

Israel & Egypt

Featuring 5 Day Deluxe Nile Cruise

Sound & Light Show – Tower of David Citadel Museum, Jerusalem

18 Days – 16 Nights
Thursday Departures
 Limited to 28 participants

Tour Includes:

- Deluxe Hotels
- Deluxe 5 Day/4 Night Nile Cruise
- Meals: Buffet Breakfast Daily, 2 Lunches, 4 Dinners, All Meals on Cruise
- All Transfers with Airport Assistance
- All Touring with Professional Isram Guide including all Entrance Fees
- Flights within Egypt as per Itinerary
- Visa for Egypt (USA passports only)

Highlights:

- Descend to the Underwater Grottos at Rosh Hanikra
- Enjoy wine tasting at a local Winery
- Visit a former Syrian Army Bunker
- Join a "Night Spectacular" Sound & Light Show in Jerusalem
- Tour the Hasmonean Tunnel
- Entrance to one of the Great Pyramids
- Camel Ride by the Pyramids
- Visit the **NEW** Grand Egyptian Museum & enter the Mummy Room at the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner

Deluxe Hotels & Nile Cruise:

City/Cruise	Nights	Accommodations
Tel Aviv	2	Carlton Tel Aviv - Premium Sea View Room/Executive Lounge Access
Haifa	2	Dan Carmel Haifa - Deluxe Bay View Room
Jerusalem	5	Orient – Orient Room/Executive Lounge Access
Cairo	1	Fairmont Nile City – Deluxe, Full Nile View Room
Nile Cruise	4	Farah Nile Cruise – Deluxe Cabin
Cairo	2	Fairmont Nile City – Deluxe, Full Nile View Room

ITINERARY

Thursday: En Route

Depart the U.S.A. on your flight to Israel.

Friday: Tel Aviv

Arrive Ben Gurion Airport; special meeting, assistance and transfer to your hotel in trendy Tel Aviv's Mediterranean beach. Tonight, **Get Together Dinner**. (D)

Saturday: Tel Aviv

Morning walking tour through the city's well known streets including Dizengoff Square ending at **Ben Gurion House**, former residence of the First Prime Minister. Early afternoon optional visit to Machon Ayalon, the fascinating underground Ammunitions Factory (\$120 per person including roundtrip transfers; must be pre-booked with minimum 2 participants). Remainder of the day at leisure. (B)

Sunday: Tel Aviv / Haifa

Depart Tel Aviv and drive to the extraordinary **Israeli Museum** at the **Yitzhak Rabin Center**. Continue to ancient **Caesarea**; explore the Roman and Crusader ruins including the impressive 2,000-year-old theater and aqueduct. Arrive in Nazareth, the sacred town where Jesus spent part of his youth; visit the **Church** and view **Mary's Well**. On to the sparkling port city of **Haifa**; check into your hotel atop Mt. Carmel. Evening: **Enjoy Dinner** and a special cultural presentation (subject to min. 10 participants). (B,D)

Monday: Haifa

View the golden-domed **Baha'i Shrine** and the breathtaking "**Hanging Gardens**", a UNESCO World Heritage site. Drive along the coast to **Rosh Hanikra**; descend by cable car to see the magnificent underwater grottoes. Time to enjoy some fine wines at a local winery. Then, continue to the timeless Crusader city of **Acre**; walk through the subterranean city and bazaars that recall the colorful middle Ages. Return to your hotel for overnight. (B)

Tuesday: Haifa / Jerusalem

Depart en route to **Safed**, one of Judaism's holiest cities; visit the ancient synagogues and the charming **Artists' Quarter**. Then onto **Capernaum**, overlooking the Sea of Galilee, to see the fantastic ruins of the ancient synagogue. Ascend the strategic **Golan Heights** and learn about the 20th century battles that helped shape the State of Israel. Continue for a visit to a former Syrian army bunker at **Kibbutz Kfar Charuv**, settled by Americans and Israelis together. Enjoy a late lunch in the communal dining room. Then drive south to Jerusalem, stopping first for a blessing and a toast to our arrival in the eternal city. Overnight in Israel's capital. (B,L)

