

# JOURNEY TO EGYPT AND THE MILE

October 31 – November 12, 2009 \$4,199.00 per person from Peoria based on double occupancy Visiting: Cairo, The Pyramids, The Sphinx, Luxor, Aswan, and featuring a 4-night Nile Cruise



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Extension to Petra, Jordan November 12 – 14, 2009 Details inside



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#### EXCLUSIVE TOUR FEATURES

- Round trip motor coach transportation from Peoria to O'Hare Airport
- Round trip air transportation from Chicago to Cairo on regularly scheduled flights of Royal Jordanian Airlines
- 4 nights of hotel accommodations at a deluxe Hotel in Cairo, Egypt
- 2 nights of hotel accommodations at a deluxe hotel in Sharm-El-Sheikh, by the Red Sea
- 1 night of hotel accommodations at a deluxe hotel in Alexandria, Egypt
- 4 nights aboard Deluxe Nile Cruise ship, in an outside air-conditioned cabin with two lower beds
- · Breakfast daily in Cairo and 2 lunches

- Breakfast and dinner in Sharm-El-Sheikh
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner in Alexandria
- 3 meals daily while on the Nile Cruise
- 2 full days of sightseeing while in Cairo
- 2 half-days sightseeing in Alexandria
- All Shore Excursions while on the cruise
- · Visit to Mt. Sinai and St. Catherine Monastery
- Round trip transfers and luggage handling between foreign airports, ship and hotels
- · English-speaking guide throughout

NOT INCLUDED: U.S. & Foreign departure taxes, fuel surcharges of approx. \$350.00 per person, visa fee, tips to guides, drivers and cruise staff

#### ITINERARY

#### October 31 - Chicago En route

Depart Chicago on Royal Jordanian Airlines non-stop flight to Amman. Dinner and breakfast will be served on board.

#### November 1 - Amman/Cairo

Transfer in Amman this afternoon where you'll continue on a flight to Cairo, the largest city on the African continent. You will be met and assisted through Passport Control then transferred to your hotel.

#### November 2 – Cairo (The Pyramids & The Sphinx)

Begin the day with a drive to the town of Giza to visit the Great Pyramids, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Explore the most famous of all the attractions of Egypt, the 4,500 year-old Pyramids and the Sphinx. The staggering dimensions of the Pyramid of Cheops—137 meters in height and made of some 2.5 million limestone blocks weighing 6 trillion tons—-provide an important perspective for appreciating what a monumental undertaking this construction represents. You will then visit Memphis, former capital city of Egypt during the Old Kingdom. Sights include the mammoth Colossus of Ramses II and the 80-ton Alabaster Sphinx. Continue to Sakkara with its famous Step Pyramid, tomb of King Djoser of the 3rd Dynasty. It is far and away the oldest of all pyramids. Lunch is included. **(B & L)** 

#### November 3 - Cairo/Sharm El Sheikh

Board a morning flight to Sharm El Sheikh, the beautiful resort on the Red Sea. Upon arrival, board a motor coach and head to the Sinai Desert to visit St. Catherine's Monastery, built on the traditional site of Moses' Burning Bush, where you can view a collection of religious icons. It is a sight you'll remember forever. Return to Sharm El Sheikh and check in at your resort. Dinner is included this evening. **(B & D)** 

#### November 4 – Sharm El Sheikh

Enjoy a day at leisure in this beautiful seaside resort. Dinner is included at the resort. (B & D)

#### November 5 - Sharm El Sheikh/Luxor - board Nile cruise

Fly to Luxor this morning, where you will board your Deluxe Nile Cruise—your floating hotel for the next 4 nights. Lunch on board. In the afternoon, sightsee in the lofty pillars of Karnak Temple, dedicated to the imperial god, Amon. Karnak has no equal among the national shrines of Egypt. It contains structures built by nearly every pharaoh, particularly those from the New Kingdom period. Later, visit Luxor Temple where, behind the East Tower inside the Courtyard of Ramses II, is an ancient mosque built over a portion of the temple. (B, L, & D)

#### **November 6- Cruising/Luxor**

Spend the morning visiting the impressive Valley of the Kings on the Nile's western shore. Here you will explore such unforgettable sights as the tombs of kings and nobles such as Ramesses III and Tutankhamun, as well as Queen Hatshepsut's Temple (Egypt's only female Pharaoh). After lunch, you'll begin sailing to Edfu. Relax on deck as you take in the sights of the fertile Nile Valley as you cruise by some of its picturesque villages. **(B, L & D)** 

