



# Suez Canal Small Ship Adventure: Israel, Egypt, Jordan & the Red Sea

Nov. 16 to Dec. 3, 2022

*Journey to lands traversed by prophets, pilgrims, and pharaohs since the dawn of civilization—and discover the rich cultural, religious, and historic tapestries that await. At the heart of your adventure is a six-night cruise aboard the 89-passenger M/V Clio, from the crystalline Mediterranean to the Red Sea. In a small group of 20-25 travelers (with an average of 22), you'll unravel a complex web of faiths during visits to icons like the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Mount of Olives...uncover the mysteries of Egypt's Pyramids and the inscrutable Sphinx...and witness relics of an ancient civilization as you hike through the awe-inspiring city of Petra, carved into rose-colored cliff sides.*

*At every turn, you'll encounter locals who put a human face on the Middle East—including felucca boat captains, Bedouin tribesmen, and Jordanian and Egyptian families eager to invite you into their homes to share their cuisine and customs. Through it all, your voyage will be enriched by three Trip Experience Leaders—one in Israel, one in Egypt, and one in Jordan—who will provide insights to help you better understand the region's triumphs and tribulations, from the controversies surrounding the hotly contested Golan Heights, to the impact of the Arab Spring on Egypt's culture and economy.*

*And whenever you'd like, you have the freedom to explore more of Israel, Egypt, and Jordan on your own: Break off from the group for independent discoveries—like visiting the Diaspora Museum in Tel Aviv to learn about the Israeli immigrant experience—during free time*

**REMINDER:** Space for this special journey is available on a first-come, first-serve basis and is truly limited. To reserve your place today, call Curtis Whitaker at (269) 209-5889. Or reserve online at [www.TravelwithScottandCurtis.com](http://www.TravelwithScottandCurtis.com). If you haven't experienced a Scott & Curtis travel adventure before, feel free to ask questions or meet with our staff. *Welcome!*



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**COVID-19 UPDATE:** Your health and safety is our #1 priority. In partnership with our travel providers Great Circle Travel and OAT, we are monitoring the COVID-19 situation daily, including how it may impact future travel plans in 2022 and 2023. If any changes are made, we will do our best to alert you as soon as possible. If you have questions in the meantime, please call Curtis Whitaker during regular business hours at **(269) 209-5889**. Thank you!





## Detailed Itinerary: Suez Canal Small Ship Adventure: Israel, Egypt, Jordan & the Red Sea 2022

### Day 1 – Depart U.S.

Travel east today as you depart on your flight to Tel Aviv, Israel.

### Day 2 – Arrive Tel Aviv, Israel

Afternoon: You'll arrive in Tel Aviv this afternoon or in the early evening between about 3pm and 6:30 pm. An O.A.T. representative will meet you at the airport and assist with your transfer to your hotel, including guiding you to immigration, baggage claim, and about a 10-minute walk to the motorcoach that will take you to your hotel. Your transfer, depending on Tel Aviv traffic, will take anywhere between 35 minutes to an hour.

Upon arrival, your Israeli Trip Experience Leader will be waiting to greet you. Each room in your centrally located hotel features coffee- and tea-making facilities, flat-screen TV, refrigerator, complimentary wireless Internet access, and a private bathroom with a shower. After you check in, you'll enjoy one of the approximate 30-minute orientation walks throughout the day offered by your Trip Experience Leader. This is your first chance to truly immerse yourself in Israeli culture. Your Trip Experience Leader will familiarize you with the surrounding restaurants, supermarkets, and even a café where you'll have the chance to meet the friendly owner and interact with the young locals who stop here for a quick bite to eat. Perhaps sample a taste of traditional Israeli hummus as you learn about the history of the owner's business and his daily life in bustling Tel Aviv.

Dinner: On your own—your Trip Experience Leader can provide recommendations based on your preferences. Because it's situated on the coast, Tel Aviv is known for its array of seafood; you may seek out a restaurant where you can sample some for yourself. There is a large population of Ethiopian immigrants in Tel Aviv as well, which means you'll even be able to sample Ethiopian fare. Perhaps stop by a restaurant near the hotel for injera, a pancake-like dish served with various savory spreads. Or, enjoy a traditional meal at the hotel restaurant if you'd like.

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Evening: You are free to return to your room to rest after your overseas flight, or you may venture out for a stroll along the beach. If night has fallen, you'll see the Old City of Jaffa sparkling across the bay. If you'd like to preview tomorrow's discoveries, feel free to visit the nearby Carmel Market, which you'll explore in depth with your fellow travelers tomorrow morning.

Freedom to Explore: During your two full days in Tel Aviv, you have the freedom to explore this bustling city on your own during your free time. Below are a few recommended options for independent explorations:

*Step into the past and experience the Yitzhak Rabin Museum:* Discover the life of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, including his impact on Israel as a political leader and his tragic death.

How to get there: Around a 15-minute taxi ride from the Royal Beach hotel. Hours: 9am-5pm, Sunday-Thursday; 9am-2pm, Friday. Cost: About \$4 USD per person.

*Enjoy a meal like never before at the Na Laga'at Center:* Treat yourself to a delicious dinner at the BlackOut Restaurant where you dine in complete darkness to elevate your other senses. How to get there: About a 10-minute taxi ride from the Royal Beach hotel. Hours: 6:30pm-9:30pm, Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Cost: Meal is about \$35 USD (vegetarian option is about \$40 USD).

*Discover the artistic side of Tel Aviv during a Graffiti Tour in Nachalat Binyamin:* This pedestrian mall-style neighborhood is filled with immaculately preserved historic buildings. Nachalat Binyamin is the only neighborhood that openly supports Israeli graffiti artists, providing them with supplies so they can hone their craft. This tour includes an in-depth look at the Tel Aviv graffiti scene.

### **Important Travel Notes:**

- For your comfort and safety, we recommend this tour for individuals in good physical condition. If you have difficulty walking, this may be a difficult trip for you.
- We reserve the right to cancel this tour due to insufficient registration. Full refund will be given if tour is canceled due to insufficient registration.
- If traveling alone, we will match you up with a roommate (this tour is double occupancy only).
- Please read the "What to Expect" box on the next page carefully. If you have further questions, call Curtis Whitaker at **(269) 209-5889**.

### **Day 3 – Explore Tel Aviv / Local Interaction / U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem Conversation**

**Morning:** Around 9am, you'll meet your small group, including travelers who took our optional Palestinian Discovery pre-trip extension, at a welcome briefing held at the hotel. During this briefing, you will introduce yourself and review your itinerary in more detail (including any changes that may need to occur). Your Trip Experience Leader will also discuss logistics, safety and emergency procedures, and answer questions you may have.

