

***Indo Swiss Sports Club Family Tour 2012:
21st April to 29th April / 8 nights / 9 days
Egypt - Jordan - Isreal
(4 nights Egypt / 2 nights Jordan / 2 nights Israel)***

Day 01: 21st April 2012 / Saturday: Cairo

Swiss air direct flight to Cairo (LX 236T 21APR Zurich to Cairo 0945 1340)

13.40hrs: Arrive Cairo International Airport; proceed for Immigration & Customs formalities



Check in at the Hotel at the Pyramids area

Cairo - the Triumphant City - is the glorious capital of Egypt, the cradle of civilization and the beacon of religion. On its east side stands the evidence of 2,000 years of Islamic, Christian Coptic, and Jewish culture still flourishing to this day. On its west side lies the Ancient Egyptian city of Memphis (Giza), the renowned capital of the Old Kingdom and the site of the Pyramids, the only wonder surviving of the Seven Wonders of the World.

Welcome drink will be served upon arrival

Start a Half day tour visiting the famous **Khan El Khalili Bazars**

One of the earliest and greatest markets in the Middle East. Built in the 14th century A.D and contains many stores that exhibit wonderful collections of jewelry, wooden products engrafted with mother-of pearl, leather ware, embroidered dresses and attractive hand-made products that make a great selection of souvenirs. Khan el-Khalili, once known as the Turkish bazaar during the Ottoman period, is now usually just called the 'Khan'. Named for the great Caravansary, the market was built in 1382 by the Emir Djaharks el-Khalili in the heart of the Fatimid City.



Evening transfer to enjoy a **Welcome Dinner Nile Cruise with Belly Dancing & Folkloric Show**



Overnight at the Hotel in Cairo **(D)**

Day 2: 22nd of April /Sunday/ Cairo

Breakfast at the Hotel

This morning you visit one of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world, the Great Pyramids at Giza. The Great Pyramids date back to 2549 BC, with the largest of the three comprising over 2.5 million limestone blocks. The Sphinx, lying at the foot of the Pyramid of Chephren, was carved to have the body of a lion with a human head



Lunch at Indian or Local Restaurant

Short stop to visit a **Papyrus Institute**



Papyrus is a long stemmed plant that grows in damp regions of the Nile Delta in Egypt. Ancient Egyptians discovered how to make paper from the stems of plant as early as 3000 B.C. Egyptian papyrus was used as we use paper today.

To make papyrus paper the inner pith of the stem is cut lengthways into strips and soaked in water. The strips are then placed side by side with a second layer placed at right angles to the first. The two layers are then beaten with a mallet to break down the fibers and bond the strips together. The sheets are left to dry under weights for several days. The dried sheets are polished with a flat stone to make them smooth and ready for use.

Proceed for a half day tour visiting **The Egyptian Museum** with its immense wealth of ancient Egyptian treasures

Egyptian museum or Cairo museum was established by the Egyptian government in 1835 although the current building was built in 1900 by the French architect Marcel Dourgnon. The museum exhibited collections exceed 120,000 objects ranging from the pre historic era to the Greco-Roman period. The Museum holds the treasures of the greatest civilization in the world. Some of the important exhibits in the Egyptian museum are : Artifacts from the tombs of kings and members of the royal families of the Middle Kingdom found at Dahshur in 1894. The contents of the royal tombs of Tuthmosis III, Tuthmosis IV, Amenhotep III and Horemheb and the tomb of Yuya and Thuya. Artifacts from the tomb of Tutankhamun, consisting of more than 3500 Pieces, of which 1700 objects are displayed in the museum in addition to other great exhibits.



Evening transfer to attend the **Sound & Light Show at the Pyramids**

Have you ever wondered how life was thousands of years ago? This question and others similar thoughts inspired creators to accompany you for a short while to the past, by introducing the sound and light show. It is a magnificent show that brings creatively to life the rule of ancient Egyptians. The artists skillfully created a show to present images of all historical eras. For an hour, you enjoy the sound and light show near the pyramids and the Sphinx. The history is re-told by the Sphinx, telling you the most ancient secrets of the world.