#### November 7 – Cruising/Edfu

Start this morning with a visit to Edfu's superbly preserved Temple of Horus, the falcon-headed Lord of the Sky, built in 230 BC by Ptolemy III. In its remarkably intact interior, it is easy to imagine oneself back in ancient Egypt, part of the congregation of temple worshippers. Begin sailing to Kom Ombo. In the afternoon, visit Kom Ombo, where you will see the hilltop temple of Sebok. In the village itself are many mummified crocodiles and the tombs of holy animals. **(B, L & D)** 

#### **November 8 – Cruising/Aswan**

Your shore excursion this morning will feature a visit to the Temple of Philae and the Old and High Dams of the city. In the afternoon, enjoy a felucca ride around Kitchner's Island and admire one of the most spectacular sunsets in the world. **(B, L & D)** 

#### November 9 - Aswan/Cairo (Optional Abu Simbel)

Bid farewell to your friendly cruise crew as you head to Aswan Airport to board your flight back to Cairo. If you wish, you can join an optional excursion to Abu Simbel by air, to visit the colossal rock temple of Ramses II and his Queen Nefertari. Seated at the temple entrance are the four enormous rock-carved statues of Ramses II that are 65-feet high. The temple and statues are marvels, as is the work of the modern engineers who raised them to the hillside to protect them from the rising waters of the Nile. You return to Cairo late afternoon. **(B)** 

#### November 10 - Cairo

No place holds a more fascinating or a more powerful lure than timeless Cairo. A highlight of today's tour is a visit to the renowned Egyptian Museum of Antiquities filled with treasures from the tomb of King Tut and other ancient dynasties. You will also visit Old Cairo for a tour of the 12th Century Citadel and the Mohamed Ali Alabaster Mosque. Explore Cairo on your own in the afternoon and shop its many bargains in gold, silver, and leather and cotton goods. Lunch is included today. **(B & L)** 

#### November 11 - Cairo/Alexandria

Motor coach to Alexandria, the "Pearl of the Mediterranean," founded in 331 B.C. by Alexander the Great. Drive along the beautiful cornice to enjoy the beauty of this historical city, and visit the incredible Greco Roman Museum, housing 40,000 articles dating back to the 3rd Century B.C. Continue to Montaza, the summer palace of King Farouk, the last King to rule Egypt, where your hotel is located. **(B, L & D)** 

# November 12 – Alexandria/Amman/Chicago (optional Jordan Extension)

Bid farewell to Alexandria this morning, as you board Royal Jordanian to Amman. In Amman, join the optional Jordan Extension or connect to Chicago, arriving the same afternoon with unforgettable memories of your "Journey to Egypt & The Nile."

"WELCOME HOME"

## JORDAN EXTENSION

#### FEATURES INCLUDED IN THE EXTENSION:

- 2 nights of hotel accommodations in Jordan at a Deluxe Hotel
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Tour of Madaba and Nebo
- Tour of Petra with all entrance fees

- English-speaking guide
- Visa fee for Jordan

Not included: Tips to guide and driver and beverages with included dinners.

#### ITINERARY

#### November 12 - Alexandria/Amman/Petra

Depart from Alexandria to Amman by air. Arrive in Amman at 10:15 a.m. You will be welcomed by your local guide and then begin your drive south on the King's Highway to the Plains of Moab and Mt. Nebo. It was here that Moses viewed the Jordan Valley and the Promised Land before his death at the age of 120 years. Stand where Moses stood and gaze across the Jordan River into the "Land of Milk and Honey." Next you will stop at the ancient city of Madaba, famous as "the city of mosaics," to view an ancient mosaic map depicting Israel and Jordan with Jerusalem at its center. It originally measured 25 x 5 meters and contained more than 2 million colored mosaic stones. King David's army defeated the Ammonites here. Check-in at the hotel in Petra for dinner and overnight.

