EGYPT & JORDAN TOUR PRICE = $2890 (16 days/15 nights in Egypt & Jordan) – Jan 24 – Feb 10, 2021
   Included – Hotels, breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners, entries, flight from Luxor to Cairo to Amman, transportation, guides, Matt and/or Suzan Ebiner as group leader
EGYPT TOUR PRICE= $1590 (10 days/9 nights) – Jan 24 – Feb 3, 2021
   Included – Hotels, breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners, entries, flight from Luxor to Cairo, transportation, guides, Matt and/or Suzan Ebiner as group leader
   Not Included – Airfare from USA (about $800); meals not listed above, tips to guides and drivers

Highlights:  Pyramids & Sphinx of Giza, Cairo (Citadel, Khan el Khalili bazaar, Egyptian Museum with King Tut’s treasures), Camel Ride to an old desert monastery, Nubian village and dinner, Luxor (Valley of the Kings and Hatshepsut Temple), Felucca (traditional sailboat) ride on the Nile River (1 night sleeping on deck on the Nile riverbank); Jordan: Wadi Rum (desert safari and camp, Bedouin culture); Petra (ancient city carved into stone cliffs); Madaba (Byzantine mosaics), Dead Sea (float in the saltiest, lowest body of water on earth), Amman (Jordan’s capital); Jerash (great ancient Roman city)

Sun 1/24/21  Depart USA  to Egypt
Depart the USA for Cairo, Egypt

Mon 1/25/21  Arrive Cairo, Egypt
Welcome to Egypt!  Two nights in Cairo at Pyramisa Suites Hotel (5*) or equivalent.

Tue 1/26/21  Cairo
Spend a full day in Cairo to enjoy some of Egypt’s highlights.  Start at the Pyramids and Sphinx, and marvel at the most famous ancient site on the planet.  For extra cost you can ride a camel or go inside the interior of one of the pyramids.  In the afternoon visit the outstanding Egyptian Museum, admiring the treasures from the tomb of King Tut.  Night #2 in Cairo.

Wed 1/27/21  Cairo
Explore Islamic Cairo on foot.  Visit the Citadel, home to Egypt’s rulers for 700 years, with impressive Mohammed Ali Mosque.  Visit Khan al-Khalili Bazaar, a medieval-era marketplace with shops selling everything.  In the evening take a night train (11 hours) to Aswan in southern Egypt.  Sleep in comfortable twin-bed compartments with lockable doors

Thu 1/28/21  Cairo
Our train arrives in Aswan at 8:30 am.  Free time in the morning and early afternoon with the option to visit the Temple of Philae or Aswan High Dam.  In the mid-afternoon ride a felucca (traditional sailboat) across the Nile River.  Ride a camel (30 minutes) to the ruined 7th-century monastery of St. Simeon followed by a visit to a Nubian village where we have dinner in a local home.  Two nights in Aswan at Pyramisa Isis Corniche (4*) or equivalent, right on the Nile River.

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Fri 1/29/21 Aswan
Early morning option to visit Abu Simbel, perhaps the most impressive monument in Egypt. Aswan to Abu Simbel takes 3 hours on a bus (6 hours round-trip), departing Aswan around 4 am, and costs ~$100. A more expensive option is to take a round-trip flight to Abu Simbel (~$300). Afternoon is free to shop in the Aswan bazaar, walk along the Nile promenade, or visit the Temple of Philae. Night #2 in Aswan.

Sat 1/30/21 Felucca Ride
Board a felucca to sail down the Nile towards Luxor. Feluccas are traditional sailboats, very relaxing and a highlight for many travelers. Only our group is on the felucca along with the Nubian crew. Absorb the views of traditional, rural Egyptian culture along the river. There are no toilets on the felucca, but we have a private support boat that travels with us, with toilets & showers. Night is spent on deck, sleeping under the stars as we are docked on the Nile riverbank.

Sun 1/31/21 Kom Ombo – Luxor
Felucca trip ends in Kom Ombo. Visit Kom Ombo Temple and then take a bus to Luxor. Visit the wonderful Temple of Karnak in Luxor. Option to visit Luxor Temple, spectacularly lit in the evening. Two nights in Luxor at Aracan Eatabe Luxor Hotel (4*) or equivalent.

Mon 2/1/21 Luxor
Visit the sites of Luxor. See the Colossi of Memnon, standing solitary in a field; these 60’ tall statues are the sole remants of an ancient temple. Visit the Temple of Hatshepsut, dramatically nestled amidst stark limestone outcrops. Explore the Valley of the Kings with rock-cut corridors leading to tombs of the pharaohs. Entry ticket allows visits to 3 tombs of your choice; King Tut’s tomb costs extra. Night #2 in Luxor.

