



# LUXURY ON THE NILE: ANCIENT EGYPTIAN WONDERS

***Your 15-night journey includes: 7-night Nile River cruise to Kom Ombo, Abu Simbel, Aswan, Edfu, Esna; 4 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Cairo pre-cruise; 2 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Alexandria and 1 night at a Deluxe hotel in Cairo post-cruise***

Prepare to embark on a luxury cruise fit for a pharaoh, featuring Vantage's own all-suite, 5-star Nile cruise ship, the h/s Nebu. This is the most extravagant way to explore Egypt!

Over 15 days, you'll unlock Egypt's great mysteries. Marvel at Giza's soaring pyramids, browse the treasures in the Egyptian Museum, and wander through the forest of columns at Karnak Temple. Spend seven nights cruising the lush Nile Valley, where sprawling temples venerate ancient gods and elaborate tombs reveal the secrets of pharaohs. You'll even visit the colossal twin temples at Abu Simbel, which Ramses II had built for himself, and delve into another side of Egypt in Mediterranean-flavored Alexandria.

When you're not being pampered by your luxurious accommodations, you'll be welcomed by locals. See how carpets are woven at a local cooperative, meet shopkeepers as you browse bazaars, and even delight in an onboard belly dancing performance. In all, you'll experience this nation's heritage with 24 included features and Cultural Connections. Plus, with visits to four UNESCO World Heritage Sites, you won't find a more comprehensive and engaging Egypt itinerary.

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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 morning tour

## THE GREAT SPHINX



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

## NILE RIVER CRUISE



Traveling aboard a Deluxe Nile River ship for 7 nights, follow the Nile from Aswan to Luxor and visit notable temples along the way

## ASWAN HIGH DAM & PHILAE



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

## ABU SIMBEL



Fly over Lake Nasser to visit Abu Simbel, the colossal twin temples of Ramses II and Queen Nefertari heroically rescued from the rising waters of the reservoir by UNESCO

## ALEXANDRIA



Explore the historical sites of this stunning port, including the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Pompey's Pillar, the Citadel of Quaitbay, and the Roman Amphitheatre

## 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

## THE VALLEY OF THE KINGS AND THE TEMPLE OF HATSHEPSUT



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
- **24 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
- **39 meals:** 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 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**
- **4 UNESCO World Heritage Sites:** Giza Plateau, Saqqara, Abu Simbel, 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



## 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 meals at several local restaurants
- Enjoy a Welcome Dinner at the Nile Ritz-Carlton hotel
- Stop for lunch at an outdoor restaurant frequented by locals
- Enjoy a Farewell Dinner at your hotel



## UNESCO & HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

Discover some of the most significant cultural and historic treasures of Egypt's ancient world throughout your cruise.

- Explore 4 UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Memphis and its Necropolis (Giza Pyramids and Sphinx, plus Saqqara); Historic Cairo (Islamic Cairo and Old Town); the Nubian Monuments (Temple of Philae and the ruins of Elephantine Island); and Ancient Thebes with its Necropolis (Luxor, Valley of the Kings, plus Deir el-Bahri)
- Marvel at the priceless artifacts of the Grand Egyptian Museum, including the treasures of King Tutankhamun
- See the landmarks of Islamic Cairo, including the Citadel and Mohammed Ali Mosque
- Visit the 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 Necropolis of Thebes on Luxor's West Bank. This vast, desert burial ground comprises the Valley of the Kings, and Deir el-Bahri, a complex of hundreds of mortuary temples



**ART & CULTURE HIGHLIGHTS** Whether you're marveling at stunning Islamic art or admiring the vast antiquity collections of the Grand Egyptian Museum, you'll be amazed by the brilliance of ancient Egypt's cultural and artistic achievements. Here are examples of what you'll enjoy on this itinerary:

- Learn about one of Egypt's traditional crafts during your visit to a carpet weaving workshop in Cairo
- Gaze upon the gilded treasures of pharaohs at the Grand 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



**NATURE HIGHLIGHTS** Throughout your adventure, an astonishing canvas of starkly beautiful desert and lush Nile river banks unfolds before you. Here's what you'll witness in Egypt's magnificent natural world:

