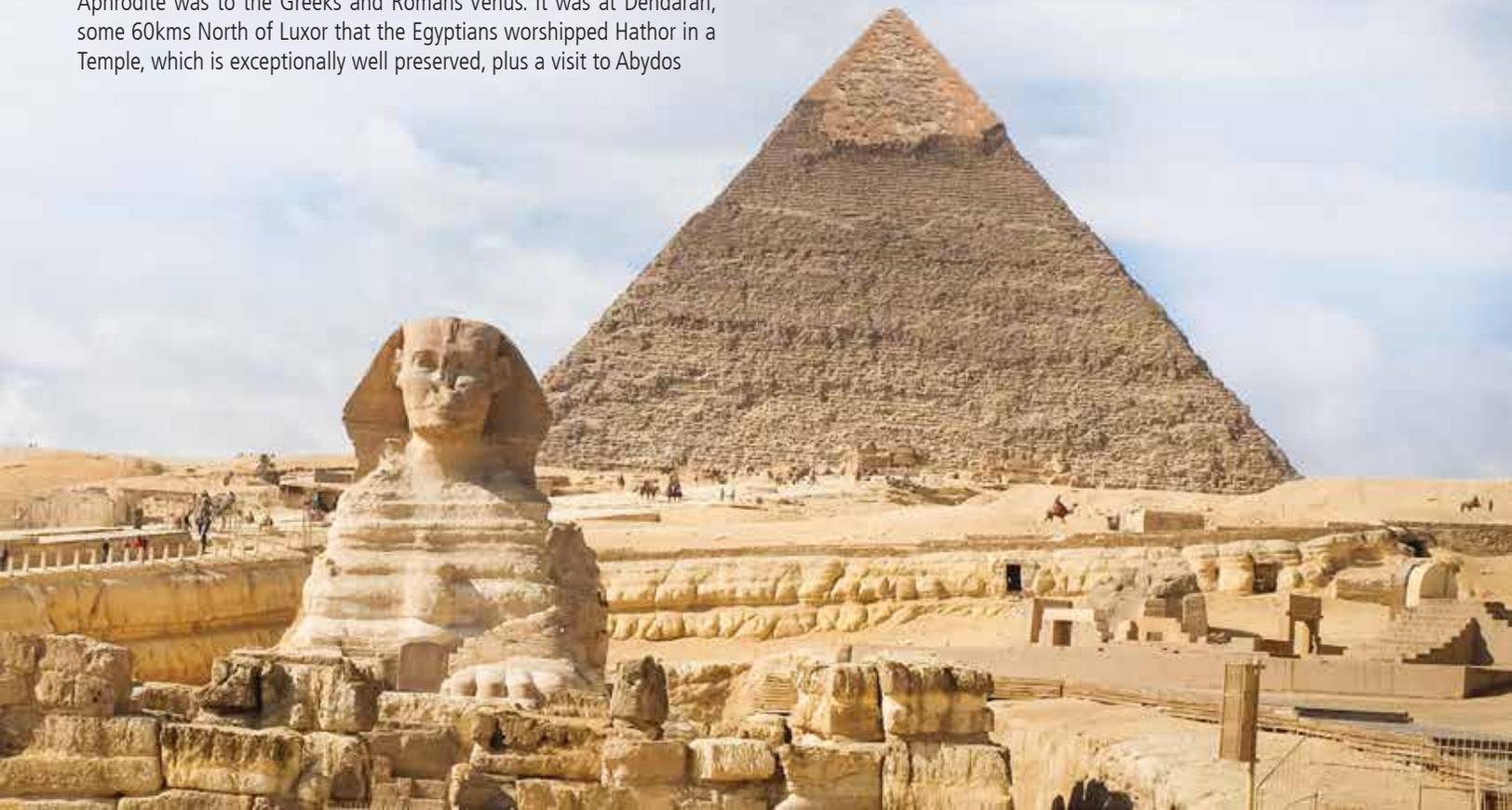
DAY 06: LUXOR (EMBARKATION) – EAST BANK (B/L/D)

