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**Te Papa exhibition partner and Ancient Kingdoms specialists, Innovative Travel, present a special tour to Egypt exclusive to Friends of Te Papa.**

This special journey is in association with New Zealand based award winning Innovative Travel who have a long and reputable association in the region. The company was founded in 1990, by Robyn Galloway who wanted to share her passion for these ancient lands and was joined in 1997, by Elhamy ElZayat M.N.Z.M; Innovative Travel's uniquely positioned Cairo based Director. Welcome to this special tour, hosted by New Zealand's first resident ambassador to Egypt, Rene Wilson.

Both in Egypt and in Jordan (which is an optional extension), you will benefit from fantastic and reliable local representatives who supply strong local back up and expert local knowledge on this special Friends of Te Papa tour.

Your warm welcome begins at Cairo Airport. You'll be met INSIDE immigration and assisted with your Egyptian visa on arrival, by one of our experienced airport team and transferred to the memorable Marriott Mena House hotel to start your journey of discovery.



# Itinerary especially prepared for The Friends of Te Papa September 2019

Thu 05 **Cairo**

After being met INSIDE immigration and assisted with visa formalities by our local airport representative, gain your first experience of Egypt as you are transferred to the remarkable historic Marriott Mena House where you are reserved for three nights.

The Marriott Mena House Cairo was initially a two storied hunting lodge and nick named the "Mud Hut". The hotel was first constructed in 1869 for the Egyptian King Isma'il Pasha. Later after being purchased by an English couple, it was first opened to the public in 1886. During World War I the hotel was requisitioned by Australian troops and occupied again by the Australians in 1939. Towards the end of the war it was converted to a hospital for wounded Australian troops. In the shadow of the great Pyramids of Giza, this hotel has been beautifully restored to reflect its history. Spend the rest of the day relaxing until your welcome dinner this evening. (D)

*(Optional upgrade to pyramids view room)*



Fri 06 **Cairo**

Explore the most illustrious sites of ancient Egypt, with your personal Egyptologist guide – the Great Pyramids of Giza and the legendary Sphinx, the iconic monuments. The Great Pyramid of Giza (which is also known as the Pyramid of Khufu or the Pyramid of Cheops) is the oldest and largest of the three pyramids in the Giza pyramid complex. It is the oldest of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and the only one to remain largely intact. Egyptologists believe that the pyramid was built as a tomb over a 10 to 20-year period concluding around 2560 BC. At 146.5 metres the Great Pyramid was the tallest man-made structure in the world for more than 3,800 years. Continue to a special tomb for a private visit of the largest tomb in the Pyramids area. (A special opening is arranged). Today a lecture is included by a guest renowned Egyptian historian. Later visit the new Egyptian Grand Museum, located near the Pyramids area. The Grand Egyptian museum, which is currently under construction will become the most important museum in Egypt. It will house more than 100,000 artefacts from all pharaonic periods with a special focus on Tutankhamun. View exhibits, many of which will be displayed for the first time in history. (B,D)



Sat 07

**Cairo**

Begin your day with a visit to Memphis and Sakkara.

This vast, ancient burial ground in Egypt, served as the necropolis for the Ancient Egyptian capital, Memphis and features numerous pyramids, including the world-famous Step pyramid of Djoser, sometimes referred to as the Step Tomb due to its rectangular base, as well as a number of mastabas (benches). Continue to Dahshur Pyramids, an ancient royal necropolis, located south of Cairo in the desert on the west bank of the Nile. The necropolis is home to some of Egypt's best preserved pyramids. According to archaeological studies, the oldest of the Dahshur pyramids was constructed in 2613 BC while the most recently built pyramid is believed to have been built 2589 BC. Another remarkable aspect of these pyramids is the variation in design. Later today a highlight will be to make a special visit to an excavation at Mereruka under the supervision of Dr Naguib Kanawati from Macquarie University, where you will learn more about this remarkable project. Dinner this evening is included (B,D)

Sun 08

**Cairo – Luxor**

This morning you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Luxor (Known as Thebes in ancient times). Your overnight accommodation is at the Sofitel Old Winter Palace. The palace was the winter residence of King Farouk and later a harbour for 19th century explorers fascinated with Egyptian culture. From the very imposing staircase, Howard Carter announced he had discovered the immaculately preserved tomb of Tutankhamun. Illustrious dignitaries - from presidents and politicians to artists and celebrities - have stayed in this Luxor hotel overlooking the Nile.