Tue 2/2/21 Luxor – Cairo – Amman
Fly from Luxor to Cairo. If doing Egypt-only then you will have a free day and one night in Cairo. If doing Jordan then connect to a flight to Amman, Jordan (flight included in trip cost). Free time in the afternoon in Amman, capital of Jordan. Two nights in Amman at Ayass Hotel (4*) or equivalent.

Wed 2/3/21 Jerash (or fly home from Egypt if not doing Jordan)
Day trip to Jerash, one of the greatest ancient Roman cities. Return to Amman with free time in the afternoon. Night #2 in Amman. If doing Egypt-only then fly home from Cairo, departing in the early morning, arriving in the USA the same day.

Thu 2/4/21 Amman to Dead Sea
Descend to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on the surface of the earth. Go for a swim (float) in the extremely salty water; it is impossible to sink! Visit Mt. Nebo, with awesome views from the place where Moses died. Option to visit Jesus’ Baptism Site on the Jordan River. One night at Ramada Resort Dead Sea (4*) or equivalent.

Fri 2/5/21 Dead Sea to Wadi Rum
We travel along the Dead Sea to Wadi Rum, one of the most famous desert areas of the Middle East and was featured in the movie “Lawrence of Arabia”. It has spectacular desert scenery and is home to Bedouin nomads. Go on a 2-hour 4x4 tour of Wadi Rum Protected Area to see the most magnificent sites. One night at Wadi Rum 7 Pillars Camp, with beds in a goathair tent. Absorb the Bedouin culture with a traditional meal and music around the campfire.

Sat 2/6/21 Wadi Rum to Petra
In the morning see more of the desert at Wadi Rum, with the option to go on a camel ride. From Wadi Rum we drive 2 hours to the rock-carved city of Bayda (“Little Petra”). Continue to the town of Wadi Musa, just outside the remarkable ancient city of Petra. Two nights in Wadi Musa at Shaqilath Hotel (3*) or equivalent.

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Sun 2/7/21  Petra
Spend the entire day in Petra, arguably the most impressive ancient city of the entire Middle East. Walk through the Siq (narrow canyon) to reach Petra, just like Indiana Jones in the “Last Crusade”. Gaze at the Treasury, the towering façade carved into the red sandstone cliffs. Hike up to the High Place of Sacrifice, with stunning views over Petra. For the energetic, hike an hour to the Monastery, the most imposing façade of Petra. Total walking to all of the sites is about 5 miles, with an option to hire a camel to ride part of the way. Night #2 in Wadi Musa.

Mon 2/8/21  Petra to Amman
Drive the panoramic King’s Highway. Stop in Madaba to visit St. George’s Church, with a remarkable 6th century mosaic map of the Holy Land. Continue to Amman, for a farewell dinner. One night in Amman at Ayass Hotel or equivalent. Many flights leave at night or in the early morning hours just past midnight (e.g., 2:30 AM). You could depart early morning of February 9 if you want.

Tue 2/9/21  Departure from Jordan
Since many flights leave Amman late at night or the early morning (2:30 am) of February 10 you will have a full day to explore Amman. Amman has an excellent Roman theatre and 8th century palace on a hilltop with great views.

Wed 2/10/21  Arrive home in the USA
Or arrive home one day earlier if you depart the early morning of February 9.

EGYPT/JORDAN TRIP COST = $2890; EGYPT = $1590

Not included
- Airfare (about $800 LAX-CAI-LAX or LAX-CAI;AMM-LAX)
- Tips (Egypt & Jordan have a big tipping culture
  - Each participant should contribute $80 in tips for guides and drivers in Egypt + $40 in tips for guides and drivers in Jordan
- Lunches and dinners; Optional Activities

Accommodations
- Price is based on 2 people to a room
- Single room supplement is +$300 for Egypt; +$200 for Jordan; there are 3 nights where no single supplement is available (1 night on sleeper train in twin berths; 1 night desert camping in Wadi Rum; 1 night sleeping on the felucca)
- Hotels are rated 3, 4, and 5 stars by Egyptian standards, but would be classified as 2, 3, or 4 stars by European standards

Transportation
- Private tour bus; plane; train; felucca; camel

Leader/Guide & Group Size
- Suzan and/or Matt Ebiner will lead the group throughout; we will have an Egyptian guide in Egypt and a Jordanian guide in Jordan
- Group size will be approximately 12-20 people

