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EGYPT, NILE CRUISE & JORDAN

NOVEMBER 24–
DECEMBER 7, 2023

on board Avalon's *MS Farah*

CAIRO | LUXOR | ESNA |
KOM OMBRO | ASWAN |
CAIRO | AMMAN | PETRA |
DEAD SEA | JERASH RUINS



1ST TIME EVER! INCREDIBLE 14-DAY EGYPT, NILE CRUISE & JORDAN ADVENTURE!

From the Pyramids and Sphinx of Giza to Petra and the Dead Sea, join this amazing 14-day adventure—where you will cruise down the Nile and enjoy escorted tours beginning in Egypt and ending in Jordan—this trip is sure to be the thrill of a lifetime! In Cairo and on The Nile River (the longest river in the world), you'll enjoy stunning photo opportunities. And in Jordan, you'll witness the ancient city of Petra and the Dead Sea. We've chosen to offer this trip at the end of November, when the weather is mild and it's a great time of year to visit. We invite you to join us on this unforgettable, once-in-a-lifetime journey to Egypt, the Nile River, and Jordan. This trip will sell out quickly, so we encourage you to book right away!

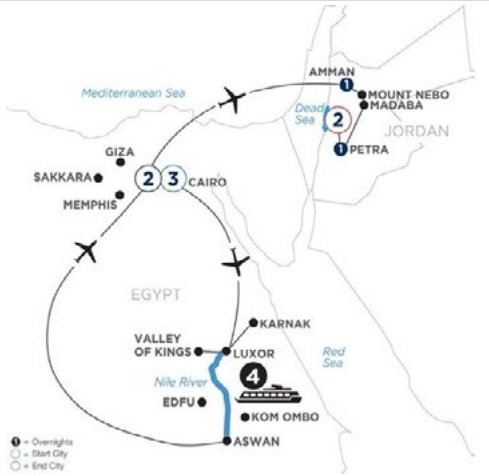
Begin with a 3-night stay in Cairo—called the “Mother of the World”—to explore the legendary sites you've dreamed of seeing. Stand before the Sphinx and the Great Pyramid of Giza; Sakkara's tomb of the kings, and mesmerizing evening light show at the pyramids. Survey King Tut's treasures at the Egyptian Museum; visit Saladin's 12th-century citadel behind the walls of Old Cairo; and visit Coptic Cairo, where the Holy Family sought refuge, and home to Cairo's oldest Jewish synagogue. Fly from Cairo to Luxor and see the stunning monuments of Luxor and Karnak. Walk among the pillars of the colossal Temple of Amun Ra and along the Avenue of the Sphinxes.



You'll then embark on a luxury cruise on the Nile River to the Valley of the Kings and the Valley of the Queens and see the site where 62 tombs have been discovered so far, including the intact tomb of King Tutankhamun. In Edfu, visit the temple to the falcon god, Horus; and take a walk to the bluff-top temples of Horus and the crocodile god, Sobek-Ra, in beautiful Kom Ombo. Enjoy a presentation by an expert Egyptologist while sailing to Aswan. There, board a Felucca (traditional wooden sailing boat) to visit Kitchener Island's botanical gardens and the grand mausoleum of Aga Khan. Disembark your Nile River cruise through Egypt for two nights in Cairo. Take an excursion to the granite quarries that supplies ancient Egypt with the stones that built the pyramids. See the famous unfinished obelisk remaining there. Visit the gigantic Aswan High Dam and board a motor launch to the island of Agilika—home of the Temple of Isis. You'll also tour the world's widest open-air museum and take a scenic cruise on a Felucca boat.

Your adventure continues with four nights in Jordan, with a flight from Cairo to Amman. Spend one night each in Amman and Petra, and two nights at the Dead Sea. Enjoy superior accommodations, transportation, guided sightseeing with local guides to see the red city of Petra, Roman ruins of Amman, the ruins of Jerash and the Dead Sea.