Discover a bygone era of Egyptian exploration at the faithfully restored house of famed archaeologist Howard Carter on the West Bank. Gain a fascinating insight into the life and mind of the man who spent years convinced that the Valley of the Kings had not relinquished all of its secrets, to be rewarded with the discovery of Tutankhamen's Tomb and the greatest Egyptian find of modern times. Continue to the Mummification Museum, on the corniche, situated to the north of the Luxor Temple overlooking the Nile. Here gain an understanding of the ancient art of mummification. The Ancient Egyptians applied embalming techniques to many species, not only to dead humans. Mummies of cats, fish and crocodiles are on display in this unique museum, along with some of the tools used. Dinner is included this evening. (B,D)

*The Mummy Museum offers further insight into the ancient Egyptian rites and ceremonies performed to evoke immortality.*



Mon 09

**Luxor**

Today transfer to your Nile cruise ship. Embark on your deluxe ship where you will spend the next 5 days exploring the reaches of the Nile. After lunch begin discovering one of the world's greatest open-air museums - Thebes. Visit the magnificent Luxor Temple, where you can follow the Avenue of the Sphinx to the Temple complex of Karnak. The site comprises a vast mass of temples, chapels, pylons, shrines and intricately carved columns. It is a gigantic and imposing monument showcasing precious relics of ancient Egyptian Dynasties. Today a special visit will also be included to Nefertari or Seti I Tomb. (B,L,D)

Tue 10

**Luxor – Esna – Edfu**

Cross the Nile to the West Bank. Today is full of highlights including the Necropolis of Thebes and the Valley of the Kings. Visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut and see the Colossi of Memnon, famed for the unearthly noise it is said to have made at sunrise in ancient times, bestowing luck on those who heard it! Your visit to the West Bank today will include three tombs, including the tomb of Tutankhamun. This afternoon sail to Esna and cross the lock to Edfu where you will berth overnight. (B,L,D)



Wed 11

**Edfu – Kom Ombo**

An unforgettable day begins as you watch the sunrise from the balcony of your boat. After breakfast, go ashore to visit Edfu and the Temple of Horus, the son of Isis and Osiris, who avenged his father's murder and dismemberment at the hands of his wicked uncle Seth. Later that day sail to Kom Ombo and visit the fascinating and much underrated Kom Ombo Temple, which was shared by the two Gods, Sobek and Horus. The temple is perfectly symmetrical thus ensuring neither god was offended. See the beautiful murals and bas reliefs showing such amazing insight into ancient Egyptian technology as the medical instruments and solar system. The collection of mummified crocodiles is also fascinating. Overnight in Kom Ombo. (B,L,D)

Thu 12

**Kom Ombo - Aswan**

Visit the Aswan Dams at the end of Lake Nasser. Continue to the granite quarries which provided stone for Karnak & Luxor Temples, offering a glimpse into how the ancient Egyptians were able to achieve their architectural marvels. Later, sail by a traditional felucca vessel around the lush islands of Aswan, including Kitchener Island, also known as the Botanical Island due to its collection of tropical plants from as far afield as India. This evening attend the Sound & Light Show at the beautifully restored Temple of Philae. Dedicated to the goddess Isis and said to be where she buried her husband Osiris's body after she had recovered his scattered remains, the entire temple was moved to this location to save it from being flooded by the High Aswan Dam. (B,L,D)



Fri 13

**Aswan**

Disembark after breakfast.

***Optional morning half day Abu Simbel tour :******(Please confirm if you wish to join this tour at the time of your reservation)***

This morning you will be transferred to Aswan Airport for your flight to Abu Simbel. You will be met by a local representative at Abu Simbel airport and escorted to your vehicle for the short drive to Abu Simbel where you will meet your local English-speaking guide. The tour takes approximately 1.5 hours. When you have completed your guided tour, exit the monument back at the main Entrance Gate. Your vehicle will be waiting to return you to the airport where you will go through the usual security check. The airport waiting room has a small snack counter and bathrooms for your convenience.



