



# **Egypt and Jordan Cath's Way - 30 Days**

## **(#19714)**

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### **Overview**

Have you Travelled to Egypt and Jordan with Cath on one of her fabulous tours?

Cath has lived and worked in Cairo and has been escorting tours there since 1991, so you are in excellent hands!

You'll see and do things that no other tour offers, all in a small private group. Contact us if you would like to join in one of the tours operating in March/April 2025.

### **Trip Highlights**

Cairo-Alexandria-Matruh-Siwa Oasis-Luxor-Nile Cruise-Aswan-Cairo-Sharm El Sheikh-Aqaba-Wadi Rum-Amman

### **Detailed Itinerary**



**Day 01****Day 01: (16 March' 2025) : Arrive Cairo**

You depart Melbourne on 16th March on Thai Airways and Oman Air, via Bangkok and Muscat, to arrive in the evening of 16th March. Meet & greet on arrival and transfer to the Cairo Pyramids Hotel. You'll meet Cath's friend, Sayed, tonight and go out for dinner to a local restaurant or café with him. Overnight at the Steigenberger Pyramids Hotel.

**Hotel:** Cairo pyramids

**Day 02****Day 02: (17 March' 2025) : Cairo**

After breakfast you will start your day at the ancient capital of Memphis, before moving on to the step pyramid of Djoser. You'll have lunch at a local restaurant, then the biggie – you visit the pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx. OPTIONAL entrance to the Great pyramid. Tonight, you have the opportunity to do the Sound & Light Show at the pyramids on an OPTIONAL TOUR. Overnight at the Steigenberger Pyramids Hotel.

**Hotel:** Cairo pyramids

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 03****Day 03: (18 March' 2025): Cairo**

Today starts with a visit to the Citadel & Mohammed Ali Mosque, before you go to the Egyptian Museum to see the treasures of Tutankhamen. You'll grab a bite to eat at Khan el Khalili bazaar, do a spot of shopping. Overnight at the Steigenberger Pyramids Hotel.

**Hotel:** Cairo pyramids

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 04****Day 04: (19 March' 2025) : Cairo-Alexandria**

You start the today with a visit to the National Museum of Egyptian civilisation to the view the mummies of some of the most important pharaohs of ancient Egypt. From here we drive to Alexandria and check into the Steigenberger Cecil Hotel.



**Hotel:** Steigenberger Cecil

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 05****Day 05: (20 March' 2025) : Alexandria**

You spend today seeing the sights of Alexandria – The Catacombs, Roman Amphitheatre and Quait bay and the newly reopened Greco-Roman Museum. Overnight at Steigenberger Cecil Hotel.

**Hotel:** Steigenberger Cecil

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 06****Day 06: (21 March' 2025) : Alexandria-Matruh**

After breakfast you drive along the Northern coast to El Alamein to visit the war memorials before continuing on to Matruh, where you check into the Triumph White Sands Resort.

**Hotel:** Triumph White Sands Resort.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 07****Day 07: (22 March' 2025) : Matruh**

Following breakfast you spend the day exploring Matruh, including the beautiful beaches (Cleopatra's Beach and Rommel's Beach) and the Rommel Cave Museum.

**Hotel:** Triumph White Sands Resort.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 08****Day 08: (23 March' 2025) : Matruh-Siwa Oasis**

After breakfast at the resort you drive to Siwa Oasis, where you check into Kenouz Shali Lodge. Lunch is at the lodge, then you visit Shali Village and watch the sunset at Fatanas Island. Dinner and overnight at Kenouz Shali Lodge.

**Hotel:** Kenouz Shali Lodge

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 09****Day 09: (24 March' 2025) : Siwa Oasis**

After breakfast you have a day of sightseeing, including the Temple of Alexander the Great, the salt lakes, the Temple of Amun and Cleopatra's Bath (swimming hole). Lunch is back at the Lodge, before and afternoon jeep safari in Bir Wahed. Dinner & overnight back at the Lodge.

**Hotel:** Kenouz Shali Lodge

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 10****Day 10: (25 March' 2025) : Siwa Oasis**

After breakfast at the Lodge you visit Shali Fortress and the Mountain of the Dead tombs. Lunch & dinner at the Lodge.