#### November 13 - Petra Excursion

Remember Indiana Jones and the Canyon of the Crescent Moon? After breakfast, begin an excursion that will excite any Indiana Jones fans. You'll start at the visitor's center where you will be assigned a Bedouin-guided horse for the journey into the Lost City. After passing some tombs outside the city, you'll pass through the SIQ, an immense

crack in the Nubian sandstone. It is a winding, one-mile long fissure between overhanging cliffs that seem to meet 300 feet overhead. Near the end of the passage, you make one last turn and, out of the gloom in towering brightness appears Petra's most impressive monument, el Khazneh - The Treasury. This is one of the most elegant remains of antiquity, carved out of solid rock from the side of a mountain nearly 140-feet high and 90 feet wide. Beyond el Khazneh, you are surrounded on both sides by hundreds of Petra's carved structures, soaring temples, elaborate royal tombs, a Roman theater, burial chambers and much more. After this memorable visit, drive to Amman for dinner and overnight.

### November 14 – Amman/Chicago Transfer to Amman Airport for your flight to Chicago.

The Additional cost of the Jordan Extension is \$799.00 per person, based on a minimium of 15 passengers.

The extension is based on a minimum of 15 tour participants.

### Travel Insurance Recommended For A Worry-Free Vacation

Sometimes it happens - an emergency at home or a sickness causes people to cancel their vacation or interrupt their trip. We hope this doesn't happen to you, but if it does, what about the financial costs involved? And what about losing your personal belongings or becoming ill while on your trip?

Because these unfortunate events can occur, a travel insurance plan offered and administered by Trip Mate is available with all Eskin Tours International travel arrangements. This high-quality travel insurance plan covers your vacation investment, your belongings, and most importantly, you. This travel insurance plan covers you even if you must cancel or interrupt your trip due to a pre-existing medical condition - if you purchase the plan within 7 days of your initial deposit/payment for your trip and are not disabled from travel at the time your plan payment is received.

THIS IS A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ASK FOR THE DESCRIPTION OF COVERAGE BROCHURE WHICH FULLY DETAILS THE COVERAGES, PROVISIONS, LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS OF THE INSURANCE OFFERED AND IS AVAILABLE TO YOU, UPON REQUEST, AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO YOUR PURCHASE OF THE PLAN.

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#### TRIP CANCELLATION / INTERRUPTION

documents or money; or natural disaster.

#### **ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT** These benefits are paid if loss occurs within 365 days of a covered injury which occurs while on your

If you have to cancel or interrupt your trip due to a covered Injury, Sickness or death - your own or that of a Traveling Companion or an Immediate Family Member - or for Other Covered Events, as defined, you will be reimbursed up to the trip cost for: cancellation charges imposed on travel arrangements provided by Eskin if you cancel before departure; or if you must interrupt your trip after departure, you will be reimbursed for the unused, non-refundable land or water arrangements and the additional transport charges paid to return home or to rejoin your trip (limited to economy one-way airfare or first class, if your original tickets were first class). This plan does not cover a loss that results from an illness, disease, or other condition (of you, an Immediate Family Member, Traveling Companion or Business Partner), event or circumstance which occurs at a time when this plan is not in force for you.

rier delay; Injury, Sickness or death of you or your Traveling Companion; quarantine; loss of passport, travel

**MEDICAL EXPENSE/EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE** 

\$25.000

Provides reimbursement for reasonable and customary medical expenses incurred within 365 days of a covered Sickness or Injury which occurs while on your trip; emergency dental treatment received during your trip; the costs for emergency transport to home or an appropriate hospital, including escort expense (both, if deemed necessary by the attending physician), for a covered Injury or Sickness which occurs while on your trip; or the cost of homeward carriage if deceased.

Provides up to \$100 per day (maximum of \$500) for reasonable accommodation and traveling expenses until travel becomes possible if you are delayed for more than 12 hours due to a covered reason such as air car-

**BAGGAGE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS** 

Coverage for direct physical loss or damage to your baggage, passports or visas while on your trip. A \$500 maximum limit applies to jewelry, gems, watches, cameras and camera equipment, and furs - a \$250 per article limit applies to all other items. If, while on your trip, your baggage is delayed for 24 hours or more, we will reimburse you up to \$100 for the purchase of necessary additional clothing and personal articles.

#### **COVERAGE TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The "Travel Insurance Certificate" defines Traveling Companion as a person booked to share accommodations with you in the same room, cabin, apartment or condominium unit during your trip; Immediate Family Member as the following relatives - yours or those of your Traveling Companion - spouse, children, parents, step-parents, parents-in-law, sisters, brothers, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, daughters-in-law, aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces, grandparents, grandchildren, guardian, Domestic Partner, foster-child or ward, and Sickness as an illness or disease of the body which requires treatment by a Physician. Sickness of you, a Traveling Companion, Immediate Family Member or Business Partner must commence while insurance is in effect for you.

