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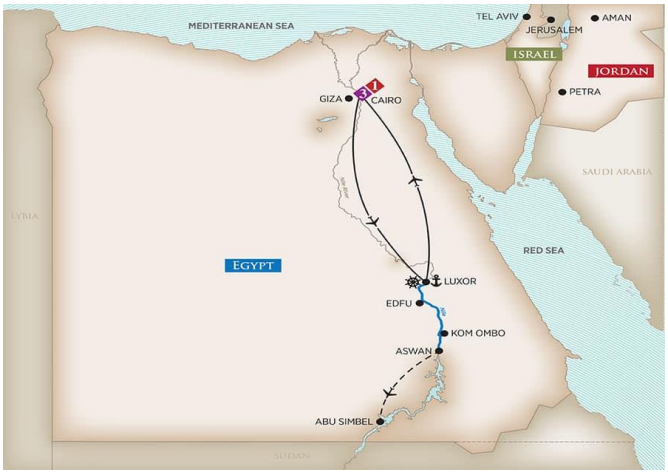
Secrets of Egypt & the Nile



11 NIGHTS · 3 NIGHTS CAIRO, EGYPT, 7-NIGHT ROUNDTRIP LUXOR NILE RIVER CRUISE & 1 NIGHT CAIRO
We are thrilled to take you to a fascinating destination: Egypt. Allow yourself to be treated to a connoisseur's discovery of this ancient civilization as only AmaWaterways can provide – with an unparalleled 11-night Nile River cruise and land experience that includes exquisite cuisine, authentic experiences and the extraordinary service for which AmaWaterways is renowned. Explore ancient wonders, such as the beguiling Temple of Luxor and the mystifying Valley of the Kings and Queens. Plus, come face-to-face with the last survivor of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Great Sphinx and the three Pyramids of Giza. This unforgettable itinerary includes exclusive experiences, such as a private lunch at the Abdeen Presidential Palace. Uncover the many mysteries and secrets that have shaped Egypt's past and continue to influence the future of this remarkable land.

COUNTRIES: Egypt
RIVERS: Nile

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Detailed Itinerary Secrets of Egypt & the Nile

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DAY 1
CAIRO
Arrive in Cairo, where you will be met by an AmaWaterways representative who will help you with your luggage and the customs and immigration process. With your baggage and customs taken care of and a new stamp in your passport, you will now be driven to your hotel.

DAY 2
CAIRO
A full day of captivating attractions await, beginning with the exquisite new Grand Egytian Museum, the world's largest archaeological museum with its 100,000 artifacts on display, many never seen by the general public until the opening in 2025. With 12 main galleries, the museum is home to some of the greatest masterpieces ever crafted, including the unique collection of Pharaonic art including ancient mummies and the complete and priceless treasures of Tutankhamen, the Boy King. Afterwards, enjoy a delicious lunch featuring local and international cuisine. Then, visit the Mosque of Muhammad – also known as the Alabaster Mosque – which majestically sits on the summit of the Citadel of Saladin's courtyard. From the arcaded courtyard, enjoy the breathtaking view across the city to the Pyramids of Giza. Inside the Mosque, marvel at an ornate interior and a splendid array of lamps suspended from the intricately decorated ceiling. Afterward, join an evening Welcome Reception hosted by your Cruise Manager. (B, L, WR)

Note: Full access to the GEM is unofficially scheduled to open in July 2025. Dates are fluid and could change.

DAY 3
CAIRO
Discover the monuments at the UNESCO-designated ancient capital of Memphis. Visit the huge statue of Ramses II, the Alabaster Sphinx and the necropolis of Sakkara – site of the famous step pyramid of King Zoser, the oldest pyramid on earth. Next, enjoy a lovely lunch at the famous Mena House, a historic palatial hotel, based in the shadow of the great Pyramids of Giza. Afterwards, you'll explore the Great Sphinx and the iconic Giza complex, which consists of three large pyramids built between 2,589 BC and 2,504 BC. Enjoy the evening at your leisure. (B, L)

DAY 4
CAIRO - LUXOR
This morning, visit Coptic Cairo, a neighborhood known for its historic churches and monasteries. Then take an early afternoon flight south to Luxor —formerly known as Thebes, the capital city of the New Kingdom of Upper Egypt. Luxor, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is home to two astonishing temples — Karnak and Luxor. Be welcomed your luxurious river cruise ship to begin your Nile River Valley cruise. Relax and settle in and before dinner, meet your crew and celebrate with a Captain's Welcome Cocktail. (B, L, D)

