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Travel and Leisure: Itinerary Saudi Arabia & Egypt Combination

Itinerary For Three Family Exploration

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Thursday · November 18th	Transfer 11:30 PM Photography in Saudi Arabia & Egypt

Security while traveling

Security

You should keep all travel documents, travelers' cheques, cash, passports and other valuables in your hotel or cruise boats' safety deposit boxes. Although street crime is at a minimum, as in any other country, travelers are encouraged to use common sense and not wear ostentatious jewellery. It is also advisable to carry only small amounts of money.

In general you will find people hospitable and friendly. Personal security in Saudi Arabia and Egypt is rarely an issue at all, and however, it is recommended that a tighter hold on purses and wallets is kept when wandering round bazaars and markets.

In addition, Mirrored sunglasses allow a traveler to take in the sights or offerings at a souk or bazaar without having to engage with an enthusiastic seller :)

Yes, No & Thank You in Arabic

The national language in Egypt is Arabic. However, tourists will rarely find a problem communicating as English is widely spoken in hotels and shops, with French a close second, and many staff in tourist areas also speaking German or Italian. Best way to handle any vendor is to have a few words in your back pocket! (Attempting to be phonetic)

Yes..... Naam or Ay-wa

No.... Laa - very useful in the markets - just repeat la, la la la and shake your head

Thank you - Shook-run

Very cool - Ishta

Water- Maya

Cultural Norms- Saudi Arabia- Women's Rights

I was raised in Saudi Arabia for 8 years, and lived in three compounds and attended Riyadh International Community School. I have a life-long connection that draws me back. I have a deep understanding and love of the culture, amazing warm memories of being invited into homes to play with Saudi families, and still have my gold locket I bargained for (by myself, and traded my allowance and a piece of my white blonde hair) in the souk while on my way to pick up bread at the local bakery.

Yes, women's rights are not as strong as the US, BUT it is NOT the USA.. There have been improvements in the last 10 years and it does take time for most cultures to open their eyes to others cultures. Similarly to the racism in the south, and around the US, it takes time and generations to adjust the cultural norms in any country or area of the world.

Traveling as a woman in Saudi Arabia is worlds apart from traveling as a man.

Believe it or not! Women are treated with great respect in Saudi Arabia, though "respect" in Saudi Arabia might be viewed as restriction by many.

On the "bright" side, because the punishment for harassment of women is so severe and official harassment can be something as simple as a man staring at you for too long it makes for an easier time in the markets and touring in general in comparison to Egypt, Oman or even Dubai.

Food and Drink- Saudi.

Saudi Arabia and 'food' in the same sentence always seem to lead to one word: the [kabsa](#), a chicken or lamb and rice dish. And, despite the *kabsa's* tasty virtues, many are hard pressed to name any other Saudi dish. (For those you who don't know Arabic, there's a pun in that line: *kabsa* comes from the verb 'to press').

A Saudi gastronomic experience is unique, eclectic and creatively flavorsome with culinary traditions rooted to the rich [history](#) of the Arabian Peninsula, its people and the multitude of ethnic groups that rode along the trade route.

First of all, a history lesson in spices: the people of the peninsula were quick to make use of the spices sold along the trade routes for purposes other than healing and fragrances. Like other peoples, the spices traded along the urban and desert routes in Arabia would soon find their way (crushed, roasted, ground or whole) into the diets of its indigenous people.

Bedouins and townspeople alike took to cardamoms, cumin, saffron, pepper, ginger, turmeric, cloves and cinnamon to redefine their tastes and those of their descendants.

Spices enriched the traditional foods of the desert dwellers: meat, milk and dates. Rice and wheat, when available, was and continues to be a staple. The ever-present [date](#), rich in calories, and cultivated in the desert oases, was the mainstay of nomadic tribes; today, the date and its many varieties grace all Saudi tables, both modern and traditional, every day of the week, every month of the year.

In the western province of [Hejaz](#), with [Mecca](#) at its center, the impact of the early [Haji](#) pilgrims on cooking traditions was long-lasting. The indigenous staples of dates, meat, milk and milk derivatives were doused with other exotic and imported ingredients.

Today, traditional foods such as *ruz bukhari*, a spicy cumin, rice, tomato, meat and carrot dish; *harissa*, meat with crushed sweetened wheat; and *aysh bil lahm*, bread coated with meat, leeks and sesame seed paste, are influences from afar but have long been adapted and integrated into the folklore of the province's traditional foods.

Food and Drink in Egypt

Food All over Egypt, and especially in Cairo, you will find an enormous range of high-class restaurants serving international cuisine including Italian, Chinese, Japanese, Mexican, Indian, French and Lebanese. Fruits, vegetables and seafood are all excellent.

Egyptian food is generally similar to many other Middle Eastern and Mediterranean cuisines, including stuffed vine leaves, grilled meats, and numerous dips traditionally eaten with pitta-style bread. Rice with vegetables in tomato sauce, and pasta dishes baked in a similar way to lasagna, are both common. Specialties include stuffed or spit broiled pigeons, shish kebabs made of marinated chunks of lamb and spices, then grilled over hot charcoal and small ground lamb kebabs called kofta. Seafood is a good choice with prawns from the Red Sea, sea bass from the Mediterranean and a wonderful fish dish, tilapia, from the Nile.

