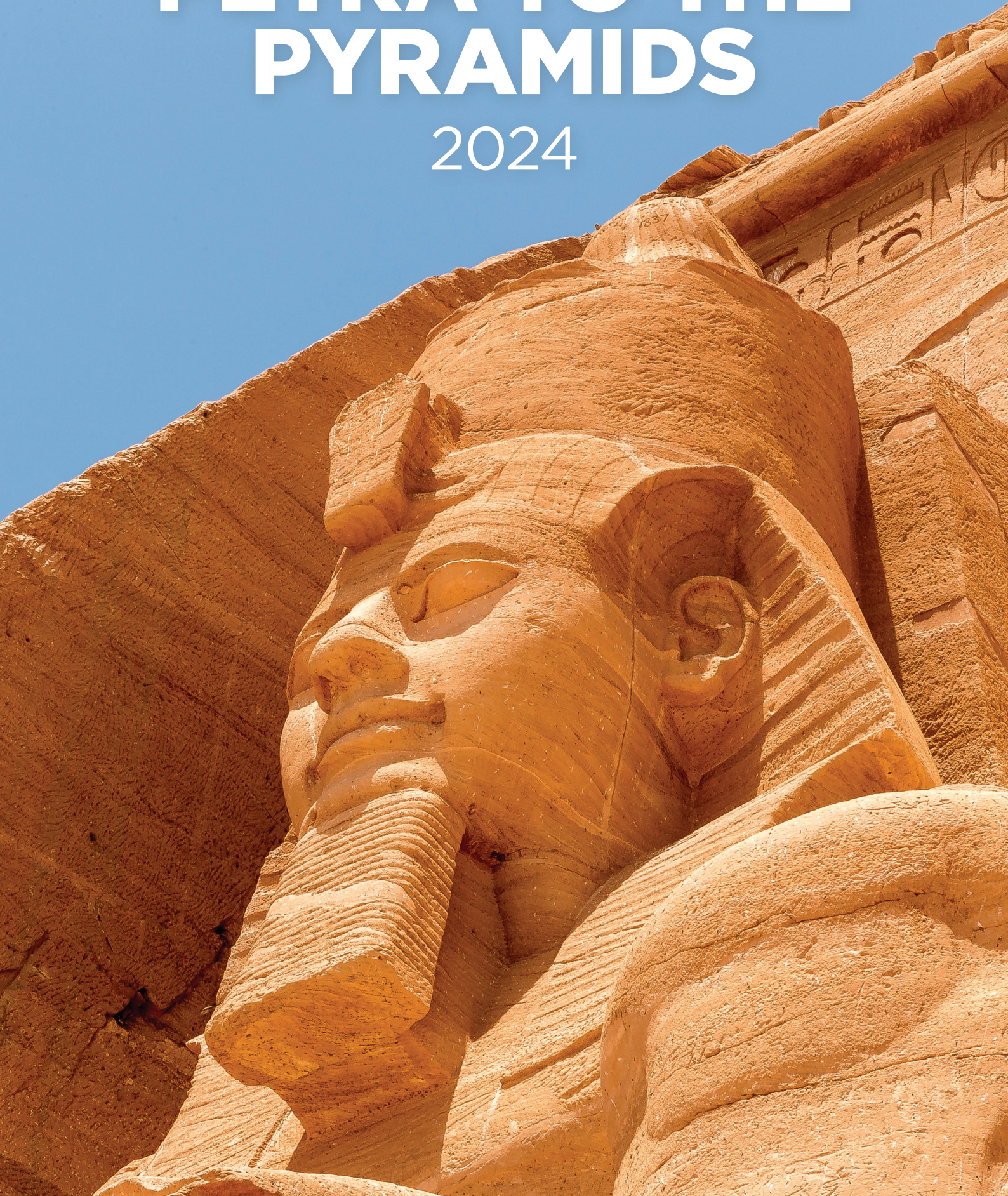


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2024



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*From floating in the Dead Sea more than 400 metres below sea level, to walking through the siq for your first glimpse of the soaring façade of the Treasury at Petra. From standing in front of the mighty pyramids of Giza, sailing the Nile and seeing the glittering treasures from the tomb of Tutankhamun – this exotic journey through the Middle East will also surprise you with some quirky twists in true World Journeys style.*

