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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 Tour 2 Departs Cairo: 22 September 2019

Sun 22 **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 nicknamed 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)



Mon 23 **Cairo**

Explore the most illustrious sites of ancient Egypt, with your personal Egyptologist guide – the Great Pyramids of Giza and the legendary Sphinx along with more 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 one of the largest tombs in the Giza or Sakkara area. (A special opening is arranged). Today a lecture is included by a 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)



Tue 24 **Cairo**

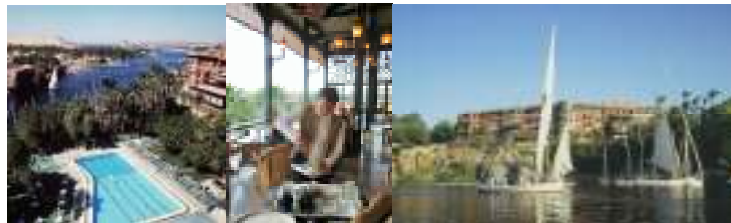
Begin your day with a visit to Memphis and Sakkara.

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 is a visit to the 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)

Wed 25 **Cairo – Aswan**

Transfer to Cairo Airport this morning. Fly to Aswan. On arrival transfer to the Sofitel Old Cataract Hotel where you are reserved for two nights. This afternoon experience a High Tea at the hotel while looking out over the ageless Nile. Dinner is reserved this evening for 7pm.

The Old Cataract is one of the finest hotels in one of the most stunning locations in Egypt. Built on the banks of the river Nile, guests have enjoyed the service and comfort of this legendary hotel since 1899. Immortalized by Agatha Christie's 'Death on the Nile', the hotel uniquely combines architectural styles from the East and the Victorian Era. Guest rooms offer a contemporary Egyptian style and provide a peaceful sanctuary. *(Optional upgrade to Nile View)*



Thu 26 **Aswan**

Optional morning half day Abu Simbel tour :
(Please confirm if you wish to join this tour by Sept 2018)

If taking the optional Abu Simbel tour, early 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. From your coach you will walk along uneven paths to the entrance of Abu Simbel. The tour takes approximately 1.5 hours and ends at the exit, situated at the rear of the monument. Your vehicle will be waiting to return you to the airport where you will go through a 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 and relocated 180m further inland.

Later, transfer to the airport for your flight back to Aswan. Transfer back to your hotel, returning between 2 and 3pm. *Today for the Abu Simbel tour, pack some snacks, bottled water and a good sunhat etc.*

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 to either relax at hotel or to explore Aswan on your own time. At approximately 4pm, depart the hotel for an Aswan Markets tour including various local markets, a special essential oils shop where many quality oils are available and an Egyptian cotton store. This evening dinner is at the Panorama Restaurant in the Movenpick Hotel. Transfer by coach and boat. (B,D)

Fri 27

Aswan – Cruise

This morning meet in the lobby at approximately 8.30am. Check out of the hotel and depart to the Nubian Museum, opened in 1997 and is renowned for its beautiful architecture. Nestled in the hillside, it covers 50,000 square meters of landscaped gardens and buildings, which are divided up into different sections. It is partly an open-air museum with paths that meander between a prehistoric cave with painted rock-art, ancient Egyptian statues, obelisks and columns, Roman frescoes and a Nubian house. Later this morning transfer to your Nile cruise ship. Welcome aboard the Sonesta St. George Nile Cruise Boat, which will be your floating hotel for the next three nights. Lunch is served on board. This afternoon visit the Aswan Dams at the end of Lake Nasser. Continue to the granite quarries which provided stone for the 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. Travel by boat to the Temple of Philae, which is dedicated to the Goddess Isis and is 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 new location to save it from being flooded by the High Aswan Dam. (B,L,D)



Sat 28 **Nile Cruise : Aswan-Kom Ombo-Edfu- Esna**

Early this morning sail to Kom Ombo to view the famous temple completed during the reign of Ptolemy during 181-146B.C. This temple was shared by the two Gods, Sobek and Haroeris. See the beautiful murals, bas relief and fine views of the river. Sail to Edfu, with lunch served on board. This afternoon 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 before sailing to Esna for overnight. (B, L, D)

Sun 29 **Esna-Luxor**

This morning sail early to Luxor, with breakfast on board. On arrival in Luxor, cross the Nile to the West Bank, visit the Necropolis of Thebes and the Valley of the Kings, which houses the tombs of the Theban rulers, including Tutankhamun. (*Entrance fees to Tutankhamun's Tomb are included*). Tour the Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut, one of the few female Pharaoh's to rule ancient Egypt. See the famed Colossi of Memnon facing 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.