Following your briefing, your group will set off on a panoramic drive and walking tour of Tel Aviv at around 11am, beginning in the iconic White City. In the 1930s, German Jewish architects transformed an underdeveloped corner of Tel Aviv into a vibrant neighborhood full of white, Bauhaus-style homes and shops. Today, more than 4,000 of these Bauhaus buildings comprise the White City, which is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Following your drive here, continue on to Neve Tzedek, a formerly neglected district that is now a thriving artist community. As you stroll along the streets here, take note of the eclectic architecture, shops, and studios that make this neighborhood a favorite among Israelis and visitors alike. You might get the chance to speak to locals as you make your way through the neighborhood. You'll even stop by a local art gallery and speak to one of the artists who makes a living with their unique craft.

Your tour concludes at the Carmel Market, where you'll pass stall after stall filled with locally made food, including yemenite malawach (fried bread), as well as exotic spices and produce. At this colorful market, you'll get the chance to talk to vendors about their unique experiences in Tel Aviv, and perhaps sample fresh pomegranate juice or kubbe, a typical Israeli appetizer made with lamb or beef. The vast array of traditional food and drink in the market speaks to Tel Aviv's diverse population: Jewish Israelis from Iran, Morocco, Poland, and beyond have made their lives here with their small food stands and family-owned restaurants.

**Lunch:** On your own. Around 12:30pm, you can return to your hotel or remain at Carmel Market to seek out lunch. Ask your Trip Experience Leader where to find an authentic Israeli meal, a taste of home, or whatever cuisine you would like to enjoy. Perhaps you'll sample a taste of local tradition when you try some signature dishes, like grilled eggplant with tahini or feta-stuffed peppers.

**Afternoon:** At leisure until around 5pm. You may choose to return to one of the sites that interested you on your

## **What to Expect: Suez Canal Small Ship Adventure: Israel, Egypt, Jordan & the Red Sea 2022**

■ **Physical Requirements:** 17 days, with one 3-night hotel stay, three 2-night hotel stays, one single-night hotel stay, and 6 nights aboard the M/V Clio. Walk 3-5 miles unassisted and participate in 6-8 hours of physical activities each day, including stairs. Good agility, balance, and strength needed for possible rough seas. Not accessible for travelers using wheelchairs or scooters. Travelers using walkers, crutches, or other mobility aids will not be able to board the Clio. We reserve the right for Trip Experience Leaders to restrict participation, or in some circumstances send travelers home, if their limitations impact the group's experience.

■ **Terrain & Transportation:** Uneven walking surfaces, including unpaved paths, hills, sand, desert terrain, and stairs. Travel by 89-passenger small ship, 89-passenger charter plane, 30-seat coach, jeep, and felucca Nile boat. Some coach transfers may last up to four hours with no toilets onboard. Jeeps may travel over rough, unpaved desert terrain.

■ **Climate:** Daytime temperatures range from 34-86°F during cruising season; wind, rain, and snow can be expected in Israel and Jordan, while Egypt is often hot year-round.

### **Passport & Visa Information**

Your passport should meet these requirements for this itinerary: It should be valid for at least 6 months after your scheduled return to the U.S. It should have the recommended number of blank pages (refer to the handbook for details). The blank pages must be labeled "Visas" at the top. Pages labeled "Amendments and Endorsements" are not acceptable. Visas: U.S. citizens will need a visa (or visas) for this trip. In addition, there may be other entry requirements that also need to be met. For your convenience, we've included a quick reference list, organized by country: Egypt: Visa required. Israel: No visa required. Jordan: Visa required. Palestine (optional post-trip extension only): No visa required.

Travelers who are booked on this adventure will be sent a complete Visa Packet— with instructions, applications, and a list of visa fees—approximately 100 days prior to their departure.



tour; visit the Yitzhak Rabin Center to learn about this visionary prime minister, whose life was cut tragically short. A forerunner in the effort to resolve the Palestinian and Israeli conflict, Rabin died before his ideas could come to fruition. If you're looking for an intimate experience of daily life in this port city, rent a bike and ride through its winding streets.

Around 5:30pm, you'll re-convene with your small group at your hotel for an insightful conversation with a former Israeli ambassador about the U.S. government's controversial decision to move the country's embassy to Jerusalem. Perhaps you'll ask about how Jewish Israelis feel about this move, and what the response has been from the Arab Israeli population. And, if you journeyed on our Palestinian Discovery extension, this is a great opportunity to hear the Israeli perspective on the ongoing conflict between the Palestinian and Israeli people.

Dinner: At approximately 6:30pm, you'll depart the hotel for a 15-minute drive to a local restaurant for a Welcome Dinner. You'll be served traditional Israeli fare and toast to the discoveries ahead with a complimentary beverage.

Evening: After returning to your hotel around 8:15pm, you're free to do as you please. You may want to visit a nearby bar for a nightcap, relax on the beach or simply return to your room to rest up for tomorrow's activities.

#### **Day 4 – Tel Aviv / Explore Jaffa / Local Interaction**

Morning: At approximately 9am, you'll board a motorcoach for a short ride to Jaffa, where you'll enjoy a walking tour, arriving around 9:30am. Located just across the bay from Tel Aviv, this 4,000-year-old city is believed to be one of the world's oldest ports. It's also believed to be the site of several biblical miracles—the most famous of which was Jonah's encounter with the whale. Today, it is a warren of winding streets flanked by weathered stone homes and artists' workshops and galleries that thrive on the multicultural influences of Jaffa's mixed Arab and Israeli population. Embark on your approximate 90-minute walking tour at around 10am with the guidance of your Trip Experience Leader. You'll witness St. Peter's Church, marking Jaffa's historic ties to Christianity. While there, you might also stroll past the iconic site where it is said the apostle Peter raised Dorcas from the dead.

Between 11:15am and 11:30am, you'll arrive at the colorful Jaffa Flea Market in the heart of the city, stretching along winding, cobblestoned lanes. Here, vendors sell everything from antiques to handcrafts. You'll enjoy free time to browse their extensive collections—and perhaps practice your haggling skills as you purchase a souvenir or two. The locals here are very friendly, and often quick to start a conversation with locals and visitors strolling through the narrow passageways. You might take this opportunity to learn



about daily life in Jaffa—your Trip Experience Leader will provide you with a few key phrases to help you interact with the locals you meet.

**Lunch:** At approximately 12:30pm, your small group will visit a local restaurant near the market for lunch. You'll have the chance to sample even more traditional food—from tomato and cucumber salad to warm, fresh pita.

