



ANCIENT WONDERS: EGYPT & NILE RIVER CRUISE

Your 13-night journey includes: 7-night Nile River cruise to Edfu, Kom Ombo, Aswan & Luxor; 5 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Cairo (4 pre- & 1 post-cruise)

Egypt is the site of one of the world's earliest and most prolific civilizations. This is where pharaohs reigned in gilded grandeur, soaring pyramids rose from desert sands, and kingdoms changed the course of history. On this extraordinary river cruise, you'll delve into the rich legacies and fascinating history of ancient Egypt.

The centerpiece of this luxurious journey is a 7-night river cruise aboard Vantage Deluxe World Travel's own 5-star h/s Nebu, the finest all-suite ship on the Nile. Glide past lush farmlands, visit magnificent temples, and marvel at grand historical sites. Meander through Karnak Temple's forest of columns, explore elaborate tombs in the Valley of the Kings, and gaze upon the enigmatic Great Sphinx and famed pyramids of Giza. And that's only a fraction of all you'll enjoy!

Beyond these major sights, you'll engage in meaningful interactions with locals, whether visiting a carpet-weaving school, tapping your feet to the belly-dancing performance, or simply chatting with a local spice merchant. With 18 included features and Cultural Connections, and visits to three UNESCO World Heritage Sites, you won't find a more enlightening Nile River cruise.

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JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

PYRAMIDS OF GIZA



See the iconic Pyramids of Giza — some of the world's most recognizable monuments — during a fascinating tour

GREAT SPHINX



Built during the fourth dynasty, the Great Sphinx of Giza remains one of the ancient world's greatest enigmas

NILE RIVER CRUISE



Aboard a 5-star Nile River ship for seven nights, you'll follow the river from Aswan to Luxor

ASWAN HIGH DAM & PHILAE



Explore the Temple of Philae, surrounded by Lake Nasser, created upon completion of the Aswan High Dam

GIZA PLATEAU



Explore this UNESCO Site — including Step Pyramid, believed to be the world's earliest pyramid

LOCAL CUISINE



Enjoy local culinary experiences — featuring authentic Egyptian cuisine — at local restaurants and aboard ship

KARNAK & LUXOR TEMPLES



Explore the vast Karnak and Luxor temple complexes during a morning excursion to the Nile's East Bank

VALLEY OF THE KINGS



Uncover the secrets of the ancient burial grounds of the pharaohs, their queens, and royal progeny

YOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- **Purchase your airfare from Vantage** and your airport transfers, fuel surcharges, and government taxes and fees are included
- **18 included features and Cultural Connections**
- **Accommodations:** 7 nights aboard the brand-new all-suite *h/s Nebu*, plus 4 nights at the Moderate Deluxe *JW Marriott Cairo* (or similar) in Cairo before your cruise and 1 night at the *Renaissance Cairo Mirage City Hotel* (or similar) after your cruise
- **34 meals:** 12 breakfasts, 10 lunches, and 12 dinners
- **While on board the *h/s Nebu*,** lunch will include tea, coffee, water and 2 soft drinks. Dinner will include tea, coffee, water, and 2 glasses of wine, beer, or soft drinks
- **A Vantage Cruise Director,** experienced and English-speaking, to accompany you throughout
- **Gratuities for local guides & drivers**
- **All transportation on tour**
- **3 UNESCO World Heritage Sites:** Giza Plateau, the Valley of the Kings, and the Temple of Philae
- **All transfers and baggage handling** when overseas, beginning with your first hotel
- **Vantage 5% Travel Reward,** received upon your return, to use toward your next Vantage journey

SPECIAL INTEREST



ART & CULTURE HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn about one of Egypt's traditional crafts during your visit to a carpet-weaving workshop in Cairo
 - Gaze upon gilded treasures and ancient artifacts at the Egyptian Museum
 - Explore Cairo's Old Town, a medieval warren of winding alleys and shops that form the famous Khan el-Khalili bazaar
 - Join in a fun Egyptian night and galabiya party aboard ship
- See traditional belly dancing aboard ship



CULINARY HIGHLIGHTS

Few things reveal as much about a culture and its people as the food they eat. This journey helps you sample the typical food of Egypt produced in the Nile Valley. Here are some of the many ways you will experience its many flavors:

