

Byroads

Jordan and Egypt



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DISCOVER JORDAN & EGYPT'S RICH PAST

20 DAYS

STEP BACK IN HISTORY

 DEPARTS FROM: **AMMAN**  MAX GROUP SIZE: **14 PEOPLE**  PHYSICAL LEVEL: **MODERATE**

Jordan is a lesson in contrasts: sand and sea, canyon and mountain. On this Byroads adventure, you'll step into a world rich with history and trace the steps of ancient armies, including the Nabateans, Arabs, Romans and Crusaders.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Jerash Greco Roman ruins
- The Dead Sea
- Aqaba Fortress
- Wadi Rum Bedouin camp
- Wadi Rum Jeep and camel safari
- UNESCO World Heritage site Petra
- Church of the Apostles, Madaba
- Giza Pyramids
- Saqqara Stepped Pyramid
- Cairo Museum
- Khan el Khalili Bazar
- Overnight Nile Sleeper Train
- Tutankhamun's Tomb
- Valley of the Kings
- Luxor & Karnak Temples
- 4 Night Nile Cruise Boat
- Philae Temple & Felucca Sail
- Aswan High Dam
- Nubian Village Stay
- Abu Simbel
- Suez Canal
- El Alamein WW2 Battlefields
- Bibliotheca Alexandrina
- Catacomb of Kom El Shuqqaf

MEET YOUR HOST



Every Byroads tour is supported by either Steve or Bronny – two experienced travellers with a genuine passion for people. They take care of all the nitty-gritty details to ensure your trip runs smoothly – and you can focus on enjoying the moment.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: AMMAN

Arrive at Amman International Airport and transfer to your hotel (organised by Byroads). Settle in and meet up with your group in the evening.

DAY 2: AMMAN, JERASH AND THE DEAD SEA

Take a guided tour of the ancient Greco-Roman ruins of Jerash. Once home to 35,000 people and continuously occupied for 6500 years, it remains a place of temples, churches, mosaics and more. Later, visit the Dead Sea and float in its salty, healing water. Enjoy lunch by the water and return to Amman for the evening. (BL)

DAY 3: AMMAN AND AQABA

Visit the Citadel and Amphitheatre – two testaments to Amman's diverse influences. Enjoy a walk downtown to visit the Jordan Museum, where you can learn about the country's rich history. After lunch, drive to the port of Aqaba on the Red Sea. Wander through the Aqaba Fortress, where the Arabs conquered the Turks in a daring camel charge. Take a swim in the warm waters and spend the night in Aqaba. (B)

DAY 4: AQABA AND WADI-RUM

Your day of desert adventure begins with a short drive to Wadi Rum – one of the Middle East's most spectacular natural environments. Here, parallel faults form deep valleys in the desert south of the Shara mountains. Walk, safari and ride a camel through the desert valley, imagining you're Lawrence of Arabia. Spend the night at the luxurious Bedouin-style camp. (BD)

DAY 5: WADI RUM AND PETRA

Rise early and head into the dunes with our Bedouin guide. Drink Bedouin tea and learn about their long-lasting and unique culture. Then, strap yourself in for a desert 4WD ride returning to the entrance of Wadi Rum. Relax on the drive to Petra and enjoy an evening of free time. (B)

DAY 6: PETRA

Take a guided tour through one of the world's most magnificent sites: Petra. Marvel at the architectural wonders of the Rose City, Treasury building and other famed sites. Wander through the town's shops and bazaar – or head back to your hotel to relax. (B)

DAY 7: PETRA, SHOBAK, DANA, MADABA AND AMMAN

After breakfast, drive back to Amman, stopping by many significant sites. First stop? The 12th Century Shoback Crusader Castle perched on a rocky conical mountain. Next up, explore the cliffside village of Dana – rejuvenated as an eco-friendly tourist town from new investment. Then, learn about Byzantine history at the market town of Madaba, where church mosaics tell ancient stories. Finally, arrive in Amman and settle in for the night. (B)

DAY 8: AMMAN

After breakfast transfer to Amman airport and fly to Cairo. Byroads recommends you book Royal Jordanian flight RJ503 on this day. Here meet the Egyptian guide and transfer to the hotel close by to the Giza Pyramids. Settle in with the remainder of day at leisure (B)

DAY 9: CAIRO AND GIZA

Take a guided tour of the Giza Pyramids and the Sphinx. Later, travel to Saqqara to see the famous stepped pyramid. (B)