Abu Simbel is one of the most impressive archaeological sites in all of Egypt, not only for its historical significance, but for the great engineering success in moving these temples to their present location. Of all the temples of Egyptian antiquity, amongst the most spectacular and best preserved are the Temples of Abu Simbel. The master builder was Ramses II, one of Egypt's greatest Pharaohs. The larger temple celebrates the Pharaoh himself while the smaller one honours his wife Queen Nefertari. When the new Lake Nasser Dam was built in the 1960s, the temples were moved to save them from a watery grave. In an amazing feat of engineering, the temples were hewn into huge blocks of thirty tonnes each and relocated 180m further inland.

Later, transfer to the airport for your flight back to Aswan. Transfer back to your hotel.

**Notes:**

*The Sun Temple and Colossi of Ramses II are located on a sandy cliff overlooking Lake Nasser. To approach this monument site you walk along a rocky and uneven sandy path. Anyone who has walking difficulties should be advised that handicapped facilities are not available at this archaeological site.*

For those not travelling to Abu Simbel, the day is at leisure with time to explore the Aswan markets before checking into the Old Cataract Hotel later this afternoon. Perhaps sample a high tea and enjoy the spectacular views from your hotel. Dinner this evening at the Old Cataract Hotel. (B,D)

Sat 14

**Aswan – Cairo**

This morning transfer to Aswan Airport for your flight to Cairo. On arrival visit the Cairo War Memorial Cemetery to discover more of New Zealand’s recent history in Egypt. Here 2,056 Commonwealth casualties of the First World War and 340 from the Second World War are buried or commemorated here. This includes the graves of 156 men who served with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force during the First World War. Continue to the Citadel that dominates Cairo’s skyline. This beautiful monument was the heart of the city and of Egypt for almost 700 years, since the time it was fortified by the famed ruler Saladin as protection against Crusaders. Continue to the majestic Mosque of Sultan Hassan, built between 1356 and 1363. Transfer to the Cairo Marriott Hotel where you are reserved for two nights. Some time at leisure this afternoon. Dinner this evening is your own choice, chose one of the restaurants of the Marriott or perhaps sample local dining options. (B)

Sun 15

**Cairo**

This morning we will begin our visit and uncover the celebrated treasures of ancient Pharaohs at the Egyptian Museum as your Egyptologist guide enriches your experience with fascinating insight. Experience a more contemporary slice of Egyptian life with a visit and lunch stop at the 14th century Khan El Khalili Bazaar.



Later discover an often neglected side of Egyptian heritage as you explore Old Cairo with its Coptic Christian Churches, as well as synagogues. The Coptic Museum houses many beautiful artefacts and artworks that celebrate the Egyptian contribution to Christianity and the influence of Egyptian, Greek, Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman cultures. Continue to Ben Ezra Synagogue which is surrounded by serene gardens and contains a number of artefacts including the manuscript known as the ‘Atlas of Moses’ and a fifth century copy of the Torah printed on gazelle skin.

This evening a farewell dinner with a welcome drink is included. (B,D)

Mon 16

**Cairo**

Reflect on your amazing journey through the centuries as you are transferred to Cairo Airport for your departure. Option to extend to Jordan. (B)

## Special Tour Inclusions:

- ✓ Tour Host Rene Wilson, ex Cairo
- ✓ Meet and assist inside immigration
- ✓ Egyptian visa on arrival for NZ, UK and Australian passport holders (other nationalities on application)
- ✓ Return airport transfers
- ✓ Modern coach air-conditioned transfers & transportation
- ✓ A bottle of water available on board the coach for each transfer
- ✓ Domestic flights : Cairo/Luxor & Aswan/Cairo
- ✓ Deluxe historic accommodation –
  - 3 nights at the historic Marriott Mena House Cairo
  - 1 night at the historic Winter Palace Luxor
  - 1 night Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Aswan
  - 2 nights Marriott Hotel (or similar)
- ✓ Daily buffet breakfasts
- ✓ Welcome dinner in Cairo at the Mena House
- ✓ Other dinners as specified
- ✓ Visit to the new Grand Egyptian Museum by the Pyramids
- ✓ A special visit to the Dahshur Pyramids in Cairo
- ✓ Visit and entrance fees included to Tutankhamun Tomb
- ✓ Visit to Howard Carter's house on the West Bank of Luxor
- ✓ Visit to three tombs plus a visit to Tutankhamun's Tomb
- ✓ 4 nights Nile cruise on Deluxe Nile Cruise Ship
- ✓ All meals on Nile cruise
- ✓ Private sightseeing with an Egyptologist
- ✓ Activities & entrance fees as per itinerary
- ✓ Visit to Nefertari or Seti 1 tomb on the West Bank
- ✓ A special visit to a Tomb in the Pyramids area
- ✓ A visit to Mereruka excavation under the supervision of Dr Kanaway of Macquarie University
- ✓ A special lecture at the Pyramids by a renowned Egyptian historian
- ✓ Farewell dinner in Cairo
- ✓ All tipping & Porterage for included activities
- ✓ Innovative Travel pre tour travel guidelines and tips