The national dish of Egypt may be considered to be Foul Mudhammas. Ful or Fava beans are cooked in olive oil and garlic, flavoured with lemon, cumin and parsley and often served with an egg for breakfast. Egyptian food is often flavoured with mint, dill, parsley, garlic and cumin. A nice way to sample different recipes is to have a mezze, or selection of little dishes washed down with the local Zibib or aniseed flavoured aperitif (the equivalent of the Greek Ouzo, or the French Pernod). Dishes might include Babaghanoug (baked mashed eggplant flavoured with Taheena - sesame seed paste), Falafal or Taameyya (small round patties made of ground ful beans, seasoned and deep fried), Waraq Anab (vine leaves stuffed with rice and meat), Bickley or Turshi (spicy mixed pickled vegetables), Leban Zabadi (thick creamy yoghurt and very good for the digestion) and Mish, a mature cheese made into a paste and flavoured with spices.

Desserts range from regional specialties such as honey-soaked pastries like Kunafa, which looks like shredded wheat, made with rose water, nuts and sugar, and Basbousa made from fine semolina and flavoured with almonds, lemon and vanilla to the famous and uniquely Egyptian Om Ali, a baked dish of layered pastry cooked with milk, nuts, raisins and spices. Most visitors to Egypt will have at least one chance to try traditional local cuisine as part of their Nile cruise, when one night is usually themed as an Egyptian night including a buffet of local delicacies.

Egypt has a wealth of fresh fruits such as mangoes, pomegranates, dates, figs, apricots, melons and citrus.

Tap water should never be drunk in Egypt. We recommend that you use bottled water, ensuring that the seal has not been broken on the bottle. Use it for cleaning teeth and remember not to have ice in your drinks.

Non-Alcoholic Traditional drinks abound, ranging from chilled carob juice or hot licorice infusion, to thick milky concoctions filled with nuts and spices (sahleb). Some of the tastiest for visitors to try would include karkady - a rich, sweet infusion of the dark red hibiscus flower, usually drunk cold but also sometimes served hot - and limoon - a fresh lemonade made from the small local yellow limes, served frothy, tangy and sweet.

Alcohol is available in all hotels in Egypt, and most restaurants are licensed. Bars and other drinking establishments are commonplace, and are popular with many locals as well as foreigners. In addition to the usual range of international brands, visitors can try Egyptian-made wine and beer, both of which are pleasantly drinkable.

Wine

The Oblisque range is made in Egypt but with imported Italian grapes. The range comes in a tannin-rich red (Rouge des Pharaons), a light ros (Rosetta) and a fresh, dry white (Blanc d'Alexandrie).

The Gianacis range is made with grapes from Egyptian vineyards, and has a fruity red Cabernet Sauvignon (Omar Khayyam), a delicate ros (Rubis d'Egypte), and a fresh white Pinot Blanc (Cru des Ptolemes).

The Chateau Grand Marquis is Egypt's premium range of wines, made out of the best Egyptian grapes and produced in association with French experts. The range contains a crisp, light white, an aromatic ros, and a rich red.

Egyptian Beer brewing industry has recently transformed itself into an overnight success story, with many new local brands as well as big foreign names brewed under license in Egypt. Beer is mainly lager-style - try asking for some of these:

Stella Local (regular lager), Stella Export (stronger lager), Stella Premium (dark Belgian-style lager) Meister (regular lager), Meister Max (stronger lager) Sakara Gold (regular lager), Sakara Premium (stronger lager) Lwenbru - the famous German beer, locally brewed under license Heineken

Cultural Norms- Saudi Arabia- Clothing!

Culture in Saudi Arabia

Saudi culture is heavily influenced by several major pillars: Islam, its historic role as a major trade center, and Bedouin (nomadic desert tribes) roots. Generally, Saudi culture is deeply religious, family-oriented, protectively traditional, and socially conservative.

Clothes and what to wear in Saudi Arabia

One of the first things any visitor to Saudi will notice is how many people wear traditional clothes. Even in major cities like Riyadh and Jeddah most men still wear *thobe*, the long, loose robes coming to the ankles. The vast majority of women in Saudi Arabia are completely covered in black *abayas*, long, loose robes for women, and *hijab* head coverings. Most women cover their faces when out in public.

As a tourist visiting Saudi Arabia, it's required by law to dress modestly. You don't have to go out and buy a *thob* ASAP, but there are some basic requirements to keep in mind.

Men: Men have a little more freedom in clothing choices, collared shirts or t-shirts at the very minimum and long pants are strongly recommended. Islam requires men's knees to be covered, and it's better to blend in!

Women: Though foreign women are [no longer required to wear abayas](#), we will have one for each of us, when we deem it a good idea:) Unless you're hanging out with elites or in someone's home, you will be the only woman *not* wearing one 99% of the time. You can wear whatever you'd like underneath! often wear a t-shirt and jeans but an *abaya* is ideal. Headscarves are not mandatory, though in many areas it's just easier to blend in, and they look Chic!

Cultural Norms- Egypt- Clothing!