**Afternoon:** After departing for a 15-minute drive back to the hotel at around 2pm, the balance of the day is yours. You might choose to return to the Flea Market, walk the picturesque Tel Aviv promenade, or visit the Diaspora Museum to learn more about the Jewish emigrant experience. Or, ask your Trip Experience Leader to recommend his or her favorite activity in the city.

**Dinner:** On your own. You may want to treat yourself to a multisensory experience at the BlackOut Restaurant. At this popular dining establishment, all the waiters are blind, so patrons enjoy their meals in complete darkness to mimic the experience. Or ask your Trip Experience Leader to recommend something in line with your preferences.

**Evening:** At leisure—perhaps you'll take one final stroll along the esplanade, or spend time packing for your transfer to Caesarea tomorrow.

#### **Day 5 – Tel Aviv / Caesarea / Haifa / Home-Hosted Lunch / Embark Ship**

**Morning:** At approximately 8:30am, you'll begin your one-hour motorcoach transfer to Caesarea, arriving around 9:30am. It was here that Herod the Great built a remarkable artificial port—an engineering marvel in its time. Explore an extensive collection of Roman ruins overlooking the Mediterranean, many of which were transformed into a walled Crusader's city in later times.

Then continue on an approximate 45-minute drive to Haifa, an ancient seaport on the slopes of Mount Carmel. It is in some senses Israel's model city, where residents from different backgrounds—Jews, Arabs, and even Germans—work side by side in spite of their cultural and religious differences. Begin your visit at the Baha'i Gardens around 12pm. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is an exquisitely detailed, multi-terraced landscape built in honor of the Prophet-Herald of the Baha'i faith. You'll take in views from the second-level terrace (as non-Baha'i are only allowed to see the temple and rest of the gardens for an hour a day), and witness immaculate gardens that seem to cascade in to Haifa Bay.

**Lunch:** At approximately 1pm, you'll enjoy a Home-Hosted Lunch in Haifa. In an even smaller group, you'll arrive by motorcoach to join a local family around their table for traditional, homemade food like pita and tabbouleh, and spirited conversation about what life is

really like in Israel. Many homes in Haifa consist of multigenerational families living together, and you'll get the chance to ask your hosts about this experience. You might engage in a frank conversation about how Arab Christians, Muslims, and Jewish Israelis live and work together in Haifa.

**Afternoon:** Around 3pm, you'll make the approximate 15-minute transfer to Haifa port, embarking our small ship, the M/V Clio, around 3:15pm. For six nights, our privately owned 89-passenger vessel will be your home away from home. Thanks to the size of our ship and group, we'll enjoy more personalized service from our ship's crew—and will be able to get to know the crew and our fellow travelers more easily, creating a family-like atmosphere throughout our cruise.

Plus, we'll be able to dock right in the heart of the places we'll visit during our cruise—and even access off-the-beaten-path ports that many American travelers miss when traveling on larger cruise ships. Because of this, we'll spend less time transferring to and from each destination, and more time immersing ourselves in local customs and meeting the people who call this region home.

Around 4:30pm, your Captain will conduct a safety briefing. At the conclusion, you'll have time to get

acquainted with the ship's inviting common areas. The lounge is equipped with cozy couches and chairs and a specialty coffee-maker, and the adjacent bar serves complimentary house beer, house wine, and soft drinks throughout the day. A topside Sun Deck features ample deck chairs for admiring the scenery, or head to the uppermost Sky Deck for a different perspective. Complimentary wireless Internet is available in all cabins and common areas—the front desk staff will be happy to provide you with an access code.

Make your way to the lounge around 6pm for an embarkation briefing, during which you'll meet the crew and enjoy a welcome cocktail. Then, at about 6:45pm, your Israeli Trip Experience Leader will deliver the first in a series of nightly Port Talks. These informative discussions will give you an overview of the following day's itinerary, and prepare you for the destination ahead.

**Dinner:** Around 7pm, you and your fellow travelers will be invited to the dining room for dinner. Our ship's dining staff will each be assigned to only a few tables, allowing he or she to quickly learn your name, as well as your meal preferences. As with all the dinners during your cruise, the atmosphere is relaxed, the dress code is smart casual, and you are free to sit at whichever table you please. You'll be offered a choice of appetizer, soup, entrée, and dessert—including American favorites—and



complimentary house beer, house wine, and soft drinks. (Half-portions are available upon request.)

Evening: You are free to relax in the lounge after dinner, or return to your cabin to finish settling in. Your small ship remains docked in Haifa this evening.

Freedom to Explore: During your two days in Haifa, you have the freedom to explore this picturesque port city on your own during your free time. Below are a couple of recommended options for independent explorations:

*Experience the interactive exhibits at the Madatech Museum:* Operate more than 20 science and technology exhibits in this engaging museum. How to get there: Around a 15-minute taxi ride from Haifa Port. Hours: 10am-3pm, Monday-Thursday; 10am-2pm, Friday; 10am-5pm, Saturday. Cost: About \$25 USD per person.

*Take a stroll through the port area:* Built during the late Ottoman period, this area of Haifa has seen prosperous growth with the introduction of more modern amenities. Enjoy a relaxing walk along the water and discover myriad restaurants that are offered here. How to get there: Step off the M/V Clio. Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Cost: Free.

## **Day 6 – Haifa / Explore Sea of Galilee & Golan Heights / Kibbutz Visit / Local Interaction.**

Morning: You'll depart your ship around 8:15am for about a 1.5-hour motorcoach ride to the Sea of Galilee. Your visit here, beginning around 9:45am, includes time to stroll around the fishing village of Capernaum, home to two ancient synagogues, as well as a church that is believed to have been constructed on the site of Saint Peter's home. You'll spend about an hour and 15 minutes exploring the church and the Byzantine Synagogue.

Lunch: Around 11:45am, you'll embark on an approximate 1-hour motorcoach drive to a nearby kibbutz for lunch. A uniquely Israeli invention, kibbutzim are communities based on egalitarian collectivism, where income is distributed equally, and all members work toward the good of the group. You'll experience these communal principles firsthand today, as you join members of the kibbutz to dine on Kosher food prepared by and served, cafeteria style, by kibbutz members. You might take this opportunity to ask some of the members about the triumphs and challenges involved in community living.