Today a special visit will be included to the temples of Nefertari or Seti I Tomb.

Note the order of today's visits may vary according to the Ministry of Antiquities schedule for special visits.

Overnight in Luxor. (B,L,D)



Note: As your cruise boat passes through the Esna Lock, local families will approach your cruise ship by boat, they make their living by trading with clients aboard the Nile Cruise ships by selling colourful Egyptian cotton tablecloths and covers etc. We encourage supporting this adept local community, who will throw their goods skilfully aboard even to the highest deck. The crew assists by throwing any payment in Egyptian pounds to their boats, which is carefully caught!
Cruise itinerary may be changed without prior notice due to navigational circumstances. The order of sightseeing may be subject to change. The Lock at Esna is shut for maintenance for one month of the year. These dates vary. During this period clients will be transferred between Edfu and Luxor by coach.

Mon 30 **Luxor**

This morning take in an unforgettable tour to Luxor Temple, built by two kings, Amenophis III and Ramses II. After touring Luxor Temple continue to Karnak Temple, the main centre of worship in ancient Egypt. Later you will be transferred to 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. (B, D)



October 2019

Tue 01

Luxor – Cairo

This morning transfer to Luxor 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, perhaps chose one of the restaurants of the Marriott or alternatively sample local dining options. (B)

Wed 02

Cairo

This morning starts with a visit to uncover the celebrated treasures of ancient Pharaohs at the Egyptian Museum, where your Egyptologist guide will enrich your experience with fascinating insights. 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 and synagogues. The Coptic Museum houses many beautiful artefacts and artworks that celebrate the Egyptian contribution to Christianity and the influence of the 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)

Thu 03

Cairo

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

Option to extend on your exclusive Ancient Kingdoms Jordan tour

Special Tour Inclusions:

- ✓ Tour Host Rene Wilson, ex Cairo
- ✓ Meet and assist inside immigration in Cairo
- ✓ Egyptian visa on arrival for NZ, UK and Australian passport holders
- ✓ All airport transfers
- ✓ Modern coach air-conditioned transfers & transportation
- ✓ A bottle of water available on board the coach for each transfer
- ✓ Domestic flights : Cairo/Aswan & Luxor/Cairo
- ✓ Deluxe historic accommodation –
 - 3 nights at the historic Marriott Mena House Cairo – Garden view rooms
 - 2 nights Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Aswan – Garden view Twin Rooms
 - 1 night at the historic Winter Palace Luxor
 - 2 nights Marriott Hotel, Cairo
- ✓ 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
- ✓ 3 nights Nile cruise on Deluxe Nile Cruise Ship, Sonesta St George, with all meals
- ✓ All group sightseeing with an Egyptologist
- ✓ Activities & entrance fees as per itinerary
- ✓ Visit to the Nubian Museum in Aswan
- ✓ Visit to Nefertari or Seti 1 tomb on the West Bank
- ✓ Visit to Howard Carter's house on the West Bank of Luxor
- ✓ Visit to three tombs plus a visit to Tutankhamun's Tomb
- ✓ A special private group visit to a Tomb in the Giza or Sakkara 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 with welcome drink included
- ✓ All tipping & Porterage for included activities
- ✓ Innovative Travel pre tour travel guidelines and tips

Exclusions:

- ⊗ Dinner on Tuesday 1st 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
- ⊗ International airfares to Egypt
- ⊗ Pyramids view at the Marriott Mena House, Cairo
- ⊗ Nile view at Sofitel old Cataract Hotel, Aswan
- ⊗ Visas on arrival for other passport holders – please enquire

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

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

Tour price based on between 20 & 24 clients travelling

Share Twin/Double: \$8450 per person Solo Traveller \$10,295 per person

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

Upgrade to luxury Nile view at the Sofitel Old Cataract in Aswan, \$90 pp/share twin for 2 nights or \$175 for 2 nights for solo travellers

All upgrades are subject to availability

PRE TOUR: Alexandria & El Alamein

September 2019

Thu 19 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.