## Exclusions:

- ⊗ Dinner on Sat 14 in Cairo
- ⊗ Optional Abu Simbel flight/entrance fees and tour
- ⊗ Tipping for non-included group activities
- ⊗ Mini Bar
- ⊗ Early check in/late check out
- ⊗ Pre & Post tours

**This special tour is offered only to the Friends of Te Papa.**

**For more information on the Friends of Te Papa view : [www.friendsoftepapa.org.nz](http://www.friendsoftepapa.org.nz)**

## Estimated Tour Price: Ex Cairo Friends of Te Papa (Main tour)

Tour price based on between 20 & 24 clients travelling

Share Twin/Double: \$8250 per person      Single: \$10,100 per person

Upgrade to Pyramids view at the Marriott Mena House \$47 pp/night share twin or \$90pp/night single

## PRE TOUR: Alexandria & El Alamein

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Mon 02 **Cairo**

Today you will be met inside immigration, with your Egyptian visa on arrival and transferred to the Marriott Mena House Hotel. Evening at leisure with time in this special historic hotel. For those who have arrived by 6pm, meet for a drink in the bar.

Tue 03 **Cairo - El Alamein – Alexandria**

This morning you will depart Cairo and travel to El Alamein, located 105kms to the west of Alexandria. Visit the Allied cemetery near the famous battle site of World War II, where the legendary conflict between Rommel and Montgomery took place. Also visit the El Alamein Museum which holds many fascinating exhibits relating to the period. Continue to Alexandria where you are reserved for two nights at the historic Cecil Hotel, a onetime base for Montgomery during WW II. A drink in the Montgomery Bar is recommended. Dinner is included this evening at the Cecil Hotel. (B,D)



Wed 04 **Alexandria**

Today you will be picked up from your hotel to visit the many historic highlights of Alexandria.

Start with a visit of Pompeii's Pillar, a column of red Aswan granite standing some 90 feet high, with a circumference of 27 feet, the pillar was erected in honour of the Emperor Diocletian. Continue with the Catacombs of Kom El-Shoqafa. These tombs were tunnelled into bedrock at the time of the Antonine emperors in the 2nd century AD for a single wealthy family still practicing the ancient religion. Although the funerary motifs are purely ancient Egyptian, the architects and artists were schooled in the Greco-Roman style. Finally, visit Alexandria National Museum. The museum comprises more than 1800 archaeological pieces that narrate the Pharaonic, Greek, Roman, Coptic, Islamic, and modern history of Egypt. One display features pieces picked up from the seabed at Abu Ker Bay and the eastern harbour near the Qaitbay Citadel. Sultan Qaitbey built this fortress during the 14th century to defend Alexandria from the advances of the Ottoman Empire, the city fell in 1512 when it was captured by the Ottomans. Dinner this evening is your choice. (B)



Thu 05 **Alexandria – Cairo**

Today return to Cairo to the Marriott Mena House Hotel to join your travel companions. (B)

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ Meet and assist inside immigration
- ✓ Pre-paid Egyptian visa on arrival (offer for UK, Australian or NZ passport holders)
- ✓ Arrival transfer from the Airport to the hotel
- ✓ Overnight at the Marriott Mena House Hotel – garden view
- ✓ Two nights at the historic Cecil Hotel in Alexandria
- ✓ Daily breakfasts
- ✓ Dinner on arrival night at Alexandria
- ✓ Visit of El Alamein Museum and cemeteries
- ✓ Visit of historic Alexandria including entrance fees
- ✓ Entrance fees
- ✓ Tipping for driver & guide