## **What's Included in the Package**

- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges.
- Accommodations for 3 nights in Tel Aviv, 6 nights aboard our privately owned small ship with wireless Internet access, 1 night in Luxor, 2 nights in Petra, 2 nights on the Dead Sea, and 2 nights in Jerusalem.
- 43 meals: All breakfasts, 14 lunches, 13 dinners, plus all onboard house beer, wine, and soft drinks.
- 23 guided tours (with personal headsets) and cultural experience.
- Services of our three local Trip Experience Leaders—one in Israel, one in Egypt, and one in Jordan—with your group of 20-25 (average of 22) throughout your adventure.
- Gratuities for local guides and motorcoach drivers.
- All port charges.
- Baggage handling for 1 bag per person

Afternoon: Around 2pm, continue on an approximate 15-minute drive to the Golan Heights, a mountainous region in northern Israel. This picturesque setting—replete with basalt cliffs and volcanic mountains—belies the area's tumultuous past. Formerly administered entirely by Syria, the Golan Heights was occupied by the Israelis during the Six-Day War of 1967, and was the site of intense fighting during the Yom Kippur War of 1973. Eventually, the territory was split between the two warring countries, with two-thirds going to Israel, and one-third remaining under Syrian jurisdiction. The border is still patrolled by U.N. troops to this day. Your Trip Experience Leader will provide a unique perspective on this lasting conflict.

During your approximate 1.5-hour tour here, you'll visit Mount Bental, renowned for its role in the Yom Kippur War. It was here that after four days of intense fighting the Israeli army managed to maintain control of the Golan. From your vantage point on Mount Bental, you'll see the Valley of Tears below, named in honor of the many casualties sustained during this battle.

At approximately 3:30pm, you'll begin your 2.5-hour return trip to Haifa, arriving around 6:15pm. Around 6:45pm, your Israeli Trip Experience Leader will deliver your nightly Port Talk and bid you farewell. Your



Egyptian Trip Experience Leader will join you onboard tomorrow evening before you begin your Suez Canal crossing. You will meet your Israeli Trip Experience Leader again on Day 16.

Dinner: Join your fellow travelers in the dining room for dinner around 7pm.

Evening: Following dinner, you are free to enjoy a drink in the lounge. The ship begins sailing to Port Said around 11pm.

#### **Day 7 – At sea / Port Said Anchor Point, Egypt**

Morning: As your ship sails toward Egypt this morning, you'll enjoy time at leisure. You may choose to relax in the lounge with a book, or perhaps you'll schedule a massage. You might take this morning to get to know the crew; various onboard activities will be scheduled throughout the day, including a bridge tour with the captain at 9am and a pita and hummus cooking demonstration with the ship's chef at around 10:30am.

Lunch: Served in the ship's veranda around 12:30pm. You'll be offered your choice of soup at your table, and you may visit the buffet for your choice of entrées and sides, as well as salads and desserts. Complimentary house beer, house wine, and soft drinks available.

Afternoon: Your ship continues sailing toward Egypt this afternoon. You may choose to settle in to a chair on the Sun Deck and watch as Port Said comes into view.

Your ship drops anchor off the coast around 2:30pm, and at approximately 3pm, your Egyptian Trip Experience Leaders will arrive at the Clio by tender boat and take about 45 minutes to introduce themselves. These Trip Experience Leaders are also expert Egyptologists who will provide in-depth knowledge of Egypt's history and culture throughout your time here.

Then, at approximately 6:30pm, all travelers will head to the lounge for a Port Talk of about 30 minutes, wherein Egyptian Trip Experience Leaders will provide details on the Suez Canal crossing and when to listen for ship-wide commentary as the ship makes its way along the canal.

Dinner: Around 7pm, you are invited to the dining room for the Captain's Dinner. While the dress code remains smart casual, some travelers choose to wear a day dress or slacks to the Captain's Dinner. During this special dinner, the Captain may come table to table to personally introduce himself or herself to each traveler and raise a glass to toast to the discoveries in store during the cruise.

Evening: At leisure—you may want to relax in the lounge with a good book or share a drink with your fellow travelers.

#### **Day 8 – Suez Canal / Suez Canal Conversation / Ain Sokhna**

Early Morning: At approximately 3:30am, your ship will begin cruising through the Suez Canal. You may choose to visit the Sky Deck when the journey begins.



Morning: You'll spend the morning cruising the Canal—and at approximately 9am, your Trip Experience Leaders will invite you to the lounge for a conversation about its construction, operation, and geo-political implications, as well as the Canal's strategic importance and impact on 20th-century technology. Your Egyptian Trip Experience Leaders are experts on the Suez Canal, and they will be happy to answer your questions.

For centuries, Egyptians had dreamed of building a waterway connecting the Mediterranean and Red seas: Evidence of ancient canals dates back as far as 1850 BC. In 1869, that dream was realized when the French-owned Suez Canal Company completed construction on the Suez Canal. Today, the 120-mile-long marvel is 100% Egyptian-owned and operated, and serves as a vital trade route, supporting around eight percent of the world's commerce annually. Due to its flat terrain, the Suez does not contain any locks, allowing cargo ships and military vessels to pass between the African and Asian continents freely.

Throughout the morning from around 6am to 10:30am, your transit will take you through the "January 25th Bridge;" Lake Timsah; and the Great Bitter Lake. As you cruise, your Trip Experience Leader will encourage discussion about the future of the Canal.

Lunch: Join your fellow travelers in the veranda room for lunch around 12pm.

Afternoon: At approximately 2pm, your ship will exit the Suez Canal into the Red Sea. The remainder of the afternoon is yours to spend as you please onboard. You might take part in a conversation with your local Trip Experience Leader about daily life in Egypt at around 3:45pm. We dock in Ain Sokhna at approximately 5pm. Later on, your Trip Experience Leader will deliver a Port Talk at approximately 6:45pm.

Dinner: Join your fellow travelers in the dining room for dinner around 7:15pm.

Evening: At leisure—you may want to venture to the Sun Deck to take in the views of the Red Sea, or enjoy a night cap at the bar.

### **Day 9 – Ain Sokhna / Giza**

Activity Note: Today's activities include five hours of driving via motorcoach, with stops along the way. Cairo is home to more than one-fifth of Egypt's population, and because of this, heavy traffic congestion is a daily occurrence. As we navigate the streets of Cairo via motorcoach, we may find ourselves among this traffic, which will cause slight changes to our planned itinerary. We ask that you approach today with curiosity, an adventurous spirit, and a healthy sense of humor.

Your visit to the pyramids includes a considerable amount of walking on unpaved, sandy terrain. Furthermore, as this is an iconic site, you may also encounter local vendors approaching you with merchandise to sell.

**Morning:** At approximately 8am, you'll board a motorcoach and begin your 2.5-hour transfer from Ain Sokhna to Giza. Snacks from the ship will be provided throughout your journey. As your bus arrives in Cairo, keep an eye on the horizon for the pyramids, which loom over Egypt's capital like sun-burnt specters.

