Egypt & the Eternal Nile
December 2-16, 2021

15 days from $5,197 total price from Boston, New York
($4,595 air, land & cruise inclusive plus $602 airline taxes and fees)

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Accompanied by an expert Egyptian guide, this singular small group journey through antiquity travels from vibrant Cairo and the Great Pyramids to Abu Simbel and the Upper Nile for a fascinating cruise on Lake Nasser. Then: a classic voyage along the Lower Nile from Aswan to Luxor before returning to Cairo.

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Cairo, Egypt

Day 2: Arrive Cairo  We arrive in the Egyptian capital and transfer to our hotel. As guests’ arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities or meals planned.

Day 3: Cairo  After a morning briefing, our full-day tour begins at the acclaimed Egyptian Museum, the world’s greatest repository of ancient relics. Then we tour the Citadel of Saladin housing the alabaster Mosque of Mohamed Ali. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. B,L,D

Day 4: Cairo  Today’s tour starts at the open-air museum at Memphis, Egypt’s first capital (3100 BCE). We continue on to the necropolis at Sakkara then to the astounding Pyramids of Giza, the wonders of antiquity that have drawn visitors for millennia. Here, we encounter the enigmatic Sphinx, whose leonine body and human face were carved from a single piece of limestone. B,L

Day 5: Cairo/Aswan/Embark Lake Nasser Cruise  Early this morning we fly to Aswan. Upon arrival we visit the Aswan High Dam, considered a marvel of engineering when completed in 1965. Then we visit the Nubia Museum, an acclaimed showcase of Nubian art and architecture with more than 3,000 ancient relics and 90 monumental pieces. From here we board our Lake Nasser ship in time for lunch then disembark to explore the ruins of the acclaimed Temples of Philae. Tonight we dine on board as we overnight in Aswan. B,L,D

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Small Group Tour Highlights

Cairo’s intriguing ancient sites, including the Great Pyramids, Sphinx, Memphis, Sakkara • Old Cairo touring • Renowned Egyptian Museum • Abu Simbel’s dramatic temples • Sound & Light show at Abu Simbel • Lake Nasser cruise through ancient Nubian homeland • Aswan’s temples at Kalabsha • Nile felucca sail • Nile River cruise • Aswan High Dam visit • Ancient temple complexes at Karnak and Luxor • Valley of the Kings and Valley of the Queens • Egypt’s inestimable historic atmosphere

Cover photo: On Day 4 we travel to the Giza plateau to see the legendary pyramids.
Day 7: Lake Nasser Cruising – Wadi el-Seboua
This morning we see two important New Kingdom temples that, like Kalabsha, were dismantled and relocated to make way for Lake Nasser. We explore Wadi el-Seboua, the next largest of all the pharaonic temples after Abu Simbel, and see the Temple of Dakka, with its huge, well-preserved pylon. Upon returning to our ship, we sail on to Amada, where we encounter the oldest of Nubia’s Egyptian temples, the 18th-dynasty Temple of Amada. B,L,D

Day 8: Lake Nasser Cruising – Amada/Kasr Ibrim/Abu Simbel
We sail this morning to Kasr Ibrim, the last remaining Nubian settlement in its original location. As it is forbidden to go ashore here, we learn about this ancient site while overlooking it from the ship’s sun deck. Then we continue on to Abu Simbel’s massive complex of temples guarded by statues of Ramses II and his wife Nefertari, with well-preserved murals inside. B,L,D

Day 9: Disembark/Abu Simbel/Aswan/Embark Nile Cruise Ship
We disembark then travel by coach to Aswan, where we board our Nile ship. This afternoon we take an afternoon sail aboard small feluccas, replicas of ancient Nile sailboats. B,L,D

Day 10: Nile Cruising – Aswan/Kom Ombo/Edfu
We cruise today to the site of the ancient trading town at Kom Ombo, with its unusual double temple and outstanding Nile views. Then we sail on to Edfu, where tonight we attend a shipboard party. B,L,D

Day 11: Nile Cruising – Luxor/Luxor/East Bank
This morning we visit Edfu’s Temple of Horus, Egypt’s best-preserved ancient temple. Then we cruise to Luxor, the world’s “greatest open-air museum,” whose vast temple complexes, tombs, and statues dating from 2755 BCE represent the pinnacle of Egyptian architecture. Today we explore the East Bank, home of Karnak, the greatest temple complex of them all, whose ruins stretch for more than a mile. We also visit Luxor Temple. Tonight we enjoy a show of Middle Eastern belly dancing. B,L,D