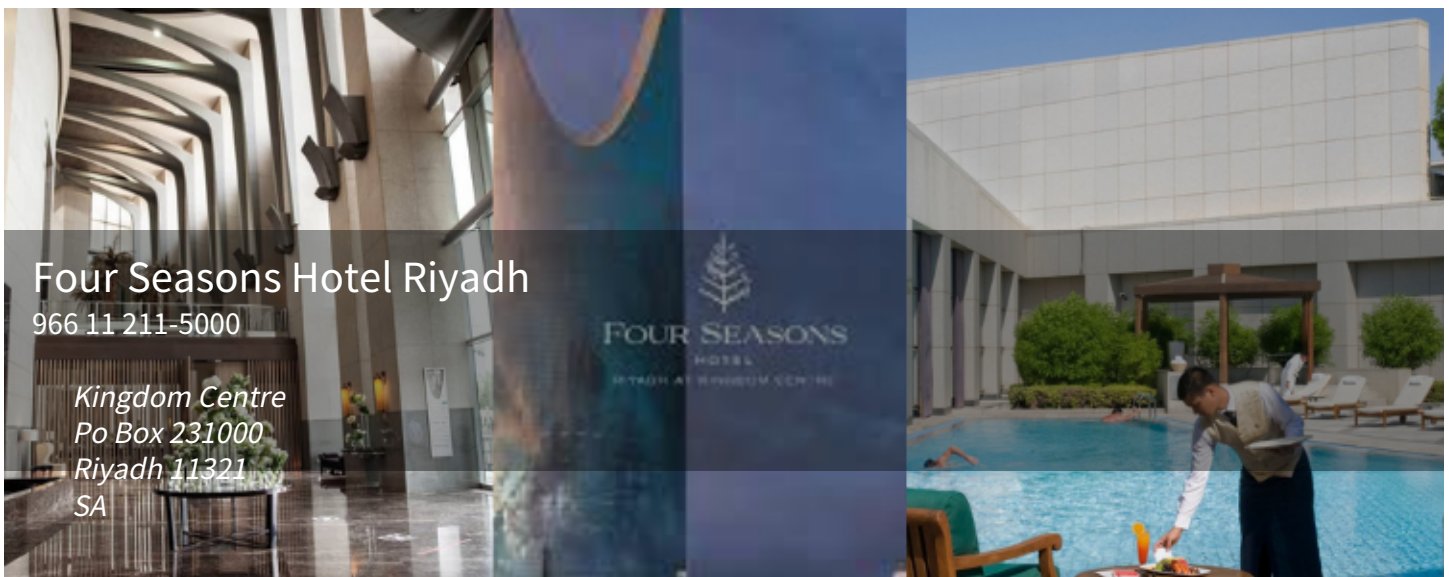
Please make sure to pack comfortable/broken-in walking shoes as many of the touring will be walking.

Egypt: In Egypt- Men can basically wear what they want, shorts and a t-shirt is just fine. Women have a few more guidelines, Avoid tank tops, and shorts, skirt/skorts are the way to go. On the day that you go into the Red Pyramid, there is an area that you have to get on your hands and knees and those of us with long pants were happier than those in shorts.. (crawling is just a very short moment, but you are on uneven stones) My strong recommendation is to bring mirrored sunglasses, so that you can look at everything and the vendors cannot see what has caught your eye. (If the vendor knows you are interested, they will begin to sell, sell sell, and that is not fun) Also pack two long lightweight scarves for each of the girls- this can cover hair if you go into a mosque and also cover arms if needed. Basically on women the collar bone and the shoulders are expected to be covered in religious areas or in the souq's to avoid extra attention. You will see people in shorts and tank tops as well, Making the effort will reward you in the long run:)

Wednesday · November 3rd

Arrive Riyadh- VIP Arrival

Arrival at Riyadh International Airport, where our Representative Mahmoud Fekry, will assist you with customs clearance, luggage and airport procedure through the VIP meet and assist immigrations services, and then you are whisked to the hotel!



Four Seasons Hotel Riyadh

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SA

Nov 03 · 4:00 PM

Nov 06 · 12:00 PM

Luxurious Four Seasons comfort and intuitive services within the distinctive profile of the prestigious Kingdom Centre. Close to the key sites for business as well as arts culture and shopping modern boutiques to open air markets.

Amenities

Daily full breakfast for two people per bedroom, served in a hotel restaurant or through In-Room Dining
Hotel/Resort Credit* (based on room category booked):
Guest Rooms: USD 100 credit per stay
Suites and Specialty Suites: USD 200 credit per stay
Private Retreats: USD 200 credit per bedroom per stay
Upgrade of one category, based on availability at time of check-in**
Complimentary standard Internet in all guest rooms and premium Internet in all suites

Cancellation Policy

Cancel within 24 hours of arrival will result in one night room and tax penalty. Exceptions may apply- please see rate rules.



Ancient Beginnings of Arabia

Today we deep dive into the history and culture within Arabia. First we explore the [Old City of Dir'iyah](#), located on the fertile banks of Wadi Hanifa, a historic oasis northwest of Riyadh. This UNESCO Heritage Site was the first capital of the Saudi Dynasty, established in the 15th century as a trading station between the east and west of the Arabian Peninsula. (I have childhood memories of school field trips here!)

From there we journey to the National Museum with eight halls featuring artifacts from the pre-Islamic era to the period of the Unification of Saudi Arabia. This museum teaches Saudi history and aspects of Arabian culture you won't find anywhere else in the world. It helps give us all context on the complexity of this beautiful country and the history that has shaped what we see today.

In addition, we will Visit the [Al Masmak Fortress](#), the birthplace of modern Saudi Arabia. Besides the towering clay and mud-brick fort, visitors can see firsthand an array of historical relics, an ancient working well and the al-Khokha, a gate just large enough for one person to pass through at a time.

So much to take in and digest that it is time for Lunch!

Notes

Today requires more of a modest clothing choice (see info notes) for the ladies, mirrored sunglasses for all, and some local currency you plan to buy souvenirs!



Exploring the Souk, and the Art of the Bargain!

9:00 AM

Start Time

1:00 PM

End Time

4hr

Duration

Meeting Point
Hotel Lobby

Deerah Souq is in the old part of the city near the Al Masmak Fort. It's famous for its gold souq section, so sometimes it goes by the name of Deerah Gold Souq. It has a plethora of little shops arranged in rows along narrow streets. Shops are organized or bunched together by product, so that shoppers can browse and bargain all in the same area. It's heaven for the shopper! There are carpet shops, gold and silver shops, souvenirs, antiques, traditional clothes and furniture. A life lesson in the middle east, is the ability to Bargain with the Best! This skill will come in handy when traveling farther afield. The art of the bargain all comes down to thinking of this as another form of communication! Your voice inflection, offer and confidence all come into play when in the markets. You will be an expert today with the tips I will share to guide the way and assist while you shop and explore my childhood haunt!