This morning start a half day visit of the East Bank of Luxor. Visit the ancient Temples of Karnak and Luxor. Built over several centuries by Amenophis III, Tutankhamun, Ramses II and Alexander the Great, Luxor Temple is a graceful piece of architecture preceded by an avenue of sphinxes. Afterwards, proceed to the Karnak Temples. In the New Kingdom, Amun-Ra was worshipped as the most important state god and the immense wealth of Thebes was spent embellishing and building temples in his honour. The balance of the day is on a cruise.

Overnight onboard cruise

DAY 07: WEST BANK - EDFU (B/L/D)

After breakfast, cross the newly constructed Luxor Bridge to visit the Valley of the Kings, which includes the tombs of the Theban rulers, Seti I and Tutankhamen. The Valley of the Kings in Upper Egypt is home to many pharaonic tombs of the New Kingdom, including those of King Tutankhamun and Ramses the Great. Each king's formal name and a title is inscribed in his tomb, which is also adorned with his images and statues. Most of the tombs were cut into limestone following a similar pattern: three corridors, an antechamber, and a sunken sarcophagus chamber. Explore several amazing Royal Tombs. Then visit the Valley of the Queens which includes between 75 and 80 tombs. These tombs belong to queens of the 18th, 19th and 20th Dynasties. Among these is the famous tomb of Nefertiti, one of the five wives of Ramses II. Afterwards tour the Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut, the only woman Pharaoh to rule ancient Egypt. The mortuary temple of Queen



Hatshepsut of the 18th dynasty was built just north of the Middle Kingdom temple of Mentuhotep Nebhepetre, amid the bay of cliffs known as Deir El-Bahri. In ancient times the temple was called Djoser-djeseru, meaning the sacred of sacred. The female pharaoh chose to build her temple in a valley sacred to the Theban Goddess of the west, on a direct axis with Karnak Temple of Amun on the East Bank. After lunch on board, we sail to Edfu

Overnight onboard cruise

DAY 08: EDFU – KOM OMBO – ASWAN (B/L/D)

This morning, you'll visit the Horus Temple in Edfu, the largest and most completely preserved Pharaonic, albeit Greek-built, a temple in Egypt. Construction began on this extraordinary temple in 237 BC and was completed nearly 200 years later. Dedicated to Horus, the falcon-headed son of Osiris who avenged his father's murder by slaying his uncle Seth, the temple was built on the site where, according to legend, the two gods met in deadly combat. We then sail to Kom Ombo and have lunch and afternoon tea on board the ship. This afternoon, disembark and enjoy a short walk to the Temples of Kom Ombo. This temple complex consists of two temples: The Temple of Sobek and the Temple of Haroeris. In ancient times, sacred crocodiles basked in the sun on the riverbank near here. The Temple has scant remains, due first to the changing Nile, then the Copts who once used it as a church, and finally by builders who used the stones for new buildings. After the visit return to the cruise and we sail to Aswan

Overnight onboard cruise

DAY 09: ASWAN (B/L/D)

After breakfast, visit the Aswan High Dam (completed in 1971); the Old Dam (completed in 1902). You will also visit the Philae Temple, dedicated to the goddess Isis, a structure rescued from the rising waters of Lake Nasser at the time of the High Dam's construction. The High

Dam, just north of the border between Egypt and Sudan lies the Aswan High Dam, a huge rockfill dam which captures the world's longest river, the Nile, in the world's largest artificial reservoir, Lake Nasser. The dam, known as "Sadd El-Aali" in Arabic, was completed in 1970 after 10 years of work. Later take a short trip on a motorboat to Discover the Philae Temple. The Boat ride will bring the visitor to a magnificent vista of the island, before landing at what would have been the ancient quay on the south side. The temple was dedicated to the goddess Isis and has many legends connected to it. The most well-known legend tells the story of how Isis found the heart of Osiris here after his murder by his brother Seth.