**Hotel:** Kenouz Shali Lodge

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 11****Day 11: (26 March' 2025) : Siwa Oasis-Cairo**

Following breakfast at the hotel you check out and drive back to Cairo. It's a long drive, with a stop in Matrouh for lunch on the way. Arrive into Cairo & check into the Cairo Pyramids Hotel.

**Hotel:** Cairo Pyramids Hotel.

**Meal:** Breakfast



**Day 12****Day 12: (27 March' 2025): Cairo-Luxor**

After breakfast at the hotel you transfer to Cairo Airport to fly down to Luxor. You are met on arrival in Luxor and transferred to the Old Winter Palace Hotel.

**Hotel:** Old Winter Palace Hotel

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 13****Day 13: (28 March' 2025) : Luxor**

Today you have the choice of either relaxing at the hotel or doing the optional tour to visit the temples of Dendera and Abydos, North of Luxor. The drive is about an hour to Dendera then another hour and a half to Abydos. I personally think these two temples are the cream of the temples in Egypt and well worth visiting. You'll return to Luxor in the late afternoon.

**Hotel:** Old Winter Palace Hotel

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 14****Day 14: (29 March' 2025) : Luxor-Nile Cruise**

Check out after breakfast this morning and transfer to your Nile cruise boat, the Kahila Nile cruise, for the next 4 nights. After lunch on board, you'll visit the temples of Karnak & Luxor. You'll return to the boat dinner. **OPTIONAL TOUR – Sound & Light at Karnak Temple.**

**Hotel:** Cruise

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 15****Day 15: (30 March' 2025) : Nile Cruise**

- **OPTIONAL TOUR – Hot air balloon on the West Bank – extra early start!** If you don't do the hot air balloon, you'll "sleep in" and leave the boat around 0800 to meet the rest of us at the Colossi of Mammon statues. Once we're all together we'll move on to visit the Valley of the Kings (**OPTIONAL** entrance to the tomb of Tutankhamun) and Hatshepsut's mortuary





temple. You return to our Nile cruise boat for lunch and to set sail for Edfu via the lock at Esna.

**Hotel:** Cruise

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 16****Day 16: (31 March' 2025) : Nile Cruise**

Following breakfast on board you'll get into horse-drawn-buggies to transfer to the temple of Horus. You return to the boat for lunch and to sail to Kom Ombo to visit the unique temples of the two Gods, Sobek and Horus the elder (Haroeris). You'll keep sailing South after Kom Ombo, until we reach Aswan. Dinner and overnight on board

**Hotel:** Cruise

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

**Day 17****Day 17 : (01 April' 2025) : Nile Cruise**

After breakfast you'll drive out of town to get a speed boat to the beautiful Temple of Isis on the island of Philae. From here, you go to the High Dam and the unfinished obelisk. You'll return to the boat for lunch, then relax on board before you can take an OPTIONAL TOUR - felucca ride to the Botanical Gardens on Kitchener's Island followed by a local speed boat to the nearby Nubian Village in the late afternoon. Dinner on board. OPTIONAL TOUR – Sound & Light Show at the temple of Isis on the Island of Philae, OR a tour of the city by night. Dinner & overnight on board.

**Hotel:** Cruise

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 18****Day 18: (02 April' 2025) : Nile Cruise-Aswan**

You disembark after breakfast and transfer to the divine Old Cataract Hotel. OPTIONAL TOUR – Abu Simbel by flight. The rest of the day is free to soak in the magic of the Old Cataract Hotel, a destination in itself! Overnight at the Old Cataract Hotel.

**Hotel:** Old Cataract Hotel.



**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 19****Day 19: (03 April' 2025) : Aswan**

Today is at leisure to relax or visit Aswan city. Overnight at the Old Cataract Hotel.

**Hotel:** Old Cataract Hotel.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 20****Day 20: (04 April' 2025) : Aswan-Sharm el Sheikh**

After breakfast you farewell the Old Cataract Hotel and fly to Sharm el Sheikh on the tip of the Sinai Peninsula (via Cairo). You are met at Sharm airport and transferred to the Move pick Resort for 2 nights. Time to explore Na'ama Bay or perhaps visit the Old Market area for shopping. Overnight at Novotel Sharm el Sheikh Resort.