Transfer for **Dinner** at a typical Local Egyptian Restaurant

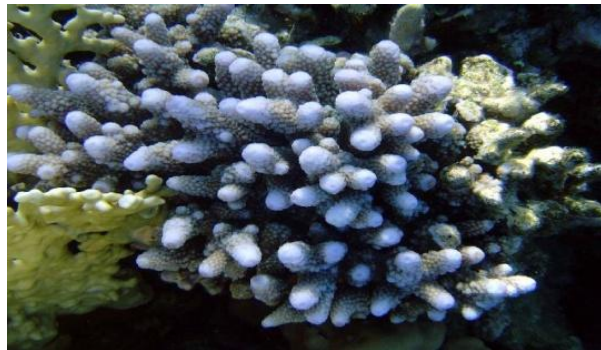
Overnight at the Hotel in Cairo (**B, L, D**)

Day 3: 23rd April 2012 / Monday: Cairo / SharmEl Sheikh

Breakfast at the Hotel

Morning transfer by A/C Coach to **Sharm El Sheikh** (480 km. – 5 to 6 hours drive)

Arrival & Check in at the Hotel



Rest of the day free at leisure in Sharm

Dinner at the Hotel & Overnight (**B, L, D**)

5 Star All inclusive beach hotel in world famous Red sea Resort, Sham El Sheikh. (24 hrs free food and local alcoholic and non- alcoholic drinks included)

Day 4: 24th April 2012 / Tuesday: Sharm / St. Catherine

Breakfast at the Hotel

By noon check out from the resort hotel and transfer to **St. Catherine** by A/C Coach (227 km. – approx. 3 hours drive)

Arrival & Check in at the Hotel

Lunch at the Hotel

Early Dinner at the Hotel (**B, L, D**)

Day 5: 25th April 2012 / Wednesday: St. Catherine / Nuweibaa

1:30 a.m.(after midnight) departure from the Hotel by coach to climb the Mountain of Moses

The summit of the mountain has a mosque and a Greek Orthodox chapel (which was constructed in 1934 on the ruins of a 16th century church) neither of which are open to the public. The chapel supposedly encloses the rock from which God made the Tablets of the Law.

At the summit also is "Moses' cave" where Moses waited to receive the Ten Commandments.



Enjoy the Sunrise on top of the Mountain

Visit the St. Catherine Monastery

The famous monastery of St. Catherine's stands in the shadow of Mount Moses. It was founded in 527 AD, of Greek-Orthodox origin. The chapel, the museum and the Burning Bush offer a rare view of early Christian monasteries.

Breakfast at the Hotel & Check out

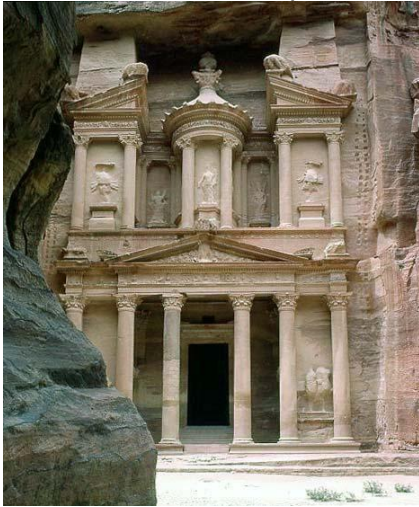
Transfer to **Nuweibaa Port** by A/C Coach (110 km. – 2 hours drive) for the departure to **Aqaba** by Ferry Boat

Entering to Jordan:

Day 05: 25th of April 2012/Wednesday: Aquaba / Petra

Meet and assist at Aqaba Port including immigration procedures and formalities, then transfer to Petra for a visit then continue to Hotel for dinner and overnight.

Petra is the treasure of ancient world, hidden behind an almost impenetrable barrier of rugged mountains, boasting incomparable scenes that make it the most majestic and imposing ancient site still-standing nowadays.. It has been said "perhaps there is nothing in the world that resembles it", actually, for sure, there is nothing in the world that resembles it. The rock-carved rose-red city of Petra is full of mysterious charm, it was "designed to strike wonder into all who entered it".



Petra is considered the most famous and gorgeous site in Jordan located about 262 km south of Amman and 133 km north of Aqaba. It is the legacy of the Nabataeans, an industrious Arab people who settled in southern Jordan more than 2000 years ago. Admired then for its refined culture, massive architecture and ingenious complex of dams and water channels, Petra is now a UNESCO world heritage site and one of The New 7 Wonders of the World that enchants visitors from all corners of the globe.

The approach through a kilometer long, cool, and gloom chasm (or Siq) a long narrow gorge whose steeply rising sides all but obliterate the sun, provides a dramatic contrast with the magic to come. Suddenly the gorge opens into a natural square dominated by Petra's most famous monument, The Treasury (El-Khazneh), whose intricately carved facade glows in the dazzling sun.

Today enjoy a guided tour of Petra, the "Rose Red City". You can either walk or ride an Arabian horse to the entrance of the Siq. The approach through the cool gloom of the Siq, a long narrow gorge whose steeply rising sides all but obliterate the sun, provides a dramatic contrast with the magic to come. This narrow gorge opens into a natural square dominated by Petra's most famous monument, the Khazneh, more popularly known as the Treasury. Its tall intricately carved façade glows in the dazzling sun. As you go further into this ancient city, it gradually unfolds, one monument leading to the next for kilometer after kilometer. The sheer size of the city and the quality of the beautifully carved facades is staggering and leads one to reflect on the creativity and industry of the Nabateans who made Petra their capital more than 2,000 years ago.