- Savor the tastes of Egypt with off-board lunches and dinners at several local restaurants, including a lunch at Al Azhar Park in Cairo
- Enjoy a Welcome Dinner at the JW Marriott Hotel Cairo
 - Meals aboard Vantage's 5-star m/s Nebu featuring sumptuous international cuisine and local favorites
 - Enjoy a Farewell Dinner at the Renaissance Cairo Mirage City Hotel

PHOTOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS

You've traveled a long way for this journey, and photography will be key to keeping these memories alive for years to come. Here are a few tips:

- Take your time to capture an image. Think like a photographer and slow down to compose your



shot. Remember: tourists take pictures, while photographers make images

- From the Pyramids to the Sphinx to vast desert panoramas, you'll encounter some larger-than-life scenes and landmarks on this trip, which might create pressure to fit everything into one shot. Instead, try focusing on a distinctive feature rather than trying to incorporate everything into the frame
- Use your surroundings. Instead of edging out other tourists from your photos, utilize them to enhance the scene. Try

tilting the camera at your target, including tourists and the real scene in the background or foreground, and the image is instantly more intriguing than a generic snapshot

- Pursue quirky composition — shooting off-center makes for a more artsy, unique shot



RELIGIOUS HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy numerous temple visits, including the Karnak and Luxor temples, among the largest religious complexes in the world



UNESCO & HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore 3 UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Memphis and its Necropolis (Giza Pyramids and Sphinx, plus Saqqara); the Nubian Monuments (Temple of Philae); and Ancient Thebes with its Necropolis (Luxor, Valley of the Kings, plus Deir el-Bahri)
- Marvel at priceless artifacts at the Egyptian Museum
- Visit Kom Ombo and Edfu temples along the shores of the Nile

- Learn about the importance of ancient Thebes when you explore its modern incarnation, Luxor, and its vast cache of antiquities

- Discover the dramatic story of Egypt's first female pharaoh, Hatshepsut, at her mortuary temple at Deir el-Bahri
- Travel back in time to pharaonic Egypt when you explore the Valley of the Kings



CONCIERGE SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

Prior to your expedition cruise, our complimentary Concierge service will be available to help you customize your journey. Here are just a few services your Concierge can provide:

- Do you have a special birthday, anniversary, family reunion or other important event you want to celebrate on board? Let your Concierge know and he or she can make all the special arrangements, whether it's a private reception in your suite, a gathering in the lounge, and more
- Restaurant reservations. Just notify your Concierge of your interests, and he or she will be happy to make recommendations, and will call ahead to reserve your table
- Special excursions. Would you like a limo to take you for a special night in the city? Perhaps you'd like to look up long-lost relatives. Your Concierge is here to help!
- Extend your stay! Your Concierge can help modify your hotel reservations and flights if you decide to stay on
- Tickets to local concerts, exhibits, theater, sporting events, and more

Take advantage of this free, start-to-finish service by making your requests prior to your journey or during your journey. We are one of the only companies to offer this level of service! Call 1-888-982-6824 or email Concierge@vantagetravel.com to speak to a Concierge today, or simply log into My Portfolio up to two weeks prior to departure. During your journey, your onboard Destination Manager can assist with any special requests such as spa reservations, hotel reservations, and more.



SOLO TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS Your solo-friendly river cruise has been enhanced with special features catering to independent travelers, including:

- A lively social media night and musical performances most nights
- Solo-friendly social activities, including a Solo Connection mixer
- Onboard entertainment, lectures, and cooking