## Estimated Tour Prices

**Based on a minimum of 10 travelling on the Pre Tour**

Share Twin/Double: \$1890 pp/share twin

Single : \$2325

## POST TOUR: Continue your discovery with a visit to the ancient sites of Jordan

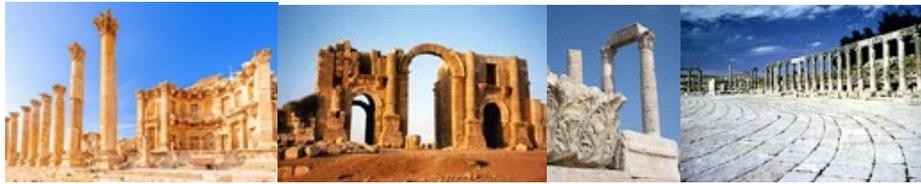
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#### Mon 16 **Cairo to Amman**

Transfer to Cairo Airport for your departure to Amman. Welcome to Jordan. On arrival you will be met by our local operator and transferred to your hotel where you are reserved for three nights at the Kempinski Amman Hotel or similar. Dinner is included this evening at the hotel. (D)

#### Tue 17 **Amman**

This morning travel north to visit Jerash (Gerasa of Antiquity), the best preserved city of Roman times, see its theatres, temples, churches and ancient colonnaded streets. The city flourished until the mid-eighth century CE, when the 749 Galilee earthquake destroyed large parts of it. The settlement had various occupants and was resettled by the Ottomans. In 1806 it was rediscovered by a German explorer. This afternoon discover Amman. In the 13<sup>th</sup> century BC, Amman was the capital of the Ammonites and became known as "Rabbath Ammon". This afternoon visit the Citadel, Archeological Museum, Roman Theatre, Folklore Museum and explore the local markets on foot. This evening dinner is at Kan Zaman restaurant, set in a replica of a traditional Jordanian village. Stroll through the village which also displays local handicrafts for sale before a lively dinner which includes displays of traditional dance. (B,D)



Wed 18

**Amman**

This morning travel in style in classic cars from your hotel to the King Hussein Royal Automobile Museum to view the Kings private collection. Later board your coach and continue to the Jordan Museum and art galleries. Return to your hotel. Later transfer to Rainbow Street for a walking tour and end at the Sufra Restaurant (or similar) for dinner. (B,D)

Thu 19

**Amman - Petra**

Drive southwards along the Kings' Way to Petra. You'll follow along a very ancient and strategic trading route which connected Egypt with Mesopotamia, Syria and Anatolia. As with the Edomite's and Moabites, trade along this route gave the Ammonites considerable revenue. Your first stop today is Madaba famous for its ancient mosaic map of Jerusalem in the St George Church floor. Continue to Mt. Nebo and the alleged burial site of Moses overlooking the Dead Sea and the Jordan Valley; then drive through the magnificent scenery of Wadi Mujib to Kerak to visit the Crusader Castle (stop for lunch/own expense). Three nights' accommodation has been reserved in Petra at the Petra Marriott with a Petra Mountain view. (B, D)

Fri 20

**Petra**

The Nabataean Kingdom of Petra. became a client state for the Roman Empire in the first century BC, it was only in 106 AD that the city lost its independence when it was captured by the Romans who renamed Nabataea to Arabia Petraea. Petra's importance declined as sea trade routes emerged and after an AD 363 earthquake which destroyed many structures. It was gradually lost to civilization until rediscovered by the Swiss explorer, Burkhart.

Today is one of the tour highlights as you explore this city that is carved into the rose-red Sharah Mountains. There is an optional horse ride to the Siq then walk or cart through the Siq, a narrow and winding fissure between the cliffs, before rounding the final corner for a spectacular view of The Treasury. Continue into Petra to the Roman Theatre, the Courts, Qasr al-Bint Pharaoun, Temple of the Winged Lion and other monuments. Enroute stop by at the local small shop of Rami, son of New Zealander, Marguerite van Geldermelsen and her Bedouin husband Mohammed. Marguerite later wrote the book "Married to a Bedouin" summarising their interesting cross cultural and happy marriage. Break for lunch at the Nabatean Tent Restaurant, a local collective restaurant run by the Bedouin of Petra. After lunch you may wish to climb up to the Monastery high above the base of Petra, or continue to explore other sites in Petra. This evening a special Petra by Night tour is included. (B,L,D)