Your local guide will cover most of the main highlights such as the Treasury, Tombs, Colonnade Street, Theatre, Color Caves and Byzantine church. You will also have some free time in the afternoon, so if you have the energy you can climb up to the Monastery, a monument of great interest and on par with the Treasury. It's worth the long climb, as you will see exceptional views from the top, stretching out over the Araba Valley. Overnight in Petra.

Day 06 : 26th of April 2012/Thursday: Petra / Madaba / Mt. Nebo / Amman

After breakfast drive from Petra to Madaba and Mt. Nebo for a visit then continue to Amman Hotel for dinner and overnight.



The trip south from Amman along the 5000-year-old King's Highway is one of the most memorable journeys in the Holy Land, passing through a string of ancient sites. The first city you come upon is Madaba, "The City of Mosaics".

Madaba's chief attraction - in the contemporary Greek Orthodox church of St. George - is a wonderfully vivid, 6th-century Byzantine mosaic map showing the entire

region from Jordan and Palestine in the north, to Egypt in the south.

This map includes a fascinating plan of Jerusalem: on the left is the north gate from which two colonnaded streets run south. On the straight street through the heart of the city stands the domed Holy Sepulcher. Clearly inscribed above the north and east gates is the legend "Holy City of Jerusalem".

Other mosaic masterpieces found in the church of the Virgin and the Apostles and the Archaeological Museum, depict a rampant profusion of flowers and plants, birds and fish, animals and exotic beasts, as well as scenes from mythology and everyday pursuits of hunting, fishing and farming. Literally, hundreds of other mosaics from the 5th through the 7th centuries are scattered throughout Madaba's churches and homes.

Drive along the same route prophet Moses (pbuh) was forbidden to travel on by the King of Edom (Numbers 20), and picture yourself standing where Moses was laid to rest, and where the late Pope John Paul II tread on his first pilgrimage of the millennium.



Visit the Sanctuary at Nebo: the memorial of Moses (pbuh), the presumed site of his death and burial place, and a center for pilgrimages since earliest Christian times. You'll be inspired by the biblical feel from start to finish as you experience this divine tour.

Mount Nebo is one of the most revered holy sites of Jordan, located 10 km west of the Roman Byzantine town of Madaba, for this is where Moses (pbuh) was buried. The site's association with the last days of Moses is described in moving words in Deuteronomy (34:1-7). The episode of Balak and Balam (2:13-26) also took place here.

Mount Nebo's first church was constructed in the 2nd half of the 4th century to commemorate the place of Moses' death. It had three apses and was preceded by a vestibule paved with plain white mosaic; two funeral chapels stood to the north and south of the lateral apses.

Six tombs have been found hollowed from the natural rock beneath the mosaic-covered floor of the church. In the present presbytery you can see remnants of mosaic floors from different periods. The earliest of these is a panel with a braided cross presently placed on the east end of the south wall.

Entering to Isreal:



Day 07 27th of April 2012 / Friday: Amman / Jerusalem

Early breakfast drive to Allenby Bridge to cross to Israel procedures and border formalities. Arrive to the Israeli side and meet with your Guide Drive to Mount of Olives to visit the Chapel of the Ascension (Luke 24: 50-53), the Church of the Pater Noster (Luke 11: 1-4) and have a wonderful panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem, with the Temple Mount. Walking down the Mount of Olives, we shall reach the Church of

Dominus Fleuit (Luke 19: 41-44) for the visit and proceed to the Garden of Gethsemane, the place where Jesus was arrested (Matthew 26: 36-58), to see the old olive trees and visit the Basilica of the Agony.

Through the Lion's Gate we shall walk into the Old City to visit the Church of St. Anne and the Pool of Bethesda (John 5: 1-15). Proceed through the Via Dolorosa walking along the Stations of the Cross from the remains of the Antonia to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. After the visits, walk through the colorful bazaar, Continue to Bethlehem for an overview of Shepherds' field; Visit the Church of Nativity and Manger's square.

Return to Hotel in Jerusalem for Dinner & Overnight

Day 08: 28th of April 2012/Saturday: Jerusalem / Nazareth / Tiberias / Galilee / Capernaum / Jerusalem

Early breakfast drive to Nazareth, visiting the Church of Annunciation (Luke 26: 28) and Mary's Well (in the Greek Orthodox Church). Drive on to Cana in the Galilee, site of the First Miracle (John 2: 1-11 and John 4: 46-54). Proceed to Tiberias, on the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus walked on the water (Matthew 14: 22-23). Take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee the ride will end at Ginosar, where we shall visit the Ancient Boat from the time of Jesus that was found nearby. Drive to the Mount of Beatitudes (Matthew 5: 7) where we shall visit the heptagonal church that was built by the Italian architect Berluzzi. Proceed to Tabgha, where we shall visit the Church of the Loaves and the Fish (Matthew 14: 14-34) and the Church of Mensa Christi, where Jesus elected Peter as His Representative on Earth (John 21). Driving along the North shores of the Sea of Galilee we shall reach Capernaum, the town of Jesus, where he lived in the house of Peter performing from there his miracles and healings (Matthew 4: 13, Matthew 8: 14-15). Late afternoon we will return to Jerusalem.