- Visit a remote desert plateau to view the colossal temples of Abu Simbel, beautifully set on the shores of Lake Nasser
- Travel into the hidden valleys and ravines of the Nile's West Bank, where elaborate pharaonic tombs were carved into rock-strewn mountainsides
- View the palm-lined fertile shores of the Nile as you cruise, marveling at the contrast of dry desert mountains rising in the distance
- Browse the horticultural wonders of Kitchener's Island, home to the Aswan Botanical Gardens



**RELIGIOUS HIGHLIGHTS** From ancient Egyptian gods and goddesses to Egypt's predominant Islamic faith, religion is front and center on this enchanting river cruise. Here are a few highlights:

- Delve into the captivating history of Islam with a tour of Islamic Cairo, along with a lecture about the religion by a knowledgeable Adventure Leader
- Visit the Museum of Islamic Art, home to one of the world's most important collections of Islamic artifacts

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



**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 forefront, and the image is instantly more intriguing than a generic snapshot
- Pursue quirky composition — shooting off-center makes for a more artsy, unique shot



**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

### 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:

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- 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](mailto: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.



# ROUND-TRIP CAIRO

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DAY 2: Arrive in Cairo and relax in  
splendor at your Deluxe Nile hotel  
*The Nile Ritz-Carlton Cairo or similar*

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DAY 3: View ancient artifacts at the  
Egyptian Museum  
*The Nile Ritz-Carlton Cairo or similar*

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DAY 4: Behold the great monuments of  
the Giza Plateau and more  
*The Nile Ritz-Carlton Cairo or similar*

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DAY 5: Explore more of Cairo at your  
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*The Nile Ritz-Carlton Cairo or similar*

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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 splendor at your Deluxe Nile hotel

Welcome to Egypt! If you purchased your airfare with us, a Vantage representative will meet you at the airport and assist with transfers to your hotel. You'll have time to settle in and relax before joining your fellow travelers for a Welcome Dinner at the hotel tonight.

Included meals: Dinner  
*The Nile Ritz-Carlton Cairo or similar*

**DAY 3:** View ancient artifacts at the Egyptian Museum

Your day will begin with breakfast and a Welcome Briefing at your hotel. Enjoy a morning at leisure and lunch at the hotel before heading out to explore Cairo's Egyptian Museum. This 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

*The Nile Ritz-Carlton 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

*The Nile Ritz-Carlton 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  
*The Nile Ritz-Carlton 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  
*h/s Nebu >*

**DAY 8:** Visit the unique Temple of Kom Ombo and cruise to Aswan

Today you continue cruising up the Nile, arriving late morning at the Temple of Kom Ombo, beautifully situated on a small hillside right beside the river. Discover its unique "double" design, with symmetrical halves dedicated to two different gods.

The southern half of the temple is dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek, god of fertility and protector against the dangers of the Nile, while the northern part of the temple is dedicated to the falcon god Haroeris, or "Horus the Elder," patron god of the pharaohs. The path out of the temple complex leads to the Crocodile Museum, which houses a fascinating collection of mummified crocodiles and ancient carvings. We'll return to the ship for lunch and sail onwards to the city of Aswan.

Enjoy cruising toward Aswan, Upper Egypt's most beautiful location, with its views of the West Bank.

**Included Feature:**

- Temple of Kom Ombo visit
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*h/s Nebu >*

**DAY 9:** Fly south to see the twin temples of Abu Simbel

You'll get an idea of the vastness of Egypt's ancient dynasties as we fly 175 miles south from Aswan to visit the great twin temples of Abu Simbel. Along with the Temple of Isis at Philae, they are part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site known collectively as the Nubian Monuments. Here, imposing 70-foot statues of Ramses II and Queen Nefertari overlook the Nile. Originally carved out of the mountainside in the

13th century BC to commemorate Ramses II's victory against the Hittites at the Battle of Kadesh, the huge rock relief figures at their entrances have become famous icons, and the sight of them is well worth the extra flight.

What makes them even more interesting, however, is that these enormous temples were not always found here. Between 1964 and 1968, a famous rescue mission — overseen by UNESCO — was undertaken to save them from the waters' inexorable rise behind the Aswan High Dam. In an epic feat of engineering, the entire complex was carefully cut into large blocks, dismantled, lifted and reassembled in a new location.