ITINERARY SUMMARY

Friday-Sunday, November 24-26, 2023

Monday, November 27, 2023

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Friday, December 1, 2023

Saturday, December 2, 2023

Sunday, December 3, 2023

Monday, December 4, 2023

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Thursday, December 7, 2023

**Please note: Itinerary is subject to change.*

Cairo, Egypt

Cairo / Luxor, Egypt (Embarkation Day)

Luxor / Esna, Egypt

Esna / Kom Ombo, Egypt

Aswan, Egypt

Aswan / Cairo, Egypt (Disembarkation Day)

Cairo Egypt

Cairo, Egypt / Amman, Jordan

Amman / Petra, Jordan

Petra / Dead Sea, Jordan

Dead Sea / Jerash Ruins, Jordan

Dead Sea / Amman, Jordan

INCLUDED

- 14 days/13 nights land/hotel and cruise in Egypt and Jordan
 - 3 nights pre-hotel at the Marriott Mena House in Cairo
 - 4 nights on board Avalon's MS *Farah* cruising The Nile
 - 2 nights at the Hilton Heliopolis in Cairo
 - 4 nights in Jordan
- Meals on land as indicated on itinerary
- Flights from Cairo to Luxor; Aswan to Cairo; Cairo to Amman, Jordan
- Arrival airport transfers in Cairo and departure airport transfers in Amman
- Olivia's Signature entertainment and local entertainment
- Team Olivia assistance throughout
- All meals and snacks served on board ship, including western and regional cuisine and vegetarian options
- Buffet breakfast and lunch; a la carte dinner while on ship
- 2 complimentary glasses of wine, beer, or soft drinks with lunch and dinner on ship
- BBQ lunches and dinners on the Sun Deck (weather permitting)
- Welcome drink and refreshing towels
- In cabin fruit basket, cookies, canapes, and nuts
- Complimentary wifi throughout
- Included shore excursions and lectures with an Egyptologist
- Audio headsets for shore excursions
- On board Egyptian cooking class by the Chef
- Access to sauna, steam rooms, and gym to ensure maximum relaxation
- Access to the Sun Deck telescope for stargazing
- Pillow menu—choose from soft, delicate, water, orthopedic, spongy, or simple
- Complimentary AvalonGo mobile app for guests' personal devices offering port information and GPS-enabled maps
- Pre-paid gratuities throughout



NOT INCLUDED

Airfare home to Cairo and from Amman to home; optional shore excursions; meals and beverages not indicated; medical attention; travel insurance; and other personal incidentals.



YOUR SHIP

In Arabic, Farah means Happiness and Joy. In this spirit, we're thrilled to be sailing on the MS *Farah*—one of Egypt's most elite ships on the Nile—in partnership with Avalon Waterways. Cruise in style and comfort, while enjoying the mysterious and magnificent sights and experiences only found in the Egyptian landscapes. The MS *Farah* ship's staterooms and suites, feature style and comfort with oversized French balconies that are virtually wall-sized. Avalon insists on the best view and best crew to treat you like royalty while exploring the treasures of this incredible voyage! Exploring the Nile River aboard the MS *Farah* is an elegant, first-class experience with a touch of mystery combined with an old-world spirit of adventure and state-of-the-art comfort!





SHIP AMENITIES

Every single detail of your ship was designed to reflect the luxury of hospitality—from the hand-polished Mediterranean stone floors to the spacious triple height foyer and the shiny black glass reception desk that stands like a black pearl amidst a seashell. Advanced ventilation system for a healthier indoor environment; 24/7 front reception desk; a lavish large restaurant; a contemporary Lounge Bar; Sun Deck with seating, pool, bar, telescope and shade system; gym, sauna and steam rooms free of charge; room service; on call doctor; library located in a serene corner and dedicated to Paulo Coelho, one of the most widely read and influential authors writing today; gift shop, hair dresser and boutiques; complete water purification station; complimentary wifi throughout.