Notes

Fun Fact: I bargained my allowance + a piece of my white blonde hair when I was 10 year old in the markets. Still have the locket and carry it with me to this day.

Kings Camel Race Track- IF Races are Occuring

Today we visit the King Abdulaziz Camel Race Track- I attended the opening of this race track in 1980. Camel racing may sound peculiar for tourists visiting Saudi Arabia, but the sport is one of the most traditional pastimes of the Arab world. Camel racing dates to the pre-Islamic era, and the tradition of producing the strongest, fastest and most beautiful camels continues today. There is a beauty contest, training exhibition, and of course the race itself. This is an experience like non other!

A healthy racing camel can run up to 40 kilometers in one hour and requires little water, so while camels run at a slightly slower speed than horses, their endurance is second to none!

Notes

We have a private tent, and viewing area. Headscarves are not required.

Fun Fact- MY father built this race track in the early 80s! (in two weeks working around the clock)

Friday · November 5th



Heet Cave Exploration

10:00 AM

Start Time

Saudi Arabia is a country with rarest wild caves. Its caves have great exploration potential with unsurpassed beauty that provides unending curiosity to a caver.

The Drive to Heet Cave is about 40km from Riyadh City Center going towards Al Kharj.

The cave is named Ain Heet where 'Ain' means 'eye'. Once inside the cave, the meaning of 'Ain' gets clear that the entrance is very close to the shape of an eye.

Ain Heet cave or Heet Cave also has an underground lake in its interior chambers.

Notes

There is a steep descent of around 300- 500 meter so better to wear good gripping trainers (sneakers) to navigate safely.



Desert Safari ending in a Beduoin Dinner

5:00 PM

Start Time

Meeting Point
Hotel Lobby

Explore the Dunes and Dine like a Bedouin

Riyadh's desert is one of the most beautiful desert in the world with its golden dunes. This trip will let you experience the desert's most exciting adventure that is dune bashing with our 4×4 off-road cars, also, playing with 4 wheel UTV's in the dunes, sandboarding and riding the beautiful Arabian Camels. While exploring the dunes, look for Jasper stones in the sand, they are one of the jewels of the desert!

Then after the action and adventure, we will watch the sunset blaze into the night of twinkling stars and then we will arrive to our dinner destination! Sit atop richly decorated carpets and lean back on armrest cushions. Traditionally attired waiters will then bring you the house special, in which you dine on their famous *kabsa* succulent lamb or chicken in lightly spiced rice served on a communal tray. Don't wait for your own plate you're doing this Najd-style, so tuck into your corner of the platter, being sure to use only your right hand. Enjoy the entertainment of belly-dancing, falconry exhibition and perhaps join in the fun! Fun Fact: Ballet was not offered in Riyadh, so I took Belly dancing:)

Notes

There will be goggles provided to keep the sand out of your eyes when dune bashing and sand sledding! During activities - do not wipe your eyes with your hands- there are wet washcloths available at all times!!! The sand in Saudi is very fine and can get into everything. Wear clothing that is washable

Saturday · November 6th

Transfer · Four Seasons Riyadh

10:30 AM Departure Nov 06	11:15 AM Arrival Nov 06	45min Duration
Departure Location Four Seasons Riyadh	Arrival Location Private FBO Riyadh	Vehicle Air Conditioned Van

Notes

Please have your passports easy to access. We will be arriving and going directly to Lunch, prior to accessing our rooms.

Private Charter from Riyadh to Alulua

Time of departure estimated at 10am with arrival into ALUla at 11:30am

Transfer · Habitas ALUla

11:30 AM Departure Nov 06		
Departure Location Prince Abdul Majeed Bin Abdulaziz Domestic Airport (ULH)	Arrival Location Habitas ALUla	Vehicle Air Conditioned Van



Habitas AlUla

Nov 06

Check In

Nov 08

Check Out

2 Nights

Millennial-focused Habitas, which began life as a brand that brought a like-minded community of travellers together around immersive events, are opening an 100-room, [luxury eco resort in the desert canyons of Ashar Valley](#). Self-described as a brand that prioritises “human connection and experiences over the traditional luxury experience of five-star hotels”, Habitas’ AlUla resort has consciously blended seamlessly into its desert surroundings, offering visitors historical and cultural experiences to immerse them into the authentic heritage and otherworldly environment of Ashar Valley and the wider AlUla region. The first phase of the resort will open in the first quarter of 2021, when 50 rooms will begin welcoming guests.

Like all Habitas homes, AlUla will be deeply rooted in experiences of immersion and participation. One will encounter sacred rituals through the lens of those who have called this place home for centuries. Where the stars lend themselves to astronomy driven restorative yoga and wellness therapies are infused with local scents of jasmine, frankincense and the *Taif rose*. By tapping into the magical ecosystem of AlUla, experiences will be unlike any other; pushing both mind and body outside of their comfort zone.

Whether trekking through the dramatic walkways of yellow and orange grand rock formations that make up the Whispering Canyons or marveling at the melodies of the *oud* or moving to the rhythms of the *riqq*, it is the human connection with the heritage and people of the region that make AlUla an untapped reserve of magic and beauty. Through learning, one can shift their perspective in which you see this evolving Kingdom.