Pace/Physical Effort/Culture Shock/Weather
- This trip has a moderate pace and participants should be willing to walk up to 2 or 3 miles a day. There is a long overnight train journeys (11 hours long, but you should be able to sleep much of that), and a couple of long days in a bus (5+ hours).
- Egyptians are friendly but sometimes aggressive salespeople (they figure they have 10 seconds to get your attention as you walk past their shops). They drive a hard bargain and prices are rarely labeled. Travelers need to learn how to bargain effectively.
- Poverty and litter are sometimes a shock to see, but most travelers quickly adapt and accept the reality of Egypt’s situation.
- The weather is mild in Egypt, up to 80F in Aswan and Luxor; it is cool or cold at night, with temperatures as low as the 30s in Jordan in the early morning; Egypt gets almost no rain, but Jordan might have some cloudy or rainy days.

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1. Register online at WWW.GEOTOURS.US/TOUR/EGYPT-JORDAN-2021 (recommended) or fill out this form.
2. Attach a $400 payment (made payable to GeoTours LLC) to this form and mail to GeoTours at the address below or submit payment online through www.venmo.com, payable to payment@geotours.us or 310-686-8171. You can also make an online Zelle bank transfer through your bank to payment@geotours.us or 310-686-8171 (GeoTours phone #).
4. Final payment is due on October 15.
5. Payments made after November 15 will be assessed a $50 late fee.

Payments should be made payable to GeoTours LLC and sent to:
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PARTICIPANT INFORMATION (Please print clearly and use your precise name as it appears, or will appear, on your passport)

First Name ____________________ Last Name ____________________ Gender: ______
Address ____________________ City, State ______ Zip __________
Are you a US citizen? Yes ___ No, I am a citizen of ___________ Passport # ______ Expiration __________
Email Address ____________________ Date of Birth __________
Home Phone (_____) ___________ Cell Phone (_____) ___________

ACCOMMODATION REQUEST The program price is based on double occupancy. If you sign up without a roommate we will try to match you with someone of the same sex, but this is not guaranteed. If available, a single room incurs a supplement of +$300 for Egypt, +$200 for Jordan. Please check one: Sharing a Twin room (2 beds) _____ Sharing a Double room (1 large bed) _____ Single Room _____

Name of preferred roommate (if any) ____________________

EMERGENCY CONTACT Name ____________________ Relationship ____________________
Address ____________________ City, State ______ Zip __________
Home Phone (_____) ___________ Cell (_____) ___________ Email Address ____________________

Cancellations
To cancel your participation in the tour, you must inform GeoTours in writing. Cancellation date is the day when GeoTours has received your written cancellation notice.

Date of Cancellation Cancellation Penalty (in addition to any non-recoverable costs already paid by GeoTours, such as airline tickets)
On or before March 31, 2020 $100 August 1 – September 30, 2020 $300
April 1 – May 31, 2020 $150 October 1 – November 30, 2020 $400
June 1 – July 31, 2020 $200 After December 1, 2020 No Refund

Responsibility
The program participant agrees that GeoTours LLC assumes no liability whatsoever for loss of property, injury, accident, illness, death, irregularity and delays during the duration of the tour. In addition, the program participant agrees to hold GeoTours LLC harmless for damage, delay, and cancellation due to equipment problems, quarantine, pandemic, governmental action, declared or undeclared war and insurrection, terrorist and criminal activity, revolt, civil disturbance, hostility, military action, strikes, labor unrest, any “act of God” or nature and for any act of any third party. The participant, by registering for this tour, agrees that GeoTours LLC is not responsible for delay, rerouting, omission and additional expense resulting from the passenger’s improper travel documents such as passport, visa and health document. Any losses and expenses related to such circumstances are within the responsibility of the program participants and not of GeoTours LLC. GeoTours LLC is not responsible for acts of any government authority. GeoTours LLC reserves the right to adjust itineraries and contents and to substitute accommodation providers as deemed necessary. GeoTours LLC reserves the right to accept or decline any person as a program participant as well as to refuse to retain any participant’s membership in the program. Participants that do not participate in an activity or entry, or who leave the tour early or arrive late, will not be entitled to any refund. By registering for this tour, the participant agrees to all such terms and conditions.

I have carefully read and agree to the regulations above.

Participant Signature ____________________ Date __________

SPECIAL DISCOUNTS!
• Sign up for the trip with $400 deposit by January 31, 2020 and receive a $100 discount.
• Sign up 2/1/20– 2/29/20 and receive a $50 discount.
• Sign up with a roommate and you each get a $25 discount
• GeoTours alumni receive an additional discount of $25 multiplied by the number of GeoTours trips they have done previously (maximum $100 alumni discount).
• Maximum discount for this tour is $200.

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