

Landsharkz Geocaching Adventure Jordan and Egypt

April 30 – May 14, 2027

Itinerary

Friday April 30, 2027 - ARRIVAL IN AMMAN, JORDAN TO DEAD SEA TO PETRA

Upon arrival at the Amman Queen Alia International Airport, the group will be greeted and free visa arranged*

Transfer to the hotel in Amman and check in. Relax after the long flight.

Saturday May 01, 2027 - AMMAN, JORDAN TO DEAD SEA TO PETRA



Group will drive one-hour south to the **Dead Sea for a Day Pass with Lunch** at the Holiday Inn Dead Sea Resort, where you will enjoy some free time. The Dead Sea is the lowest point on the face of the earth. This vast stretch of water receives a number of incoming rivers, including the River Jordan. Once the waters reach the Dead Sea they are land-locked and have nowhere to go, so they evaporate, leaving behind a dense, rich, cocktail of salts and minerals that supply industry, agriculture and medicine with some of its finest products. Enjoy a buffet lunch and time to enjoy the hotel facilities, pool and enjoy floating in the Dead Sea or covering yourselves with mud.

This afternoon we will proceed to Petra, the drive is approx. 3 ½ hrs. Upon arrival around 6:30pm check-in at Petra Hotel. This evening is at your leisure.

Accommodation in Petra at Petra Guest House Hotel, standard room (2 Nights)

Sunday May 02, 2027 - FULL DAY GUIDE PETRA SITE VISIT & PETRA BY NIGHT



Breakfast at the hotel and then group will have a **full day guided tour of Petra site**.

A Petra site visit is a journey through one of the world's most iconic archaeological sites, on the slope of Mount Hor in southern Jordan. Named a World Heritage Site in 1985, UNESCO. Petra, once the capital of the Nabatean Kingdom, is famous for its stunning rock-cut architecture and water management system. Visitors explore ancient structures like the Treasury (Al-Khazneh), the Monastery (Ad-Deir), the Roman Theater, and the Colonnaded Street. The site also includes tombs, temples, and intricate facades carved directly into the red sandstone cliffs. The visit typically involves a walk through the Siq, a narrow, winding gorge that leads to the main part of Petra. As you venture deeper into the site, the ancient city unfolds with breathtaking views and fascinating history, offering a glimpse into the incredible engineering and cultural heritage of the Nabateans. The site is vast and can take several hours to explore, with various hiking options to see different parts of the city. Lunch is on own arrangement today.

***Note: wear good walking shoes today and bring water and a sunhat**

***Short horse ride from Petra site entrance to Siq (about 800 meters) included in ticket (tip extra)**

Return to the hotel for some free time and time for dinner on your own.

This evening set off around 8:30 pm to attend the Petra by Night show.

Tonight at approx. 8:30 pm attend **Petra by night show**. This is a magical experience that allows visitors to explore the ancient city of Petra under the stars. The tour typically begins after sunset, offering a unique perspective of the historic site that is usually explored during daylight hours. During the tour, visitors walk through the Siq (the narrow gorge that leads to Petra's Treasury), which is illuminated by thousands of candles lining the pathway. The flickering candlelight creates a serene and enchanting atmosphere as you approach the Treasury, one of Petra's most famous structures. Once at the Treasury, the guide often shares stories and legends about Petra's history, and traditional music is played, adding to the magical ambiance. The tour is a peaceful, almost mystical experience, allowing visitors to connect with the ancient wonder in a way that is entirely different from the daytime visit. It's a slower-paced, more reflective way to experience Petra, perfect for those wanting to witness the iconic ruins in a unique, quiet setting.

Monday May 03, 2027 - WADI RUM VISIT TO AQABA (RED SEA)



Breakfast at the hotel and then check out. Travel further South about 1 ½ hr drive to Wadi Rum.

Wadi Rum, also known as the Valley of the Moon, is a stunning desert landscape. It's famous for its dramatic red sand dunes, towering sandstone mountains, narrow canyons, and unique rock formations. Wadi Rum has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2011 due to its natural beauty and cultural significance. The area is also known for its connection to the famous British officer T.E. Lawrence, who was known as "Lawrence of Arabia."

On arrival the group will be taken on a **3-hour Jeep tour** using 4x4 Bedouin-driven pickups to explore this desert landscape and taking in its surreal, otherworldly atmosphere.

Lunch will also be included today at the Wadi Rum Visitors Center. A Camel ride can also be added to add to the fun!