DAY 10: CAIRO

Explore Egypt's history at the world-famous Egyptian Museum in downtown Cairo. Later, visit the Khan El Khalil Bazaar – where everything is for sale at a haggler's price. Stop by Ibn Toulon Mosque and the Gayer Anderson Art Museum. And in the afternoon, return to your hotel to freshen up before heading to the station for the overnight sleeper train to Luxor. (BD)

ITINERARY

DAY 11: LUXOR AND KARNAK

After an early breakfast on board, the train rolls into the Nile port city of Luxor. Be guided through Karnak, one of the world's most celebrated temple complexes. In the afternoon, board the Nile cruise boat – your home for the next four nights. (BLD)

DAY 12: LUXOR AND THE VALLEY OF THE KINGS

Rise early and head into the Valley of the Kings. Wander through Tutankhamun's and other tombs. Be guided through the ancient Hatshepsut Temple and Colossi of Memnon. And in the afternoon, begin your passage along the Nile. Enjoy the desert landscape as you dine on the boat. (BLD)

DAY 13: NILE RIVER, EDFU AND KOMOMBO TEMPLES

Continue your southward cruise along the Nile – with stops at the great temple complexes Edfu and Komombo. Enjoy a drink on board and take a dip in the swimming pool. (BLD)

DAY 14: ASWAN

Arrive in Aswan and visit Philae Temple, a marvel dedicated to the goddess Isis, located on an island on the Aswan Dam. Wonder at the engineering feat of the Aswan High Dam and enjoy a relaxing sail on a felucca – the traditional way to travel along the Nile River. (BLD)

DAY 15: ABU SIMBEL AND ASWAN

Take a short flight to reach the iconic Abu Simbel. Soak up one of Egypt's most memorable sights: the four colossal statues of Ramses guarding the Great Temple. Return to Aswan and check in to a boutique hotel in a nearby Nubian village. Enjoy the local's warm hospitality and traditional cuisine. In the evening we join a local family for dinner, and you can learn some Nubian dance moves. (BD)

DAY 16: CAIRO, SUEZ CANAL AND CAIRO

Take a morning flight to Cairo and travel to nearby Ismailia. View another engineering masterpiece, the Suez Canal. An economic lifeline for Egypt, it's one of the most important waterways in the world – allowing cargo ships to pass from the Mediterranean to the Red Sea. Return to your hotel in downtown Cairo. (B)

DAY 17: EL ALAMEIN AND ALEXANDRIA

Take the desert road to Alexandria – and stop at the sombre Commonwealth War Graves at El Alamein. Pay your respect to the thousands of lives lost in the Western Desert campaigns of World War II. (B)

DAY 18: ALEXANDRIA

Visit the remarkable Bibliotheca Alexandrina – the modern rendition of the famed Alexandria Library. Wander slowly through the Catacomb of Kom El Shuqqafa and the Al Montazah Palace and Gardens. Finish the day with the panoramic view from the Quit Bay Fortress. (B)

DAY 19: NILE DELTA AND CAIRO

Journey back to Cairo through the Nile Delta farming communities. Witness first-hand how the thin artery of life, the Nile, explodes into fertile plains. Spend your final night in downtown Cairo. (B)

DAY 20: CAIRO

Breakfast concludes your tour. Taxis to the airport are available, or Byroads can organise a transfer on request. (B)

WHAT'S INCLUDED

GUIDES

- ✓ Byroads tour host, national and local guides

TRANSPORT

- ✓ Arrival transfer, airconditioned minibus, 4WD, plane, train, Nile river boat, felucca, motorboat.

ACCOMMODATION

- ✓ 14 nights hotel (4-star average), 4 nights luxury riverboat, 1 night luxury Bedouin desert camp.

MEALS

- ✓ 19 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 7 dinners

TICKETS

- ✓ Entrance fees to indicated sites



GETTING THERE: FLIGHTS AND TRANSFERS

Emirates, Qatar, and Etihad Airlines operate daily flights from Australia to Amman and back from Cairo.

The flight Amman to Cairo is not included in the tour cost. Byroads recommends that you book Royal Jordanian flight RJ503 for Day 8 of the itinerary.

Your arrival transfer is included in your tour cost – however, your departure transfer is not. But we can organise one upon request.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

We'd love to do it all for you. But there are a few things you'll need to arrange yourself. This includes your:

- Visa (obtained on arrival)
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Departure transfer
- International flights
- Flight Amman to Cairo
- Additional meals and drinks
- Cash for tipping kitty
- Optional tours
- Spending of a personal nature
- Laundry

ACCOMMODATION

Byroads accommodation is a destination unto itself. We choose our hotels carefully to ensure a seamless transition from your day exploring to a night of relaxation. Think traditional architecture blended with modern comforts – and plenty of views.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:



Sun City Bedouin Camp, Wadi Rum

Experience luxury camping at its finest. These bedouin style tents boast panoramic views of Wadi Rum and luxurious interiors inspired by the desert.



