

API Travel Group Tour personally hosted by Carmen

Treasures of Egypt

Including Pre Tour Extension with 1 extra night Cairo & 2 nights Alexandria

Depart Australia December 26, 2026 – Depart Cairo January 10, 2027



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16 Days • 33 Meals: 14 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches, 10 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Grand Egyptian Museum, Pyramids of Giza, Great Sphinx, 7-Night Nile River Cruise, Luxor, Temple of Karnak, Valley of the Kings, Queen Hatshepsut Temple, Kom Ombo, Aswan, Philae Temple

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1 Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 7 Marriott Cairo Hotel & Casino, Cairo
Days 3, 4 Helnan Antoniadis, Alexandria
Days 8 – 14 M/S Blue Shadow I, Nile River
Day 15 Intercontinental Citystars, Cairo

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Saturday, December 26, 2026 Overnight Flight You are on your way to Egypt, ready to make the most of your journey in this fascinating country.

Day 2: Sunday, December 27, 2026 Cairo, Egypt Arrive in Egypt's capital city today and check into your hotel for the night. Tomorrow, Alexandria awaits! Enjoy time to get to know the place where your journey begins.

Day 3: Monday, December 28, 2026 Cairo - Wadi El Natrun - Alexandria Embark on a northbound journey to Egypt's Mediterranean shores. A full morning bus transfer takes you to the early Christian monasteries of Wadi El Natrun. This valley is part of the greater Nile River delta, located slightly below sea level where mixing saltwater and freshwater marshes form unique conditions. During your time at Wadi El Natrun, visit an ancient monastery that's part of the complex of Orthodox Christian monasteries established by the Desert Fathers. After lunch at a local restaurant, continue on your bus transfer to Alexandria, where you'll arrive in the late afternoon for a two-night stay. (B, L)

Day 4: Tuesday, December 29, 2026 Alexandria Explore the "Pearl of the Mediterranean" on a guided tour of Alexandria today. Discover Alexandria's Hellenic roots, set in unique harmony with the ultramodern facade of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina. Explore this impressive institution, built as a reincarnation of the ancient Library of Alexandria founded some 2300 years ago. Continue on a panoramic tour and take in the city's sights, from Greco-Roman landmarks to old-world cafés and sandy beaches. Next, visit the city's Royal Jewellery Museum and peruse the collections belonging to Egypt's last dynasty that ruled the country from 1805 until 1952. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon and relax over an included dinner. (B, D)

Day 5: Wednesday, December 30, 2026 Alexandria - Cairo Your seaside sojourn comes to an end today. Say *Ma'a El Salama* to Alexandria as you board your train for the 3-hour journey back to Cairo. Tonight gather for API Travel Group welcome evening (B)

Day 6: Thursday, December 31, 2026 Cairo - Grand Egyptian Museum This morning, step into the world of ancient pharaohs, powerful dynasties, and timeless treasures with a visit to the **Grand Egyptian Museum*** - Egypt's newest and most ambitious cultural landmark. The museum recently opened its doors in a soft launch, offering visitors an early look at its awe-inspiring collection. The museum is home to over 100,000 ancient artefacts, including the colossal statue of Ramses II, which welcomes guests in the soaring Grand Hall. Whilst some galleries may still be preparing for their debut, the experience promises a captivating introduction to Egypt's rich heritage in a truly spectacular setting. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon and gather for a welcome dinner this evening. (B, D)

Day 7: Friday, January 1, 2027 Cairo - Pyramids of Giza Be prepared for a dose of Cairo's legendary traffic as you head to Giza this morning. Fulfil a lifelong dream as you encounter the Pyramids of Giza, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, and marvel at the enigmatic Great Sphinx. Pause for lunch at a

local restaurant before returning to your hotel for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 8: Saturday, January 2, 2027 Cairo - Fly to Luxor - Board Cruise Ship Depart your hotel before dawn** for your flight to Luxor. Pause for a visit to the expansive Karnak Temple. Wander through this 4,000-year-old complex of pylons and obelisks, often of near-mythic proportions. Then, board your cruise ship for your 7-night voyage on the Nile River. After lunch on board, enjoy an afternoon at leisure to get familiarized with the ship. This evening, take in the views from the sundeck before joining your fellow travellers for your first dinner aboard. (B, L, D)