Overnight onboard cruise

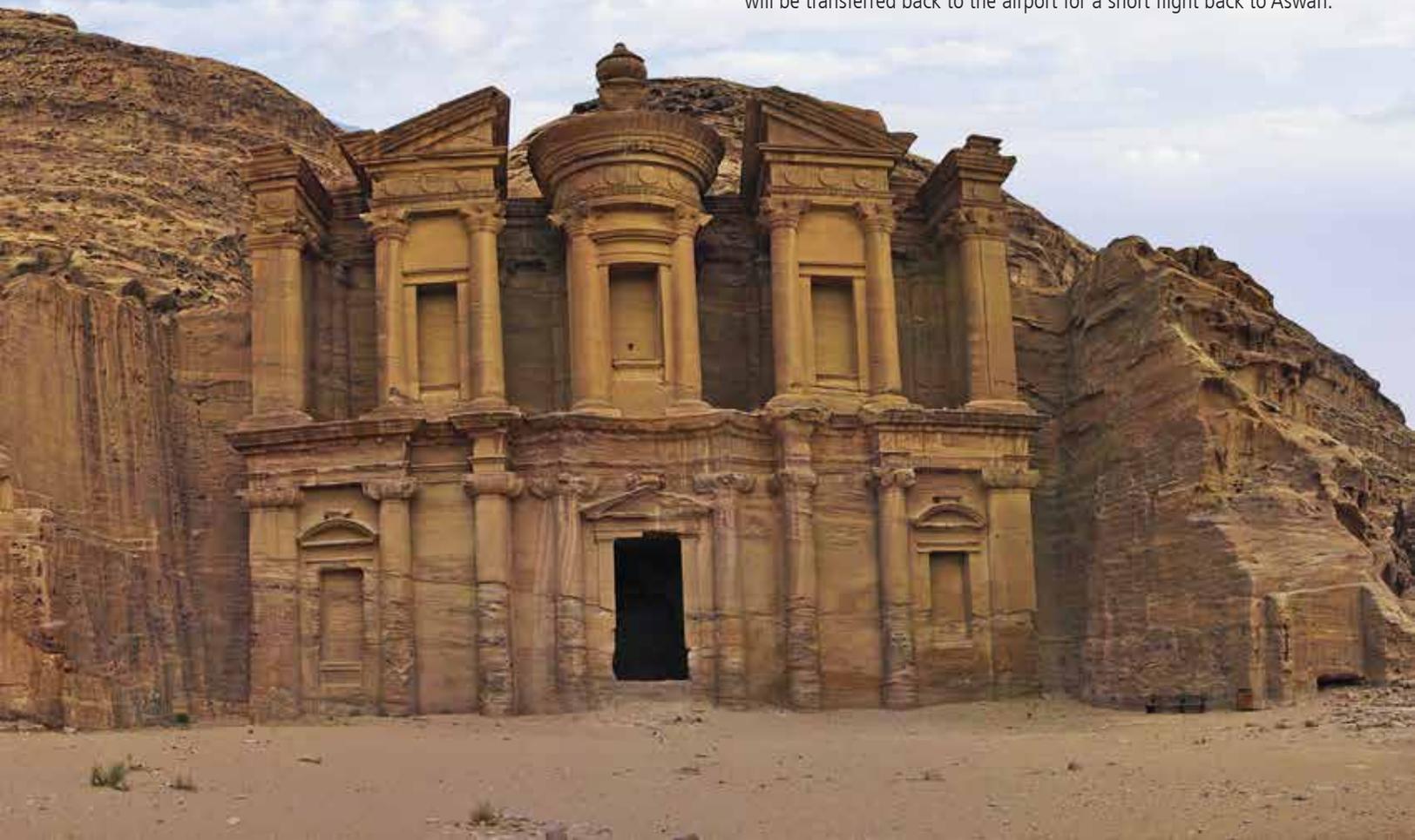
DAY 10: ASWAN (DISEMBARKATION) – (FLIGHT) CAIRO (B/-/-)

Disembark the cruise after breakfast before being transferred to Aswan Airport for our flight back to Cairo where we will be met and escorted back to the hotel. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure or perhaps take an optional tour.