## 25 DAYS • HOSTED JOURNEY

**COUNTRIES** Jordan, Egypt

**DEPARTS** 24 October - 17 November 2024



## YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

- Float in the Dead Sea
- Visit Petra and camp overnight in Wadi Rum
- Head into the desert to explore ancient castles
- Fly to Cairo
- See the Pyramids, Sphinx, and visit the Cairo Museum
- Visit Abu Simbel and join a luxurious Nile Cruise
- Take in the atmosphere of the Commonwealth cemetery of El Alamein
- A World Journeys host to guide you every step of the way

## SPECIAL EXPERIENCES

### *Petra by candlelight*

In a night time visit to Petra, walk the entire Siq to the soaring façade of the Treasury, lit with over 1,500 candles. This glittering, spectacular experience is truly a magical way to see the Rose Red City.

### *Visit a craftswomen's cooperative*

Visit a Women's Cooperative in rural Jordan to see their work and how they are being enabled to become financially independent.

### *Stay in the iconic Old Winter Palace*

Overlooking Luxor temple, this winter retreat for the Egyptian royal family is the epitome of faded, luxurious glamour. Be sure to explore the extensive gardens, sip a cocktail as you watch life alongside the Nile, or take afternoon tea in one of the majestic reception rooms.



The Treasury, Petra



A rock arch in Wadi Rum, Jordan

# PETRA TO THE PYRAMIDS ITINERARY

ALL FLIGHTS INCLUDED    **B** BREAKFAST    **L** LUNCH    **D** DINNER

— OCTOBER 2024

## THU 24 AUCKLAND > DUBAI

Fly from Auckland to Dubai, travelling overnight.



The Dead Sea

## FRI 25 DUBAI > AMMAN > DEAD SEA **D**

Arrive Dubai and take a connecting flight to Amman. On arrival, transfer to our hotel on the shores of the Dead Sea.

## SAT 26 DEAD SEA **B** **D**

A day to relax and enjoy the healing qualities of the Dead Sea's water and mineral enriched mud.

## SUN 27 DEAD SEA > PETRA **B** **D**

Visit the famous 6<sup>th</sup> century Mosaic Map of Jerusalem and the Holy Land in Madaba, look across the Holy Land from Mt Nebo and visit the crusader castle of Kerak. Continue to Petra.

## MON 28 PETRA **B** **D**

Travel on foot or by horseback to Petra – the ancient capital of the Nabateans who carved a wonderland of temples, tombs and elaborate buildings out of solid rock. The afternoon is at leisure before returning this evening to see Petra by candlelight.

## TUE 29 PETRA > WADI RUM **B** **D**

Visit Little Petra, or Beida, this morning before driving to Wadi Rum. Transfer to jeeps and travel through the eerie moonscape scenery to overnight in a tented camp this evening.

## WED 30 WADI RUM > AMMAN **B** **D**

Drive to Amman and check in to our hotel.



Khan el Khalili bazaar, Cairo

## THU 31 AMMAN > JERASH > ALJOUN > AMMAN **B** **D**

Visit the Roman City of Jerash and the ancient market town of Aljoun including the impressive hilltop ruins of Aljoun Castle.

— NOVEMBER 2024

## FRI 1 AMMAN > DESERT CASTLES > AMMAN **B** **D**

Enjoy an orientation tour of Amman from the modern malls to the labyrinth of streets in the heart of the old city. Head into the desert to explore the ancient desert castles dotted through eastern Jordan.

## SAT 2 AMMAN > IRAQ AL-AMIR **B** **L** **D**

Drive into rural Jordan and visit the Iraq al-Amir Women's Cooperative enabling women to become financially independent. After lunch prepared by the local women, visit the site of Bethany where John the Baptist is said to have baptised Jesus.

## SUN 3 AMMAN > CAIRO **B**

Fly to Cairo and check in to our centrally located hotel.

## MON 4 CAIRO **B** **L**

A full day to explore the Pyramids and Sphinx at Giza followed by the ancient capital of Memphis and the step pyramid and tombs at Sakkara.