Forever intellectually curious and environmentally conscious, Habitas AlUla is designed to coexist with nature and seamlessly blend in with the backdrop of the blood-red ochre and sandstone. Rooms are made from ethically sourced, organic materials and all structures can be easily disassembled leaving no trace on the environment. Sustainability is of the utmost importance; with discovery of rare places of natural beauty comes great responsibility.

Amenities

Breakfast Included, Spa credit 100 USD per room

Afternoon at Leisure

Sunday · November 7th



AlUla, a day of discovery

9:00 AM

Start Time

4:00 PM

End Time

7hr

Duration

Meeting Point
Hotel Lobby

We are one of the first groups of Americans to explore and experience AlUla!

AlUla has five primary attractions: Hegra, a 52-hectare ancient city, is a UNESCO World Heritage site with 111 intricately carved cliffside tombs, and is thought to have been the most southern outpost of the Roman Empire. (Hegra was also the “second city” of the Nabataean Kingdom, which called Petra, in Jordan, its capital.) Dadan, a second ancient city, was once the capital of the Dadanite and Lihyanite kingdoms and [pivotal to local trade routes](#). Jabal Ikamah, a remote mountain close to Dadan, is a “library” for its thousands of pre-Arabic inscriptions in Aramaic, Dadanitic, Thamudic, Minaic, and Nabataean, making it the area with both the highest concentration and the highest variation of languages in Saudi Arabia. Another sandstone monolith, the three-story-high Jabal AlFil, or Elephant Rock, is named for its resemblance to the pachyderm.

Notes

Our Guide is the FIRST woman tour guide in AlUla, and will weave the stories from these ancient trade routes into day like non other. We are some of the first to explore and learn about this newly opened tourism route. “Everywhere you go [in AlUla] has its own story waiting to be told,” says Makki. “From the mountains to the historical sites and the stories that the past civilizations left to us, the tombs and the mud houses, the inscriptions and the rock art all of that is unique and special for me.”

Safari Like Picnic Lunch to be served. Orders will be taken the night prior to dinner for preferences!

Monday · November 8th

Transfer

10:15 AM

Departure Nov 08

Departure Location
Habitat AlUla

Arrival Location
Prince Abdul Majeed Bin
Abdulaziz Domestic Airport
(ULH)

Vehicle
Air Conditioned Van

Private Charter from AlUla to Jeddah

Time of departure estimated at 11am with arrival into Jeddah at 12:15pm

Transfer

12:15 PM

Departure Nov 08

Departure Location
King Abdulaziz
International Airport (JED)

Arrival Location
Park Hyatt Jeddah

Vehicle
Air Conditioned Van



Nov 08 · 3:00 PM

Check In

Nov 10 · 1:00 PM

Check Out

2 Nights

The Corniche A Rosewood Hotel. The Corniche is a flawless combination of the latest technology spectacular design and unprecedented sophistication. Designed to cater for both the business and leisure traveler in complete harmony the Corniche is the city's only true ultra luxury hotel and redefines the guest's familiarity of elegance luxury and unparalleled personal service. The hotel occupies a prime location at the heart of Jeddah's Corniche in the fashionable northern corner of the city and is within easy reach of the key business diplomatic quarters and designer shopping districts. Each of the 127 rooms and suites offers guests stunning panoramas across the Red Sea while their every need is catered to by our renowned Rosewood personal Butler service. The Corniche also claims a unique first in the Kingdom with their dedicated Ladies floor exclusively for the use of the female business or leisure traveler in need of a more private residential stay. For those looking to rejuvenate the body and spirit the health and fitness area provides an unrivalled rooftop location to relax by the outdoor pool or workout in the in the scenic gym with the aid of our personal fitness instructors.

Cancellation Policy

48 hours prior to arrival

Afternoon at leisure

Explore the area in Jeddah,
Options include the markets, red sea beach walking, or a spa afternoon!



Private Sunset Cocktail Cruise

6:00 PM

Start Time

8:30 PM

End Time

2hr 30min

Duration

Meeting Point
Lobby of Hotel

Contact Info
Rosewood Concierge

Tuesday · November 9th



Drive along the beautiful Red Sea Corniche and immerse yourself in Jeddah's historic UNESCO World Heritage Al Balad quarter.

Historic Jeddah, the Gate to Makkah

Historic Jeddah is situated on the eastern shore of the Red Sea. From the 7th century AD it was established as a major port for Indian Ocean trade routes, channelling goods to Mecca. It was also the gateway for Muslim pilgrims to Mecca who arrived by

sea. These twin roles saw the city develop into a thriving multicultural centre, characterized by a distinctive architectural tradition, including tower houses built in the late 19th century by the city’s mercantile elites, and combining Red Sea coastal coral building traditions with influences and crafts from along the trade routes.

** This is where my family traveled for spring break, the markets are stunning with amazing fabrics, decor and do not miss the lanterns! Bargain with spirit, however do understand, once you begin you should buy something, so make sure you want what you are bargaining for! As always start at 50% of the offering price as a guide with kindness and friendship!



Al Khayam · Dining reservation

Start Time
8:00 PM

Guests can dine like an Iranian king in this elaborately decorated red and gold marquee-style restaurant. Al Khayam is located in the lower lobby of the Hilton hotel. With a sparkling gold chandelier as the centerpiece and the romantic red of the furnishings, this is the perfect restaurant for couples wishing to share a platter together. The moreish Iranian breads are made in an on-show Persian clay oven and the *kubideh* (minced beef and lamb kebab) is one of the best in the city. On the menu there is also a variety of kebabs, *masto-khiar* (a Persian dip) and a selection of caviars.