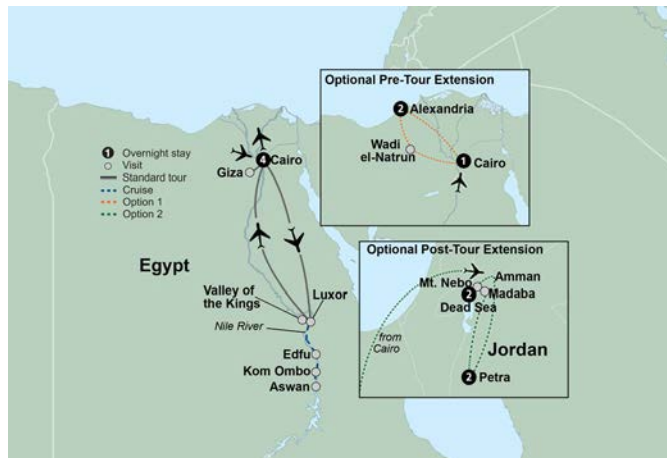
Day 9: Sunday, January 3, 2027 Luxor - Valley of the Kings - Afternoon Sailing Venture thousands of years into the past. As the sun rises, cross the Nile for a day in ancient Thebes. Explore the Valley of the Kings,** including the world-renowned tombs of Tutankhamun and Ramses VI. Visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut as well as the Colossi of Memnon. Return to the ship for a late lunch and settle in for views of the fertile banks of the Nile as you sail upstream towards Kom Ombo, where you'll arrive tomorrow afternoon. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Monday, January 4, 2027 Morning Sailing - Kom Ombo - Afternoon Sailing Linger over a relaxed breakfast and a lazy morning on board. Take in glimpses of the small farms that dot the Nile's banks, appreciating the simple, modest livings of local farmers. In a place where daily life has changed little over the centuries, stay on the lookout for water buffaloes and other farm animals dotting the landscape. Later this morning, engage in an informative talk covering Egypt from past to present. After lunch, dock in Kom Ombo and explore its unique double temple. Return to the ship bound for Aswan, the Nubian City. This afternoon, enjoy a culinary demonstration and learn about the staples of Egyptian cuisine from your chef. Later on after dinner, dress up and join the fun during a traditional *galabeya* party. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Tuesday, January 5, 2027 Aswan On this full-day tour, journey across the Western Desert, part of the legendary Sahara. A four-hour drive through this stark landscape takes you to the shores of Lake Nasser for a visit of the great sun temples of **Abu Simbel. Built over 32 centuries ago by Pharaoh Ramses II, the temples were dismantled and moved in 1968 to save them from the flooding of the Aswan Dam.** During the visit, your Tour Manager, who is also an expert Egyptologist, will unveil the secrets of Ramses II's temple, its colossal statues, and the nearby shrine, dedicated to Queen Nefertari. After a local lunch, reminisce about the day as you relax on board your motor coach during your return journey to Aswan, where you arrive in time for dinner aboard the ship. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Wednesday, January 6, 2027 Aswan This morning, hop on a motorboat for a ride to the sanctuary island dedicated to the goddess Isis. Philae Temple is among the architectural wonders rescued from the rising waters of the Nile during the building of the High Dam. Then, gain a different perspective on the epic construction of the dam during an up-close visit of the area, before returning to your ship for lunch. The afternoon is yours to explore more of Aswan. Perhaps you'll wander the local stores or search for spices in the local market, before regrouping for dinner aboard. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Thursday, January 7, 2027 Aswan - Afternoon Sailing This morning, board a *felucca* (wooden sailboat) for a scenic sailing. As your time in Aswan draws to a close, take in the views of the tall sand dunes on the western shore of the Nile. Your ship sets sail once again after lunch for a relaxing afternoon heading downstream towards Edfu. (B, L, D)



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For bookings made after Jun 30, 2026 call for rates.

