



2026 Egypt Exploration + Nile Cruise with optional Jordan Post Tour

Escorted by Dann Hone • February 14-24, 2026

Join Morris Columbus Travel in a unique opportunity to follow the footsteps of Moses and the Children of Israel in the very lands of their sojourns. Our scriptural and historic journey will traverse Lower and Upper Egypt including 4-days sailing on the Nile, walking through magnificent temples and tombs, exploring sandstone monuments, and viewing spectacular vistas. Adding the additional option to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan will continue your explorations for another 6-days. While other companies take 2 and 3 buses on their tours, ours has a 1-bus guarantee that ensures you have an intimate experience at the sites as well as your educator. It allows your group to bond as a family and make fast friends with those you're traveling with.

Date	Daily Schedule
02/14 - Sat	U.S.A. to Cairo, Egypt
02/15 - Sun	Cairo, Egypt
02/16 - Mon	Cairo - Memphis - Saqqara - Giza
02/17 - Tue	Cairo - (Nile Delta) Alexandria
02/18 - Wed	Cairo - Aswan
02/19 - Thu	Nile Cruise Day - Kom Omobo Temple
02/20 - Fri	Nile Cruise Day - Temple of Horus at Edfu - Pass through Locks of Esna
02/21 - Sat	West Bank of Nile - Valley of the Kings and Nobles - Hatshepsut's Funerary Temple - Colossi of Memnon - Karnak Temple - Luxor Temple
02/22 - Sun	Temple of Dendera - Flight to Cairo
02/23 - Mon	Egyptian Museum - Old Cairo - Citadel - Alabaster Mosque - Khan Khalili Bazaar
02/24 - Tue	Depart to airport for flights home or transfer to Jordan for Post-tour

Price from **\$3,890**
per person/double occupancy
(10 Days/19 Nights)

**While the physical activity on this tour (walking distances) is not significant, the days are full of touring from breakfast to dinner time with "down-time" only in the evening.*

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Your Tour Host:

Dann W Hone has over 53 years of travel to the Near East and is one of the founding members of the BYU Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies. He held virtually every position at the Jerusalem Center, including Academic Coordinator where he was responsible for training and teaching all Jerusalem Center faculty in history, archaeology, geography, and scriptures. His studies include 13 modern and ancient languages and scripts. Dann lived in Israel for many years and received his graduate degree in Biblical History/Historical Geography from the Jerusalem Uni-versity College. A published author, Dann has written study guides and books on the Near East. He published his first volume of the expected 8-volume Scriptural Reference and Exploration Series in 2023 and expects the 2nd Volume to be published this 2026 Spring. Dann holds emeritus status with the BYU Jerusalem Center and taught for many years as an in-structor for the BYU Department of Ancient Scripture. Dann and Shirley Rae Stokes Hone are the parents of six children, 24 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.



Jason Dann Hone, has traveled to Egypt and Jordan since his teenage years, lived in Israel with his family for seven years and studied at the BYU Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies while also assisting his father in guiding tours and university field studies. As an adult and assistant tour host with his father, he has accompanied him on a number of tours to the Middle East. He has more than 25 years teaching wilderness survival skills and assists numerous encampments each year as the medical staff director. Mr. Hone (MSN, APRN, C-FNP) is a respected Nurse Practitioner specializing in Family Medicine, dedicated to providing exceptional care to patients in Provo, UT. He owns and manages Whole Health Team Holistic Family Clinic. Jason is the father of 7 children and two grandchildren.

What is Included with the land tour:

- Comprehensive Egypt tour
- Four-day/three-night Nile River cruise
- Sightseeing and admissions as per itinerary
- Expert guide services with local English-speaking guides, and tour hosts/lecturers Dann and Jason Hone
- Meals as per itinerary (B: breakfast, L: lunch, D: dinner)
- All group airport/hotel transfers with group flight itinerary
- Comprehensive sightseeing as per itinerary
- All entrance fees as per itinerary
- Airline flights: Cairo-Aswan and Luxor-Alexandria (based upon current airfares)
- First Class hotels
- Zoom Seminars and Pre-departure orientation materials
- Egypt tourist visa
- Daily travel guides
- LOS insight lectures
- Tipping for local guide/cruise tips and driver
- All applicable taxes and fees for hotel & cruise