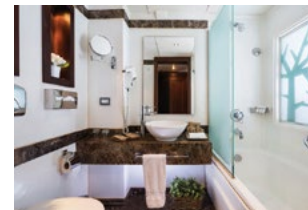
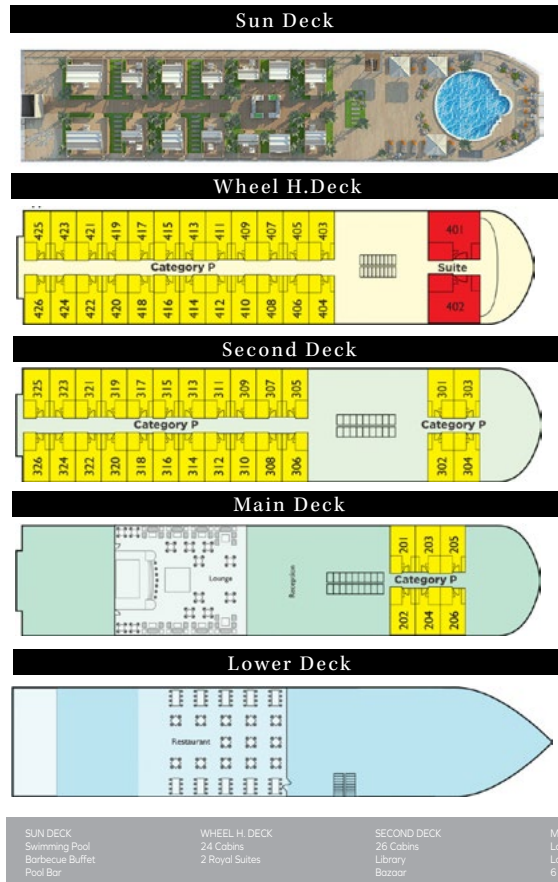
CABIN AMENITIES

All cabins and suites are equipped with air-conditioning, handmade Egyptian cotton sheets, mini-bar, LED Satellite TV, bathtub/shower combination, walk-in shower, king-sized bed or two twin-sized beds that convert to king, hairdryer, safe, telephone, laundry service, in-room dining. All cabins are non-smoking.

CRUISING ON THE NILE RIVER

MS FARAH (2011)

Passengers: 116 | Crew Members: 85 | Length: 236 ft. | Decks: 5 | Deluxe Stateroom: 58 (239 sq. ft.) | Royal Suite: 2 (430 sq. ft.)



AMENITIES

- Cabins Featuring Panoramic Windows
- Selection of Pillow Firmness
- In-Room Kettle with Tea and Coffee
- Fruit Basket, Cookies, Canapés & Nuts
- Free Wireless Internet
- Widescreen LED TV with Free Cable
- In-Room Safety Deposit Box
- In-Room Smoke Detector
- Private Bathroom with Bathtub
- Individually Controlled Air Conditioning
- Welcome Drink & Refreshing Towels upon Arrival
- Special Events Services
- Onboard Egyptian Cooking Class
- Free Laundry Facilities
- Water Purification Station
- Paula Coelho Library
- Spacious Restaurant and Lounge Bar
- Gift Shop, Hairdresser & Boutiques
- Complimentary Gymnasium, Steam, and Sauna Free
- Massage at a Reasonable Fee
- Sundek Pool, Jacuzzi, Telescope, and Bar



DELUXE STATEROOM, CATEGORY PS

EARLY BIRD \$9,599 PP REGULAR \$12,599 PP
239 sq. ft. with French balcony and Standard View Room in Cairo. All cabins and suites on board are equipped with air-conditioning, handmade Egyptian cotton sheets, mini-bar, LED Satellite TV, bathtub/shower combination, walk-in shower, two twin-sized beds that convert to a queen, hairdryer, safe, telephone, laundry service, in-room dining. All cabins are non-smoking.



DELUXE STATEROOM, CATEGORY P

EARLY BIRD \$9,999 PP REGULAR \$12,999 PP
239 sq. ft. with French balcony and Pyramid View Room in Cairo. All cabins and suites on board are equipped with air-conditioning, handmade Egyptian cotton sheets, mini-bar, LED Satellite TV, bathtub/shower combination, walk-in shower, two twin-sized beds that convert to a queen, hairdryer, safe, telephone, laundry service, in-room dining. All cabins are non-smoking.