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Brisbane Intl Airport, Inter-flights from Cairo, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers and Gratuities & **Exclusive API Travel Group Welcome cocktail evening!**

*** All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package**

Day 14: Friday, January 8, 2027 Edfu - Luxor Beat the heat with an early morning visit to the well-preserved Temple of Horus at Edfu. Peruse the endless carvings of scenes depicting the power and grandeur of the pharaohs. Return to the ship for your last stretch of sailing, docking in Luxor mid-afternoon. Upon arrival, visit the city's homonymous temple and walk among the mysterious human-headed sphinxes lining the ancient processional road to Karnak. After dinner on board, **it's your choice!** Linger aboard the ship **-OR-** join your guide for some time at the local *souk* (market), ending at a traditional café for a taste of mint tea. (B, L, D)

Day 15: Saturday, January 9, 2027 Luxor - Fly to Cairo Early this morning,**** return to Cairo. Head towards the old town to enjoy some free time to shop in the world-famous bazaar of Khan el-Khalili. Peruse colourful trinkets, hand-painted crafts, polished pendants, and more. Check into your hotel in the late afternoon, where this evening, you'll join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 16: Sunday, January 10, 2027 Cairo - Tour Ends Your adventure in Egypt ends today. Return home with a new understanding of this mystical land. (B)

Important Tour Information:

Book Now rates valid until Jun 30, 2026, valid on air inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveller. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transport (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travellers who require mobility assistance devices.

Travel with an average of 37 people (maximum of 44).

The Tour Manager for your extension may or may not be the same person as your main tour.

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We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 4 travelers is not met to operate.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

This extension features extended bus time with 4+ hours of driving on the transfer day from Cairo to Alexandria. Occasionally, your return transfer from Alexandria to Cairo may also take place by bus in case of strikes or breakdowns on the train line.

Air inclusive rate is valid for travelers who have purchased our air package for the full tour, depending on the air schedule selected. Rate may vary for those who have purchased their own air.

Travelers on this extension will arrive at the Cairo airport.

***Visiting the Valley of the Kings requires walking on sand and mostly unpaved paths. In addition, visiting the tombs requires navigating through multiple steep staircases and/or ramps with limited help from handrails. The tombs are located underground. This activity may not be suitable for people suffering from claustrophobia.

Your itinerary includes many activities that require walking and standing for extended periods of time on uneven terrain and sand. There are very few places to stop and sit (no benches). Most of the sightseeing takes place in areas where there is NO shade, therefore you will be walking and standing for extended periods under direct, extraordinarily strong sunlight. Visiting tombs, temples and pyramids requires climbing and descending steep staircases and/or ramps with limited or no help from handrails. Some of these visits may not be suitable for people suffering from claustrophobia.

The included activities are not suitable for travellers using motorised scooters, wheelchairs, walkers, or Zimmer-frames.

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Temperatures can easily exceed 105° F (40.5° C), particularly in Luxor and Aswan. Be sure to bring adequate sun protection. We recommend having a hat or head cover, dressing in layers, and using natural, breathable fibers.

Your tour includes many early-morning departures. Whilst in Cairo and Luxor, you may depart sometime between 3:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. to transfer to the airport for your internal flights. To ensure you profit from the cooler hours of the day and reach the sites ahead of larger crowds, you should expect to depart your hotel or ship between 5:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. for the visits of the Giza Pyramids, the Valley of the Kings, Edfu, and the optional tour to Abu Simbel.

****The exact flight schedule will be confirmed closer to departure. Due to limited flights, our departure from Cairo to Luxor will be at 6:30 a.m. or earlier, requiring a 3:00 a.m. departure from the hotel.**

******The exact flight schedule will be confirmed closer to departure. Due to limited flights, our departure from Luxor to Cairo will be at 6:30 a.m. or earlier, requiring a 4:00 a.m. departure from the ship. Occasionally, your visit to the Khan el-Khalili bazaar may take place during your first stay in Cairo.**

***The Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM) has now opened most of its galleries to the public as part of its ongoing soft opening. However, the galleries dedicated to Tutankhamun's treasure and to the Solar Boat remain closed. They are expected to open with the museum's official grand inauguration, which has experienced repeated delays and is now anticipated by December 2025. We are closely monitoring the museum's progress and will include visits to these important galleries as soon as they become accessible to the public.**

There is an additional cost to enter inside the Great Pyramid of Giza and special tombs in the Valley of the Kings. We cover the entrance fee to many sites and to some special tombs (King Tutankhamun and King Ramses VI tombs in the Valley of the Kings), but other special tombs/sites will be at your expense. Rates are subject to change at any time based on governing authority. Your Tour Manager will facilitate the onsite purchase of these tickets by collecting the fees at the beginning of the tour day.

Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in historic areas and archeological sites. For your comfort, we recommend bringing well-broken-in walking shoes and always wearing socks to protect your skin from the friction of sand.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilise your time on tour.

Access to the interior of the Great Pyramid requires a separate ticket, for an additional cost of approximately \$40 US Dollars. The ticket can only be purchased on site and your Tour Manager will assist you with this request.

During your visit of the Pyramids of Giza you will have some free time in the area of the Great Pyramid of Pharaoh Cheops (Khufu) and you may wish to visit its interior. The visit requires agility as you will have to climb up steep, narrow steps (approximately 1-1 ½ feet/ 35-50 centimeters tall) on the side of the Pyramid without the help of handrails. From there, you may access the inner chamber and will need to crouch and, at times, crawl up the 300-foot (100-metre) narrow shaft with minimal help from handrails. This activity is usually not suitable for people suffering from claustrophobia.

******The optional tour to Abu Simbel includes round-trip transport by air-conditioned motor coach, entrance fees, and lunch at a local venue (which replaces the lunch on board the ship). Please expect to depart the ship as early as 7:00 a.m., returning around 6:30 p.m. The drive is about 4 hours each way.**

Museum visits and shopping may be affected by observance of religious or local holidays. If travelling during the month of Ramadan, please note that

the order of some features may vary and that some meal experiences may be replaced with meals in the hotel instead of local restaurants/venues. Ramadan and Eid observances are expected to fall between the evening of February 7, 2027 and the evening of March 10, 2027.

Due to cabin configuration, triple and child accommodations are not available.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

To complete your tour, we include round-trip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised, many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Internal flights are required in order to participate on this tour and are included in the final price, quoted at time of booking.

Travel Requirements:

A deposit of \$1,195 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of June 30, 2026 are based upon availability. Final payment due by August 29, 2026. Deposits are refundable up until June 30, 2026.

Passports are required at your own expense for travel outside of Australia. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity beyond the return date from the destination. Some countries require a visa in addition to a valid passport for entry into the country. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate embassy or consulate for specific information and entry requirements. IMPORTANT: We recommend that our travellers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visa. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Passport numbers are required in advance. Please provide this information at time of booking.

An Egyptian visa is required for this tour. The Egyptian visa is obtained upon arrival in Egypt and is purchased prior to getting in line for immigration. Our local representative will assist in securing it and will collect \$25 US Dollars at that time. Rates are subject to change at any time based on governing authority.

The Egyptian government charges a camera and/or video fee of approximately \$18 US Dollars, per camera, for taking photos or video inside any enclosed sites such as tombs. Your Tour Manager can assist you with obtaining the necessary permission on site.

Each traveller is responsible for proper medical documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal doctor for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from.

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You can also find this information on your tour documents.**

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26 DECEMBER 2026

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BOOKING FORM & TERMS AND CONDITIONS -

A deposit of \$1,695 per person is due upon reservation to hold your place as there is a limited number of places held for API Travel Group departure. Reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of June 30, 2026 are based upon availability.

Final payment due by August 01, 2026. Deposits are refundable up until June 30, 2026, less \$250 per person handling fee.

YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Nickname: _____ Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____ Email Address: _____

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not travelling with you): _____

Phone: () _____

ROOMING WITH: ☐ Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

AIR GATEWAY: Departure airport for this tour: _____

Air Seat Request: () Aisle () Window () Next To Travelling Companion

Collette cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times.

Please be advised, when travelling as part of a group, many airlines do not provide seat assignments. Preferred seating may be available for an additional charge.

"Federal law forbids carriage of hazardous materials such as aerosols, fireworks, lithium batteries & flammable liquids aboard the aircraft in your checked or carry-on baggage. A violation can result in 5 years' imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more. Details on prohibited items may be found on TSA's "prohibited items" web page: <http://www.tsa.gov/traveller-information/prohibited-items>."