Day 12: Disembark/Luxor/West Bank
We have the choice to rise very early to see the West Bank of Luxor, filled with ancient tombs and grand temples. B,L,D

Post-Tour Extension

December 16-20, 2021
Jordan: Petra & Amman
5 days/4 nights for $1,695 total price
Single Supplement: $395

Discover the fabled “rose-red city, half as old as time” on this exciting exploration. Plus: ancient Jerash and the capital of Amman.

Your Tour Price Includes
• Air transportation Cairo/Amman
• 4 nights’ accommodations: 2 nights in Petra at Mövenpick Resort Petra (Sup. First Class); 2 nights in Amman at Grand Hyatt Amman (Deluxe)
• 9 meals: 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
• Extensive included sightseeing: Madaba (City of Mosaics); Mt. Nebo pilgrimage site; full day at Petra; Amman’s Roman theatre and Citadel; Roman ruins of Jerash
• Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
• Private motorcoach transportation
• Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers
from above on an optional hot air balloon ride. Later this morning we tour the haunting Valley of the Kings, the Valley of the Queens, and the dramatic Temple of Hatshepsut honoring one of the few female pharaohs. We also see the massive Colossi of Memnon, two 64-foot-high statues of Amenhotep III that once guarded the gates of his own tomb. B,L

Day 13: Luxor/Cairo  We fly to Cairo today, where this afternoon we visit Khan el-Khalili bazaar. B

Day 14: Cairo  This morning we encounter Old Cairo where we visit 5th-century St. Sergius Church, the Coptic church of el-Muallaqa, and Ben Ezra Synagogue, built in 882. Tonight enjoy a farewell dinner. B,D

Day 15: Depart for U.S. Very early this morning we transfer to the airport for our return flight to the U.S. B

The Nile, forever new and old ...

– Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Lake Nasser Cruise
M/S Prince Abbas

Nile Cruise
M/S Royal Lily

Your Tour Price Includes
• Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within Egypt
• 13 nights’ accommodations: 6 nights in Deluxe and Superior First Class hotels; 7 nights aboard Deluxe and Superior First Class ships
• 32 meals: 13 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 9 dinners
• Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
• Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
• Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip, including shore excursions
• Luggage handling for one bag per person
• Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Tour Departs: December 2, 2021
Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.
Boston, New York $5,197
Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, Washington, DC $5,497
Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Detroit, Miami, Philadelphia $5,597
Denver, Minneapolis, Orlando, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle, Tampa $5,697
Land Only (transfers not included) $4,195

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy in an outside cabin on both cruises and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $602, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add $1,295. Your $500 deposit is fully refundable up to 95 days prior to departure. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: $3,495 per person (upgrade subject to availability and pricing subject to change). Upgrade cost is in addition to the costs above.

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking on uneven terrain and at sites of ancient ruins. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to its fullest.

For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765
Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time

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Dear Alumni, Family, and Friends of Dartmouth,

Travel with us on an exclusive 15-day journey to Egypt. Led by an expert Egyptian guide, witness thousands of years of history on a unique, exciting itinerary. Susan Ackerman, Professor of Religion at Dartmouth College, will enrich our tour of Egypt with lectures and commentary.

Begin in Egypt’s capital and largest city, Cairo, with its renowned ancient sites: the Egyptian Museum, the Sphinx, Sakkara, and the Pyramids of Giza. After a tour of the Aswan High Dam, relax during a four-night cruise on Lake Nasser, during which you visit ancient temples and monuments salvaged during the construction of the dam. Then a classic Nile voyage includes visits to Edfu’s Temple of Horus and Luxor’s acclaimed temples and tombs. Here, visit Karnak, arguably the greatest temple complex of them all, and then explore the Valley of the Kings and the Valley of the Queens. Conclude your tour back in Cairo with a visit to the lively Khan el-Khalili bazaar, followed by an exploration of Old Cairo. A special opportunity to discover the treasures of Jordan is available with an optional 5-day/4-night “Jordan: Petra & Amman” post-tour extension.

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Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket’s reissue.

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