Not included:

- International airfare from home city to Cairo and return.
- Meals and drinks not listed in the itinerary
- Travel protection/insurance is mandatory per the Egypt government for all international visitors (talk to your Columbus Travel advisor for coverage that meets requirements)
- Health tests and vaccinations
- Anything purely of a personal nature

Deposit, Payment, Cancellation, & Refund:

- \$500 per person at the time of reservation
- Final payment date: January 17, 2025

Optional Tours: Come and explore Petra and the wonders that are JORDAN. Continue your explorations and add the optional 8-day Jordan tour.

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Day 1: Saturday, February 14, 2026

U.S.A. to Cairo, Egypt

Depart home cities to Cairo Egypt on an overnight flight.

Meals: In-flight

**Day 2: Sunday, February 15, 2026**

Cairo, Egypt

Upon arrival, reception at the airport and transfer to the hotel.

Overnight in Cairo. **Meals: In-flight**

Day 3: Monday, February 16, 2026

Cairo - Memphis - Saqqara - Giza

After breakfast our first visit is to Memphis (capital of the Pyramid Age) and Saqqara (Djoser's famous step pyramid); we'll then transfer to Giza. We begin with the world-famous Pyramids of Giza, classified among the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Here we'll stand in awe of their size and magnificent engineering. Then we will come face to face with the Year-old Sphinx. Some may choose to ride a camel to the Sphinx. We will explore the 30,000 treasures of Egyptian antiquity, including the famous King Tutankhamen ("King Tut") exhibits at the new Grand Egyptian Museum in Giza. Here also we visit the Solar Boat Museum to see the funerary barge used 4500 years ago by Pharaoh Khufu (also known as Cheops, the second pharaoh of the Fourth Dynasty of the Old Kingdom of Egypt). Our visit to the GEM will help us learn the history and see life as it existed at the time of the pharaonic dynasties. As time permits, we will include visits to a carpet factory, the Papyrus Institute, and some may choose an optional evening light and sound show at Giza. A short distance away is our hotel near the Pyramids and the GEM. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

**Day 4: Tuesday, February 17, 2026**

Cairo - (Nile Delta) Alexandria

Today we travel north through the Egypt Delta to the famous port city of Alexandria, named after Alexander the Great. Here we will visit the Mediterranean port, the Graeco-Roman Museum, Pompey's Pillar, the Catacombs, the Roman Amphitheater, Quarry Bay Citadel, and other fascinating sites before heading through the Nile Delta south to Cairo for a welcome dinner and overnight at the Steigenberger Pyramids Hotel, Giza. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**



Day 5: Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Cairo - Aswana

After breakfast we will transfer to Cairo Airport for our flight to Aswan City. After checking in to our Nile Cruise Ship, we will have lunch on board and then visit the Phylae Temple, the Aswan High Dam, and the Unfinished Obelisk. In the late afternoon, we will sail on a *Felucca* (Nile sailboat) to the Nubian Village of Hessa. Our dinner and overnight will be back on our cruise ship. Evenings and prior to shore excursions some lectures on ancient Egyptian cultures and temple ceremonies will occur throughout the cruise. Meals: **Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**