Wednesday · November 10th

Transfer

9:00 AM

Departure Nov 10

Arrival Location	Vehicle	Passengers
Jeddah International Airport	Van	8

Jeddah, King Abdulaziz Intl to Cairo, Cairo Intl

EgyptAir (MS)

MS662 Carrier/Flight	11:40 AM JED N	12:55 PM CAI 3	2 hr, 15 min Duration
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Transfer · VIP

12:55 PM

Departure Nov 10

Departure Location
Cairo International Airport

Arrival Location
Four Seasons Nile Plaza
Hotel

Vehicle
Modern Air Conditioned
Van

Notes

12:55pm Arrival: Arrival at Cairo International Airport, where the xxxxRepresentative xxx mobile number # xxxx will assist you with customs clearance, luggage and airport procedure through the VIP meet and assist immigrations services



Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza

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Nov 10 · 3:00 PM

Check In

Nov 13 · 12:00 PM

Check Out

3 Nights

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Thursday · November 11th



3:00 PM

Start Time

Meeting Point

Hotel Lobby

3pm National Museum: This late morning, noon time, your Personal English- Speaking Egyptologist xxxxxx will escort you on a tour of 7,000 years of Egyptian history with a visit to the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, which includes the world-famous golden treasures from King Tutenkhamun's tomb.

Mummies Room: You will have the chance today to go inside the fabulous "Mummies Room", where the mummies of the Royal kings, queens and Pharaohs are kept in state.

Walking Tour through the Islamic Quarter: This late afternoon, start your day's visits with your guide where you will be escorted to one of the Old Gates of Cairo; Bab El Fotouh, to start this amazing walk through the ancient Islamic quarter, with its narrow streets, and bustling road-side shops and wekalas trading places, that still actively trade in all sorts of wares. Walk down Al Moez Street until you reach the -recently renovated Beit El Seheimi, one of the most impressive of the homes of the 17th century Islamic era.

Tour & Welcome Dinner at the Khan El Khalili Bazaar: proceed to the fascinating Khan El-Khalili Bazaar reputed to be the largest bazaar in the Middle East. Originally founded as a watering stop for caravanserai in the 14th century, the bazaar has now grown to vast proportions. As you wander through the labyrinth of narrow streets you will find workshops and stalls selling all manner of things from woodwork, glassware and leather goods to perfumes, fabrics and Pharaonic curiosities.

Welcome Dinner:

Enjoy a 5-star casual dinner of traditional oriental dishes today, at the Arabian-style Neguib Mahfouz Restaurant, named after the Nobel-prize-winning Egyptian author, the restaurant lies in the very heart of the 14th-century Khan El-Khalili Bazaar, and is steeped in atmosphere and history

Friday · November 12th

Full Day Visiting the Most famous Pyramids of Egypt

7:00 AM

Start Time

Meeting Point
Hotel Lobby

07:00am Full Day visiting the most famous Pyramids of Egypt: Meet with you Egyptologist English Guide and start your schaduled visits of the day

Dahshour Pyramids: Your Egyptologist will escort you to one of the most important Pyramids in Egypt however still an irregular visit to many of the visitors. This southern extension of the necropolis of Sakkara is a field of Royal tombs about 3.5 km long, only opened to tourists in 1996. Several pyramids can be found here, including the famed “Bent Pyramid”. As one of the most unusual pyramids in Egypt, and also one of the best preserved as much of its casing remains, it has attracted considerable attention over the centuries. The Bent Pyramid actually underwent three different alterations away from the original plans, which called for the structure to have an angle of almost 60o. This was then changed to 55o, requiring that the base be enlarged. When the pyramid was about 45 meters high, the angle of the slope was again reduced to 45o. Later pyramids, like those at Giza, usually had a slope of between 52 and 53 degrees. Another of the three pyramids at Dahshour which were built by the Pharaoh Sneferu, father of Cheops (of the Great Pyramid at Giza), is the Red Pyramid. This monument gets its common name from the reddish limestone used to build most of its core, but it is also sometimes referred to as the Shining or Northern Pyramid. It is the fourth highest pyramid ever built in Egypt, with almost 160 layers of stone. Significantly, the Red Pyramid was the first successful, true, cased-

Pyramid built in Egypt. Together, these pyramids represent the transition from the step-pyramid of Sakkara to the smooth-sided pyramids of Giza.

Step Pyramids at Sakkara: At vast Sakkara, you will see the famous Step Pyramid of King Zoser, the first freestanding stone structure in the world. Our Egyptologist will guide you to some tombs belonging to the nobles of the past. They show the beauty and excellence of Ancient Egyptian art on their walls and give an insight in the daily life of Ancient Egypt.

Lunch: Lunch today will be at the Mena House hotel, with the great views over the lush gardens of the hotel, and out onto the Great Pyramids themselves.

Pyramids of Giza: after the lunch, your Egyptologist will escort you to an unforgettable tour of the Great Pyramids of Giza; the only present-day survivors of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. They are among the world’s greatest tourist attractions and never lose their ability to inspire and overwhelm visitors.

Solar Boat Museum: Your tour today will include the little visited but incredible Solar Boat Museum beside the Great Pyramid of Cheops, considered to be the single most important archaeological find in Egypt since the Tomb of Tutenkhamun’s. Discovered in a pit by the Great Pyramid in 1954, -the entire boat was carefully reconstructed and placed in the museum you will see today.

Camel Ride: No trip to Egypt would be complete without a ride on a “ship of the desert”, and so today you have the opportunity to mount your individual camel for a short ride across the sands of Giza.

Sphinx: Enter the temple of the mysterious Sphinx, an ancient figure shrouded in legend and mystery. Your Egyptologist will enthrall you with the tales told of this fascinating figure.