DAY 5
LUXOR - EDFU
Begin the day with a visit to the Valley of Queens, home to the mummified remains of more than 30 queens and princesses. Next, visit the tombs of ancient Egypt in the Valley of the Kings — one of the most famous archeological sites in the world. The spectacular rock-cut tombs located on the west bank of Luxor include that of the enigmatic King Tutankhamun, whose mummified remains are still here on display. This site also includes Seti 1's Tomb, where you'll enjoy rare access. Afterwards, go to Deir el-Bahri to see the Temple of Hatshepsut, one of Egypt's most successful pharaohs and the country's first female ruler. Your day's adventure concludes with an up-close view of the Colossi of Memnon — two gigantic statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III. Once back on board your ship, relax on the Upper Deck and take in the amazing scenery or join the chef at an informal cooking class. (B, L, D)
Note: As of spring 2024, Queen Nefertari's Tomb has been temporarily closed with no official reopening date. Until reopening, the equally impressive Seti 1 tomb will be visited as an alternative.

DAY 6

EDFU

The city of Edfu is best known for one of Egypt's most remarkably preserved temples, dedicated to Horus, the falcon-headed god. Built in 230 BC, it is the second-largest temple in Egypt and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with walls that display compelling details about the religion and language of the country's Greco-Roman period. After visiting Edfu, relax on board and take in the Nile River's timeless landscapes as the ship continues onward to Aswan. (B, L, D)

DAY 7

ASWAN

Enjoy free time in Aswan or go on an optional excursion to Abu Simbel (must be prebooked). If you purchased the optional excursion, enjoy an early morning flight over Lake Nasser to the more than 3,000-year-old Abu Simbel, a UNESCO World Heritage Site dedicated to Ramses II, one of the most active of pharaohs, along with the smaller temple dedicated to his chief wife Queen Nefertari. The front of the main temple has four gargantuan statues of Ramses II on his throne, each measuring nearly 70 feet high and discovered half buried in sand in 1813. Later in the afternoon, take a peaceful ride in a felucca, a traditional Egyptian sailboat, around beautiful Elephantine Island, which locals say is the home to legendary Egyptian god Khnumo. Cap the day off with an optional late afternoon tea at the historic Old Cataract Hotel, a 19th-century Victorian Palace crafted in rose granite. Delight in an authentic "high tea" experience and revel in the stunning views overlooking the Nile and Elephantine Island. After dinner tonight, continue to experience Egyptian magic with a traditional folkloric-style belly dance on board your ship. (B, L, D)

**Guests can reserve the optional tour to Abu Simbel at time of booking your Nile adventure*

DAY 8

ASWAN - ESNA

Board a motorboat and cruise to the UNESCO-designated Philae Temple complex, boasting some of the most stunningly restored and preserved hieroglyphs in Egypt. It was constructed between 380 BC and 362 BC and dedicated to the goddess Isis, the wife of Osiris and mother of Horus. Next head

to a colorful Nubian village on Hisa Island. Meet the warm and friendly Nubian people who will welcome you to their village. During the afternoon, cruise to the Great Temple of Kom Ombo, where its soaring columns dramatically rise above the Nile River. Unique in Egypt, this temple is dedicated to two gods — the crocodile god, Sobek, sitting on the right; and the falcon-headed Haroeris, "The Good Doctor." After visiting Kom Ombo, relax on board and take in the Nile River's timeless landscapes as the ship continues onward to Luxor. In the evening, join your crew outside in a celebration of local customs with the chance to don a Galabeya, traditional Egyptian attire, and toast to the rich culture and history of the Nile River Valley. (B, L, D)

DAY 9
ESNA - LUXOR

Spend a morning of scenic cruising along the glistening Nile River. Relax on the Sun Deck as you cruise from Esna back to Luxor. First, explore the Temple of Karnak, the largest religious complex in Egypt and one of the largest in the world, covering about 200 acres in a vast network of columns, hieroglyphics, obelisks, sphinxes and colossi — even a lake is on the grounds. The Hypostyle Hall is a great architectural marvel and filled with its roof blocks, supported by colossal 134 columns standing at 70 feet high, with 12 larger columns standing at 80 feet high lining the central aisle. This hall is still the largest room of any religious building in the world. After visiting the temple, journey to a museum and discover the art of papyrus making. Learn how the ancient Egyptians used this special plant that flourished in the Egyptian Delta and Nile River Valley. Made from the aquatic papyrus plant, also known as paper plant, this unique writing material served many purposes in ancient times from sails, cloth, food and especially paper for important documents and texts. Afterwards, you will visit the Temple of Luxor, constructed over hundreds of years by Amenhotep III, Ramses II, Tutankhamun and other pharaohs. You then have the option of heading back to the ship to relax or visiting the colorful Luxor Market, where you can find eye-catching piles of spices, jewelry and clothing as well as irresistible smells of incense and perfumes. (B, L, D)