Wednesday: Jerusalem

Drive to **Hadassah Medical Center** to see the **Chagall Windows**. On to **Yad Vashem**, Israel's National Memorial and Museum of the Holocaust. Continue to **Mount Herzl** to pay respects to Israel's founders and heroes. Pass the **Supreme Court** and the **Knesset** (Parliament) en route to the **Shrine of the Book**, home of the **Dead Sea Scrolls**. Walk through the **Israeli Museum** and the **Billy Rose Sculpture Garden**; see the **Scale Model** of ancient Jerusalem. Evening: **Night Tour** of illuminated Jerusalem followed by a restaurant dinner and the "**Night Spectacular**" **Sound & Light Show** at the **Citadel Museum** (weather and schedule permitting). (B,D)

Thursday: Jerusalem

Drive to Mt. Zion to visit the Tomb of King David and the Room of the Last Supper. Enter the Old City to the restored Jewish Quarter; walk along the Cardo – the main street of Byzantine Jerusalem. Continue to the Western Wall, the last remnant of the Second Temple and view the Dome of the Rock. Proceed through the Hasmonian Tunnel (tunnel schedule permitting) or tour the Herodian Mansions, a completely excavated residential quarter from 2000 years ago. Follow the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre; stroll through the exotic bazaars. End today with a visit to the fabulous Friends of Zion Heritage Center. *Optional* visit to Bethlehem may be arranged. (B)

Friday: Jerusalem

Descend through the Judean desert to the Dead Sea, lowest point on Planet Earth. Ascend Masada by cable car and see this last stronghold of the Zealots in their struggle against the Romans. Visit the excavations, Herod the Great's palace, synagogue and bathhouse. Then, enjoy an "unsinkable" swim in the buoyant waters of the Dead Sea. Drive via the Qumran Caves, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, on your return to Jerusalem. Stop at the Western Wall, time permitting, beautifully illuminated on this Sabbath eve before arriving to the hotel. This evening, traditional dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (B.D)

Saturday: Jerusalem

Enjoy a full day at leisure for relaxation and on your own exploration. For those still craving to see and do as much as possible, your tour manager will provide tickets to the Museum of the History of Jerusalem in the Old City, definitely worth a visit! Overnight in Jerusalem. (B)

Sunday: Jerusalem / Tel Aviv / Cairo

Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport; special assistance is provided for check-in services. Board your flight to Cairo; meeting and transfer to your hotel. Remainder of the day at leisure. (Note: flight from Tel Aviv to Cairo is NOT included and must be added as additional). (B)

Monday: Cairo / Luxor NILE CRUISE

Early morning flight to Luxor. Arrive and transfer to your Nile Cruise for a 5 Day/ 4 Night Cruise. After lunch, visit the Avenue of the Sphinxes and the imposing Temple of Luxor with its grand colonnades. Continue to the vast Karnak Temple-Complex, built by generations of Pharaohs over a 2000-year period. This evening, enjoy on board entertainment. Overnight in Luxor. (B.L.D)

Tuesday: Luxor / Esna NILE CRUISE

After breakfast, visit the Valley of the Kings containing the secretive tombs of New Kingdom Pharaohs. On to the beautifully terraced Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. Pass the famed Colossi of Memnon,

standing nearly 70 feet tall. Sail to Esna. Balance of the afternoon at leisure. Enjoy welcome cocktail before dinner. Overnight in Esna. (B.L.D)

Wednesday: Esna / Edfu / Kom Ombo NILE CRUISE

Early morning set sail to Edfu. Visit the Temple of Edfu, the best preserved of all large Egyptian Temples. In the afternoon arrive in Kom Ombo, a hill town overlooking the banks of the Nile. Visit the Greco-Roman Temple of Kom Ombo, dedicated to Horus, the Sun God and Sobek, the Crocodile God. This evening, a traditional fun-filled "Galabeya" party. Overnight in Kom Ombo. (B.L.D)