demonstrations

CAIRO TO CAIRO

DAY 1:	Fly overnight to Cairo, Egypt
DAY 2:	Arrive in Cairo and relax in the Egyptian capital <i>JW Marriott Hotel Cairo or similar</i>
DAY 3:	View ancient artifacts at the Egyptian Museum <i>JW Marriott Hotel Cairo or similar</i>
DAY 4:	Behold the great monuments of the Giza Plateau and more <i>JW Marriott Hotel Cairo or similar</i>
DAY 5:	Explore more of Cairo at your leisure <i>JW Marriott Hotel Cairo or similar</i>
DAY 6:	Embark the h/s Nebu and enjoy an afternoon visit to the Luxor Temple <i>h/s Nebu ></i>
DAY 7:	Explore the Valley of the Kings and Queen Hatshepsut's Temple <i>h/s Nebu ></i>
DAY 8:	See the double temple at Kom Ombo <i>h/s Nebu ></i>
DAY 9:	Enjoy a day at leisure in Aswan <i>h/s Nebu ></i>
DAY 10:	Uncover the historical treasures of Aswan <i>h/s Nebu ></i>
DAY 11:	See the massive Temple of Horus at Edfu <i>h/s Nebu ></i>
DAY 12:	Temples of Karnak and Luxor and an evening belly-dancing show <i>h/s Nebu ></i>
DAY 13:	Disembark for a free afternoon in Cairo and a Farewell Dinner <i>Renaissance Cairo Mirage City Hotel or similar</i>
DAY 14:	Depart Cairo and fly home, or continue on for an Alexandria post-trip extension



DAY 1: Fly overnight to Cairo, Egypt

Your journey begins with an overnight flight to Egypt, arriving in Cairo on Day 2. Or depart earlier for a fascinating pre-trip extension to Jerusalem & Bethlehem.

DAY 2: Arrive in Cairo and relax in the Egyptian capital

Upon arrival, you'll be greeted at the airport and board your private transfer to your hotel. Settle into your surroundings here in the hub of Egyptian culture and unwind in your deluxe hotel. This evening, join your Cruise Director and fellow

travelers for a Welcome Dinner at the hotel.

Included meals: Dinner
JW Marriott Hotel Cairo or similar

DAY 3: View ancient artifacts at the Egyptian Museum

The Egyptian Museum is the oldest archaeological museum in the Middle East, and houses the largest collection of pharaonic antiquities in the world. The museum's extensive collection spans from the Predynastic Period to the Greco-Roman Era. Following lunch at your hotel, you'll head out for visit of this storied institution and its unrivaled collection, including the complete burials of Yuya and Thuya, and the Narmer Palette commemorating the unification of Upper and Lower Egypt under one king. Later, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Included Feature:

- Egyptian Museum visit
 Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
JW Marriott Hotel Cairo or similar

DAY 4: Behold the great monuments of the Giza Plateau and more

Your day begins with an exciting excursion to the Giza Plateau to see Egypt's iconic Pyramids of Giza and the Great Sphinx. Constructed as tombs for the pharaohs Khufu, Khafre, and Menkaure, each of these three structures was built by hand using finely tuned ancient techniques that remain a mystery today. At 455-feet-tall, the Pyramid of Khufu — also called the Great Pyramid of Giza — is the oldest and largest of the three, dating back to approximately 2580 BC. Neighboring this ancient archaeological site, is the enigmatic Great Sphinx, a huge limestone statue depicting the body of a lion with falcon wings and a human head. While the true date of its construction is not, the consensus amongst Egyptologists is that the head bears a likeness to the pharaoh Khafre, making it over 4,600-years-old. Next, visit one of Cairo's many carpet-making schools for a live demonstration of this skilled handicraft before enjoying lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, you'll conclude your tour at the ancient UNESCO site of Saqqara, where you'll explore the Step Pyramid. Built to honor Djoser, the second king of Egypt's 3rd dynasty, this limestone structure is believed to be the world's earliest pyramid, constructed around the 27th century BC.

Included Features:

- Pyramids of Giza excursion
- Visit the Great Sphinx
- Carpet school visit
- Step Pyramid visit in Saqqara

Cultural Connection:

- Carpet-making demonstration
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
JW Marriott Hotel Cairo or similar

DAY 5: Explore more of Cairo at your leisure

Following breakfast at your hotel, you'll have a full day to explore Cairo at your own pace. Tonight's dinner will be served at your hotel.

Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion. Delve into the fascinating history of Islam in Egypt on an optional tour of the Cairo's ancient religious sites. [Learn more](#)
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
JW Marriott Hotel Cairo or similar

DAY 6: Embark the h/s Nebu and enjoy an afternoon visit to the Luxor Temple

After breakfast, you'll transfer to the Cairo airport and board a flight to Luxor. Upon arrival, you'll embark the luxurious h/s Nebu, your home for the Nile River portion of your journey. Settle into your sumptuous stateroom and enjoy a delicious lunch on board, before heading out for an afternoon exploration of Luxor Temple. Situated on the East Bank of the Nile River, in what was once the ancient city of Thebes, this magnificent temple complex dates back to approximately 1400 BCE. Unlike other ancient Egyptian temples, Luxor Temple was not dedicated to a deity, but rather it signified the rejuvenation of kingship in Egypt. In fact, the temple was expanded over the following centuries by several pharaohs, including Amenhotep III, Ramses II, and Tutankhamun, among others. You'll explore this massive structure before returning to the ship for dinner and an evening of relaxation on board.