ROYAL SUITE

EARLY BIRD \$11,999 PP REGULAR \$15,599 PP
 430 sq. ft. with French balcony and Pyramid View Room in Cairo. All cabins and suites on board are equipped with air-conditioning, handmade Egyptian cotton sheets, mini-bar, LED Satellite TV, bathtub/shower combination, walk-in shower, two twin-sized beds that convert to a queen, hairdryer, safe, telephone, laundry service, in-room dining. All cabins are non-smoking.





Friday, November 24, 2023 | Cairo, Egypt

Welcome to Cairo, “Mother of the World”! Settle into your hotel as you marvel at the views of the Pyramids. (-/-/-)

Saturday, November 25, 2023 | Cairo, Egypt

Desert Sands and Secrets of the Sphinx

This morning take a close-up look at one of the World’s Seven Wonders and guardian of the great pyramids, the enigmatic Sphinx, and the Great Pyramid of Giza. Cheops, with an original height of 496 feet, is the most colossal pyramid ever built, and of course enjoy the visit to the newly discovered the Sun Boats. Afterwards, enjoy free time for lunch on your own in a local restaurant. Drive to Sakkara, a vast desert necropolis built for kings and nobles, and its “Stairway to the Sky,” the oldest of all pyramids. Also admire the special tomb of Mary Roca and the Step Pyramid. A guided excursion to the pyramids this evening features a Sound and Light Show complete with historical stories and secrets of the Sphinx. (B/-/-)



Sunday, November 26, 2023 | Cairo, Egypt

Ancient Cairo, a Boy King, and the Christ Child

Enjoy a guided visit to the now-famous Tahrir Square and visit the Egyptian Museum*. Peruse King Tutankhamun's fabulous treasures and many other priceless artifacts of ancient Egypt. Drive to walled city of Old Cairo, with Saladin's 12th-century citadel, and the Alabaster Mosque of Mohammed Ali. Drive to "Coptic Cairo" to see the Hanging Church where the Virgin Mary and Jesus sought refuge while in Egypt. Walk to see Cairo's oldest Jewish synagogue, founded in the 9th century. (B/-/-)

**Note: Upon its opening, the Grand Egyptian Museum in Giza will replace Cairo's Egyptian Museum for this itinerary.*

Monday, November 27, 2023 | Cairo to Luxor (Embarkation Day)
The World's Greatest Open-Air Museum

Fly 300 miles up the Nile Valley to Luxor to embark on your unforgettable Nile River cruise. We will dock overnight in Luxor. See the stunning monuments of Luxor and Karnak, ancient cities whose combined populations swelled to more than one million. Walk among the pillars of the colossal Temple of Amun Ra and along the Avenue of the Sphinxes for an experience you will treasure for a lifetime. Consider an optional guided excursion to enjoy the sound and light show in Karnak Temple. (B/L/D)





Tuesday, November 28, 2023 | Luxor to Esna *Royal Resting Places of Kings and Queens*

Venture to the Valley of the Kings and Valley of the Queens on the west bank of the Nile where generations of pharaohs and nobles were entombed in cliffside crypts. See where 62 royal tombs have thus far been discovered, of which one was virtually intact—the splendid tomb of Tutankhamun discovered in 1922. Visit Deir El-Bahri, Queen Hatshepsut's monumental rock temple. Stop for pictures at the two Colossi of Memnon guarding the valleys. This evening, enjoy live entertainment on board. We will dock overnight in Esna. (B/L/D)



Wednesday, November 29, 2023 | Esna to Kom Ombo

Egyptian Gods of the River and Sky

This morning visit the Temple of Horus with its menacing black stone statue of the falcon god. Enjoy beautiful Kom Ombo for a short walk to its bluff-top twin temples. The right side is dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek-Ra, while the left side is dedicated to the falcon god Horus. Enjoy a leisurely sail to Aswan. We will dock overnight in Kom Ombo. On board, take in an exclusive lecture on this ancient civilization by your Egyptologist and in the evening, you'll enjoy live entertainment. (B/L/D)