Day 6: Thursday, February 19, 2026

Nile Cruise Day - Kom Omobo Temple

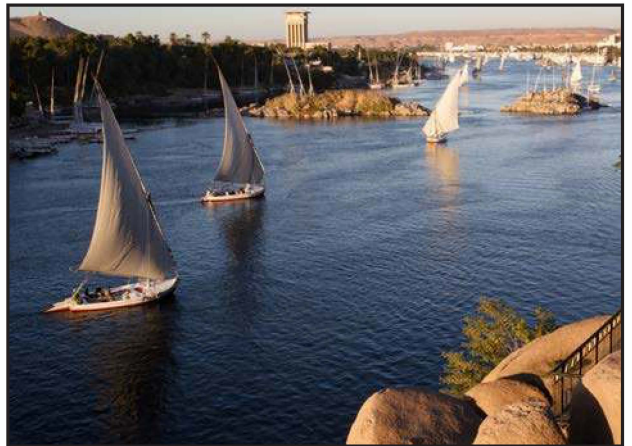
Today we will first visit the Greco-Roman Temple at Kom Ombo. The temple at Kom Ombo is about 30 miles north of Aswan and was built during the Greco-Roman period (332 BC-AD 395). The temple is unique because it is a double temple, dedicated to Sobek the crocodile god, and Horus the falcon-headed god. The layout combines two temples in one with each side having its own gateways and chapels. Here we will also learn some of the early Egyptian temple ceremonies and translate some of the significant hieroglyphic symbols associated with those ceremonies. After lunch, we continue down the Nile River (north) to Edfu and its magnificent temple. Dinner and shipboard entertainment will highlight our evening. Meals: **Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**



Day 7: Friday, February 20, 2026

Nile Cruise Day - Temple of Horus at Edfu - Pass through Locks of Esna

Our first visit this morning is to the Temple of Horus in Edfu, the second largest temple in Egypt. The Egyptian god Horus was also portrayed as the falcon-headed god. Returning to our ship, we have lunch as we continue down the Nile passing through the Esna Lock. Passing through the Esna Lock is a thrilling experience for Nile cruise passengers. The lock is an engineering marvel, and watching the gates open and close is a sight to behold. At this point we are about 485 miles south of Cairo. We will participate with the many rowboat merchants that toss their wares from their boats to the passengers on our cruise vessel as we sail. We will continue to sail down the Nile through the Esna lock and on to Luxor. Meals: **Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**



Day 8: Saturday, February 21, 2026

West Bank of Nile - Valley of the Kings and Nobles - Hatshepsut's Funerary Temple - Colossi of Memnon - Karnak Temple - Luxor Temple

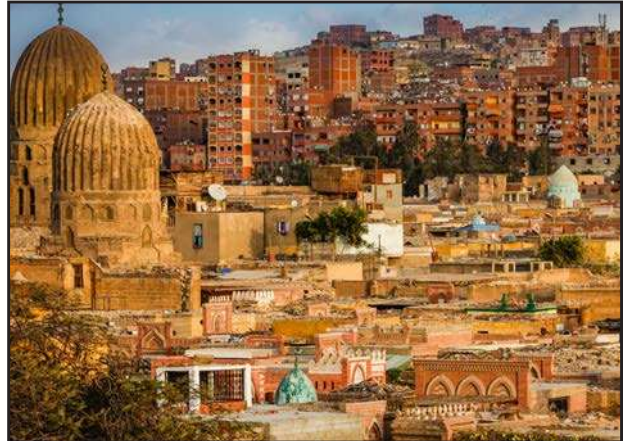
Arriving in Luxor, some may choose to take an optional hot-air balloon ride over the Nile West Bank. Others will disembark our cruise ship and visit the fabulous tombs and funerary temples on the West Bank, including the elaborate tombs of Ramses V & VI. Crossing the Nile once again we will tour the famous temples of Luxor and Karnak (the largest religious building ever constructed). We will also walk the newly opened "Avenue of the Sphinx." After dinner at the Luxor Steigenberger Hotel some may choose to have a carriage ride to the "Light and Sound Show" before retiring overnight at our hotel. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**



Day 9: Sunday, February 22, 2026

Temple of Dendera - Flight to Cairo

Our stay in upper Egypt is completed with a visit to the Temple of Dendera, where worship of the gods of Egypt is found as early as 3,000 B.C. The Temple of Dendera was one of the last completed temples and has the son of Julius Caesar and Cleopatra VII (famous Cleopatra of Shakespeare) and Pompeii carved on wall reliefs. It is considered one of the best preserved and beautiful temples of Egyptian antiquity. Here we will review the ancient temple ceremonies before returning to Luxor for some shopping and our return flight to Cairo. We will return to the Steigenberger Pyramids Hotel, Giza for dinner and overnight. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**