Fri 20 Cairo - El Alamein – Alexandria

This morning you will depart Cairo and travel to El Alamein, located 105kms to the west of Alexandria, escorted by your private local guide. 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)



Sat 21 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 included at the Greek Club. (B,D)



Sun 22

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)
- ✓ Professional Egyptologist throughout the tour
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Two dinners in 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 on an exclusive "Friends of Te Papa" Ancient Kingdoms Holiday

October 2019

Thu 03

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)

Fri 04

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 13th 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)



Sat 05

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)

Sun 06

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)

Mon 07

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)



Tue 08 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 2nd 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)

Wed 09 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)

Thu 10 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 at the Dead Sea. (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 ex Amman
- ✓ 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. 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. **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 Tour Host, Rene Wilson immediately if on the main tour. For pre and Post tours, please speak in the first instance to your guide. If you feel the issue is unresolved please contact our local operators. The final contact details will be provided in your final itinerary. Please note it is easier and faster for them to assist you initially.

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 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.
Fri 23 September 2018	\$1500.00 per person further deposit required. \$2000.00 per person for those taking the Post tour Jordan Excursion
TBA	Other interim deposits maybe required.
Mon 15 July 2019	Final Payment due for Main tour and pre & post add-ons

Cancellation fees will apply:

After deposit until 23 Sept 2018	\$250 per person
24 Sept-15 Dec 2018	\$500 per person
16 Dec 18 – 14 Feb 19	\$1,000 per person
15 Feb – 15 July 2019	\$2,500 per person
16 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.

Special Ancient Kingdoms Exclusive Tour for Friends of Te Papa 2 with Innovative Travel:
Registration Form: MAIN TOUR PRE TOUR EGYPT POST TOUR JORDAN

<p>CLIENT NAME AS PER PASSPORT</p> <p>Preferred first name if different from passport: Title Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss Age _____ Smoker YES / NO DBL – one bed/Twin – two beds / Single</p>	<p>ACCOMPANYING PARTNER/FRIEND</p> <p>Preferred first name if different from passport: Title Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss Age _____ Smoker YES / NO</p>
<p>Email _____ CLIENT</p>	
<p>Emergency mobile contact when away _____</p>	
<p>Travel Agency Consultant DX no</p>	<p>Home address:</p>
<p>Special requirements eg vegetarian _____</p>	
<p>If not travelling with partner...I would like to share twin room with _____</p> <p><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)</p> <p>If for any reason whilst travelling you elect to have a single room, (subject to availability) a single supplement will be charged.</p>	
<p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>If you have physical limitations please state.....</p> <p>ANY PARTICIPANT OVER 75 REQUIRES A CERTIFICATE FROM THEIR DOCTOR STATING YOU ARE FIT TO TRAVEL 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.</p>	
<p>Flying: Ex Christchurch / Auckland or economy / business Frequent flyer number.....</p>	
<p>CONNECTING FLIGHTS</p> <p>Departure date _____ Departure flight _____ Time _____</p> <p>Departure date _____ Departure flight _____ Time _____</p>	
<p>PASSPORT DETAILS Please enclose a photocopy of your passport with reg form</p> <p>Nationality: _____ Passport No: _____</p> <p>Date of Birth : _____</p> <p>Date issued: _____</p> <p>Expiry: _____</p>	<p>PASSPORT DETAILS Please enclose a photocopy of your passport with reg form</p> <p>Nationality: _____ Passport No: _____</p> <p>Date of Birth : _____</p> <p>Date issued: _____</p> <p>Expiry: _____</p>

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 138565/Your surname

Payment conditions:

To secure your space \$1,000.00 per person, plus fully completed and signed booking form.

Friday 23 September 2018 \$1500.00 per person further deposit required.

TBA \$2000.00 per person for those taking the Post tour Jordan Excursion

Mon 15 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 23 September 2018 \$250 per person

24 Sept - 15 Dec 2018 \$500 per person

16 Dec 18 – 14 Feb 19 \$1,000 per person

15 Feb – 15 July 19 \$2,500 per person

16 July 19 – departure 100%

I accept the Tour Conditions of the Ancient Kingdoms Tour brochure and the special tour conditions specified and confirm I am a member of the Friends of Te Papa : Number _____

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 Postal address: Innovative Travel, PO Box 21 247, Christchurch, New Zealand 8013
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