Nile Cruise Boat

Experience top-line luxury on the water, where each cabin and common area is tastefully appointed to meet your every need.



Anakato Nubian Houses

Overlooking the Nile, Anakato Nubian Houses retain all their traditional Nubian style while seamlessly incorporating modern comforts.

THE FINER DETAILS

DATES AND PRICES

DATE	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
28 October 2024	6575 USD	1495 USD
*27 October 2025	*7230 USD	*1645 USD
Due to the volatility of international currencies, trip fees are calculated in USD. However, you will be charged in Australian dollars. Currency conversion is based on Westpac Banking Corporation's buying rate on your balance due date. *2025 prices are provisional		

Additional expenses

Tipping is customary, so please allow extra funds for the tipping kitty. This will pay your local and national guides, drivers and porters.

MEALS

Breakfast is included daily and two other meals. Elsewhere, you can enjoy the delicious variety of local food on offer. Meals typically cost between 10-20 USD for lunch and 20-30 USD for dinner.

DOCUMENTATION

Once we've received your final payment, we'll post you a comprehensive field guide. It's a physical document you can keep handy to inform your travels. It also includes all relevant tour and accommodation information you need.

VISAS

Australians and New Zealanders need visas for Jordan and Egypt. The Jordanian visa is obtained on arrival whilst the Egyptian visa is applied for on-line and must be obtained prior to arrival.

Other nationalities should check with Byroads.

READY TO PACK YOUR BAGS?

There are two ways to book:

Online
(available 24/7)

Postal booking
form (below)



Got questions? Contact us at travel@byroads.com.au

BYROADS TOUR

BOOKING FORM

Tour name: Start date:

Room type: Twin Double Single Sharing with:

Full name: Date of Birth:

Email: Mobile:

Postal address:

Emergency contact (Name and phone number):

Nationality: Passport No:

Issue date: Expiry date:

Any medical, dietary or other special requests?

Travel insurance provider:

Policy No:

Emergency assistance phone no:

PAYMENT DETAILS

The tour deposit is due at the time of booking. The final balance payment is due 60 days prior to the commencement of the tour. All payments must be made via direct bank deposit to Byroads.

Acc Name: Byroads Pty Ltd

BSB: 034-605

Acc number: 697336

DECLARATION

I have read and I understand all the information in the respective Byroads tour brochure, and agree to abide by the Standard Booking Conditions attached to this booking form. I also confirm that I am fit to travel.

Signature:

Date:

BYROADS TOUR

BOOKING CONDITIONS

RESERVATION AND DEPOSIT

A non-refundable deposit of \$750 is payable on all tours. This deposit must be paid to Byroads, and each participating client must complete the Byroads Booking form. You agree to accept these conditions when paying a deposit for your tour and completing the Booking Form. Your Byroads tour booking will only be confirmed once the deposit and completed booking form have been received. These Booking Conditions form the basis of the contract between you and Byroads.

PAYMENT

All payments must be made directly to Byroads by bank transfer.

FINAL BALANCE

The balance of your tour payment is due 60 days prior to the start of your tour. If, for any reason, the balance payment is not received by the due date, Byroads reserves the right to treat such failure to pay the balance as a cancellation and to apply the appropriate cancellation charges.

CANCELLATION BY YOU

If, for any reason, you cancel your tour booking, Byroads shall apply the following cancellation penalties. Charges are per person:

- Cancellation up to and including 60 days prior to departure, forfeiture of the total deposit
- From 59 to 45 days prior to departure, 30% of the tour price shall be retained
- From 44 to 31 days prior to departure, 50% of the tour price shall be retained
- Within 30 days prior to departure, no refund will be made.

In addition to the above charges, cancellation fees may also apply to any domestic airfare component of your tour. No refund will be made after your tour has commenced or in respect of lost or unused tickets, hotel coupons, meals or any other services not utilized.

CANCELLATION BY BYROADS – Prior to Travel

If, for any reason, Byroads is forced to cancel a tour before it commences, Byroads may offer a transfer to an alternate departure, or all monies paid by you in respect of the tour will be refunded, less any unrecoverable costs. Unrecoverable costs may include but are not limited to monies paid to service providers, airlines, transportation companies, travel agencies and hotels associated with your tour.

AMENDMENTS

Up to and including 60 days prior to the departure of your tour, any amendment to a confirmed reservation may incur a fee of \$50 per change per file. From 59 to 30 days prior to departure, any amendment to confirmed travel arrangements may incur a fee of \$100 per change per file. Once documents have been dispatched, any amendment may incur a fee of \$150 per change per file.

