

THE NILE

Acknowledged as the world's longest river, the Nile, stretching from East Africa to the Mediterranean, is your pathway to the pyramids at Giza with its ancient monuments, constructed by one of the world's oldest civilisations. A Nile cruise lets you tick off items on your bucket list on a daily basis, as you traverse the great river in comfort and style, taking in the extraordinary Valley of the Kings, Jordan, the temples in Luxor and the Red Sea.

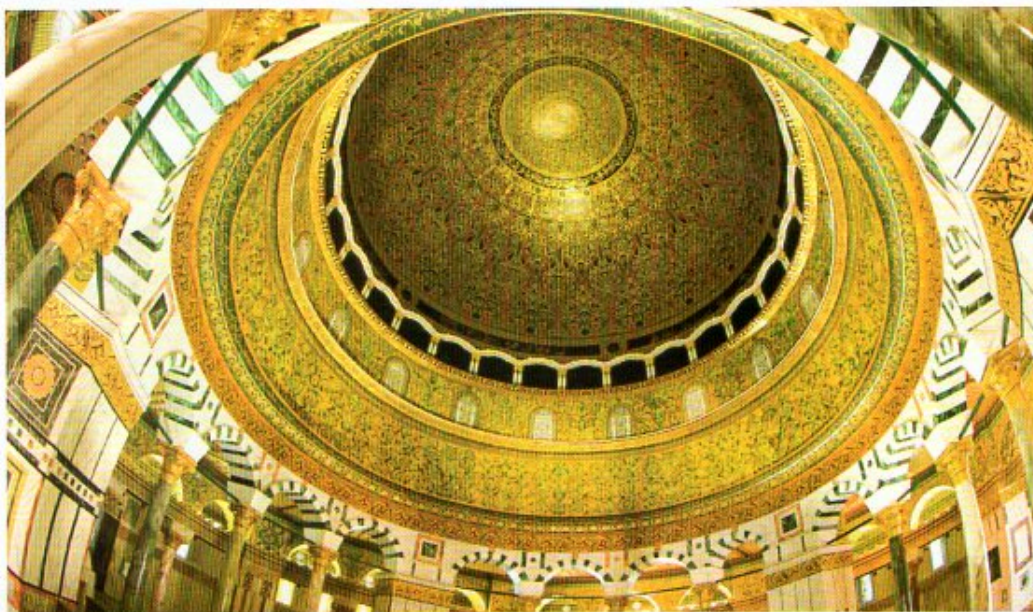
A seven-night all-inclusive *Nile* cruise departing 8 July 2015 costs from £752pp including flights (thomson.co.uk/0871 231 4691).



HOLY LANDS

Discovering the hallowed lands of Israel and the ancient history of Greece are fantastic cultural experiences. Stopping off in Israel allows you to travel between the great biblical sites: Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana and Haifa – climbing Mount Carmel gives panoramas out over Haifa's beautiful bay. The Greek Islands are idyllic but the real adventure begins at the ancient Greek and Roman sights dotted around the Mediterranean.

A 17-day *Path of the Crusaders* cruise from Jerusalem to Athens departing 7 November 2014 costs from £2,195pp (voyagestoantiquity.com/0845 437 9737).



ST HELENA

The British Overseas Territory of St Helena is a tiny speck in the South Atlantic, and getting here is an adventure in itself. The deep blue seas that surround the craggy coastline are best explored by boat where you can join a fishing expedition or simply go out in search of marine life – dolphins and whale sharks are common. The island's highest point, Diana's Peak, showcases the island's unique, native flora and fauna and is an explorer's paradise.

A 10-day trip from Cape Town on *RMS St Helena* excluding flights starts from £2,206pp (rms-st-helena.com/020 7575 6480). >>