After marveling at the architectural ingenuity of both the past and present, fly back to Aswan in time to enjoy lunch on board the ship. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure in Aswan. Enjoy dinner back on board this evening.

**Included Feature:**

- Abu Simbel temple visit

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:** Discover Aswan's treasures and dress up for a festive galabiya party

Today you'll explore the area around Aswan, beginning with the massive Aswan High Dam. This 13,000-foot-long and 3,200-foot-wide wall was built across the Nile between 1960 and 1970 with Soviet support. It supplanted the British-built Low Dam of the 1900s and created the vast

reservoir known today as Lake Nasser. Standing atop its ramparts, you'll learn how it transformed the economy and culture of Egypt.

Later, take a short boat ride across the reservoir of the Aswan Low Dam to visit the elegant Temple of Philae, another of UNESCO's Nubian Monuments that had to be rescued from flooding. Philae was originally located near the First Cataract but was flooded after the construction of the Aswan Low Dam. As part of the UNESCO Nubia Campaign project, the temple complex was moved to a nearby island to protect it before the completion of the Aswan High Dam. You'll also see the granite quarries of Aswan, where high-quality stone was sourced for sculptures and structures throughout ancient Egypt, and visit some of the monuments here.

After lunch on board ship, you set sail for Edfu. This evening, don traditional galabiyas for a fun costume party on board. Dressed like an Egyptian, you'll be ready to dance like an Egyptian, too, as a vibrant Oriental show with lively music sets the mood for a festive night like no other.

**Included Features:**

- Tour the Aswan High Dam
- Visit the Temple of Philae
- Visit the granite quarries of Aswan

**Cultural Connection:**

- *Galabiya party*
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*h/s Nebu >*

**DAY 11:** Visit the Temple of Horus at Edfu and sail back to Luxor

Horse-drawn carriages will be waiting for us along the waterfront at Edfu this morning for the

ride through this small river city to the famously well-preserved temple of Horus. The largest temple dedicated to the falcon god, it is notable for the two stone falcons at its entrance and the huge relief figures on its façade.

The temple was built in the Ptolemaic Kingdom between 237 and 57 BC, but was literally lost beneath the sands of time as drifting desert sand and river silt deposited by the Nile buried it to a depth of 40 feet. Local inhabitants built their homes over it and, by 1798, when the temple was discovered by a French expedition, only the upper portions of the pylons were visible.

This afternoon, during lunch on board ship, you'll enjoy more scenic Nile cruising as we return to Luxor.

Included Feature:

- Visit Horus Temple
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*h/s Nebu >*

**DAY 12:** Explore the fabulous Temples of Luxor and Karnak and enjoy a belly-dancing show on board

Today, you'll explore two of Egypt's most illustrious shrines: the Karnak and Luxor temple complexes. Said to be the world's largest religious structure in area, the vast Karnak Temple complex was built and used over a period of 2,000 years. You'll be awed by the Great Hypostyle Hall, where a monolithic forest of 134 huge columns is laid out in 16 rows. The largest are 33 feet around and soar to 80 feet in height.

A walkway lined with rams-head sphinxes leads all the way from Karnak to the 3,500-year-old

Luxor Temple complex. Dedicated to the Theban Triad of Amun, Mut, and Khonsu, Luxor's graceful inner courtyards are lined with Ramesside colossi and graceful columns covered in carvings and hieroglyphics.

After dinner this evening, you'll be treated to a transfixing belly-dancing show on board ship. Famed for its controlled and precise movements, this gyrating art form is said to have originated in Cairo's nightclubs before graduating to the silver screen.

Included Features:

- Karnak Temple Visit
- Luxor Temple Visit

**Cultural Connection:**

- Belly dancing show
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*h/s Nebu >*

**DAY 13:** Fly to Cairo, then continue overland to coastal Alexandria

It's time to bid farewell to the Nile and the crew of the *h/s Nebu*, as you continue to the city founded by Alexander the Great, Egypt's port with a decidedly Mediterranean climate. After a flight to Cairo and a transfer to Alexandria, you arrive in time for lunch at a local restaurant — the perfect opportunity to indulge in some of the city's famous seafood. After checking into your sumptuous shorefront hotel, you'll have the evening and dinner at leisure.