DAY 10
LUXOR - QENA - LUXOR
Set sail to Qena to explore its ancient Egyptian heritage. You'll go to Dendara to visit the best-preserved temple in Egypt, the Temple of Hathor – the Goddess of Love, to whom the powers of joy, feminine love and motherhood were attributed. The temple was built by Ptolemy and a group of Romans who worshipped her; so don't miss the back of the temple where there is a relief depicting Cleopatra with Caesarion, her son by Julius Caesar, the Roman Emperor who brought us the months of July and August. Following your visit here, sail back to Luxor. (B, L, D)

DAY 11
LUXOR - CAIRO
Disembark the ship in Luxor and fly back to Cairo where you will be taken to the Abdeen Presidential Palace, considered one of the most luxurious palaces in the world. The palace consists of multiple museums, including the Silver Museum; the Arms Museum; the Royal Family Museum; a Presidential Gifts Museum and a Historical Documents Museum, which is a relatively new addition. It is also one of the official residences and places of work for the President of Egypt. Afterwards, be treated to a special lunch at the palace. (B, L)

DAY 12
CAIRO
Bid farewell to Cairo and prepare for your flight home. (B)

Itinerary is subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, please refer to the itinerary schedule provided with your final documents.

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*Included Features*Secrets of Egypt & the Nile

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CAIRO (PRE-CRUISE)

- Arrival airport transfer
- 3 nights at your luxury hotel* in a partial Nile view room, including daily breakfast and complimentary Wi-Fi
- Welcome Reception with tapas and drinks
- Full-day Cairo tour with visits to the Egyptian Museum, home to King Tut's treasures, and visits to Citadel of Salah Ed-Din and Alabaster Mosque
- Visit the ancient sites of Memphis, including the Pyramids of Giza, the Great Sphinx and Saqqara Museum and lunch at the historic Mena House Hotel

NILE RIVER CRUISE

- 7-night river cruise in elegantly appointed accommodations
- Fine dining with a variety of choices, including The Al Fresco Restaurant
- Wine, beer and soft drinks included during lunch and dinner
- Sip & Sail cocktail hour
- Welcome Cocktail, Welcome Dinner and Gala Dinner
- A dedicated English-speaking Egyptologist accompanying you on your river cruise journey
- Nightly entertainment including a belly dance show, Galabeya Party and Movie night
- A variety of small group guided shore excursions
- Visit to the outdoor Luxor Market as well as a papyrus shop and learn the history of this art form
- Exclusive visits to the Tomb of Queen Nefertari and a Nubian village
- Fitness room, sun-deck pool, hair and nail salon and a massage room
- Complimentary Wi-Fi

CAIRO (POST-CRUISE)

- One night at your luxury hotel* in a partial Nile view room Superior Room with breakfast and complimentary Wi-Fi
- Visits to the Hanging Church and Ben Ezra Synagogue
- Exclusive private tour of the Abdeen Presidential Palace with special farewell lunch at the palace
- Departure airport transfer

AMAWATERWAYS®

AmaLilia

OVERVIEW

Our stunning *AmaLilia* is a true treasure of the Nile. Specially curated with upscale regionally inspired décor and 41 staterooms, including 13 marvelous suites, *AmaLilia* cruises through Egypt in style with the luxurious amenities and exclusive experiences only AmaWaterways provides. Savor both exquisite Western and local fare infused with Middle Eastern spices at the Main Restaurant and enjoy one special evening sampling your way through the multi-course tasting menu at The Chef's Table. Treat yourself to a massage, manicure or pedicure on board and emerge anew. Plus, expand your mind by listening to the commentary of our expert Egyptologist, who will join you throughout your journey on board this lovely river cruise ship.

AMAWATERWAYS®

AmaDhalia

OVERVIEW

When it's time to embark for your Nile River cruise, you'll be warmly welcomed aboard a beautiful river cruise ship where luxury always means love with AmaWaterways. The stunning *AmaDahlia* is an inviting 72-passenger ship offering 36 staterooms, including 16 magnificent suites with a wealth of amenities that will surprise and delight you, including a heated sun-deck swimming pool and bar, The Chef's Al Fresco Restaurant, hair and nail salon and two massage rooms. Marvel at scenic Nile River views in luxury, enjoy regionally inspired entertainment and savor the flavors of both local and Western cuisine on board.