Around 10:30am, you'll reach the pyramid complex and begin your guided visit. At the heart of the complex is the Great Pyramid, which is flanked by two other colossal pyramids—Khafre and Menkaure—the oldest of which dates back as far as 2589 BC. The site also features satellite “queens” pyramids, workers' cemeteries, and funerary temples. As previously noted, your Trip Experience Leaders are expert Egyptologists that will reveal the secrets of this ancient and enigmatic site, which continues to inspire awe among historians, archaeologists, and visitors alike. During your visit, perhaps you'll also get the chance to speak to local Egyptians who have made their homes near the site.

While here, you'll also see the enigmatic Sphinx that has stood guard over the pyramids for almost 5,000 years.

Known in Arabic as Abu al-Hol, the “Father of Terror,” this mysterious statue was carved almost entirely from one piece of limestone. Scholars suggest that the Sphinx may have the face of King Cheophren, its builder, and that he appears to be in ritual costume honoring the Sun God. It is a tradition nearly as old as the monument itself to speculate what lies beneath its mighty paws—Atlantis in one theory, and passageways to the pyramids in another. Your tour wraps up around 1:15pm, at which point you'll depart the Pyramids for a 15-minute drive to lunch.

**Lunch:** At approximately 1:45pm, you'll arrive at the legendary Mena House Hotel for lunch. Set in the shadow of the pyramids, the hotel has played host to guests like Winston Churchill, Charlton Heston, and Agatha Christie. It is also known for hosting a number of meetings between Israeli and Egyptian leaders that ultimately forged peace between the two nations. Savor local fare here, buffet style, as you gaze out across the lush gardens toward the pyramids, and perhaps take some time to wander around the colorful gardens themselves.

**Afternoon:** You'll begin your 2.5-hour return trip to the ship in Ain Sokhna at around 3pm, arriving at approximately 5:30pm.

Your Trip Experience Leader will deliver their Port



Talk around 6:45pm, which will include specifics about preparing for your overnight excursion to Luxor tomorrow.

Dinner: Join your fellow travelers in the dining room for dinner around 7:15pm.

Evening: At leisure. You may choose to use this time to pack an overnight bag for your trip to Luxor.

### **Day 10 – Hurghada / Fly to Luxor / Karnak Temple**

Activity Note: You'll travel 30 minutes by charter flight to Luxor this morning, and enjoy a single-night stay at the Old Winter Palace Hotel. Be sure to bring a day pack to carry your essentials and a change of clothes. Keep in mind that your luggage is subject to standard security regulations, so it is advisable to bring travel-size containers for your liquids.

Morning: The Clio arrives in Hurghada around 10am. After the ship clears customs (a process that takes about 90 minutes), your small group will travel 30 minutes by motorcoach to the Hurghada airport for your charter flight, which departs around noon.

Lunch: A snack box will be provided for you to enjoy en route to Luxor. A box includes granola, fruit, nuts, and cookies.

Afternoon: Upon arrival in Luxor around 1pm, you'll board a motorcoach bound for Karnak Temple for your included walking tour, arriving around 1:30pm.

With its massive gate built by Ptolemy III, Karnak is one of the most important sites in all of Egypt. Ancient Egyptians, who believed that their chief deity Amun-Ra first created himself and then everything else, called Karnak Ipet-Isut, "the most perfect of places." And perfection was eventually attained at Karnak, which was built over the course of 1,300 years by successive kings and queens, who each added their own tributes to Amun-Ra, replacing or expanding existing monuments in ever more grand styles. Your tour wraps up around 2:15pm, at which point you can explore the site at your own pace.

Then, at approximately 3pm, you'll depart Karnak Temple for an approximate 15-minute motorcoach transfer to the Old Winter Palace Hotel for a single-night stay, which will afford you additional time to explore this archaeological jewel box. Your private room includes a telephone, refrigerator, safe, cable/satellite TV, complimentary wireless Internet access, and a private bathroom with a shower.

Built by the Brits at the end of the 19th century, the Old Winter Palace has played host to countless high-profile guests—including archaeologist Howard Carter, the famed Egyptologist who discovered King Tut's tomb, and Agatha Christie, who penned *Death on the Nile* during her stay. You'll join their well-heeled ranks at around 4:30pm, when you're invited to enjoy high tea on the terrace. Take time to reflect on the day's discoveries as you take in sweeping views of the majestic Nile, and allow the aromatic tea to refresh you—in the Middle East, it is customary to drink hot tea to cool down the body and combat the warm weather.

Beginning around 5:30pm, the remainder of the afternoon is yours to do as you please. You may choose to visit nearby Luxor Temple or walk along the Nile's calm banks. Or, seek out handmade souvenirs at the shops near your hotel. A 15-minute walk from the hotel to Luxor's city center leads you to the Abu Haggag Mosque, outside which stands a small market with vendors selling clothes and artisan crafts. This would be another perfect opportunity to practice your newfound bargaining skills.

Dinner: Around 7pm, you'll enjoy a seated dinner at your hotel, which includes an appetizer, entrée, and dessert.

Evening: At leisure beginning around 8:30pm. You may choose to take a stroll through the hotel's elegant gardens or don a pair of slacks or a dress to visit the sophisticated Royal Bar for a nightcap.

Freedom to Explore: During your two days in Luxor, you have the freedom to explore this historical city along the Nile River on your own during your free time. Below are a couple of recommended options for independent explorations:

*Explore the Luxor Temple by night in the heart of the city:* Discover one of the most famous Egyptian temples as the sun sets and watch as the complex lights up to highlight its relief carvings. How to get there: Around a 10-minute walk from the Winter Palace. Hours: 6am-9pm, daily. Cost: About \$6 USD per person.

*Shop and mingle with the locals as you discover Luxor Market:* Experience the bustling bazaars and markets to get a taste of everyday life and the culture in Egypt. How to get there: Around a 10-minute walk from the Winter Palace. Hours: 6am-10pm, daily. Cost: Free. Unique sound during a short performance.

**Day 11 – Luxor / Explore Valley of the Kings / Farmhouse Visit & Lunch / Nile River crossing / Fly to Hurghada**

Activity Note: The sites you'll visit today are unpaved, and the terrain is hilly, sandy, and rocky. To access the tombs in the Valley of the Kings, you must be able to walk up and down narrow, steep flights of stairs. You'll travel 30 minutes by charter flight to Hurghada this afternoon. Keep in mind that your luggage is subject to standard security regulations, so it is advisable to bring travel-size containers for your liquids.

Morning: At approximately 8am, you'll set off on an approximate 50-minute motorcoach ride for one of the most intriguing odes to Egypt's past: the Valley of the Kings. Begin your in-depth exploration around 9:15am.