Overnight in Cairo

Optional: Morning visit to Abu Simbel: USD 375 per person on a minimum of 2pax

This morning transfer to Aswan airport to board a flight to Abu Simbel. Upon arrival in Abu Simbel, you will be transferred to the temple site. Visit the Temple of Ramses and Temple of Queen Nefertari; not only are the two temples located at Abu Simbel among the most magnificent monuments in the world, but their removal and reconstruction were a historic event. When the temples (280 km from Aswan) were threatened by submersion in Lake Nasser the two temples that of Rameses II primarily dedicated to Re-Harakhte, and that of his wife, Nefertari dedicated to Hathor were moved to their new location. After touring you will be transferred back to the airport for a short flight back to Aswan.



DAY 11: CAIRO – AMMAN (B/-/-)

After breakfast transfer to airport to connect with flight to Amman. On arrival at Queen Alia Amman International Airport you will be met and transfers to the hotel for check in. Enjoy afternoon tour of Jerash; head north to Jerash [ancient Gerasa], the Graeco-Roman city, and close second to Petra on the list of favorite destinations in Jordan. Boasting an unbroken chain of human occupation dating back more than 6,500 years and hidden for centuries in sand before being excavated and restored over the past 70 years, Jerash is a fine example of the grand, formal and provincial Roman towns found throughout the Middle East. One can walk beneath four imposing gates or down the "Street of Columns" north from the "Oval Plaza" while stepping over the tracks of chariot wheels still visible in the paving stones. Then continue on to Ajloun and tour the 12th century Qallat ar-Rabadh, the Saracen Castle built by one of Saladin's lieutenants in the campaign against the Crusaders.

Overnight in Amman

DAY 12: AMMAN – MADABA – KERAK - PETRA (B/-/-)

After breakfast, begin the trip south from Amman along the 5,000-year-old King's Highway, one of the most memorable journeys in the Holy Land, passing through a string of ancient sites. The first city you pass will be Madaba (Saint George's Church) "the City of Mosaics". Ten minutes to the west is the most revered site in Jordan: Mount Nebo, the memorial of Moses, the presumed site of the prophet's death and burial place. A small, square church was built on the spot by early Byzantine Christians and later expanded into a vast complex. Continue further south to Kerak, famous for its crusader fortress with underground galleries, rooms and secret passageways and its thick defensive walls pierced by narrow arrow slits where crusader archers held out bravely but in vain for over 100 years. It was the crusaders who made Kerak famous. The fortress was built in 1142 by Payen Le Boutellier, the lord of Montreal. He made Kerak the new capital of the province because it was situated on the king's highway, where it could control all traffic from north and south.

