

Itinerary for The Smiths

Nov 21: Arrival in Cairo

- Meeting at Cairo airport and transfer to hotel.
- Overnight in hotel (Sheraton).

Nov 22: Giza Tour

- Breakfast in hotel.
- Tour of **Pyramids of Giza and Sphinx**, Tour of the **Solar Boat Museum** and entry inside **the Great Pyramid**.
- Special tour to **the Grand Egyptian Museum**.
- Transfer back to Sheraton for overnight.

Nov 23: Cairo - Luxor (East Bank) Dahabiya

- Breakfast in hotel.
- Transfer to CAI and fly to LXR.
- Arrival in LXR and tour of **the Luxor and Karnack Temples**.
- Transfer to the Dahabiya and overnight on board.
- Lunch, Dinner, Soft Drinks on board.

Nov 24: Luxor (West Bank) Dahabiya

- Tour of the West Bank : **Valley of the Kings, Hatchepsut Temple , Memnon Statues**.
- Back to the Dahabiya.
- Meals and Soft Drinks on board.

Nov 25: Edfu - Kom Ombo (Dahabiya)

- Tour of **Edfu and Kom Ombo Temples**.
- Meals and Soft Drinks on board.

Nov 26: Aswan (Dahabiya)

- Tour of **Philae Temple and the High Dam of Aswan**.
- Meals and Soft Drinks on board.

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Nov 27: Aswan

- Breakfast on board.
- Free Stay in Aswan .
- Overnight in Old Cataract Hotel.

Nov 28: Aswan

Free Day in Aswan. Overnight in Old Cataract Hotel.

Nov 29: Breakfast and transfer to Aswan airport.

14:15 - 15:40 Aswan to Cairo Egypt Air

17:05 – 18:20 Cairo to Amman

Nov 29: Arrival in Amman, met at airport with assistance with immigration/customs, transfer to hotel

Overnight: Amman (La Locanda (Boutique Hotel))

Nov 30: Visit the Roman city of Jerash

Overnight Amman (La Locanda (Boutique Hotel))

You will start your visit to Jordan with a tour of the old city of Amman exploring the Citadel and the Roman Theatre, two of the most popular archaeological sites in the city and the Jordan Folklore Museum. On this extended city tour your driver will take you through some of the back streets, markets and shops of the old city, viewing Al-Husseini Mosque & then head north to walk through history in Jerash, regarded as one of the most important and best-preserved Roman cities in the Middle East.

Dec 1: Depart for Mount Nebo, Madaba, Kerak, Shobak, and Little Petra

Overnight Little Petra (Ammarin Bedouin Camp)

After breakfast, you start the journey to the south, beginning with Mount Nebo and wonder at the view where Moses looked across to the Promised Land and later died and was buried. Then on to the town of Madaba and discover the amazing Byzantine mosaics excavated from throughout the town. See the Madaba Map, the oldest preserved mosaic map of the Holy Lands.

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Continue south to the ancient crusader castle in Karak, exploring the maze of stone-vaulted halls and passageways. The city of Karak was the capital of Moab and the castle dominates the skyline. The castle provides an impressive insight into the architectural and military skills of the Crusaders. Continue south and stop at Shobak castle, also known as Montreal, providing a contrasting example to Kerak. We finish the day with driving the village of Little Petra known as Beidha where the Nabateans used to host their guests. Enjoy the glow of lanterns on the rocks and the desert moonlight to relax and enjoy the hospitality of the Bedouins in a simple camp.

Dec 2: Hike to Petra from the rear entrance

Overnight in Petra (Don't miss the Cave Bar that evening) (Movenpick 5*)

Early in this morning and after breakfast a truck will take you to the beginning of the steps for the back entrance to Petra. You have a couple of kilometers walk with amazing views across the Araba mountains and all the way to the Negev desert. Enter Petra via The Back Door avoiding most of the tourists. This way follows a Nabataean route out of the valley and skirting round the final mountain on a natural rock terrace which has been improved for the safety of walkers. Even so, it still narrows slightly before reaching a hidden plateau high above the impressive chasm of Wadi Siyyagh. Just beyond, carved into the cliff face, The Monastery suddenly comes into view, where there is a Bedouin café or refreshments if you would like. Nabataean steps then lead down into ancient Petra; your route then takes you through Wadi Muthlim (weather dependent). There is another exit where you will take the road that climbs a hill to the village of Umm Sayhoon.

Dec 3: Day in Petra

Overnight in Petra (Movenpick 5*)

A Masterpiece half as old as time; The Red Rose city of Petra. Marvel at the beauty of the Lost City, exploring its many caves and tombs. Walk through the Siq and be astounded at the magnificent Treasury, the entrance guarding the ancient Nabatean

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city, now one of the Modern 7 Wonders of the World. Time to then explore the city further, such as Qasr Al-Bint or the Royal Tombs.

Dec 4: Day in Petra (free day to explore)
Overnight Petra (Movenpick 5*)

No Driver or guide provided this day! You're free to explore the city on your own as you see fit.

Dec 5: Drive to Wadi Rum. Jeep safari through desert
Overnight Wadi Rum (Sun City Bedouin Camp)

After breakfast, depart from Petra and head to Wadi Rum.

On arrival, you will start your desert adventure with a camel ride out into the magical mountainous desert. You will then meet your Bedouin hosts and start a jeep safari exploring this World Heritage Site, traveling around Wadi Rums valleys, canyons, dunes and deserts, discover rock inscriptions, majestic views of mountains and landscapes and narrow gorges. At each stop you have the opportunity to hike and scramble and explore in your own time.

Then you will return to the camp for dinner and Bedouin hospitality.

Dec 6: Day in Wadi Rum. 2-3 hour hike in Wadi Rum
Overnight Wadi Rum (Sun City Bedouin Camp)

On this day you will have a 2-3 hour hike in the desert. You will walk through the narrow valleys and canyons so as to enjoy a walk through the beautiful landscapes of Wadi Rum.

Dec 7: Drive to the Dead Sea and enjoy a float in the world's lowest elevation
Overnight at Dead Sea (Holiday Inn Resort 5*)

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After having breakfast in Wadi Rum you will drive to the lowest point on earth to float and relax at the Dead Sea. Enjoy the sunshine and view whilst trying out the invigorating mud bath to cleanse the skin. Overnight in Dead Sea.

Dec 8: Depart for Airport

09:30 – 11:00 Amman – Cairo

Met by expediter at Cairo Airport, transfer to Sheraton Hotel (Hotel is personal cost)

End of tour.