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- Sat 21 **Petra –Little Petra – Wadi Rum - Petra**  
This morning visit Little Petra, Siq al-Barid, known as the “cold siq” as little sun reaches here. Walk through this smaller settlement with its intricately carved houses, temples and paintings. Then drive south to Wadi Rum Desert, which translates to Moon Valley. This incredible moon/desert reddish landscape became famous after Lawrence of Arabia led his troops south to capture Aqaba. Take a local jeep ride to explore in more depth, before returning to Petra mid-afternoon for a late lunch. Time at leisure this afternoon. Relax on your balcony to take in the views of Petra Mountains, relax in the hotel pool, or make a 2<sup>nd</sup> visit to Petra and take time to explore further. This evening attend an *optional* local cooking school to savour a more in-depth experience of Jordanian cuisine. (B,D)
- Sun 22 **Petra - Desert Highway – Dead Sea**  
Today farewell Petra and drive north via the Desert Highway to the Dead Sea, en route a brief stop at the Dead Sea Panorama Museum. This afternoon is at leisure, perhaps experience a unique “float” in the Dead Sea. This amazing site which is 306 metres below sea level is renowned for its therapeutic qualities. Relax on the beach or experience a therapeutic Spa treatment (pre booking is recommended). This evening a farewell dinner at the hotel is included. (B,D)
- Mon 23 **Dead Sea - Amman**  
Transfer to Amman International Airport, and assistance with departure formalities. (B)

**TOUR INCLUSIONS:**

- ✓ Return airport transfers
- ✓ Jordanian group visa
- ✓ Accommodation : Deluxe and Superior First Class hotels
  - Kempinski in Amman, Petra Marriott (mountain view), Movenpick in Petra (Sea view)
- ✓ Buffet Breakfast daily
- ✓ Services charges and sales taxes at hotels & restaurants
- ✓ Transportation in comfortable air-conditioned tour coach
- ✓ Services of a professional English speaking Escort / Guide throughout the tour
- ✓ Transfer by vintage car to the King Hussein Automobile Museum
- ✓ All entrance fees to ancient sites
- ✓ Entrance fees to Museums visited
- ✓ Horse ride at Petra
- ✓ Lunch at the Nabatean Tent restaurant in Petra
- ✓ Dinners each evening
- ✓ Special dinner at the Kan Zaman Restaurant in Amman with local dance troupe
- ✓ Professional English speaking guide
- ✓ Tips to hotel and restaurant staff, drivers and guides
- ✓ Petra by Night Tour

**TOUR EXCLUSIONS:**

- ⊗ International airfare from Cairo to Amman
- ⊗ Visa fees – if not arriving with the group
- ⊗ Departure taxes where applicable
- ⊗ Telephone calls, laundry and other items of personal nature
- ⊗ Lunches while on tour unless specified
- ⊗ Optional Petra Cooking school \$55 per person

**Estimated Tour cost for Jordan tour**

Share twin/double : \$4,500 per person/ Single : \$5895 per person

**This price is based on a minimum of 10 clients travelling to Jordan.**

If there are less clients than the minimum stated on any tour component, the price will increase.

Price is subject to local taxes/currency fluctuations/local entrance fees increasing without notice.

**EGYPT*****Cruising the Nile***

*Please use cruise itineraries as a guideline only. The order of sightseeing and overnight destinations may vary and are subject to change due to the operation of Esna Lock, or at the discretion of the cruise company. Should a change of boat be required due to any unforeseen circumstances prior to departure, an alternative of the same standard or better will be offered if available.*

*There are various river boats that cruise between Luxor and Aswan. They provide accommodation and transportation for the majority of tourists travelling to Egypt. Each night and whilst moored for sightseeing, it is common for 4-5 cruise boats to be parked abreast of each other. The location of your boat will vary from port to port however in many cases your view from your cabin will be restricted to cruising periods only.*

***Sightseeing on Nile Cruise*** boats is operated by the cruise company. You will be allocated an English speaking guide and small group of other English speaking tourists for sightseeing upon embarkation. The order of sightseeing may vary depending on the local port authorities. If a tomb or temple is unable to be visited an alternative will be provided where possible.

***Valley of the Kings:*** Not all the tombs within the Valley are currently open to the public. Many are closed periodically for resting and renovation.

