# JORDAN, EGYPT – Dec 2009

#### WED DEC 23rd JFK 10:50PM to Amman 4:45PM

#### THU DEC 24th

Sightseeing of Petra, Jordan (One of the 7 Wonders of the World).

Drive to **Petra** 2 hours from **Arava border** via **Aqaba** past **Wadi Rum** till the small town of **Wadi Moussa** / Petra. Enter Petra through **Al-Siq**, a winding trail at the bottom of a natural deep canyon, at the end of which reveals itself the most famous **Treasury Monument**. Hear story of the **Nabateans** who have established Petra as their capital on the "**Spice Route**". Lunch break at a local restaurant on site. Afternoon drive back to Aqaba / Arava border.

### **Overnight in Amman**

FRI DEC 25th

Cairo (CAI) 5:00PM to Amman (TLV) 6:25PM – Egyptair 701 Overnight in Cairo

SAT DEC 26th

Sightseeing of Suez Canal.

1 and a half hour drive from Cairo to Suez Canal.

#### SUN DEC 27th DAY 2: Cairo – Train - Luxor

This morning, after breakfast, you visit the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, which houses the world's largest collection of artefacts from the Era of the Pharaohs, including the most splendid collection of Tutankhamon. Later this afternoon, you continue to see the Great Pyramids of Giza: Cheops, Chephren and Mykerinos and the defending Sphinx. This evening, transfer to the train station, to board the overnight sleeper train to Luxor (Dinner on board train).

MON DEC 28th DAY 3: Luxor – Cruise



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Early morning, you arrive Luxor (Breakfast on board train). You will join the (5\* Cruise Ship) for your 4 Nights Cruise. After lunch on board cruise, you visit the Temple of Karnak and Temple of Luxor. This evening why not join the *additional excursion* Sound and Light Show at Karnak. Dinner and overnight on board cruise.

#### TUE DEC 29th DAY 4: Cruise: Luxor - Esna - Edfu

Today after breakfast, you cross to the West Bank, and visit the Royal Tombs at the Valley of the Kings, Dier El Bahari and the Colossi of Memnon. Lunch on board cruise. Later you sail to Esna, pass the lock and continue sailing to Edfu. Dinner and overnight on board cruise.

## WED DEC 30th DAY 5: Cruise - Edfu - Kom Ombo - Aswan

After breakfast, you visit the Temple of Horus at Edfu. Lunch on board cruise. Later you visit the temple of Kom Ombo dedicated to the Gods Sobek and Haroeris. You then sail to Aswan – arriving early evening. Dinner and overnight on board cruise.

After breakfast, the morning join the excursion to Abu Simbel. Lunch on board cruise. This afternoon enjoy a Felucca Ride on the Nile. View the Elephantine Island and see the Agha Khan Mausoleum (from outside). Dinner and overnight on board cruise.

### FRI JAN 1st DAY 7: Aswan – Train - Cairo

Today after breakfast, you visit the High Dam and Temple of Philae dedicated to Goddess Isis. Later, proceed to Aswan, where you can enjoy a panoramic drive around the city, visit an Egyptian perfumery and spend some free time in the market, which abounds in handicrafts, local products and spices. Later this evening, you transfer to the train station, to board the overnight sleeper train to Cairo (Dinner on board train).

SAT JAN 2nd Sightseeing of Sahara Desert and Oasis.

Days	Destination	Accommodation	Program Itinerary
1st Day	Cairo-Bahariya	White Desert Safari Camp	In the morning departure from guests address in Cairo (airport, hotel, home etc) by bus upon reaching Bahariya departure by jeep 4X4 to the <b>White Desert</b> . Vist of the <b>Black Desert</b> and the <b>dune area</b> . We start our climb of a 50meter dune. Lunch in <b>EI Heiz Oasis</b> . On the route to <b>Farafra</b> we visit the <b>Crystal Mountain</b> , the <b>area of the wonders</b> with <b>the desert roses</b> . We visit <b>EI Akabat</b> and then we head to the <b>White Desert</b> . We start exploring the formations and wind carved sculptor. Then the <b>New Desert</b> . In the evening, we have

		a barbeque dinner and sleep in tents under the stars
2nd Day	Bahariya-Cairo	Breakfast and departure to Cairo.

# **SUN JAN 3rd**

Cairo (CAI) 8:40AM to JFK 5:00AM - Delta