Included Features:

- Luxor Temple visit
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
h/s Nebu >

DAY 7: Explore the Valley of the Kings and Queen Hatshepsut's Temple

Following breakfast this morning, you'll set off for an early morning visit to the West Bank of the Nile and the legendary Valley of the Kings. Over 60 pharaohs and other notable rulers of Egypt's New Kingdom were entombed in the burial chambers excavated on this site over the span of 500 years. The West Bank location of this royal burial ground was specifically selected due to its religious significance. Due to the rising and setting of the sun, ancient Egyptians believed the sun god Set died in the west and was reborn in the east. For this reason, the west came to have funerary associations and ancient Egyptian cemeteries were generally situated on the West Bank of the Nile River. Your discoveries will continue with a visit to one of the most beautiful temples in all of Egypt: Deir el-Bahri. Built right into the side of a sheer rock wall, this multi-terraced, royal mortuary is known as the Temple of Hatshepsut. Following the death of her husband, Hatshepsut became Egypt's longest-reigning female pharaoh. Her reign was marked by prosperity and the establishment of new trade routes, making her one of Egypt's most successful rulers. You'll return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at leisure on board.

Included Feature:

- Tour the Valley of the Kings
 - Visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
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DAY 8: See the double temple at Kom Ombo

After breakfast on board you'll have some time to relax before we disembark in Kom Ombo, a small agricultural town on the Nile's East Bank. Here

we will visit the town's small and elegant namesake temple. Kom Ombo is unusual in that it is a "double" temple whose symmetrical halves honor Haroeris (Horus) the falcon god and Sobek the crocodile god. Built during the Ptolemaic era, both temples are decorated with distinctive, sturdy columns and intricate, well-preserved reliefs. Some 300 crocodile mummies were discovered here, and you can see some of them displayed at the on-site Crocodile Museum. Return to the ship for lunch and afternoon tea as you sail towards Aswan, one of Upper Egypt's most beautiful locations. Its views of the West Bank tombs lit up in the evenings.

Included Feature:

- Explore the Temple of Kom Ombo
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
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DAY 9: Enjoy a day at leisure in Aswan

Craft your own itinerary in Aswan today. Your onboard Destination Manager can provide suggestions and assist with transportation and reservations to make the most of your time ashore.

Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion. Embark on a leisurely cruise along the Nile River aboard a traditional wooden felucca sailboat.

Learn more

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
h/s Nebu >

DAY 10: Uncover the historical treasures of Aswan

After breakfast on board, you'll set out to explore a few of Aswan's most significant sites, beginning at the High Dam. Built in 1970 to

create the Lake Nasser reservoir, the Aswan High Dam helped tame the destructive flooding of the Nile. However, it also necessitated the relocation of several important archeological treasures and the displacement of entire communities. Next, you'll visit the ancient granite quarry. The majority of structures and statues found throughout ancient Egypt were created with high-quality stone sourced from this site. Finally, you'll visit the renowned Temple of Philae. Built during the reign of Ptolemy II, this striking monument dedicated to the goddess Isis was painstakingly moved to its current location on Agilkia Island by UNESCO engineers after the completion of the High Dam. You'll travel aboard small local boats in order to reach the island, where you will have time to explore this incredible site. Later, enjoy lunch on board and relax as we make our way to Edfu.

Included Features:

- Tour the Aswan High Dam
 - Visit the Aswan granite quarry
 - Visit the Temple of Philae
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
h/s Nebu >

DAY 11: See the massive Temple of Horus at Edfu

After breakfast, begin the day on the West Bank with a morning excursion to Edfu's famously well-preserved temple. Dedicated to Egypt's falcon-headed god, the massive Temple of Horus at Edfu was constructed between 237 and 57 BC, partially during the reign of Cleopatra VII. It tells a central story in Egyptian mythology about Horus avenging the death of his father, Osiris, at the hands of his uncle, Set. Following your visit, reboard your ship for lunch and a leisurely afternoon cruise toward Esna, then Luxor —

during which you can enjoy opportunities for birdwatching. Be sure to step out onto the deck with your camera or GoPro to capture some of the action.