*(Entrance fees to three tombs & plus a visit to Tutankhamun's tomb is included.)*

***Domestic Flights in Egypt.***

*Flight times will be reconfirmed prior to departure.*

*Note, Flights from Cairo to Aswan and Luxor generally involve early morning starts due to flight schedules in the summer season. For flights to Abu Simbel certain flights are allocated to clients travelling for day trips from Cairo and overnight programmes. These flights are set by Egypt air and are outside of the operators control*

***Dress Codes***

*Modest dress is required for entrance to holy sites – Men: Long pants, Women – skirt or long pants and shoulders covered.*

**JORDAN**

*In Petra, the entrance fee includes free access to brochures & maps, horse ride from the gate to the Siq and 3 hours guided tour.*

***Dead Sea***

*When travelling to the Dead Sea from Amman, remember to take your passport as there is a security stop enroute where it will need to be produced.*

***Visa on arrival in Jordan***

*A pre tour visa will be organised for those arriving on the same flight.*

## GENERAL

*Itineraries are prepared as a guideline only. Some variations may apply due to prevailing local conditions in a country. All cruise ship itineraries and embarkation times may be subject to change, due to local conditions (including weather) and/or possible port congestion and the final requirements of the cruise companies. Final embarkation timings will be confirmed to clients prior to embarkation. Transfer times, ferry schedules and flight schedules booked by Innovative Travel may be reconfirmed by the local operators upon arrival and are subject to change.*

*Hotel check-in/out times are normally IN: 2pm/OUT: 12noon the only way to guarantee an early check-in or late check-out is to pre-book the night before (early check-in) or night after (late check-out). Otherwise early check-in and late check-out are subject to availability when you are there.*

*Beddings configuration: Please note we have requested your preferred bedding configuration (either twin or double bed) but cannot guarantee one will be available. Please ask on check-in to see what is available.*

*Itinerary descriptions and photographs: All photos and hotel descriptions are general impressions of the property booked. These do not necessarily represent the room or view you will receive.*

*Non Smoking Rooms: As a policy Innovative Travel request non-smoking rooms for all guests. These rooms are requested and are subject to availability.*

### **Tipping**

*Tipping is an accepted practice throughout the world. In the majority of countries tipping acts as a supplement to a basic wage. It is however discretionary. If you believe you have received efficient service, then service should be rewarded. In order to assist you in determining a fair and reasonable tip Innovative Travel have provided guidelines in the comprehensive travel notes provided in your documentation. These guidelines have been determined in consultation with our local operators to minimise the potential stress tipping may cause. **Tipping is included for all group activities.** During the tour if you wish to provide an additional tips to your guide or drivers, this is at your discretion.*

### **On a lighter note**

*Please remember that religious beliefs, traditional customs and daily manners may differ from country to country, these may seem quite strange at first. These idiosyncrasies are part of what makes travelling a special experience. Please be patient if you think things are happening at a different pace than you are used to and respect the differences in culture.*

If you need assistance relating to travel arrangements provided, please speak to the local tour co coordinator immediately as they are there to assist you. The Local operator's details are listed on your itinerary and vouchers. Please note it is easier and often faster for them to assist you initially.

Tour conditions, cancellation and amendment fees as per Ancient Kingdoms brochure.

**Travel Advisory Information can change at any time and we suggest clients refer to The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Travel Trade Advisory website at [www.safetravel.govt.nz](http://www.safetravel.govt.nz) prior to departure for the latest up to date information and general advice regarding the countries you are visiting.**

**Tour Conditions & payments:**

To secure your space	\$1,000.00 per person, plus fully completed and signed booking form.
Wed 05 September 2018	\$1500.00 per person further deposit required.
TBA	\$2000.00 per person for those taking the Post tour Jordan Excursion Other interim deposits maybe required.
Mon 01 July 2019	Final Payment due for Main tour and pre & post add-ons

**Cancellation fees will apply:**

After deposit until 04 Sept 2018	\$250 per person
05 Sept-01 Dec 2018	\$500 per person
02 Dec 18 – 30 Jan 19	\$1,000 per person
01 Feb – 30 June 2019	\$2,500 per person
01 July – departure	100%.

A Tour registration form must be signed and returned to Innovative Travel. Innovative Travel will acknowledge your registration form and request a deposit within one week of confirmation. Bookings may be made via your preferred travel agent or travel broker. The tour registration form maybe returned by your nominated travel agent.

The tour is subject to the general conditions of Ancient Kingdoms Holidays.