Day 10: Monday, February 23, 2026

Egyptian Museum - Old Cairo - Citadel - Alabaster Mosque - Khan Khalili Bazaar

After breakfast, our first stop today is the famous Cairo Egyptian Museum. Here discoveries from the tombs and cities throughout Egypt are exhibited. The treasures of Tanisthat rival the "King Tut" collections, the Narmer Pallet (earliest unification of Upper and Lower Egypt about 5,000 years ago), as well as many other interesting exhibits from the various periods of ancient Egyptian history are on display. We will tour Old Cairo Coptic and Jewish communities, the Citadel, Mohammed Ali Alabaster Mosque, and pay a visit to the world-famous Khan Khalili Bazaar for shopping. After a farewell dinner at the Steigenberger Pyramids Hotel, Giza, we spend our last night in Egypt having explored the wonders of this ancient land of the scriptures. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**



Day 11: Wednesday, February 24, 2026

Depart to airport for flights home or transfer to Jordan for Post-tour

Flights home with memories to last a lifetime or transfer to Jordan for those that are doing the post tour.



OPTIONAL POST-TOUR OF JORDAN

February 24, 2026

Date	Daily Schedule	Price from \$2,630 per person/double occupancy (6 Days/5 Nights)
02/24 - Tue	Cairo - Amman, Jordan	
02/25 - Wed	Mount Nebo - Madaba - Petra	
02/26 - Thu	Petra - Wadi Rumm - Camel Ride - Bedouin Camping	
02/27 - Fri	Karak Castle - Jesus' Baptismal Site (Al Mughtas - Amman)	
02/28 - Sat	Amman - Jabbok River - Jerash - Amman Citadel - Jordan Museum - Amman Suk	
03/01 - Sun	Amman - Irbid - Umm Qais - Jordan Valley - Pella - Wadi Al Yabis - Amman	
03/02 - Mon	Amman - USA	

Day 1: Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Cairo - Amman, Jordan

Those who choose the 8-day Post-Egypt Jordan Option will rise in the early morning and after breakfast, transfer to the Cairo International Airport for a flight to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Those who are going on to other destinations will also transfer to the Cairo International Airport for their departures. Upon arrival at the Queen Alia International Airport near the capitol of Jordan, Amman, the Post-Egypt Jordan Exploration Tour participants will transfer to the Mövenpick Resort and Spa at the Dead Sea for a relaxing day at the private beaches and swimming pools. The Jordan tour will be link up with additional participants coming from other locations who chose to join this eight-day Jordan tour. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

Day 2: Wednesday, February 25, 2026

Mount Nebo - Madaba - Petra

This morning, after time to enjoy the Dead Sea, we travel by our motor coach up the Pisgah mountains to Mount Nebo, where Moses made his last stopping place before departing the tribes of Israel and entrusting their leadership to Joshua. After taking in the panorama of modern Israel and the Palestinian Territories and reviewing the events on this mountain we head south, stopping in route to tour a mosaic factory before having lunch and visiting the

Church of St. George in Madaba. Here is found the oldest mosaic map in the world of the Holy Land displayed on the floor of this Byzantine church. After our visit, we journey southeast along the King's Highway through the biblical lands of Moab and Edom (tribal inheritances of Rueben). Time permitting, we stop to view the ruins of Herod Antipas' fortress-palace overlooking the Dead Sea, Machaerus. This is the location of Salome's dance and the beheading of John the Baptist. Traveling further south along the Kings Highway, we will pass many of the biblical cities and locations from the days of the Patriarchs through the Exodus of the Children of Israel. We will continue traveling south to Petra, a marvel long before "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" opened in theaters. After a memorable day, we will arrive at our Petra Old Village Hotel Resort in Wadi Musa for dinner and overnight. The hotel is a unique experience with the true ambience of the Bedouin-Nabatean cultures. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