After lunch, drive to Aqaba on the Red Sea. Check into the hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

The hotel in Aqaba is in the heart of Aqaba, offering breathtaking views of the Red Sea and surrounding mountains. With direct access to its own private beach, this resort is just 10 km from King Hussein International Airport and near the archaeological sites of the ancient Islamic city of Ayla.

Accommodation in Aqaba at Movenpick Resort Hotel, superior room (1 Night)



Tuesday May 4, 2027 - AQABA TO AMMAN - FLIGHT



Breakfast at the hotel and then group will have the morning at their leisure.

In the afternoon the group will transfer to the Aqaba Airport for the return flight to Amman. (Flight not yet included.)

Upon arrival back in Amman, the group will be greeted and then transferred to the hotel. Check into the hotel and evening is at leisure.

Amman, situated in a hilly area between the desert and the fertile Jordan Valley and the contrasts between old and new is unique. The commercial heart of the city has ultra-modern buildings, hotels, restaurants, art galleries and boutiques that rub shoulders comfortably with traditional coffee shops and artisan's workshops.

Accommodation in Amman at Bristol or Regency Palace Hotel, standard room (2 Nights)

Wednesday May 05, 2027 - TOUR TO JERASH & AMMAN CITY TOUR

Breakfast at the hotel and then drive about one hour to **Jerash** for a guided site visit followed by lunch at a local restaurant before returning back to Amman.

Jerash is an ancient Roman city known for its well-preserved ruins. It was once a thriving city in the Roman Empire, part of the Decapolis league of ten cities in the region. The city is famous for its stunning architecture, including a large Roman theater, the Oval Plaza, a well-preserved arch (Hadrian's Arch), and long colonnaded streets. Jerash also features temples dedicated to gods like Zeus and Artemis, and it showcases impressive remnants of Roman engineering, such as baths, a hippodrome, and city gates. Today, Jerash is one of the most important and best-preserved Roman archaeological sites in the world.

Then afterwards transfer to Amman for an **afternoon city tour** including the Citadel, Roman Theatre and a walking tour in the downtown area to check local markets. Evening is at leisure.

Thursday May 6, 2027 - DEPARTURE TO CAIRO

Breakfast at the hotel and check out followed by a transfer back to the airport for your flight to Cairo. (Flight not yet included.)

Thursday May 06, 2027 - ARRIVAL IN CAIRO

Arrive to Cairo, the capital city of Egypt, where the ancient and modern worlds overlap. Group will be transfer by private coach to the hotel.

The rest of the day is at leisure.

Cairo, the Triumphant City, is the glorious capital of Egypt, the cradle of civilization and the beacon of religion. It is the largest city in the Middle East and Africa and lies at the centre of all routes leading to and from the continents of Asia, Africa and Europe. Greater Cairo extends on the banks of the River Nile to the south of its delta. Here the Nile divides into two tributaries, the Rosetta and the Damietta. It is the city where the past and present meet. On its East Side stands the evidence of 2000 years of Islamic, Christian Coptic and Jewish culture still flourishing to this day. On its West Side lies the Ancient Egyptian city of Memphis (Giza), the renowned capital of the Old Kingdom and the site of the Pyramids, the only wonder of the Seven Ancient Wonders of the World surviving. Indeed, a journey through Cairo is a journey through time, a journey through the history of an immortal civilization.

Overnight in Cairo at Sheraton Hotel, deluxe room type (4 Nights)

Friday May 07, 2027 - FULL DAY GRAND EGYPTIAN MUSEUM / PYRAMIDS & SPHINX

Breakfast at the hotel and then group will be picked up for full day tour to the new the Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM Museum) and to the Great Pyramids of Giza & visit to the Sphinx.



This tour includes an upgraded lunch at the Marriott Mena house hotel overlooking the pyramids. Set at the base of the Pyramids where you can enjoy indoor and outdoor seating and a blend local and international cuisine with breathtaking views of the Giza Pyramids.

Next, tour to the new the Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM Museum). Located just outside of Cairo on the Giza Plateau (and next door to the Pyramids). The GEM is not only the new crown jewel of Egypt, but it will also be one of the largest, most modern, and most renowned museums in the entire world.

The Pyramids & Sphinx were reckoned by the Greeks to be one of the Seven Wonders of the World. A single pyramid is built of 2,300,000 blocks, each weighing an average of two and one-half tons. In the face of such immensity, one cannot help but feel the wonder and awe that so many writers & artists have sought to convey over the centuries. The Cheops Pyramid is especially interesting since its interior burial chambers are open for inspection by the public. Not far from the Pyramids is the Great Sphinx of Giza, which dates back from the time of Chephren(2620BC). Hewn from natural yellowish limestone & standing 65 feet high & 187 feet long, this unforgettable statue combines the head of a Pharaoh with a lion's body



Return to hotel, evening at leisure.