Sites managed by the Ministry of Antiquities in Egypt and Jordan maybe closed at any time without prior notice. This is beyond the responsibility of Innovative Travel and our local operators. In the event of any tomb closing, alternative arrangements will be made where possible.

General Tour conditions as per the Innovative Travel, Ancient Kingdoms Holidays brochure.

# Ancient Kingdoms Holidays

**Special Ancient Kingdoms Exclusive Tour for Friends of Te Papa with Innovative Travel:**  
**Registration Form: MAIN TOUR  PRE TOUR EGYPT  POST TOUR JORDAN**

<b>CLIENT NAME AS PER PASSPORT</b>  Preferred first name if different from passport: Title Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss Age _____ Smoker YES / NO DBL – one bed/Twin – two beds / Single		<b>ACCOMPANYING PARTNER/FRIEND</b>  Preferred first name if different from passport: Title Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss Age _____ Smoker YES / NO	
Email _____		CLIENT	
Emergency mobile contact when away _____			
Travel Agency Consultant DX no		Home address:	
Special requirements eg vegetarian _____			
If not travelling with partner...I would like to share twin room with _____  <input type="checkbox"/> I am not travelling with any other person, but would like to be matched up in a share twin if this is available, otherwise I will pay the single supplement. (Twin share not guaranteed)  If for any reason whilst travelling you elect to have a single room, (subject to availability) a single supplement will be charged.			
<b>Medical conditions: If you are required to fill out a PRE EXISTING CONDITION form on your medical insurance policy or have any limitations on fitness, you must advise Innovative Travel.</b> <b>Tour programmes always including walking, therefore it is essential to be able to walk upstairs and a minimum of 1 km which at times will be on rough and uneven surfaces</b>  <b>If you have physical limitations please state.....</b>  <b>ANY PARTICIPANT OVER 75 REQUIRES A CERTIFICATE FROM THEIR DOCTOR STATING YOU ARE FIT TO TRAVEL</b> <b>Innovative Travel will only accept clients with physical limitations if they do not inhibit other travellers or have their own care giver travelling with them. Final acceptance is subject to the approval of Innovative Travels medical advisors.</b>			
Flying: Ex Christchurch / Auckland or ..... economy / business Frequent flyer number.....			
<b>CONNECTING FLIGHTS</b>  Departure date _____ Departure flight _____ Time _____  Departure date _____ Departure flight _____ Time _____			
<b>PASSPORT DETAILS</b> <b>Please enclose a photocopy of your passport with reg form</b>  Nationality: _____ Passport No: _____  Date of Birth : _____  Date issued: _____ Expiry: _____		<b>PASSPORT DETAILS</b> <b>Please enclose a photocopy of your passport with reg form</b>  Nationality: _____ Passport No: _____  Date of Birth : _____  Date issued: _____ Expiry: _____	

**CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:**

Name/ Relationship

Tel No

Address

**SPECIAL TOUR CONDITIONS:**

The tour is subject to a minimum of 20 participants and the price will increase if less than 20 travelling.  
The price may increase if entrance fees increase without notice, airline fuel surcharges, currency fluctuations  
The Tour itinerary may change due to local conditions. Other conditions listed on full tour itinerary.

Please pay NZD 1,000 per person deposit to Innovative Travel bank account:  
Westpac 031592011439800 The Innovative Travel Trust Ac – ref: INOB 138151/Your surname

**Payment conditions:**

To secure your space	\$1,000.00 per person, plus fully completed and signed booking form.
Wed 05 September 2018	\$1500.00 per person further deposit required.
TBA	\$2000.00 per person for those taking the Post tour Jordan Excursion
Mon 01 July 2019	Other interim deposits maybe required.
	Final Payment due for Main tour and pre & post add-ons

**Cancellation fees will apply as follows.**

After deposit until 04 September 2018	\$250 per person
05 Sept - 01 Dec 2018	\$500 per person
02 Dec 18 – 30 Jan 19	\$1,000 per person
01 Feb – 30 June	\$2,500 per person
01 July – departure	100%

I accept the Tour Conditions of the Ancient Kingdoms Tour brochure and the special tour conditions specified.

I will take a full travel insurance cover prior to my departure and forward a copy prior to receiving final documentation

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK LIST:    DEPOSIT PAID                        COPY OF PASSPORT ENCLOSED/ATTACHED   

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