



# GRAND CAPITALS OF THE MIDDLE EAST

A Journey to Egypt + Jordan + Israel + Abu Dhabi + Dubai

19 DAYS + from \$13,499 + Small Groups of Never More than 16 Guests or Travel Privately + **NEW**

## Our Distinctive A+R Style

- + In a single journey, thrill to the gems of the ancient world.
- + Stay in some of the finest hotels in the Middle East and explore by day with our expert, native Trip Leaders.
- + Visit Cairo's ancient sites ... the pyramids of Giza, Memphis, Sakkara and the new Grand Egyptian Museum when it opens.
- + Marvel at Abu Simbel, the Valley of the Kings, as well as the temples of Edfu, Luxor and Karnak.
- + Drive along the King's Way from Amman to the fabulous Lost City of Petra and the other-worldly landscapes of Wadi Rum.
- + Cross the Jordan River on the Allenby Bridge with VIP services.
- + Enjoy four nights at Jerusalem's King David Hotel to explore the Old City, Western Wall, Galilee, Masada and Tel Aviv.
- + On a new route, fly non-stop from Jerusalem to dynamic Abu Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates,
- + Relax at a luxury resort in the Arabian Desert, surrounded by mountainous dunes, before the spectacle of 21st Century Dubai.

Established health protocols are observed at all times





## OUR JOURNEY

☞ Including 13 UNESCO World Heritage sites

### DAY 1 | *VIP Welcome to Cairo*

You'll be met inside passport control by our Cairo team who will escort you through immigration, baggage claim, customs and on to the *Four Seasons*.

### DAY 2 | *The Pyramids + Egyptian Museum*

We'll begin today at the Great Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx ☞. We guarantee you'll never forget a camel ride across the desert. Enjoy lunch at the landmark Mena House and afterward we'll be guided through the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities downtown or the new Grand Egyptian Museum in Giza should it have opened. MEALS B+L+D

### DAY 3 | *The Temples of Abu Simbel + Edfu*

We fly south to Abu Simbel ☞ and the two temples of Ramses II, 3,000-years-old with 67-foot-high statues carved from solid rock. We'll fly to Aswan for our drive to the Temple of Horus at Edfu, another of Egypt's most spectacular monuments renowned for its monumental reliefs and exquisite hieroglyphics. We'll continue on to Luxor. MEALS B+L

### DAY 4 | *Valley of the Kings + the Temples of Karnak and Luxor*

We cross the Nile to visit the fabled Valley of the Kings ☞. Here early before the crowds, we'll admire the vivid frescoes in miraculous condition in the most elaborate tombs. Nearby in the Valley of the Queens, we'll visit the elegant Tomb of Queen Hatshepsut. Later, we'll stand in front of the massive pillars of the great Karnak Temple ☞, still the largest religious hall in the world. We'll then walk the

Avenue of the Sphinxes to the embellished temple walls of Luxor ☞. MEALS B+L

### DAY 5 | *Return to Cairo + Khan al-Khalili*

Mid-morning we'll return to Cairo ☞ and visit the Khan al-Khalili Bazaar, since the 15th Century Cairo's market for goods and jewels. We'll have lunch in an atmospheric restaurant with time to roam the extensive alleyways before returning to the *Four Seasons*. MEALS B+L

### DAY 6 | *Antiquity outside Cairo*

Off to Memphis ☞, Egypt's ancient capital, we'll marvel at the giant Colossus of Ramses II and the Alabaster Sphinx. Then, its to Sakkara to visit the Step Pyramid of King Zoser ☞, the world's oldest stone structure. We'll also enter the 4,000-year-old Tomb of Mehu, a wealthy merchant, with its frescoes of ancient daily life. MEALS B+L

### DAY 7 | *Welcome to Jordan + the King's Highway to Petra*

After an hour flight to Amman, Jordan's capital, we head south to Petra ☞ with our expert Jordanian Trip Leader. We'll stop at Madaba to see the oldest map of the ancient Middle East, enjoy a home-cooked lunch in a

restored old residence and ascend Mt. Nebo for its views of the Jordan River Valley. Our introduction to Petra will be tonight when we follow the Siq, a jagged path through high cliffs illuminated by candles. The opening of the Siq to the Treasury in candlelight will surely be a memorable moment. MEALS B+L