Saturday May 08, 2027 - FULL DAY TRIP TO ALEXANDRIA

Breakfast at the hotel and then group will be picked up for full day tour to Alexandria including lunch.

Enjoy a full-day tour from Cairo to the historic city of Alexandria, Egypt's second-largest city and a Mediterranean gem. The tour typically includes round-trip transportation in an air-conditioned vehicle, with visits to top attractions such as the Catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa, Pompey's Pillar, the Citadel of Qaitbay, and the stunning modern Library of Alexandria. Along the way, you'll explore Greco-Roman landmarks, learn about Alexandria's rich cultural heritage, and enjoy a delicious seafood lunch by the sea. A knowledgeable guide ensures a memorable and informative experience.

Return to hotel, evening at leisure.

Sunday May 09, 2027 - NATIONAL MUSEUM TO SEE MUMMIES & OLD CAIRO



Breakfast at the hotel and then group will be picked up for half day tour to visit to the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization (NMEC) to see the Royal Mummies and then also to the Khan El Khalili Bazaar.

This is the first museum in the Arab world focusing on the first civilization in the history; a must visit for anyone interested in Egyptian history and archaeology. This is also where you will be able to also see The Royal Mummies Gallery which displays the mummies of the ancient 17 Kings and 3 Queens of Egypt. The design aims to give the visitor the feeling of strolling down the Valley of The Kings, where most of these mummies were originally resting.

The day ends with a walk through Khan el Khalili Bazaar, Cairo's most famous souk, where narrow alleys are filled with colorful shops selling spices, jewelry, textiles, and souvenirs. It's a lively place to experience traditional Egyptian life, enjoy local refreshment and soak in centuries of history.

Return to hotel, evening at leisure.

Monday May 10, 2027 - FLIGHT CAIRO TO LUXOR – NILE CRUISE

After breakfast at the hotel, check out, and transfer back to Cairo Airport for the onward flight to Luxor. (Flight not yet Included.)

Luxor is a city often been called "world's greatest open air museum", with the number and preservation of monuments in the area, it is unparalleled to anywhere in the world This afternoon group will be taken to visit the East Bank where the Karnak Temple and Luxor Temple are located.

Karnak Temple: Karnak was erected in 1928 BC as a small shrine dedicated to Amun, god of Thebes then. The Temple of Karnak comprises three main temples, smaller enclosed temples, and several outer temples - all constructed over 1300 years. The three main temples of Mut, Monthu and Amun, are enclosed in enormous brick walls, with the temple of Amun at the center. Karnak is now the largest.

Luxor Temple: In an unforgettable excursion, visitors drive to the Luxor Temple. Many festivals were celebrated in Thebes. The Temple of Luxor was the center of the most important one, the festival of Opet. Built largely by Amenhotep III and Ramses II, the temple served as a setting for

the rituals of the festival, which was held to reconcile the human aspect of the ruler with his divine office.

Return for later afternoon tea followed by a belly dance show and dinner on board. End the night with music in the lounge.

Overnight on Sonesta Nile Goddess Nile Cruise, deluxe cabins (4 Nights)

Tuesday May 11, 2027 - LUXOR – ESNA - NILE CRUISE

Enjoy breakfast on board and then this morning group will be taken to visit West Bank (Valley of the Kings & Queens, Hatshepsut).

Visit the West Bank of Luxor where you will explore the astonishing and extensive New Kingdom city of "Thebes" which includes the Valley of the Kings and the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at El-Deir El-Bahari.



Known as Ta-Set-Neferu or The Place of Beauty, the Valley of the Queens served as a burial site for the wives of the pharaohs, princesses, and other ruling figures. It is remarkable to mention that Nefertari's tomb is considered one of the most beautiful tombs in Egypt with its marvelous paintings depicting Nefertari guided by the gods.

Return to the ship and enjoy lunch while you sail onward to Esna. Watch the local life pass by while having afternoon tea followed by a Captain's Welcome Cocktail Party and dinner. End the night with music in the lounge.