Pyramids of Giza

## TUE 5 CAIRO **B** **L**

Start with the Egyptian Museum including the treasures of Tutankhamun before visiting the Citadel and Old Cairo. Finish the day in chaotic Khan el Khalili bazaar.

## WED 6 CAIRO **B**

Visit the National Museum of Egyptian Civilisation and the monumental Mosque of Sultan Hassan.

## THU 7 CAIRO > ASWAN **B**

Fly to Aswan and visit the Nubian community on Soheil Island. Learn about Nubian traditions, culture and architecture, so far removed from their Egyptian neighbours.

## FRI 8 ASWAN > ABU SIMBEL > ASWAN **B** **L** **D**

Fly to Abu Simbel to see the temples of Rameses II and his wife Nefertari, rescued by UNESCO from the rising waters of Lake Nasser. Continue to Aswan and check in to our luxurious all suite Nile cruiser. This afternoon visit the High Dam and Philae Temple.

**SAT 9 KOM OMBO > EDFU** (B) (L) (D)

Sail for Kom Ombo and visit the temple dedicated to both Horus and Sobek before continuing to the stunning temple of Edfu. Pass the lock at Esna tonight and sail on to Luxor.

**SUN 10 LUXOR** (B) (L) (D)

Visit the Valley of the Kings, the Valley of the Queens and the funerary temple of Hatshepsut. Farewell party on board the ship this evening.

**MON 11 LUXOR** (B)

Check out and visit the temples of Luxor and Karnak before checking in to King Farouk’s former winter residence, the iconic Old Winter Palace Hotel. At leisure this afternoon to explore the market or relax in the hotel.

**TUE 12 LUXOR > CAIRO > ALEXANDRIA** (B) (L)

Visit Luxor Museum this morning before flying to Cairo. Travel by road to Alexandria and check in to our hotel.

**WED 13 ALEXANDRIA** (B) (L)

Visit the Roman amphitheatre, the Catacombs, Pompey’s Pillar and the fortress of Quait Bey.

**THU 14 EL ALAMEIN** (B) (D)

Transfer to the Commonwealth cemetery and museum at El Alamein. Return to Alexandria for an afternoon at leisure.

**FRI 15 ALEXANDRIA > CAIRO > DUBAI** (B)

At leisure until transferring to Cairo for the flight to Dubai.

**SAT 16 DUBAI > AUCKLAND**

Arrive Dubai and transit to our onward flight.

**SUN 17 AUCKLAND**

Arrive in Auckland.



**SONESTA ST GEORGE**

Cruise the Nile from Aswan to Luxor in style. The Sonesta St George offers luxurious accommodation that provides the ultimate in comfort, elegance and design. All cabins feature panoramic windows that open to bring in fresh breezes from the Nile, bathrooms with spa unit, plasma TV, internet access and individual climate control. Enjoy cocktails at the Lounge Bar or a delicious meal at the restaurant.

**Departs 24 October 2024**

**Twin** *per person*

**Single** *per person*

Tour Cost

\$22,598

\$26,905

**INCLUDED**

- Economy Class airfares ex Auckland
- Airline, border crossing, and airport taxes
- A World Journeys host
- Accommodation in 4 and 5 star hotels, Nile cruise and one night in a tented camp
- Transfers, sightseeing, and entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Meals as indicated (B) (L) (D)
- Gratuities

**NOT INCLUDED**

- Items of a personal nature
- Travel insurance (mandatory)
- Visas (required for Jordan and Egypt)
- Optional activities

**GRATUITIES**

In the countries we are visiting, tipping is customary. For a hassle-free journey, tipping is included and will be handled by the World Journeys host for all group activities.

**BOOKING CONDITIONS**

A non-refundable deposit of \$1,500 per person is required, with the balance due 8 August 2024. As cancellation fees apply, travel insurance is mandatory. Please refer to World Journeys’ terms and conditions and our Health & Medical Requirements at [www.worldjourneys.co.nz/terms](http://www.worldjourneys.co.nz/terms).

**WELCOME BACK**

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