### DAY 8 | *A day in Petra*

Built 2,000 -years-ago by the Nabateans, tribal merchants that brought Petra great wealth, it was abandoned as caravans moved north until its re-discovery in the 19th Century. We'll be guided through the Siq once again for a three-hour orientation. Then, explore Petra at your own pace... we've arranged that you can return to the convenient *Moevenpick* and re-enter the city at will. Tonight, we'll go to the Petra Kitchen for a hands-on culinary experience alongside local villagers. MEALS B+D

### DAY 9 | *Wadi Rum*

A 4X4 venture deep into Wadi Rum ☞ is exciting. We'll discover sandstone and granite mountains rising sheer-sided to heights of 4,000 feet from wide sandy valleys. Enjoy a ride by camel in this pristine wilderness and a simple lunch with an authentic Bedouin family before returning to Amman. MEALS B+L

### DAYS 10 | *Across the Jordan to Jerusalem*

Our first stop is Jerash, an extensive Roman city built for military control. Then, we'll cross the Jordan River on the Allenby Bridge with VIP services. Saying farewell to our Jordanian Trip Leader and welcomed by our Israeli host, we continue to Jerusalem. Home for the next four nights, the luxurious *King David Hotel* has been part of the history of Jerusalem since its opening in 1931, hosting many world leaders. We'll enjoy dinner nearby. MEALS B+L+D

### DAY 11 | *The Sea of Galilee*

We'll head north to beautiful Galilee ☞. First is Capernaum, a 2nd Century synagogue that illuminates the religious life of Jesus' time. We'll also visit the traditional house of Saint Peter and go on to Tabgha, the site of the 'loaves and fishes' where the third







The Western Wall



Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque

resurrection appearance also reportedly occurred. The Mount of Beatitudes, nearby, is the site of the Sermon on the Mount overlooking the rolling countryside and the distant Golan Heights. We'll end with a ride across the gentle waters of the Sea of Galilee.

MEALS B+L

#### DAY 12 | *Masada and the Dead Sea*

We head east toward the Dead Sea, visiting the Qumran Caves famous for the Dead Sea Scrolls. Next is Masada where we ascend by cable car to the dramatic ruins of King Herod's mountaintop fortress where the Jewish Zealots made a last heroic stand in 73 CE. We'll enjoy lunch and a dip in the Dead Sea nearby.

MEALS B+L

#### DAY 13 | *Exploring Jerusalem*

We'll begin at the Western Wall, a remnant of the Second Temple destroyed by the Romans. Above is Temple Mount which we'll next visit, subject to official permission, now the site of the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock. The Dome is the oldest monument in Islam and covers the stone where Abraham sacrificed Isaac and from which the Prophet Mohammad ascended to heaven. We'll continue to the Jewish Quarter, the Via

Dolorosa, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and King David's tomb. We'll enjoy views of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives and enter Gethsemane with its age-old olive trees. Tonight is our farewell dinner.

MEALS B+L+D

#### DAY 14 | *Tel Aviv + Welcome to Abu Dhabi*

We'll begin in Jaffa, the ancient port of modern Tel Aviv. Our tour includes the White City, designed by German immigrants in the 1930's and the largest Bauhaus district in the world. We'll then take a non-stop flight to Abu Dhabi, the first route between Israel and the U.A.E., arriving in the early evening. We'll overnight at the *St. Regis Hotel*.

MEALS B+D

#### DAY 15 | *Capital of the United Arab Emirates*

Starting at the new Louvre Abu Dhabi for a guided tour, we move on to the opulent Presidential Palace, the Qasr al-Watan, just opened to visitors in 2019. We'll enjoy a delightful lunch at The Emirates Palace. Next, we'll be guided through the astonishing Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, one of the world's most stunning new landmarks. Then we're off to the secluded *Qasr al-Sarab Resort* with our trip leader for two nights.

MEALS B+L

#### DAY 16 | *In the Empty Quarter of the Arabian Desert*

Today is free for you to enjoy the luxury of this resort, surrounded by towering dunes and recognized in 2020 as the finest in the Middle East by *Conde Nast Traveler*. Relax on your private terrace with panoramic views of the infinite desert. Our trip leader can assist with activities.