Saturday · November 13th

Transfer

3:30 AM

Departure Nov 13

Departure Location
Hotel Lobby

Arrival Location
Cairo Domestic Airport

Cairo, Cairo Intl to Aswan, Aswan Intl

EgyptAir (MS)

MS407 Carrier/Flight	5:00 AM CAI 3	6:25 AM ASW	1 hrs, 25 min Duration
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Excursion to Abu Simbel

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-Impressive monuments remaining of Ancient Egypt in modern times. Recently the temples were threatened by the waters of Lake Nasser, and with the help of a

UNESCO campaign they were cut into blocks, rose piece-by-piece, and reassembled in a new position higher up the hillside.

Abu Simbel to Aswan, Aswan Intl

EgyptAir (MS)

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Transfer

11:25 AM
Departure Nov 13

Departure Location
Aswan Airport

Arrival Location
Oberoi Philae Nile Cruise

Vehicle
Modern Air-Conditioned
Van



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4 Nights

Duration

Nubian Museum by Boat

PM Nubian Museum by motorboat:

This is the only museum in the world dedicated to the artifacts and culture of the “Land of Gold”, as ancient Nubia was known by the Pharaohs. The museum contains many rare artifacts, unique statues, and mummies. The museum also houses several models showing Nubian heritage, the panorama of the Nile, and a Nubian-style house.

Sunday · November 14th

Free Time for Spa



Visit the Twin Temple of Komombo

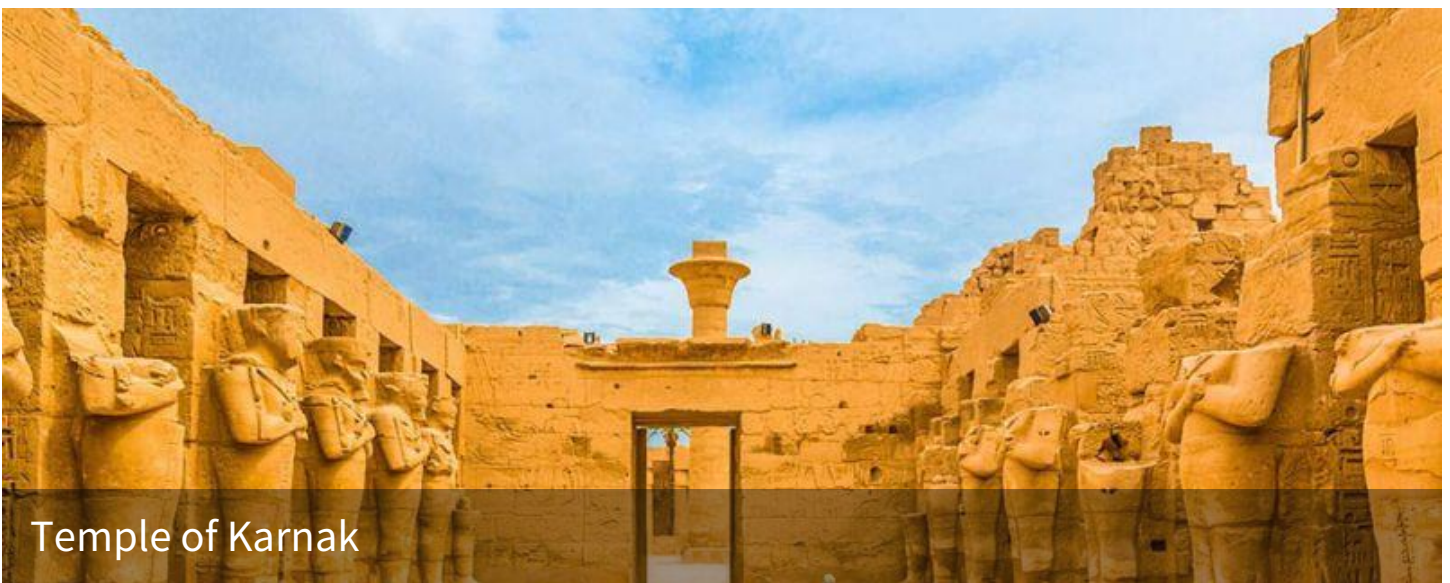
Kom Ombo: Visit the twin temple of Komombo. One side of the temple is dedicated to the Crocodile God Sobek, God of Fertility and Creator of the World. The other side is dedicated to the Falcon God Haroeis, also known as Horus the Elder.

Monday · November 15th



Visit the Temple of Edfu

Visit the Temple of Edfu, the best-preserved temple of the ancient world, dedicated to Horus the Falcon God.



Temple of Karnak

Karnak Temple:

Proceed to the Temple of Karnak, built over more than a thousand years by generations of Pharaohs. The great “Hypostyle Hall” is an incredible forest of giant pillars, covering an area larger than the whole of Notre Dame Cathedral.



Balloon Ride- West Bank of Luxor- Visit to The Tomb of Nefertari

Balloon Ride: A hot air balloon ride is a spectacular and exciting way to view the monuments of the ancient city of Thebes. The adventure begins just before dawn, when you transfer to the desert to watch your balloon in the last stages of being inflated. As you take off, experience the freedom of a completely silent rise through the cool morning air to 1,000 feet, where you can see the life-giving Nile snaking across ancient desert sands, fringed with green fertile land. Your balloon may also sweep low over local villages, where children are always happy to wave you good morning as you sail by.