Wednesday May 12, 2027 - ESNA – EDFU – KOM OMBO - NILE CRUISE

Cruise will sail to Edfu. Enjoy breakfast on board and then group will be taken to visit Edfu Temple, the wonderfully preserved Temple of Horus at Edfu Temple

Edfu is a historical town located on the west bank of the Nile between Esna and Aswan and is home to Horus Temple. Horus Temple was built from sandstone blocks between 237 BC and 57 BC and is considered one of the best-preserved temples of all other temple ruins. The temple walls have great inscriptions that reveal important insights into myth, religion, and language in the ancient Egyptian era

Return to ship and continue to sail to Kom Ombo. Lunch on board and afternoon tea.



Later visit the Temple shared by two gods Sobek and Haeroris in Komombo. This Ptolemaic temple dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek and the falcon-headed Horus, God of the morning sun. The uniqueness of this temple lies in the duplication of its halls, rooms, courts, and sanctuaries designed for two gods. The southern half of the temple was dedicated to the crocodile God, Sobek, while the northern half was to the falcon God, Horoeris (Horus the elder). Both sides of the temple are perfectly symmetrical on the axis. Return to ship for dinner on board followed by a Galabeya party.

Thursday May 13, 2027 - KOM OMBO – ASWAN - NILE CRUISE

Cruise will sail to Aswan. Enjoy breakfast on board and then group will be taken to visit the High Dam, the Granite Quarries and the Temple of Philae.



The Aswan High Dam (completed in 1971); the Old Dam (completed in 1902). The High Dam, just north of the border between Egypt and Sudan lies the Aswan High Dam, a huge rock fill dam which captures the world's longest river, the Nile, in the world's largest artificial reservoir, Lake Nasser.

The Philae Temple, dedicated to the goddess Isis, a structure rescued from the rising waters of Lake Nasser at the time of the High Dam's construction. A short trip on a motorboat will bring the visitor to a magnificent vista of the island, before landing at what would have been the ancient quay on the south side. The temple was dedicated to the goddess Isis and has many legends connected to it. The most well known legend tells the story of how Isis found the heart of Osiris here after his murder by his brother Seth.

Return to ship for lunch on board and then Sail around Kitchener's Island & Agha Khan.



Friday May 14, 2027 - DISEMBARK / ASWAN / CAIRO

Breakfast on board and then disembark.

Transfer to the airport for flight back to Cairo. (Flight quoted separate). Connect with your onward flight to South Africa.

Prices and Payment Plan

Cost: 30-34 paying passengers - \$6509.00 per person

35-40 paying passengers - \$6149.00 per person

*Single Room Supplement: \$2208.00 per person

*Estimated flight cost for Aqaba to Amman: \$225.00 per person

*Estimated flight cost for Cairo/Aswan-Luxor/Cairo - \$899.00 per person

Deposit: \$500.00 per person (Non-refundable) – due at time of booking.

Balance Due: 15Jan2027

*additional payments will be collected for internal flights once they are ready to be booked.

Jordan - Inclusions in above prices:

- 5 Nights hotel accommodation as per itinerary based on twin share
- All transfers and transportation is by private, air-conditioned coach (One Group transfer meeting one flight only on arrival and departure is included.)
- Meet & assist at Amman Airport on arrival & departure by our English-speaking representative.
- Tours & Entrances as noted in itinerary
- 5 x Breakfasts, 3 x lunches (Dead Sea, Wadi Rum and Jerash)
- Jordan Entry Visa ~ Passport details needed in advance.
- Services of a Private Professional English-speaking tour guide throughout the trip
- Entrance fees to all sites mentioned in the program + Petra by night tickets
- Horse ride in Petra from main entrance to the Siq
- 3-hr Jeep tour in Wadi Rum using 4x4 Bedouin-driven pickups (maximum 4pax per Jeep)

Egypt – Inclusions in above prices:

- 8 Nights hotel accommodation as per itinerary based on twin share ○ 04 nights' accommodation at Cairo hotel on bed and breakfast basis.
 - 04 nights' accommodation on board Nile cruise on full board basis.
- All transfers and transportation is by private, air-conditioned coach (One Group transfer meeting one flight only on arrival and departure is included.)
- Arrival Meet & Greet guide assistance, Departure guide assistance
- Private English-speaking guide
- Entrance to the above-mentioned sites during the Nile Cruise and tour
- Meals as noted- B – Daily Breakfast X 8, L- Lunches X 6 & D – Dinner X 4
- Local taxes on accommodation and sightseeing tours, based on current rates
- Full day Grand Egyptian Museum, Pyramids and Sphinx including lunch at Marriott Mena house hotel.
- Over day Alexandria including local lunch.

- Full day National Museum of Egyptian Civilization, and Khan el Khalili bazaar excluding lunch.