Egypt Extensions

ADD 3 NIGHTS DUBAI PRE-CRUISE

Explore the vibrant city of Dubai, home to the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa, and a cultural focal point in the Middle East known for luxury shopping, modern architecture and a lively nightlife.

DAY 1	Dubai	Hotel check-in
DAY 2	Dubai	Dubai Museum visit
		Historic Al Fahidi with Dubai Water Canal Cruise
		Gold and Spice Souks
		Burj Khalifa Visit
		Desert Safari with barbecue dinner
DAY 3	Abu Dhabi	Zayed Grand Mosque
		Heritage Village
DAY 4	Dubai	Depart Dubai and fly to Cairo
		Flight between Dubai and Cairo is additional. We recommended flying Emirates and taking advantage of their stopover fare

DAY 1
DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
Arrive at the Dubai international airport, where you will meet an AmaWaterways' representative and be transferred to your hotel.

DAY 2
DUBAI
Visit the Dubai Museum housed in the Al Fahidi Fort, which is the oldest existing building in the city and a must-visit for a taste of old Dubai. Afterwards, drive through the Al Fahidi historic district, commonly referred to as Al Bastakiya. Enjoy a boat trip down the massive Dubai Water Canal, past many of the city's luxury hotels and landmarks. Next, visit the Gold Souk, Dubai's most famous and visited souk, offering a huge selection of jewelry made from gold, silver and diamonds before exploring the Spice Souk, where countless flavors, fragrant herbs and colorful spices will greet you at every turn. Another highlight of the day is a visit to Burj Khalifa, the tallest building in the world. In the afternoon, enjoy a desert safari where you will be immersed in the beauty and customs of the desert, with activities such as dune bashing and sand boarding, along with cultural elements such as shisha pipes, henna painting, belly dancing and more, followed by a barbecue dinner. (B, D)

DAY 3
DUBAI – ABU DHABI
Start the day with a visit to Zayed Grand Mosque, the biggest in the country and well-known for its grand chandeliers. After your visit here, you will drive past Emirates Palace and the sprawling Presidential Palace in Ras Al Akhdar, stopping at each for photo opportunities as you make your way to Heritage Village. Once there, you can shop, explore regional artifacts and watch local artisans as they mold pottery, blow glass sculptures and weave fabric on a loom. Conclude your day's adventure with a visit to Yas Marina, one of Abu Dhabi's finest marinas, which includes dining, fitness and leisure facilities. (B)

DAY 4
DEPART DUBAI
Check out of the hotel and transfer to the Dubai International Airport for your flight to Cairo.

Dubai Pre Cruise Extension DATES & PRICES, Starting from:

Months	Double	Solo
January 2025 – December 2025	$1,749 per person	$2,624 per person

Egypt Extensions

ADD 4 NIGHTS JORDAN PRE-CRUISE

Discover the fascinating jewels of Jordan, including its capital, Amman, and the UNESCO-designated "Rose City" of Petra; and cap off your journey in Wadi Rum, the timeless "Valley of the Moon."

DAY 1	Amman	Hotel check-in
DAY 2	Amman	Jerash and lunch at Lebanese House Restaurant
		Visit to Old Amman
DAY 3	Petra	Petra Visit
		Dead Sea
		Free Time for Swimming
DAY 4	Petra	Petra Visit
		Wadi Rum Jeep Tour
		Bedouin Tent dinner
DAY 5	Mt. Nebo	Mt. Nebo Visit
	Cairo	Flight from Amman to Cairo

DAY 1

AMMAN, JORDAN

Upon arrival and after you have cleared customs and immigration, an AmaWaterways' representative will meet you and transfer you to the 5-star St. Regis Amman, now an established landmark in Jordan's capital city.

DAY 2
AMMAN - JERASH
Once part of the Roman Empire, Jordan is home to a legacy of Roman architectural treasures. Just outside the city is the extremely well-preserved ancient city of Jerash, dating back 6,500 years and considered one of the best examples of Roman influence in the Middle East. After exploring this historic site, enjoy lunch at the award-winning Lebanese House Restaurant, which offers a unique atmosphere. In the afternoon, tour Amman's Old City neighborhood with its rolling hills, historic sites, and colorful markets. Afterwards, browse a sweet shop and sample kanfeh, an ultra-creamy Middle East dessert. (B, L)