This elaborate pharaonic burial site has been the focus of tourism since Roman times, and a haven for archaeologists for more than two hundred years. Today, some 60 tombs have been discovered chiseled deep in the limestone cliff sides. And the tombs aren't only for human mummies. Pets in ancient Egypt were often considered a part of the family, and archaeologists have found perfectly preserved animals among the remains. Each tomb is long and narrow, has the king's formal name and title inscribed in it, and each is decorated with his images and statues. Because these tombs were long sealed from the elements, their walls have retained the vibrant colors and deeply chiseled details that were added by the original builders thousands of years ago.

Lunch: You'll depart for a half-hour motorcoach drive to a farmhouse on the bank of the Nile around 11:15am. Upon arrival around 11:45am, you'll savor a traditional Egyptian lunch, served family style. As you dine, your hosts will regale you with stories about what life is like for families in rural Luxor. Get a true appreciation for daily country life along the Nile, in contrast to the urban lifestyle of Cairo or our last Home-Hosted visit in Haifa, as the farmer shows you his animals and crops, then welcomes you inside the family's traditional mud-brick home for a home-cooked meal.

Afternoon: At the conclusion of lunch around 1:15pm, you'll board a traditional felucca (wooden sailboat) to cross the Nile's peaceful waters. As you glide along the river, imagine the great pharaohs of centuries past who took the very same route by way of this traditional boat. At approximately 2:30pm, depart for Luxor airport to check in for your 30-minute flight to Hurghada. You'll arrive at the Hurghada airport around 4:30pm. After an approximate 30-minute transfer to the port, you'll re-board the Clio around 5:30pm. At approximately 6:30pm, you'll be invited to the lounge for your disembarkation

briefing, during which you'll receive information about settling any onboard balances, followed by your Port Talk.

Dinner: Join your fellow travelers in the dining room for dinner around 7pm.

Evening: At leisure—you may want to enjoy one final drink at the bar, or head up to the Sun Deck to relax in the fresh air while your ship cruises toward Aqaba, Jordan.

**Day 12 – Aqaba, Jordan / Disembark Ship / Explore Wadi Rum / Petra / Bedouin Camp Visit**

Activity Note: Today's activities include a total drive time of 3 hours: approximately 1 hour from Aqaba to Wadi Rum and 2 hours from Wadi Rum to Petra. Your off-road excursion in Wadi Rum takes place on an open-air vehicle over sandy, uneven terrain. Sunscreen and a hat are advised

Morning: Around 8am, the Clio arrives in the Gulf of Aqaba, believed to be the sea that Moses parted while leading the Israelites out of Egypt. At approximately 9am, you'll bid farewell to the crew and your Egyptian Trip Experience Leader as you disembark. Your Jordanian Trip Experience Leader will then join you for a panoramic tour of Aqaba, Jordan's only coastal city. The city was made famous during World War I when British military officer T.E. Lawrence ("Lawrence of Arabia") crossed the Negev Desert to capture the then-sleepy town by uniting Arabian Bedouins against the Turks. During a drive here, you will enjoy views of Aqaba Castle, which was built as a khan (inn) for travelers to use en route to Mecca.

Around 10am, you'll arrive in Wadi Rum, and set off beginning around 10:30am on a 2-hour off-road vehicle excursion through this 450-square-mile desert whose landscape Lawrence once described as "vast, echoing, and Godlike." Here, dramatic yellow, brown, white, and red sandstone mountains tower over rust-hued sand; and wind-carved bridges, arches, and mushroom-shaped rock formations dot the landscape. This sunbaked valley has been inhabited by humans since prehistoric times, who left petroglyphs and temples behind. Today, Bedouin tribes can be found living among the mountains in their goat-hair tents.

Lunch: You'll discover traditional Bedouin cuisine (and cooking methods) at lunch today, when you visit a tented camp around 1pm. Here, you'll dine buffet style on local specialties, including salads and grilled meats.

Afternoon: Around 2pm, a two-hour overland transfer will bring you to Petra. You'll arrive around 4pm and enjoy time to settle into your hotel. Each air-conditioned room features a telephone, cable/satellite TV, wireless



Internet, and a private bathroom with a hairdryer.

**Dinner:** Board the motorcoach around 5:30pm for an approximate 30-minute drive to Little Petra to learn even more about the Bedouin tribes that have been tending their herds of goats in this area for centuries. As you enjoy dinner at a Bedouin camp—accompanied by traditional song and dance performances—you’ll learn more about Bedouins’ long-held traditions and evolving way of life.

**Evening:** You’ll return to your hotel in Petra, arriving around 8pm, and enjoy time at leisure.

**Freedom to Explore:** During your two days in Petra, you have the freedom to explore this archaeologically famous city on your own during your free time. Below is a recommended option for independent explorations:

*Try the authentic local cuisine during a cooking class at the Petra Kitchen:* Get to know local chefs as they teach you how to prepare their favorite meals with fresh ingredients. How to get there: Around a 3-minute walk from the Movenpick Petra Hotel. Hours: Classes begin between 6pm and 6:30pm, Monday-Friday. Cost: About \$25 USD per person.

### **Day 13 – Explore Petra**

**Activity Note:** Today’s walking tour will last approximately 3.5 hours. You must be able to walk approximately 5 miles over unpaved, rocky terrain, and up and down hill to enter and exit the “Lost City.” Horse or camel rides may be available for an additional fee, but good agility and balance are required.

**Morning:** You’ll begin your full-day walking tour of the “Lost City” of Petra around 9am today (depending on weather and crowd level), with your Trip Experience Leader guiding the way. This rose-hued city carved into sandstone cliffs is Jordan’s greatest archaeological treasure. Here the Nabataeans, an Arabic people who dominated the area prior to the Romans, carved elaborate temples and tombs out of the sandstone. There are only a few freestanding buildings here, with over 800 monuments carved into the stone.

Approach the hidden city by way of the Siq, a narrow passage between 600-foot-high overhanging sandstone cliffs, and enter on foot. Exiting the darkness of the Siq, you’ll first witness the towering brightness of El Khazneh (The Treasury), a 140-foot-high edifice carved into a mountain. Then gaze at the hundreds of soaring temples, tombs, and houses, as well as a Roman theater, in the cliffs that surround you. As you make your way through

the site, you'll have the chance to interact with locals (some of whom own caves within the historic complex), including Bedouins who lead camel and donkey rides throughout Petra.

**Lunch:** You'll visit a restaurant located inside the archeological site around 1pm for lunch. This buffet-style restaurant provides an array of traditional Jordanian fare for you to sample, from fresh mansaf (lamb yogurt stew) to locally-baked breads.