West Bank of Luxor: Transfer to the West Bank, to explore the West Bank of ancient Thebes. Visit Valley of the Kings, with its royal tombs, King Tut's tomb and Ramses the Six. This is followed by a visit to the temple of Madinat Habu and on the way back stop at the Colossus of Memnon

Visit to The Tomb of Nefertari: Long praised as the most beautifully-decorated of all the tombs on the West Bank of Luxor, this masterpiece of Egyptian art was restored by the Egyptian Antiquities Authority and the Getty Conservation institute in the USA. Specialists worked for 6 years to clean the paintings and re-affix them to the plaster walls from where they had been flaking, and today it is hardly conceivable that such vibrant colors have actually not been retouched since they were first laid thousands of years ago. The tomb is currently opened for limited number of visitors based on the first come , first get the tickets however with our good connections with the High Supreme of Antiquates ,we can manage secure the tickets ahead of time



Visit Luxor temple

Visit Luxor temple: It's much smaller temple than Karnak but still as important as the Karnak. It is opened from 09:00 AM till 07:00 PM and I recommend this visit to be in the sunset where it is less crowded and more romantic with the lights on.

Wednesday · November 17th

Transfer

10:00 AM
Departure Nov 17

Departure Location Luxor Port	Arrival Location Luxor Airport	Passengers 4
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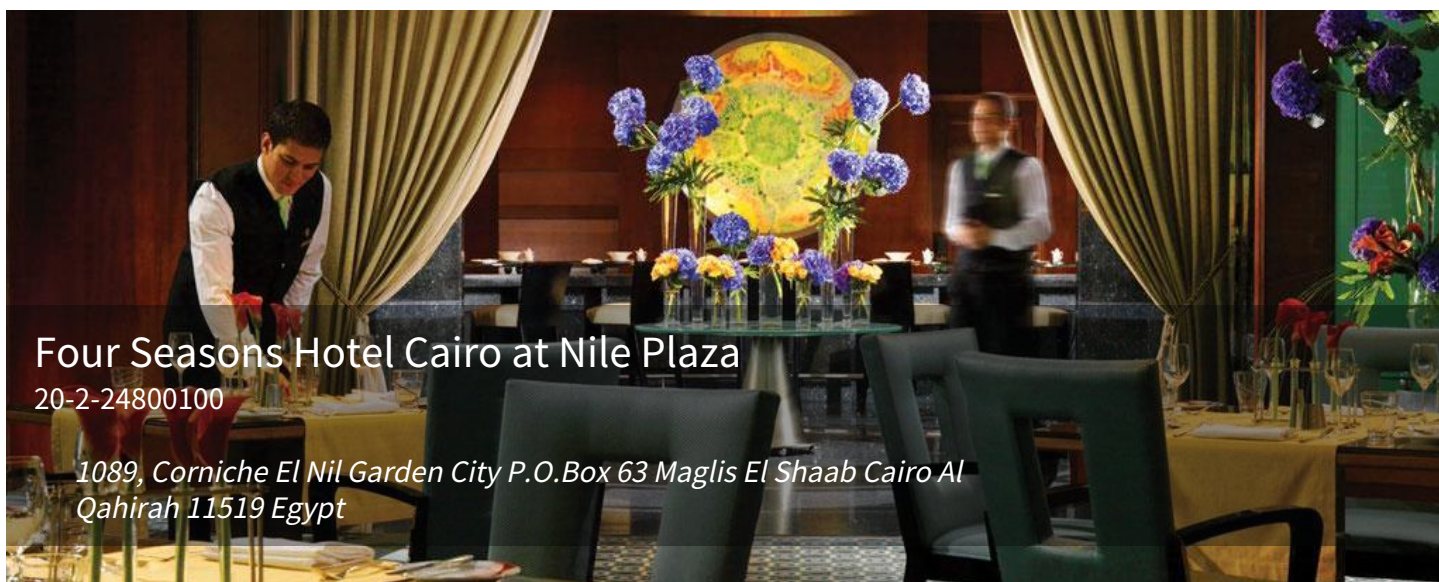
EgyptAir (MS)

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Transfer

1:30 PM
Departure Nov 17

Departure Location Cairo Airport	Arrival Location Intercontinental Cairo	Passengers 4
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Nov 17 · 3:00 PM
Check In

Nov 18 · 12:00 PM
Check Out

1 Night

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Thursday · November 18th

Transfer

11:30 PM

Departure Nov 18

Departure Location	Arrival Location	Passengers
Cairo Airport	Intercontinental Cairo	4

Photography in Saudi Arabia & Egypt

When in Doubt ask your guide!

Photography or camera fees are applicable at most sights and museums; your guide can give you details of the latest charges.

We recommend that you bring all your own equipment and plenty of film with you into the country. We would recommend that high speed films (ISO 400) for night time photography such as the Sound and Light Shows, temple interiors and tombs where you are not allowed to use a flash. For outdoor light conditions, lower speeds are more suitable. The best time for photography is either early morning or late afternoon. At midday there is an enormous amount of reflective light so a light meter and filter is useful as well as a telephoto lens, minimum size of 120mm is recommended. Remember to take a spare set of batteries for your camera and a dust cover or polythene bag to help protect your camera and lenses from Egypt's fine dust. A flash is useful, although you will find restrictions in certain places. If you are taking photographs of local people, always ask their permission beforehand. Your guide can assist you in this.

Photographic Restrictions

There are a variety of rules governing photography of different sites and monuments in Saudi & Egypt. At all open, outdoor historic areas, photography is unrestricted, such as outside the Pyramids and the temples at Luxor and Aswan. In some areas a ticket must be purchased to use cameras and video equipment (£10-100 approx), and tripods and flashes are seldom allowed in those museums that do permit photography. At some museums and tombs you will be asked to leave your equipment in the care of the door custodian - your guide will advise you. These restrictions are truly in the interest of preservation of these fragile sites, and we request your co-operation. Postcards and slides are available at most sites. Signs are usually posted in restricted areas but if in doubt, ask your guide rather than risk confiscation of your film.