DAY 3
AMMAN – DEAD SEA – PETRA
Venture west to Madaba, "The City of Mosaics," known for its famous mosaics—beautiful reminders of the Byzantine era. Afterwards, visit the Dead Sea, one of the world's most intriguing natural wonders. Situated at approximately 1,500 feet (460 meters) below sea level, the Dead Sea is one of the world's saltiest bodies of water, and its healing waters have been sought after for more than 2,500 years. After lunch at a seaside resort, enjoy some time to relax and go for an easy swim—or float, due to the natural buoyancy because of the high salt content of the sea. Afterward, head south, arriving in Petra in the early evening. (B, L)

DAY 4
PETRA
After breakfast, enjoy the ancient city of Petra, the "Rose City." Visit the Siq, a narrow passageway nearly three-quarters of a mile long carved into sheer rock walls. While the Treasury is the most well-known ruin in Petra, it's not the only one. You will also see the 4,000 spectator Theater, the Courts, Qasr Bint Pharaoun, Temple of the Winged Lion and other monuments. After lunch at a local guest house, head to Wadi Rum with its red-pink, stunning natural arches and mountains, and prehistoric rock engravings. Often referred to as the "Valley of the Moon," it is a romantic and timeless place. Enjoy a Jeep tour and traverse the unique desert landscape, featuring dramatic sandstone and basalt mountains, making it one of the most beautiful deserts. Return to Petra and experience an authentic dinner at a Bedouin tent. Discover the fascinating culture of these nomadic people who have lived in the desert for thousands of years. (B, L, D)

DAY 5
PETRA – CAIRO, EGYPT
Drive north to Mount Nebo, one of the most revered sites in Jordan where Moses first viewed the Promised Land. After a local lunch nearby, return to Amman and Queen Alia International Airport for your flight to Cairo.

Jordan Pre Cruise Extension DATES & PRICES, Starting from:

Months	Double	Solo
January 2025 – December 2025	$2,679 per person	$3,779 per person

Note: Airfare between Amman, Jordan and Cairo, Egypt is $480 per person (included in land price

Egypt Extensions

ADD 2 NIGHTS ALEXANDRIA, 1 NIGHT CAIRO POST-CRUISE

Extend your Secrets of Egypt & the Nile journey in Egypt's former capital, otherwise known as the "Pearl of the Mediterranean Coast," exploring Roman antiquities, the famous Alexandria Bibliotheca, the Citadel of Qaitbay and Wadi el Natrun.

DAY 1	Alexandria	Hotel check-in
		Roman Amphitheater and Greco-Roman Museum
DAY 2	Alexandria	Alexandria Bibliotheca and Citadel of Qaitbay
		Seafood Lunch
		Afternoon at leisure
DAY 3	Alexandria	Wadi El Natron Old Monasteries
		Transfer to Cairo and check into your hotel
DAY 4	Cairo	Return flight home

DAY 1

ALEXANDRIA

Check out of your hotel in Cairo and take a private air-conditioned car via the desert road to Alexandria, checking in at the luxurious Four Seasons Hotel in Alexandria for two nights, which features sweeping views over the Mediterranean, with convenient beach access and within walking distance of several restaurants and shops. After getting settled in the hotel, join your Egyptologist guide for an afternoon visit to the ancient Roman Amphitheater, the only one of its kind in Egypt, which was only recently uncovered in 1960. Plus, explore the Greco Roman Museum, featuring a large collection of antiquities such as statues, Coptic art, precious metals, textiles and jewelry.

DAY 2
ALEXANDRIA
Following your included buffet breakfast at the hotel, venture to the famous Alexandria Bibliotheca – a major library and cultural center on the Mediterranean shore that features museums, galleries, a planetarium and more. You will also marvel at the Citadel of Qaitbay, a picture-perfect 15th-century fortress with fairytale turrets that was erected on the site of the former Lighthouse of Alexandria, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Delight in an included seafood lunch overlooking the Mediterranean before an afternoon at your leisure to discover the magnificent city of Alexandria on your own.

DAY 3
ALEXANDRIA
The next morning after a delicious buffet breakfast, you will be driven to the monasteries of Wadi el Natrun, a collection of ancient Coptic Orthodox monasteries in Egypt's western desert dating back to the 4th century. More than 400 monks occupy this international pilgrimage site and you will have a chance to connect with some of them during your time here. Later in the day, be driven back to Cairo to spend the night resting at Le Meridian Airport Hotel.
Note: Most flights depart Cairo in the early morning hours; accommodating our guests in Cairo on the final night of this extension ensures an easier morning transfer to the airport.

DAY 4
CAIRO
Head to the airport for your morning flight back home. A buffet breakfast is included.

Jordan Pre Cruise Extension DATES & PRICES, Starting from:

Months	**Double**	**Solo**
January 2025 – December 2025	$1,349 per person	$2,024 per person