**Afternoon:** On your own beginning at around 2pm. You may choose to spend the remainder of the day seeking out more of Petra's treasures—from a leisurely stroll among the Royal Tombs, to a one-hour hike to the awe-inspiring Monastery. Because of Petra's size, there are a number of hikes to choose from. Your Trip Experience Leader can recommend a hiking trail based on your interests and fitness level. Or, for a more leisurely afternoon, you might try your hand at preparing Jordanian cuisine at Petra Kitchen and explore the intricacies of Petra's Wadi Moussa village. A tight-knit community, Wadi Moussa is full of opportunities to gain a sense of daily life in Petra. You'll likely find friendly locals sitting outside coffee shops or smoking hookah.

**Dinner:** Enjoy a buffet-style dinner in your hotel's restaurant around 7pm. You can choose from a variety of local options, as well as some familiar favorites.

**Evening:** At leisure—you may want to visit the hotel bar, or turn in early if you've spent the day hiking.

#### **Day 14 – Petra / Explore Madaba / Mount Nebo Visit / Dead Sea / Home-Hosted Lunch / Life in Jordan conversation**

**Activity Note:** The Dead Sea beach is very rocky, and the salt crust can cause injuries. Travelers wishing to swim today are strongly encouraged to wear closed-toe water shoes.

**Morning:** Begin your 2.5-hour motorcoach transfer to Madaba around 8:30am. The city is best known for its vast collection of Byzantine-era mosaics, depicting everything from plants and animals to scenes from mythology and everyday life. Upon arrival around 11:15am enjoy a brief discovery walk, and witness the area's most notable mosaic—a map of the Middle East embedded in the floor—at St. George's Church. Dating back to the 6th century, the map contains the oldest surviving depiction of the Holy Land.

**Lunch:** At approximately 12:30pm, you'll split into smaller groups and journey to a local family's home in Madaba to savor local fare and spirited conversation

during a Home-Hosted Lunch. During your visit, you'll likely sip sweet Jordanian tea and dine on lamb or chicken. In general, Jordan is less traditional than some of its Middle Eastern neighbors, and you'll get the opportunity to chat with locals about what their traditions look like in this intimate setting.

**Afternoon:** Continue on toward the Dead Sea around 1:45pm, stopping en route at approximately 2pm to ascend to the summit of Mount Nebo. It was here that God is said to have revealed to Moses the Promised Land that he was not destined to reach. From this vantage point, you'll enjoy the same sweeping views described in the Old Testament. After about a half-hour visit here, continue on about an hour-long drive to your Dead Sea hotel, checking in around 3:30pm. Your private room features cable/satellite TV, a telephone, a safe, a refrigerator, wireless Internet, and a private bathroom with a hairdryer.

Afterwards, the afternoon is yours to do as you please. If you've brought your bathing suit and water shoes, perhaps you'll test your buoyancy in the Dead Sea—one of the world's saltiest lakes located at the lowest elevation on land. Our hotel is centrally located right on the water's edge, and life guards are happy to help you into the water. If you'd rather remain on the beach, you might dip a hand in the glistening mud—the Dead Sea and its sands are said to have healing properties.

Around 6:30pm, you'll come together with your fellow travelers in a conference room at the hotel to meet with a Jordanian woman for a conversation about what life is like for women in this traditional—yet evolving—country. This is a great opportunity to gain perspective on women's rights in the country, as well as the trials and triumphs of living as a woman in Jordan—from land ownership, to divorce, to leadership positions, and more.

**Dinner:** Join your fellow travelers in your hotel's dining room around 7:30pm for dinner. Served buffet style, you can choose from a wide selection of Jordanian dishes.

**Evening:** On your own. You may choose to take a stroll around the lush grounds of your hotel before turning in for the night.

**Freedom to Explore:** During your two days exploring the Dead Sea, you have the freedom to delve deeper into its unique features on your own during your free time. Below is a recommended option for independent explorations:

*Float in the Dead Sea and relax at the Movenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea:* With an array of options including a

private beach and Dead Sea mud pack, a heated massage pool, natural Dead Sea pools for floating, and an infinity pool overlooking the Dead Sea, treating yourself to a spa day has never been more fun. How to get there: At hotel. Hours: 8:30am-8:30pm, daily. Cost: Entrance is free.

### **Day 15 – Dead Sea / Explore Bethany Beyond the Jordan / Optional Amman Tour**

Activity Note: Your tour of Bethany Beyond the Jordan includes a half-mile walk each way over unpaved terrain.

Morning: Around 9am, you'll depart on your 30-minute motorcoach transfer to Bethany Beyond the Jordan, at which point you'll embark on a 1-mile walking tour. Located just off the banks of the Jordan River, this recently-discovered archaeological site is home to an array of ancient churches and prayer halls. But its most famous highlight is a small pool believed to be site where John the Baptist baptized Jesus of Nazareth. Though the pool itself is inaccessible to visitors, you may be able to dip a finger in the nearby Jordan River.

Then, around 11:30am, depart for the approximate 30-minute ride back to the hotel. Or, depart directly from Bethany Beyond the Jordan on drive of around 90-minutes for an optional half-day tour to Amman, Jordan's modern capital. During your visit, you'll learn more about Jordanian religious traditions, and visit a local market, where you'll witness spices and produce unique to this region. Your tour concludes on a sweet note as you sample a local cheese dessert known as kunafa.

Lunch: You'll return to your hotel around noon for a buffet style lunch. You can choose from salads, Middle Eastern dips like hummus and baba ganoush, and a variety of hot dishes and desserts. If you choose to visit Amman, lunch will be in a local restaurant, where you'll have the chance to sample kebabs or a traditional lamb dish.

Afternoon: On your own. You may opt for another float in the Dead Sea. If you take part in the Amman optional tour, you'll depart back to the hotel around 5pm, joining your fellow travelers at approximately 6:30pm.

Dinner: Join your fellow travelers in your hotel's dining room around 7pm for dinner.

Evening: At leisure. You may opt for a nightcap, or return to your room to prepare for your return to Israel tomorrow.

*Amman - \$55/person Join an afternoon excursion to Amman, Jordan's thriving capital spanning 19 hills. After*

enjoying an included lunch at a local restaurant, you'll embark on a discovery walk through a local market set in the shadow of an ancient Roman amphitheater. Delight in the scent of spices wafting from the stalls, and be on the lookout for vendors capitalizing on residents' fondness for pigeon training. You'll also enjoy a taste of kunafa, a local cheese pastry that will be a sweet finish to your tour. Please note: Lunch on this optional tour is paid for with a credit from the included lunch on the main trip. The tour price does not include an additional meal charge.

### **Day 16 – Dead Sea / Allenby Bridge Border Crossing / Jerusalem, Israel**

Activity Note: For security reasons, it may take anywhere from 45 minutes to two hours to complete your Allenby Bridge border crossing today, so flexibility and patience are key. Your Jordanian Trip Experience Leader will not accompany you across; you'll be met by your Israeli Trip Experience Leader on the other side.