Thursday: Kom Ombo / Aswan NILE CRUISE

Morning set sail to Aswan. Visit the Aswan High Dam and the granite quarries where the stone for the ancient monuments and modern dam of Aswan were cut. Continue by motorboat to the beautiful island of Philae to see the exquisite, gleaming white Temple of Philae. After lunch, sail on a traditional Egyptian "felucca" (sailboat) which glides along the Nile, passing by Lord Kitchener's Island and the dramatic white marble Aga Khan Mausoleum. Nubian Show this evening after dinner on board. Overnight in Aswan. (B.L.D)

Friday: Aswan / Cairo

After disembarkation, transfer for your return flight to Cairo. Meet and transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day at leisure. Or, join the optional tour to Abu Simbel,* please reserve at time of booking. Overnight in Cairo. (B)

* Optional Tour to Abu Simbe: Fly from Aswan to the mighty Sun Temple of Abu Simbel where you will be met by your Isram guide. The Temple was reclaimed from the dam and reconstructed in its present and unforgettable location. Return flight to Cairo where you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Please reserve at time of booking. \$495 per person (min. 2 persons) \$655 single traveling alone

Saturday: Cairo

Morning drive to see the Three Great Pyramids, the oldest surviving structures built by man; enter one of the Pyramids. Stand in awe at the magnificent Sphinx carved out of a single piece of stone, guarding the Giza plateau. Try a camel ride before continuing to the new, spectacular, must-see Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM) (subject to museum opening), the largest archaeological museum in the world with objects covering 5000 years of ancient Egyptian civilization. GEM is host to over 50,000 artifacts, 3500 of which belong to the treasures of the famous King Tutankhamen. After lunch at a local restaurant, continue the tour to the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization. The Museum presents a rich, deep insight into Egyptian culture through the ages; enter the fascinating Mummy Room housing all 22 Mummies. Return to Cairo for overnight. (B.L)

Sunday: En Route

Transfer to Cairo Airport for your departure flight; or extend your journey to Jordan or Dubai, please inquire. (B)

Please Note: The cruise line reserves the right to alter the sailing schedule.

LAND & CRUISE PRICES PER PERSON (USD)		
(Flight Tel Aviv/Cairo is NOT Included - Includes Intra-Egypt Domestic Flights)		
Mar '24 - May '25		
Thursday Departures	Twin	Single
2024 Departure Dates		
Mar 7, 28, Apr 4, 11	\$ 8715	\$12375
Mar 14	9280	13320
Mar 21	9340	13385
May 2*	8430	12060
May 9*	8790	12445
May 16, 23	8835	12525
May 30, Jun 13, 20	8880	12595
Jul 4 ■	8680	12045
Jul 18, Aug 1, 22, 29, Sep 5, 12	8775	12390
Sep 19, Nov 21	9455	13280
Oct 24, 31, Nov 7, 14	9530	13420
Dec 12	10060	14265
Dec 19	10715	15455
Dec 26	9575	13515
2025 Departure Dates		
Jan 2, 16, Feb 13	9230	12825
Feb 27, Mar 6, 13, 20, 27	9530	13420
Apr 24*, May 1, 8, 15	9210	13130

Prices Oct'24-May '25 are subject to change. Flight Tel Aviv to Cairo not included.

* Revised touring in Israel due to holidays. Nile Cruise embarks in Luxor – Monday Sailings.

■ Jul 4 Departure: Cruise program will be performed by Sonesta St. George Nile Cruise.

Tour is guaranteed on a minimum of 4 passengers. Should the tour fall below 4 passengers, you'll be offered the option of touring by Share-a-car in Israel at a supplement of \$495 per person (3 persons minimum).