Thursday, November 30, 2023 | Aswan

Temples from Above and Islands Below

This morning, consider a Guided Optional Excursion with a flight over the huge massive sandstone temples of Abu Simbel (weather permitting). Board a Felucca (traditional wooden sailing boat) and cross the blue waters of the Nile. En route, see the ancient water measurement system, “Nilometer,” on the Nile’s Elephantine Island. Visit Kitchener Island’s lush Botanical Gardens and the splendid Aga Khan Mausoleum on the left bank. We will dock overnight in Aswan. Join an optional excursion to the sound and light show in Philae Temple. (B/L/D)



Friday, December 1, 2023 | Cairo (Disembarkation Day)

Work in Progress and the Goddess Isis

Join a Guided Sightseeing Excursion to explore the Granite Quarries that supplied ancient Egypt with its hard stones for the pyramids in Giza. See the famous unfinished obelisk, still remaining in the quarry. Visit the gigantic Aswan High Dam, completed in 1970. Board a motor launch to the island of Agilika between the two dams. Visit the Temple Of Isis, which was dismantled from the submerged island of Philae and reassembled here. Board your flight back to Cairo later today, and consider attending an optional dinner cruise on the Nile to celebrate your Egyptian adventure. (B/-/-)

Saturday, December 2, 2023 | Cairo, Egypt

Amazing Palaces and Marketplace Mazes

Enjoy a special tour of the world's widest open-air museum to admire palaces and mosques. Browse the maze of shops in the vast labyrinths of the Khan al Khali Souk bazaar and Medieval alleyways. Take in a full panoramic view of Cairo from the Nile River on board a traditional wooden sailing vessel (Felucca). Discover Cairo by night on an orientation tour in the old city. (B/-/-)

Sunday, December 3, 2023 | Cairo to Amman, Jordan

Welcome to Jordan! Today you will fly from Cairo to Amman, Jordan and enjoy free time in the capital city before dinner at your hotel in Amman. (B/-/D)





Monday, December 4, 2023 | Amman to Petra

Start the day with a city tour of Amman, which will take you to visit the citadel and Roman Theatre. Enjoy a walk downtown to see the old markets. A motorcoach transfer will take you at Mt. Nebo where you'll witness the alleged burial site of Moses at Mt. Nebo and St. George Church in Madaba, with its mosaic floor. Continue to Petra for dinner at your hotel. (B/-/D)



Tuesday, December 5, 2023 | Petra to Dead Sea

Be mesmerized with a visit to the ancient archaeological site of Petra and in the afternoon, depart for the Dead Sea for dinner at your hotel. (B/-/D)

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 | Dead Sea with Excursion to Jerash Ruins

This morning, join a visit to the Jerash Ruins, said to be the best-preserved Roman Ruins outside of Italy. Then, transfer back to the Dead Sea to enjoy free time and dinner at your hotel. (B/-/D)

Thursday, December 7, 2023 | Dead Sea / Amman

Your 14-day journey ends with breakfast this morning and you will be transferred to the Amman International Airport. (B/-/-)

PLEASE NOTE:

- In the event of technical or water level issues, it may be necessary to operate the itinerary by motorcoach or alter the program, including hotel overnight when necessary.
- Guided Tours, optional excursions, activities, sailing and docking schedules may be contingent on weather conditions or other issues outside of our control and could therefore be subject to change at any time.
- Please check visa requirements with your local consulate(s); responsibility for obtaining visas rests with the traveler.

CATEGORY

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PRICING DOES NOT INCLUDE NDAS (TAXES, FEES & GRATUITIES): \$499 PP

**Due to the intimate size of this trip, our solo roomshare program is not available.*

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ACTIVITY LEVEL

This trip requires a high level of mobility as you must be able to walk long distances, up and down stairs of varying steepness and heights, up varied inclines, down varied declines and over very uneven ground to do this tour. This trip is not suitable for canes, scooters, or wheelchairs. Please note, the ship does not have an elevator.

FLIGHTS

You will need to fly into **Cairo, Egypt (CAI)** and out of **Amman, Jordan (AMM)**.

AIRFARE

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