Certain exclusions and limitations apply and are detailed in the "Travel Insurance Certain exclusions and limitations apply and are detailed in the "Travel Insurance Certain exclusions and limitations apply and are detailed in the "Travel Insurance Certain exclusion is waived if your premium is received within 7 days of your initial deposit/payment for your trip and you are not disabled from travel at the time your premium is received), suicide, normal pregnancy, war or any act of war, mental or nervous disorders. Other Covered Events, as defined, includes the following events or their consequences: common carrier delay due to strike, cancellation of arrangements by an airline, cruiseline or tour operator due to inclement weather or an organized labor strike, a documented traffic accident while en route to departure; jury duty; destruction of your residence by a natural disaster; or a documented theft of passports or visas.

All travel insurance claims and inquiries must be submitted to the Claims Administrator, Trip Mate (In CA, dba Trip Mate Insurance Agency), 9225 Ward Parkway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO 64114 Telephone 1-800-888-7292. This plan is underwritten by: Stonebridge Casualty Insurance Company, Columbus, OH.

#### **TOUR CONDITIONS**

TRAVEL DELAY

TOUR DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: Reservations are accepted by checks only.

ARRANGEMENTS: The tour price is based on the current rate of exchange, tariff rates and air fares in effect 1/15/09. In the event of a marked increase in foreign currency in air tariff, in hotel, or transportation rates, notification will be mailed to tour members in writing no later than 30 days prior to departure.

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE: You have the opportunity to purchase an insurance policy to cover you should you have to cancel for a medical reason. In the event you elect not to purchase the trip cancellation insurance, penalties will be implemented according to the terms below.

CANCELLATION: \$50.00 per person levied if written notification is received 100 days or more prior to departure date. Between 100-61 days prior to departure, \$300.00 per person penalty. After that date the following will apply to cover the considerable penalties of the different suppliers. 25% of the land rate and, if greater, any other expenses incurred on behalf of the passenger. For air and cruise portion (if applicable), the regulation of the carrier will apply.

AIRLINE MILEAGE PROGRAM: Eskin Tours' programs are based on negotiated group air fares with various airlines. Some of the airlines may not offer mileage credit when traveling on a group fare.

INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE TRAVEL: One piece of checked luggage is allowed on the tour. Its combined total measurement (length+width+height) cannot exceed 62 inches and 50 lbs. You are also allowed one carry-on per person which must be able to fit under the seat in front of you with a total measurement of 45 inches. All special requests that we receive for particular seating arrangement (must be noted on your reservation form as you sign up for the tour) are forwarded to the airline involved. However, we regret in this time of mass travel and computerized seating reservations; we cannot guarantee or be responsible in the event that your request is not honored by the airline. Should you wish to deviate from the package tour by changing your departure and/or return dates of travel, there will be a service charge of \$100.00 per person, plus the additional cost of the change in air fare.

RESPONSIBILITY: Eskin Tours of 425 Huehl Rd., #16A, Northbrook, IL 60062, and\*/or any travel agency and/or suppliers of services pursuant to or in connection with this itinerary shall not be responsible or become liable for any delay incurred by any person in connection with any means of transportation; nor for any loss, damage or injury to person or property by reason of any event beyond the control of any agency or supplier, or occurring without the fault or negligence of such agency or supplier. The right is reserved to substitute the airline; the type of aircraft; and to alter the dates of the tour; the tour routing; or to cancel the trip if a minimum number of bookings is not reached for either the land or air portion of this itinerary. The right is also reserved to Substitute hotels for other hotels in similar category. Further, the right is reserved to decline, to accept, or to retain, at any time, any person as a participant on any tour. No refund will be made for voluntary absence from a portion of the tour, unless arrangements are made at the time of booking. The carriers concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance. The passage contract in use by a carrier concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the carrier and the purchaser of this tour. By utilizing the travel services of the suppliers, you agree that neither Eskin Tours nor any representative of Eskin Tours shall be liable, or that you will look to such suppliers, for any accident, injury, property damage, or personal loss to you or to those traveling with you in connection with any accommodations, transportation, or other travel services, or resulting directly or indirectly from any occurrences or conditions beyond Eskin Tours control, including, but not limited to, acts of terrorism, political unrest, war, defects in vehicles, breakdown of equipment, strikes, theft, delay or cancellation of or changes in itineraries or schedules, or a disease outbreak.

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