Included Feature:

- Edfu excursion and visit to the Temple of Horus
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
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DAY 12: Temples of Karnak and Luxor and an evening belly-dancing show

This morning after breakfast, you'll come ashore on the Nile's East Bank to see two of Egypt's most illustrious shrines. First is the Karnak Temple Complex, built and used over a period of 2,000 years — encompassing the ruins of numerous temples, chapels, and other structures, as well as a lovely sacred lake. Its Great Hypostyle Hall alone measures some 54,000 square feet, and is adorned with 134 79-foot-high columns arrayed in 16 rows. Karnak was once connected by a ceremonial, sphinx-lined avenue to Luxor Temple, which we will also explore. This latter site once also served as a Roman legionnaire outpost and it boasts chapels built by Alexander the Great and Tutankhamun. The afternoon is free for relaxation or independent exploration. Perhaps you'll ride an old-fashioned, horse-drawn calèche to the Luxor Museum, or to the downtown souk. After dinner tonight, a troupe of talented local dancers will perform an entertaining belly-dance show.

Included Features:

- Karnak Temple visit
- Luxor Temple visit

Cultural Connection:

- Belly-dancing show
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

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DAY 13: Disembark for a free afternoon in Cairo and a Farewell Dinner

Disembark your Nile River ship this morning, and transfer to the Luxor airport for your return flight to Cairo. Upon arrival, check into your hotel and spend the afternoon at leisure. You might enjoy a swim at the hotel's pool, or explore more of Cairo at your own pace. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers at the hotel for a celebratory Farewell Dinner.

Included meals: Breakfast & dinner
Renaissance Cairo Mirage City Hotel or similar

DAY 14: Depart Cairo and fly home, or continue on for an Alexandria post-trip extension

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the Cairo airport for your flight home to the U.S. — or remain, and begin your post-trip extension to Alexandria.

Included meals: Breakfast

Important Notice: The above day-by-day itineraries are preliminary and therefore subject to change. If changes occur while on tour, you will be notified by your Vantage Cruise Director or regional expert.

Please Note: Port Times & Itineraries are subject to change.

Please Note: The hotels listed are preliminary and subject to change. Although we contract our hotels a year in advance, unforeseen situations do occasionally occur. Should it be necessary to change a hotel, one of equal quality and value will be substituted. You will receive verified hotel information with your final itinerary.

Note: Hotel ratings are based on the Hotel Index, a leading travel industry authority on hotels throughout the world.

ACCOMMODATIONS



h/s Nebu

From the moment you step on board, you'll see why we named the deluxe 5-star *h/s Nebu* after the Egyptian symbol for gold. Travelers will relish modern, spacious interiors — including the luxurious, gleaming common areas like your lounge, lobby, and restaurant — in addition to the largest staterooms on the Nile. The newest in efficiency and design standards, the *Nebu* is a singular juxtaposition in all that is ancient along this revered waterway. Admire timeless scenes along the riverbanks from spacious windows when you retire to your private sanctuary, one of six cabin categories available on this custom-built vessel. Sail in exclusivity with just 40 cabins and a maximum capacity of 76 travelers; while four adjoining rooms, unique to this ship, provide the ideal accommodations for friends and family traveling together. There are also four rooms built just for singles.

Your amenities include:

- A restaurant featuring sumptuous international cuisine
- A bar/lounge, perfect for socializing or enjoying onboard entertainment
- A sun deck and swimming pool on the top deck
- Top-deck breakfast dining
- Fitness center
- Elevator
- Onboard spa
- All staterooms feature a private bathroom and hair dryer, sitting area, large windows for optimal views, individual temperature controls, minibar, safe, telephone, and TV with video channels



JW Marriott Hotel Cairo ★★★★★

Located in the upscale Heliopolis section of Cairo just minutes from the airport, this deluxe hotel offers comfortable modern rooms with balconies, spacious grounds with a large oasis-like outdoor pool and sun deck, and a variety of establishments for eating and drinking. During your visit, play a round on the hotel's award-winning golf course, limber up on the tennis court, work out in the fitness center, or indulge yourself with a treatment at the spa. Dining choices range from the casual Mirage Café, with its serene views, to a host of restaurants offering dining choices from around the...