Farewell Dinner party in Jerusalem & Overnight

Day 09: 29th of April 2012/Sunday: Jerusalem / Tel Aviv Airport

*After breakfast we will drive to Ben Gurion Airport for our Flight Back home
Direct Swiss air flight to Zurich.*

From Tel Aviv and arriving by 19 10 in Zürich.

(LX 255 29APR Tel Aviv to Zurich 15.55 19.10)

Tour Package rates

- **Rate per Adult** / (based on double room sharing): Chf 1625 /-
- **Children Policy:**
 - o Child 0 – 2 years – Free of charge (in parents room)
 - o Child 2 – 4 years – Chf 550 /- (in parents room)
 - o Child 4 – 12 years – Chf 1075 /- (with extra bed in parents room / maximum one bed per room)
- **N.B.:**
- * Above rates valid for a minimum group of 40 Pax / and for mentioned period only

Rates included for Egypt

- 2 nights accommodation in Cairo at 4* Hotel on Bed & Breakfast Basis
- 1 night accommodation in Sharm at 5* Hotel on All Inclusive Basis
- 1 night accommodation in St. Catherine at 4* Hotel on Full Board Basis
- All meals as per the above program itinerary
- Dinner Cruise in Cairo excluding Beverages
- Light and sound show at Pyramid
- Full day tour in Cairo visiting the Pyramids, Sphinx & Egyptian Museum, Bazaar, Papyrus institute
- Visit of Mountain Moses & St. Catherine Monastery
- A/C Deluxe transportation (Cairo / Sharm / St. Catherine / Nuweibaa)
- Ferry Boat ticket (Nuweibaa / Aqaba)
- Private German speaking guide

Rate Excludes:

- Entry Visa
- Visa for Indian Passports: US\$ 20.00 per person (on arrival visa // PP copy required 3 weeks before arrival)
- Visa for European Passports: US\$ 20.00 per person (on arrival visa)
- Entrance inside the Great Pyramid: US\$ 18.00 per person

- Visit the Solar Boat at the Pyramids area: US\$ 10.00 per person
- Visit the Mummies Room at the Egyptian Museum: US\$ 18.00 per person
- All expenses of personal nature
- Tips & Gratuities
- Any other services not mentioned above

Suggested Hotels:

- Cairo (Pyramids Area): Barceló Pyramids Hotel or Similar Category
<http://www.barcelo.com/BarceloHotels/en-GB/Hotels/Egypt/Cairo/CairoPyramids/Home>
- Sharm El Sheikh: Dreams Beach Hotel or Similar Category
<http://www.dreamsresortsegypt.com/>
- St. Catherine: Catherine Plaza Hotel or Similar Category
<http://www.catherineplaza.com/>



Rates included for Jordan & Israel

- 1 Night Grand View Hotel or Similar in Petra (4* star)
- 1 Night Days Inn Hotel or Similar in Amman(4* star)
- 2 Nights Dan Panorama Hotel Jerusalem or Similar (4* star)

Meal arrangements:

- 4 **nights'** Hotel accommodation at the above hotels on Half Board basis (Breakfast+Dinner) + 4 Lunches
- .Farewell Dinner On a restaurant Last night in Jerusalem

Above Rates Include:As per program you have

- Meeting and assistance on arrival Aqaba Jordan Port Jordanian Tours representative.
- Porterage at airport and hotels
- Arrival & departure transfers
- Touring in Luxury Air-conditioned coach as per Jordan and Israel itinerary.
- Guided Sightseeing by government licensed German speaking guide.
- Entrance fees as per itinerary.
- Hotel accommodation as detailed.

Rates DO NOT Include:

- Expenses of personal nature.
- Airport taxes, border taxes, visa fees, (*Visa assistance details for Jordan and Israel will be advised*)

- Tips to driver, guide, hotel and restaurant staff.
- Any meals and beverages not mention in this offer.

- *Flight: Currently blocked Direct Swiss air flight: Direct flight can be guaranteed if enough registration come on time. Otherwise flight and route subject to change without having any influence in the price*
- *Registration for the tour: Interested please register latest by **10th October 2011** with initial registration fee of per adult: **CHF 750, children CHF 600 (2 – 12 yrs)** **Nonrefundable** basis due to strict flight reservation policy.*
- *Cancellation insurance available on request and recommend to take it*
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