Day 3: Thursday, February 26, 2026

Petra - Wadi Rumm - Camel Ride - Star Gazing - Bedouin Camping

After an early morning breakfast, we will head to the ancient ruins of Petra by entering through the Siq. Most people recognize Petra for the Treasury, but there is so much more to see. There are three ways into and out of Petra. One is by horseback riding (additional personal tip). The second is by a motorized golf cart (additional fee). The most popular method is on foot, which allows for a scenic and memorable experience and is not a difficult walk. After visiting the ruins of Petra and the Petra Museum followed by a quick lunch, we will head south to Wadi Rumm, where the events of Lawrence of Arabia took place. Stopping briefly at the Wadi Rumm Visitors Center, we continue across the desert to our Bedouin camp. Here we have an hour-long camel trek, followed by the traditional "Sarab" (a traditional Bedouin style of cooking where marinated meat and vegetables are buried in an oven dug in sandy ground) dinner accompanied by a lecture from a local Bedouin about their lifestyles and family structure. Following dinner, we see the magnificent night sky and learn about local star-gazing legends before retiring to our camping facilities. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

Day 4: Friday, February 27, 2026

Karak Castle - Jesus' Baptismal Site (Al Mughtas - Amman)

After breakfast, we depart Wadi Rumm heading north past Shobek Castle to visit al-Karak Castle, one of the largest crusader castles in the Levant. Going west from Karak we move once again into the Dead Sea Valley where we visit areas close to Sodom and Gomorrah, another winter hot-springs palace of Herod the Great, and cross significant canyons that feed the waters of the Dead Sea. Eventually, we drive past the Dead Sea to the confluence of the Jordan River where the children of Israel crossed with Joshua and Elijah with Elisha crossed before Elijah's ascension to Heaven. This crossing is called today Al Mughtas and was known in Jesus' day as "Bethabara" or "Bethany beyond Jordan" where Jesus would be baptized by John. Our final Journey this day is back in the eastern mountains to Amman, capitol of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for dinner and overnight at the Grand Palace Hotel where USA Presidents have stayed. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

Day 5: Saturday, February 28, 2026

Amman - Jabbok River - Jerash - Amman Citadel - Jordan Museum - Amman Suk

Today we journey north from the Jordanian capital city of Amman (known in Greco-Roman times as Philadelphia) Jerash, the monumental Graeco-Roman Decapolis city, visiting its magnificent ruins and review Old and New Testament events that occurred along the route. We will cross the Jabbok River near Penuel and recall that the patriarch Jacob was renamed "Israel" at its banks after wrestling with an angel all through the night. We return to Amman for a visit to the Jordan Museum that houses some of the Dead Sea Scrolls and history from ancient to modern eras of the country. Other visits include the Amman Citadel (location of the Jordan Archaeological Museum and the Temple of Hercules), the famous downtown Souk (open-air market), and other significant sites. We will also view the Roman Theater and the Odeon before returning the Grand Palace Hotel for dinner and overnight.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 6 , March 1 , 2026

Amman - Irbid - Umm Qais - Jordan Valley - Pella - Wadi Al Yarbis - Amman

This morning, we take a journey few tours provide throughout the northwestern areas of Jordan. Our adventure begins with a drive north of Amman through the land of Gilead (tribal territory of Gad) and pass through the provincial capital of northern Jordan, the modern city of Irbid. Traveling a little farther north, we come to the northern borders of Jordan to the site of the New Testament city of Gadara (Umm Qais), where we have a view of the Sea of Galilee. This was also a city of the Decapolis where Jesus and his disciples must have taught. From this vantage point, we can see the borders of Israel, Syria, Lebanon, and Jordan. After our tour we go west through the scenic western hills of Bashan (tribal allotment to half the tribe of Manasseh) to the Jordan River Valley, then following the valley south we arrive at the city of Pella, where the Jewish Christians fled from Jerusalem in AD 66, following the prophetic instructions of Jesus and his disciples. Finally, leaving Pella we travel east climbing once again through the picturesque mountains of Gilead and will stop along the spring Cherith at a spot called in Arabic, Wadi Al Yarbis, where Elijah was fed by a raven while hiding from Queen Jezebel. Here is one of the largest and oldest olive trees and old mills in the country. Finally, we will reminisce those events as we continue southeast through the highlands of Jordan to Amman. Farewell dinner. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

Day 7 , March 2 , 2026

Amman - USA

This day we will transfer to the Queen Alia International Airport and departing the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan ending our journeys through this Holy Land. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

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