Renaissance Cairo Mirage City Hotel ★★★★★

With stately décor and superlative service you'd expect from a Renaissance property, the Cairo Mirage City Hotel delights travelers who venture to the Egyptian capital. Each of the rooms here features a range of deluxe appointments, including air-conditioning, flat-screen TV, minibar, bathrobe, slippers, and hair dryer. The hotel's amenities are equally impressive: You can go for a dip in the on-site pool, enjoy a refreshing drink in the bar, a delectable meal in the restaurant (or in your room with 24-hour room service), and a quick workout in the fitness center.



InterContinental Amman ★★★★★

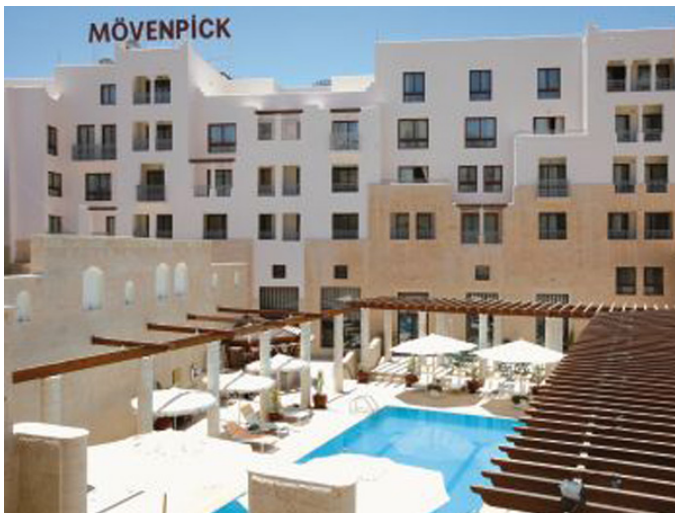
The Deluxe InterContinental Amman enjoys a prime location in the heart of Amman's business and diplomatic area within walking distance of the old city center. Hotel facilities include a wide variety of restaurants and bars, room service, business services, concierge services, hair salon, shopping arcade, outdoor pool, indoor and outdoor pools, and fitness facility. Guest rooms have air-conditioning, cable/satellite TV, phone with voicemail, high-speed Internet access, minibar, coffee-maker, in-room safe, iron and ironing board, and private bathroom.



Crowne Plaza Dead Sea Jordan

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Prepare to feel pampered at the Crowne Plaza Jordan Dead Sea Resort & Spa with its white sand beach, upscale amenities, and stunning Dead Sea views. Float in the buoyant waters off of the longest private Dead Sea beach, sip a cold drink from your free minibar, soak up the sun beside The Lake — the enormous palm-fringed swimming pool — or enjoy a treatment in the world-class D'Sante Spa. Enjoy Lebanese specialties in the Burj Al Hamam, international buffets in the Ambrosia Restaurant, or choose from a tempting menu of cocktails at the Promenade as you watch the sunset over the Dead Sea.



Mövenpick Resort Petra ★★★★★

The Deluxe Mövenpick Resort Petra is supremely situated directly across from the entrance to Petra. This is a handsome atrium-style, four-story hotel located within a three-minute walk from the entrance to the historical Petra site — there are no other hotels that can compare to this outstanding location. The hotel facilities are impressive as well, and include room service, two restaurants, a bar, business center, currency exchange, laundry/dry cleaning services, gift shop, outdoor pool, game room, and health club. Guest rooms have air-conditioning, cable/satellite TV, a minibar, in-room...



Four Seasons Hotel Alexandria

★★★★★

Discover another side of Egypt at a fresh and fashionable resort-style enclave overlooking the seafront and a private beach in historic Alexandria. Your light and airy room, complete with balcony, is the perfect home base for exploring this fascinating city. In addition to beach access and a gorgeous outdoor pool on the fourth-floor terrace, you'll be able to take advantage of a modern fitness center and award-winning spa. Take your pick from a range of dining options, or enjoy cocktails at any one of several bars and lounges.