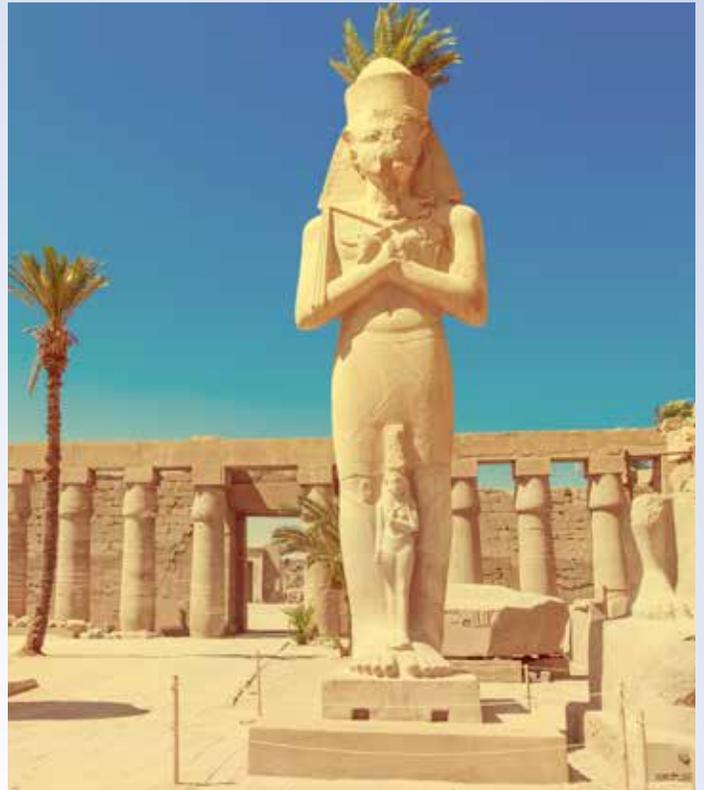
Enjoy an optional lunch in Kerak.

On arrival at Wadi Musa, check in to the hotel.

Overnight at Petra

DAY 13: PETRA (B/-/-)

Spend a full day visiting the many sites of Petra; carved into the rose-red Sharah Mountains by the Nabateans and lost to Civilization until re-discovered by the Swiss Burkhardt. Around 11,000 BC Stone Age man was already exploiting the abundant natural resources of the Petra region, particularly wild goats and by 7000 BC some of the world's earliest farmers were living in a walled village at Beidha, cultivating cereals and collecting nuts and fruits. But Petra really came to prominence in the 7C BC when the Edomites settled on Umm al-Biyara and other mountain strongholds and built a town at Tawilan above 'Ain Musa, in the hills to the north. Subject to Assyria, Babylonia, and then Persia, Edom in the 3C BC became the nucleus of an Arab state, the Nabateans kingdom and its capital at Petra. Originally from North Arabia, the Nabateans are first mentioned by the 1C BC historian Diodorus, who relates that in 312 BC Antigonus, the One-Eyed sent his general Athenaeus against 'the land of the Arabs who are called Nabateans', at that time a nomadic people who raised cattle and sheep and could survive for long periods in the desert, where they created a network of secret underground reservoirs. Athenaeus attacked a certain strong, though un-walled rock, perhaps the great mass of Umm



al-Biyara at Petra, where the Nabateans had left their valuables, elders, women and children while celebrating a festival, killed some of the Arabs there and made off with vast quantities of frankincense, myrrh and silver. Some 150 years later the Nabateans had settled and Petra was the capital of an organized state. Walk through the Siq, a narrow and winding fissure between the cliffs, to reach the Treasury, the Roman Theater, the Courts, Qasr Bint Pharaoun, Temple of the Winged Lion and other monuments. A break for an optional lunch, or you may wish to climb up to the Monastery.

Overnight in Petra

DAY 14: PETRA – WADI RUM - AMMAN (B/-/-)

After breakfast, depart for Wadi Rum for a 1.5-hour Bedouin jeep ride. Stunning in its natural beauty, Wadi Rum epitomizes the romance of the desert. With its "moonscape" of ancient valleys and towering sandstone mountains rising out of the sand, Wadi Rum is also home to several Bedouin tribes who live in scattered camps throughout the area. Climbers are especially attracted to Wadi Rum because of its sheer granite and sandstone cliffs, while hikers enjoy its vast empty spaces. Wadi Rum is probably best known because of its connection with the enigmatic British officer T.E. Lawrence, who was based here during the Great Arab Revolt of 1917-18. Much of David Lean's Lawrence of Arabia was filmed in Wadi Rum. Afterwards you will be transferred to Amman where the tour ends.

You will be provided day use hotel as flight back home would be at mid night.

DAY 15: AMMAN - USA

Transfer to Amman airport very early morning. Arrive same day in USA.

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