**Hotel:** Novotel Sharm el Sheikh Resort.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 21****Day 21: (05 April' 2025) : Sharm el Sheikh**

OPTIONAL TOUR – To drive into the Sinai Desert to visit St Catherine's Monastery. This is where Moses purportedly receive the 10 Commandments (atop Mount Sinai) and the biblical burning bush is located at the base of the mountain, inside the walls of St Catherine's Monastery. Alternatively, you can relax around the pool at the Novotel Sharm el Sheikh Resort or visit some of the sights of Sharm. Overnight at the resort.

**Hotel:** Novotel Sharm el Sheikh Resort.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 22****Day 22: (06 April' 2025) : Sharm el Sheikh**

OPTIONAL TOURS – Either a full day snorkelling/SCUBA diving at Ras Mohammed or a visit to Dahab to do the same in the famous Blue Hole – both sites are considered in the top 3 in the world for this! Alternatively, you may decide to explore Na'ama Bay or relax at the resort. Overnight at Novotel Sharm el Sheikh Resort.

**Hotel:** Novotel Sharm el Sheikh Resort.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 23****Day 23: (07 April' 2025) : Sharm el Sheikh**

Today is a free day to relax at the Novotel Sharm el Sheikh Resort.

**Hotel:** Novotel Sharm el Sheikh Resort.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 24****Day 24: (08 April' 2025) : Sharm el Sheikh-Nuweiba-Aqaba**

Today you will transfer from Sharm el Sheikh to Nuweiba to catch the ferry to Aqaba in Jordan. On arrival you are met and transferred to the township of Wadi Rum, where you swap into 4WD's and transfer to the Bedouin Meditation camp for a traditional Bedouin dinner and overnight.

**Hotel:** Bedouin Meditation camp

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 25****Day 25: (09 April' 2025) : Aqaba-Wadi Rum**

After breakfast at camp you visit some of the main sights of Wadi Rum, such as the petroglyphs, the remains of the home of Lawrence of Arabia, and “the bridge” ...climb it if you dare! You are then transferred back to the Wadi Rum Township, where you'll swap to your mini-bus and transfer to Wadi Musa, the nearest village to the Petra sites. You visit “Little Petra” before you check into the Sof Saf Hotel (Sof Saf means “Willow Tree”). (OPTIONAL DINNER AT ELAN RESTAURANT).

**Hotel:** Sof Saf Hotel





**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 26****Day 26: (10 April' 2025) : Wadi Rum**

After breakfast you'll have your first visit to the World Heritage Site of Petra, entering via the famous Siq. You'll spend the whole day at the site, hiking, climbing, photographing and generally being gobsmacked at the amazing architecture of the Nabateans. Make your own way back to the Sof Saf Hotel. **OPTIONAL** - You'll go out tonight to Cath's favourite local restaurant for dinner. Overnight at Sof Saf Hotel.

**Hotel:** Sof Saf Hotel

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 27****Day 27: (11 April' 2025) : Wadi Rum**

Today is your free day to return to Petra and explore what you missed yesterday – and there will be lots! We'll try to enter via the "goat track" or the back entrance if we can, just to make it a little more challenging! Make your own way back to the Sof Saf Hotel (or we'll meet for a well-earned drink in Wadi Musa). **OPTIONAL** – group dinner together. Overnight at Sof Saf Hotel.

**Hotel:** Sof Saf Hotel

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 28****Day 28: (12 April' 2025) : Wadi Rum-Amman**

After breakfast you depart for Amman, via the Dead Sea for a swim in this bizarre place. You'll have lunch at a Dead Sea resort, then you'll drive further, to visit the church at Mount Nebo. This is where Moses first saw the "promised land", shortly before his death. You'll drive on to Madaba to view the oldest known mosaic map, showing Jordan and Palestine in the North and Egypt in the south. You'll then drive the short way to Amman to check into the Crowne Plaza Hotel for overnight.

**Hotel:** Crowne Plaza Hotel

**Meal:** Breakfast



**Day 29****Day 29: (13 April' 2025) : Amman**

Visit Jerash, in the north of Jordan, to explore the ancient Roman city, followed by a visit to Ajloun castle and Umm Qais for the views to Jordan, Syria & Palestine. Overnight at the Crowne Plaza Hotel...but you will leave for the airport around midnight.