TOUR PRICES

Byroads tour prices and provisional tour prices are based on tariffs and prevailing rates of exchange when tours were costed. Prices are subject to change without prior notice. In the event of fluctuations in currency exchange rates, service providers' tariffs, fuel prices or any other cost that affects the price of your tour, Byroads reserves the right to adjust tour prices at any time up to the day of departure.

TOUR OPERATION

Although Byroads will endeavour to ensure that tours are operated as advertised, an express condition of making a reservation is the acceptance by you that the tour itineraries, schedules, advertised accommodation, sightseeing and mode of transportation as outlined in the Byroads brochure and/or supplied in the pre-departure information are subject to change without prior notice.

Unforeseeable circumstances such as force majeure, epidemic, pandemic, adverse weather conditions, floods, earthquakes, airline flight rescheduling, technical faults with transportation and road conditions may also have a consequential effect on the tour's content. Any decision made in respect of tour services provided by Byroads to reroute or amend the itinerary due to the above or similar circumstances shall be at the sole discretion of Byroads. Byroads shall not be liable for any claim whatsoever arising from such events that affect the schedule and content of your tour.

If Byroads is forced to cancel your travel arrangements after your trip has commenced due to reasons outside of its control, it will provide you with a refund of recoverable third-party costs only.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

Byroads operate soft adventure tours. All participants must have a reasonable degree of physical fitness and be healthy. Before travelling with Byroads, you must familiarise yourself with any health requirements applicable to the areas you will be travelling. This includes obtaining any compulsory vaccinations or medical tests that may be required for entry into your country of travel.

You are responsible for having the correct entry and exit documents for your visiting countries. Byroads will assist in providing up-to-date information but is not responsible for any changes that may be made by governments.

ACCEPTANCE OF RISK

You acknowledge that the nature of the tour is adventurous and that participation involves a degree of personal risk. You will be visiting places where the political, cultural and geographical attributes can present dangers and physical challenges greater than those present in our daily lives. We use information from foreign government departments and reports from our own contacts in assessing whether the itinerary should operate. However, you must acquaint yourself with all relevant travel information and your itinerary. You acknowledge that your decision to travel is made considering this information, and you accept that you are aware of the personal risks attendant upon such travel.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Ensure your passport has a minimum of six months validity remaining, as this is an entry requirement in many countries. Upon booking, visa requirements will be advised once Byroads has received your passport details. Visas are required for a number of our tours, and it is your responsibility to obtain them.

ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR COST

The cost of your Byroads tour does not include international airfares, airport departure taxes, unspecified meals, optional sightseeing, additional transfers, gratuities for hotel staff, guides and tour leaders, items of a personal nature such as laundry, phone calls, etc. or any other incidental expenses.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is an express condition of travelling with Byroads that you have comprehensive travel insurance to cover you for the duration of your tour. This should include full cover for any medical expenses and repatriation if required. It is highly recommended that you take out travel insurance when you pay the deposit to guard against any unforeseen circumstances that can lead to your need to cancel your tour. If you rely on complimentary travel insurance offered through your credit card company or bank, you should ensure that it is suitable for your tour. Some of the policies offered by these institutions may not offer adequate coverage. You must provide the policy number, insurance supplier details and emergency contact number to Byroads before your documents are issued.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

We contract with a network of companies, government agencies and individuals to assist in the running of our tours as agent for these third parties. We are not responsible for the acts and omissions of these third parties. To the fullest extent permitted by law:

(i) Any liability for any loss, death, injury or damage which you may suffer (directly or indirectly) in connection with or arising out of your participation in a tour, or any breach of the Booking Conditions, is excluded;

(ii) You release Byroads and its officers, employees, agents and representatives from any liability and expressly waive any claims you may have against us arising out of, or in connection with, your participation in a tour;

(iii) Any condition or warranty which would otherwise be implied by law into these Booking Conditions (Implied Warranty) is excluded.

To the extent an Implied Warranty cannot be excluded, our liability in respect of the Implied Warranty is limited to (in our absolute discretion): (a) the provision of a similar tour to an equivalent value or (b) a refund of the total amount received by us from you in connection with your booking.

Any claim by you is excluded to the extent that it is for indirect or consequential loss, loss of profits or economic loss (however it arises) or for indirect, special, punitive or exemplary damages.

APPLICABLE LAW

The laws of Victoria, Australia, govern these Booking Conditions to the fullest extent allowable. Any disputes in connection with a tour or these Booking Conditions must be initiated in the courts of Victoria.