MEALS B

#### DAY 17 | *Welcome to Dubai*

We'll depart mid-day for Dubai and we'll see man-made Palm Island and the iconic Burj al Arab before arrival at our 5-star hotel, the *Address Marina*, one of the best in town.

MEALS B

#### DAY 18 | *Exploring Dubai*

We'll walk through the Gold and Spice Souk, the Textile Market, the Al Fahidi Historic District with its graceful wind towers, and the Dubai Museum. Lunch is at the Sheikh Mohammed Center and then to the top of the Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest structure. There's time for the Dubai Mall before tonight's farewell dinner.

MEALS B+L+D

#### DAY 19 | *Depart Dubai*

You'll be escorted to the airport at the right time for your departure.

MEALS B





*The Empty Quarter of the Arabian Desert*

### Classic Elegance of the Middle East



#### CAIRO – FOUR SEASONS AT THE FIRST RESIDENCE

With the largest rooms in Cairo, this intimate Four Seasons is on the Nile by the Botanical Gardens.



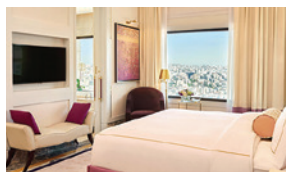
#### LUXOR – STEIGENBERGER NILE HOTEL

Your Executive Room in this deluxe hotel offers extensive views of the Nile from your own private terrace.



#### PETRA – MÖVENPICK HOTEL

The most highly sought deluxe hotel due to its unbeatable location across from the visitors' entrance to the Lost City.



#### AMMAN – THE FAIRMONT HOTEL

World-class 5-star luxury hotel with well-designed spacious accommodations, located near the diplomatic section of this inviting capital.



#### JERUSALEM – KING DAVID HOTEL

Overlooking the Old City, a luxury historical landmark with comfortable rooms, modern amenities, fine services and extensive dining.



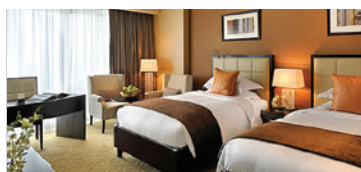
#### ABU DHABI – ST. REGIS HOTEL

On the shorefront Corniche in the center of town, a 5-star modern hotel with spacious rooms, elaborate amenities and attentive service.



#### RUB' AL KHALI DESERT – QASR AL SARAB RESORT

Your upper floor, corner deluxe terrace room includes a private outdoor terrace with panoramic views over the limitless desert dunes at this sprawling, luxury resort.



#### DUBAI – ADDRESS MARINA HOTEL

A leading 5-star hotel in the stylish Marina area, with very comfortable rooms and extensive views of this exciting metropolis.

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OUR ORIGINAL JOURNEY **Value**

- + Comprehensive sightseeing with our expert Trip Leaders and Egyptologists
- + 37 meals: 18 breakfasts, 13 lunches and 6 dinners with wine
- + 18 nights in our luxury hotels and the Qasr al-Sarab Desert Resort by Anantara
- + All 5 internal flights, all on-tour transportation, and chauffeured transfers
- + VIP airport services throughout and across the Allenby Bridge between Jordan and Israel
- + All entry fees, all luggage handling, and hotel taxes
- + All gratuities are included, except for our professional Trip Leaders
- + 4 or more guests save \$100 each
- + Solo guests enjoy double occupancy accommodations throughout

#### EXPO 2021 Dubai

If you're traveling between January and March, 2022, we make it easy to visit EXPO, the first World's Fair in the Middle East.

## 2022 Rates

LAND ONLY PER PERSON

### Never More than 16 Guests

2022	DOUBLE	SOLO SUPPLEMENT
Jan 14, Feb 11		
Mar 4, Apr 1	\$14,299	\$3,800
May 13, Jun 10	\$13,999	\$3,600
Sep 9, Oct 14		
Nov 4, Dec 2	\$14,699	\$3,900

### Travel Privately Any Day

2022	DOUBLE	SOLO SUPPLEMENT
Jan - Apr	\$17,599	\$3,900
May - Aug	\$17,299	\$3,500
Sep - Dec	\$17,599	\$3,900

Save up to \$1,000 per couple | \$500 solo when you pay in full at time of booking