Included meals: Breakfast & lunch  
*Four Seasons Hotel Alexandria or similar*

**DAY 14:** Walk in Cleopatra's footsteps as you explore Greco-Roman Alexandria

After breakfast, you'll explore Alexandria's historical treasures. Begin with the underground

catacombs of Kom el Shoqafa, an extensive subterranean burial site that dates to the Greco-Roman era of the 2nd century. Many of the features of the catacombs merge Roman, Greek, and Egyptian cultures; for example, some statues are Egyptian in style, yet bear Roman clothes and hairstyles. The location of the site had long been lost and was only rediscovered in 1900 when an unfortunate donkey stumbled into one of the shafts.

You'll also visit Alexandria's tallest monument, Pompey's Pillar. Dating to the 4th century, it stands 90 feet tall and 30 feet wide and was hewn from a single block of red granite brought all the way from Aswan, almost 700 miles away. Following lunch at a local restaurant, your tour of Alexandrine history and culture continues with a visit to the Roman Amphitheatre and the Bibliotheca Alexandrina. Built in 2002 as a worthy successor to the lost Ancient Wonder of the Great Library of Alexandria, the extraordinary library and cultural center contains millions of books in English, French, and classical Arabic, as well as four museums. Enjoy dinner on your own tonight.

#### **Included Features:**

- Visit the Kom el Shoqafa Catacombs
- Visit Pompey's Pillar
- Visit the Citadel
- Visit Roman Theater
- Visit Library of Alexandria

Included meals: Breakfast & lunch  
*Four Seasons Hotel Alexandria or similar*

**DAY 15:** Return to Cairo for a Gala Farewell Dinner

This morning, we'll conclude our explorations of Alexandria with a visit to the Royal Jewelry

Museum, home to the vast collections of jewelry and acquired by the royals of Egypt's Muhammad Ali Dynasty. After, we return by motorcoach to Cairo. Upon arrival, check into your deluxe hotel, located in the upscale Cairo suburb of Heliopolis, conveniently close to Cairo Airport. After an afternoon at leisure to pack or relax in the hotel's pool and garden, drink a final toast to your Egyptian journey during a Farewell Dinner at the hotel.

#### **Included Feature:**

- Visit the Royal Jewelry Museum
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*JW Marriott Hotel Cairo or similar*

**DAY 16:** Depart Cairo and fly home; or continue on to Jordan & Petra with a post-trip extension

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Cairo airport for your flight home to the U.S., or fly on to Jordan for your post-trip extension to the Lost City of Petra and Amman.

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. 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





## The Nile Ritz-Carlton Cairo

★★★★★

The iconic Nile Ritz-Carlton offers an opulent retreat from the bustle of this bucket-list city. Enjoy its rich legacy with world-class service and splendid amenities. The spacious, elegantly appointed rooms and suites feature floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking either the legendary Nile or the historical Egyptian Museum. Flavors from the Middle East, Italy, and beyond can be found at the hotel's collection of nine distinctive restaurants, bars, and lounges. Discover special Egyptian treatments at the lavish spa, like the Cleopatra-inspired exfoliation and mud-wrap. Maintain your fitness...



## 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.



## 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...



## King David Jerusalem Hotel

★★★★★

Arguably the most famous of all of Jerusalem's hotels, the King David Jerusalem Hotel is a major landmark in a unique city. Evoking the refinement of the ancient world, it is located on an elevated site with gorgeous views of the Old City's walls, minarets and domes. Relax in luxurious surroundings and enjoy exceptional service, all within easy walking distance of the Old City. Steeped in luxury, the rooms are designed to allow you to relax completely after your travels. The hotel boasts all of the amenities you would expect from a five-star property: fine dining, an Oriental wine and whisky...



## 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...



## Petra Guest House Hotel ★★★★★

Located just steps from the entrance of the legendary city of Petra, the elegant Petra Guest House Hotel offers spectacular mountain views along with unmatched hospitality. Every guest room is tastefully appointed with modern amenities, including complimentary coffee-making facilities, A/C, mini-bar, in-room safe, LCD TV, complimentary high-speed Wi-Fi, ironing board, and more. On-site dining is available, as well as 24-hour room service.



## 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.



## 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.