EXTENSION: I wish to purchase "4-Night Jordan: Petra & the Dead Sea" () Yes () No

ON TOUR ACTIVITIES: Please choose one of the following on tour hotels

Please Choose One: (subject to availability)

() Marriott Cairo Hotel & Casino – Standard (included)

() Marriott Cairo Hotel & Casino – Nile View (additional charge of \$105.00 double, \$210.00 single required)

Extend your holiday with

Optional 5 Days 4-Night Jordan: Petra & the Dead Sea Post Tour Extension

Per Person Rates: \$3,100.00 AUD double, \$4,000.00 AUD single, land & air inclusive

7 Meals: 4 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 2 Dinners

Day 16: Cairo - Amman, Jordan - Petra

An early morning transfer brings you to the airport in Cairo for your flight to the Queen Alia Airport,* located in the outskirts of Amman, the capital of Jordan. Upon arrival, embark on an afternoon-long bus ride through the desertic countryside towards the ancient city of Petra. Arrive in Wadi Musa, Petra's modern-day settlement, for a 2-night stay. This evening, experience the flavours of the region during dinner at a local restaurant. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 17: Petra

Early this morning, travel the short distance from your hotel to the archeological site of Petra (UNESCO). Enjoy a full day walking tour of this remarkable stone-carved city, one of the new Wonders of the World. This remarkable treasure of the ancient world remained "hidden" behind rugged mountains prior to its discovery in 1812, after being lost for over 500 years. Explore these breathtaking ruins, carved from sandstone by the Nabataeans and learn about the importance of Petra to the ancient trade routes, the history of its prominence and decline, its rediscovery, and efforts at preservation. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 18: Petra - Madaba - Mount Nebo - Dead Sea

A full morning transfer takes you to Madaba, the "City of Mosaics." Visit the church of St. George to see the famous 6th-century Byzantine mosaic map of the region, one of the oldest in existence. Meet the local community during a home hosted lunch and savour traditional Jordanian hospitality as you connect with your hosts over a traditional meal. In the afternoon, pause at Mt. Nebo, where Moses saw the Promised Land, and is believed to be laid to rest. In the early evening, descend to the lowest point on earth, for a two-night stay at a hotel featuring direct access to the legendary Dead Sea. Arrive in the early evening and enjoy a sunset overlooking the Promised Land. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 19: Dead Sea

This morning, travel the short distance between your hotel and the Jordan River for an insightful visit of Bethany Beyond the Jordan, the UNESCO-recognised site where, according to tradition, St. John Baptist baptised Jesus Christ. Then, take advantage of your hotel's private access to the beach and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to experience the Dead Sea's natural buoyancy. Share memories with your fellow travellers this evening over dinner at your hotel. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 20: Dead Sea - Extension Ends

Transfer to the Queen Alia International Airport for your flight. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Important Tour Extension Information:

The overall activity level of this extension is a level 3. This means walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal for you. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transport (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable as is climbing 3 flights of stairs. You can handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. You can expect some longer days balanced with free time. This level is not a fit for travellers that require mobility assistance devices.

Fully-guided extensions are a great way to explore a new destination. Enjoy sightseeing and local experiences led by a Tour Manager or local expert.

On this extension, you will be guided by a local Jordanian Tour Manager.

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 6 travellers is not met to operate.

The space on this extension is extremely limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicable charges may apply at time of request.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

This extension features extensive bus rides, including 4+ hours driving from the Queen Alia International Airport and Petra, and another 4+ hours on the transfer from Petra to the Dead Sea.

On the day of the included visit to Petra, you will depart the hotel as early as 6:30 a.m. to ensure you profit from the cooler hours of the day and reach the site ahead of larger crowds.

Museum visits and shopping may be affected by observance of religious or local holidays. If travelling during the month of Ramadan, please note that the order of some features may vary and that some meal experiences may be replaced with meals in the hotel instead of local restaurants/venues. Ramadan and Eid observances are expected to fall between the evening of February 7, 2027 and the evening of March 10, 2027.

Our transfers will depart from the Dead Sea hotel to Queen Alia International Airport.

Air inclusive rate is valid for travellers who have purchased our air package for the full tour, depending on the air schedule selected. Rate may vary for those who have purchased their own air.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Travellers on this extension will depart from Queen Alia International Airport.

*Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive in Amman no later than 10:30 a.m.

Tour Extension Travel Requirements:

A Jordanian visa is required for this extension. The visa will be pre-arranged and provided on a complimentary basis when greeted by your Jordanian Tour Manager upon arrival in Jordan.