Morning: You'll board a motorcoach bound for Israel at approximately 8:30am this morning. To get there, you'll first take a 30-minute ride to cross over the supremely well protected Allenby Bridge, which links the Jordanian Desert to the West Bank. Throughout your drive, your Jordanian Trip Experience Leader will detail the customs and immigration process, before bidding you farewell. After passing through immigration, you'll be met by your Israeli Trip Experience Leader and begin your 45-minute transfer to Jerusalem.

You should arrive in Jerusalem around 11:45am. A treasure trove of hallowed monuments and sacred legends, Jerusalem bustles with Jewish, Muslim, and Christian pilgrims eagerly following in the footsteps of early prophets. You'll do the same during your two-night visit, which begins with a panoramic tour of some of the city's holiest sites—including Mount Zion, the traditional Christian site of the Last Supper, and the Mount of Olives, site of Christ's betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Lunch: At approximately 1pm, your group will visit a local restaurant, where you'll savor Israeli fare.

Afternoon: Transfer to the hotel around 2:15pm. Your private room features cable/satellite TV, a telephone, complimentary wireless Internet, and a private bathroom with a hairdryer. After checking in at approximately 2:30pm, enjoy some time at leisure. Perhaps you'll get a head start on exploring the Old City. Or, you might opt to join your Trip Experience Leader around 4:30pm for an orientation walk that will familiarize you with the area surrounding your hotel.

Dinner: On your own. Whether you're in the mood for Middle Eastern fare or something more familiar, your Trip Experience Leader will be happy to provide recommendations. Perhaps you'll sample homemade hummus followed by a traditional Israeli dessert: dates stuffed with chocolate and a sprinkling of coconut.

Evening: At leisure—perhaps you'll take a stroll through the bustling neighborhood surrounding your centrally-located hotel. Or, get a glimpse of local entertainment at the colorful sound and lights show at the Tower of David.

Freedom to Explore: During your two days in Jerusalem, you have the freedom to explore one of the oldest cities in the world on your own during your free time. Below are a few recommended options for independent explorations: *Visit the Museum for Islamic Art to see how art is rooted in the history and culture of the Middle East:* View pottery, textiles, jewelry, and ceremonial artifacts that showcase a glimpse into Jerusalem's historic past. How to get there: Around a 15-minute walk from the Jerusalem hotel. Hours: 10am-3pm, Monday-Wednesday; 10am-7pm, Thursday. Cost: About \$12 USD per person.

*Behold the Chagall Windows in the synagogue of the Hadassah Medical Center:* View the 12 famous windows created over two years by Mark Chagall to represent the 12 tribes of Israel. Completed in 1962, you can still view the damage from the war in 1967 left without repair in memory of the destruction. How to get there: Around a 25-minute taxi ride from the Jerusalem hotel. Hours: 8:30am-3pm, Sunday-Thursday. Cost: Entrance to the synagogue is about \$5 USD per person.

*View contemporary treasures at the Museum on the Seam:* This museum displays modern art that speaks openly to socio-political conflicts in the Middle East. Artists from Israel and beyond offer their takes on tensions between religious and cultural groups, making for sometimes difficult but overall important conversations about what makes us connected as human beings. How to get there: Around a 10-minute taxi ride from the Jerusalem hotel. Hours: 10am-5pm, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday; 2pm-8pm, Tuesday. Cost: About \$9 USD per person.

## Vaccinations Information

Our travel partner GCT requires a valid Covid-19 vaccination **plus** booster shot for all travelers. For other vaccinations that **may** be recommended for this trip, please visit the CDC's "Traveler's Health" website at [www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel).

## Day 17 – Explore Jerusalem

Activity Note: Today's walking tour will last approximately 3.5 hours.

Morning: Around 9am, set off on a walking tour of Jerusalem's Old City with your Trip Experience Leader. Though it occupies an area of less than one square mile, this ancient enclave's history and spiritual significance to Christians, Jews, and Muslims is immense. Your tour begins in the area around the Western Wall—the Jewish Quarter—which is adjacent to the site of Solomon's First Temple and the Second Temple.

Your tour also includes a visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, built around what is believed to be the site of Christ's burial and resurrection, and along the Via Dolorosa—the ancient "Way of the Sorrows," where it is traditionally held that Christ walked to his crucifixion.

Lunch: Your small group will visit a local restaurant around 1pm for lunch with traditional Israeli fare available.

Afternoon: At leisure. You may choose to return to the hotel around 2:15pm; your Trip Experience Leader can recommend museums to visit—such as the Museum for Islamic Art or the Rockefeller Museum—and help you arrange a taxi. Or remain in the Old City to do some last-minute shopping in the stalls that line the winding streets.

Dinner: Reconvene with your fellow travelers around 6:30pm for a Farewell Dinner in the hotel's restaurant, enjoying a variety of options from the buffet and reminiscing about your favorite moments of the trip.

Evening: On your own. You may wish to take one final stroll of the city by night before your main trip concludes.

## Day 18 – Return to U.S.





**Pricing Summary & Trip Dates**

**Trip Name:** Suez Canal Small Ship Adventure:  
Israel, Egypt, Jordan & the Red Sea

**Trip Dates:** Nov. 16 to Dec. 3, 2022

**Trip Prices:**

- VS Sun Deck (Balcony Stateroom) \$9,295
- A Verandah Deck (Window Stateroom) \$8,795
- B Verandah Deck (Window Stateroom) \$8,695
- C Main Deck (Window Stateroom) \$8,595
- D Main Deck (Window Stateroom) \$8,495
- E Main Deck (Window Stateroom) \$8,195

*See next page for a ship diagram with deck levels.*

**Airfare from Detroit (DTW):** \$1,400

**Travel Protection:** Price varies depending on cabin/air selection; not required but is highly recommended. For details, please call Curtis Whitaker at **(269) 209-5889**.

**Reservation Deposit:** The deposit to reserve your space on this trip is \$500 per person fully refundable until 65 days prior to departure. Remaining balance due 90 days before departure.

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**TOUR RESERVATION POLICY:**  
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# M/V Clio



**Sky Deck**



**Sun Deck**



**Verandah Deck**



**Main Deck**



**Marina Deck**

## Cabin Categories

-  VS Balcony Stateroom - 205 sq. ft.
-  A Window Stateroom - 194 sq. ft.
-  B Window Stateroom - 194 sq. ft.
-  C Window Stateroom - 194 sq. ft.
-  D Window Stateroom - 194 sq. ft.
-  E Window Stateroom - 194 sq. ft.
-  S Single Window Stateroom - 161 sq. ft.