**Hotel:** Crowne Plaza Hotel

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 30****Day 30: (14 April' 2025) : Amman-Melbourne**

Following breakfast at the hotel the day is free to explore Amman or repack your cases ready to fly home tonight. I will book one room for everyone to move their bags into as check out is at 1200 and you don't depart for the airport until 10 p.m. (Extra rooms can be pre-booked at extra cost if you so wish) Departing Amman on Oman Air at 2.25 a.m. on 15th April. You connect in Muscat, arriving at 6.55 a.m. and departing for Bangkok at 0905. You arrive into Bangkok at 5.45 p.m. and depart at 7.40 p.m. on Thai Airways. You land back in Melbourne at 7.30 a.m. on 16 April.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

- Fully escorted from Australia.
- Economy class airfares quoted. (Business and first class fares can be arranged for additional cost).
- Accommodation as stated or in similar standard hotels.
- All sightseeing as stated in the itinerary, with English-speaking guides.
- Meals as stated in the itinerary.
- Ferry from Nuweiba to Aqaba.
- Domestic economy class ticket in Egypt for Cairo/Luxor & Aswan/Cairo/Sharm el Sheikh (Business class upgrades are available on request). Airfare is subject to change.
- Entrance fees to all sites listed.

## Exclusions



- Entry visas to Egypt & Jordan.
- International Airfare -Melbourne - Cairo // Amman - Melbourne
- Optional tours.
- Expenses of a personal nature.
- Tipping/gratuities
- Lunches & dinners unless shown as included.
- Early check-in/late check-out.
- Hotel room upgrades available on request.

## Note

### **Egypt Hotels Used Or Similar**

Cairo - Cairo pyramids

Alexandria - Steigenberger Cecil

Matruh - Triumph White Sands Resort.

Siwa Oasis - Kenouz Shali Lodge

Luxor - Old Winter Palace Hotel

Nile Cruise - Kahila Nile Cruise

Aswan- Old Cataract Hotel.

Sharm El Sheikh - Novotel Sharm el Sheikh Resort.

### **Jordan Hotels Used Or Similar**

Aqaba - Bedouin Meditation camp

Wadi Rum - Sof Saf Hotel

Amman - Crowne Plaza Hotel

### **Optional tours and upgrades:**

- Sound & Light show at the Giza pyramids – we'll do this with Sayed, so it'll be about AUD 100 per person including transfers.
- Entrance to the Great pyramid of Giza - AUD 77 per person
- Entrance to Tutankhamun's tomb - AUD 78 per person
- UPGRADE to Pyramids view room at Steigenberger Pyramids Hotel in Cairo - AUD 157 per room, per night.
- UPGRADE to Panoramic sea view room at Triumph Matrouh Hotel - AUD 315 per room, per night
- Sound & Light show at Karnak temple, Luxor - AUD 145 per person.
- Hot air balloon rise on the West Bank, Luxor - AUD 355 per person.
- Day trip to Dendera and Abydos temples from Luxor - AUD 185 per person.



- Sound & Light show at the temple of Isis on Philae Island - AUD 125 per person.
- Abu Simbel by flight - AUD 863 per person.
- Ras Mohammed SCUBA/snorkelling - AUD 175 per person. (Please note there is a supplement to pay direct if you want to hire snorkel or SCUBA diving equipment).
- Dahab Blue Hole SCUBA/snorkelling - AUD 75 (Entrance fee to Blue Hole is payable direct on arrival). (Please note there is a supplement to pay direct if you want to hire snorkelling/ SCUBA diving equipment).
- Dinner at Elan Restaurant in Wadi Musa (Petra) – depends on your order.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Program Proposal/Quotes are subject to change based on availability at the time of booking a 20% deposit is required to proceed with booking the final proposal accepted.

Domestic Airfare included in cost is an approximated rate, and not the final one. Final rate will be advised at the time of issuing the tickets and upon receiving the full payment of the domestic flights, seats confirmations will be subject to airlines availability. In case, there is a change in airfare, the same will reflect on the quoted rates.

Cost include current applicable taxes, fuel and entrance fees, in case of any increase imposed by the Government that may affect any of the services included in the itinerary, GGTS will have the right to amended rates accordingly. This is only an offer, no space has been booked confirmation will be subject to availability at time of booking tour.

Nile cruise itinerary may be changed without prior notice due to navigational restrictions. Itinerary may change in sequence but not in visits. GGTS is not liable for these changes.

**Saudi Arabia Extension - 5 Nights Available on request.**

## Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

## Fixed Departure

**16 Mar, 2025**

Package Cost Incl Domestic Airfare

AUD 18,253 P P twin share

AUD 24,741 P P single

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