Egypt & the Eternal Nile
March 15-29, 2024

15 days from $5,497 total price from Boston, New York
($4,795 air, land & cruise inclusive plus $702 airline taxes and fees)

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An Exclusive Small Group Tour for Alumni & Friends of Williams College

Accompanied by Nicholas Mangialardi,
Visiting Assistant Professor of Arabic Studies at Williams
Dear Williams Alumni, Parents, and Friends:

We invite you to travel with us on an exclusive 15-day journey to Egypt. Begin in Egypt’s capital and largest city, Cairo, with its renowned ancient sites: the Sphinx, Sakara, and the Pyramids of Giza. Relax during a four-night cruise on Lake Nasser, then enjoy a classic Nile voyage that includes visits to Edfu’s Temple of Horus and Luxor’s ac claim ed temple 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 and the famed Egyptian Museum, 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.

We are thrilled that Professor Nicholas Mangialardi will be joining this tour. He is currently Visiting Assistant Professor of Arabic Studies and Co-Director of the Middle Eastern Music Ensemble at Williams College, where he teaches courses in Arabic language and literature. Space on this exclusive Williams departure is limited to just 24 guests and will surely fill quickly. Please call today to reserve your place on what promises to be a memorable journey through Egypt!

Best wishes,

Leila Derstine
Director of Alumni Engagement Programs

Please review the Williams College participation agreement information here:

WILLIAMS COLLEGE RESERVATION FORM: EGYPT & THE ETERNAL NILE

To reserve your place on tour, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765. Please have the information outlined below available to share with an Odysseys Unlimited Travel Counselor.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to Odysseys Unlimited’s office. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

Send to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.
Attn: Special Interest Groups
One Newton Place
275 Washington Street, Suite 300
Newton, MA 02458

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I/We would like to request __________ place(s). (Deposit amount is $500 per person.)

Full Passport Name ______________________________________________ Date of Birth ____________ Gender __________

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City __________________________________________ State _______________ ZIP __________________

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Please book my/our air from _________________________________ I/We request a Business Class upgrade ❑

I will share a room with ______________________________________ I request a single room (limited availability) ❑

Post-Tour “Jordan: Petra & Amman” Extension: Please sign me/us up ❑
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 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. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. B,L,D

Day 4: 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

Day 5: Lake Nasser Cruising – Kalabsha Temples/Wadi el-Seboua Today we see some sights of ancient Nubia, Egypt’s neighbor in antiquity but with a distinct culture and traditions. We stop first at “new” Kalabsha, the largest freestanding temple of them all that was moved and reconstructed on higher ground after the construction of the Aswan High Dam (and the subsequent flooding that created Lake Nasser). Then we sail on to Wadi el-Seboua, where we dock for the night. B,L,D

Day 6: Lake Nasser Cruising – Wadi el-Seboua/Amada 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. Returning

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 Dam visit • Ancient temple complexes at Karnak and Luxor • Valley of the Kings and Valley of the Queens • Egypt’s inestimable historic atmosphere

Day Itinerary Hotel Rating
1 Depart U.S. for Cairo
2-3 Cairo Kempinski Nile Garden City Deluxe
4-7 Aswan/Lake Nasser cruise M/S Steigenberger Omar el Khayam Sup. First Class
8-10 Nile cruise M/S Premium Deluxe
11 Luxor Steigenberger Nile Palace Sup. First Class
12-14 Cairo Kempinski Nile Garden City Deluxe
15 Depart Cairo for U.S.

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Cover photo: On Day 3 we travel to the Giza plateau to see the legendary pyramids.

Tour membership limited to 24 alumni & friends
to our ship, we sail on to Amada, where we encounter the oldest of Nubia’s Egyptian temples, the 18th-dynasty Temple of Amada. \textit{B,L,D}

**Day 7: 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. \textit{B,L,D}

**Day 8: 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 a relaxing sail aboard small \textit{feluccas}, replicas of ancient Nile sailboats. \textit{B,L,D}

**Day 9: 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. \textit{B,L,D}

**Day 10: Nile Cruising – Edfu/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, whose builders included both Tutankhamun and Alexander the Great. Back on board, tonight we enjoy a show of Middle Eastern belly dancing. \textit{B,L,D}

**Day 11: Disembark/Luxor/West Bank** We have the choice to rise very early to see the West Bank from above on an optional hot air balloon ride. After we disembark our ship later this morning, we tour the haunting Valley of the Kings, where 34 royal tombs feature magnificent paintings; 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. \textit{B,L}

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**Post-Tour Extension**

**March 29-April 2, 2024**

**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
Day 12: Luxor/Cairo  We fly to Cairo today, where this afternoon we visit the Khan el-Khalili bazaar.  

Day 13: Cairo  Our touring today 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.  

Day 14: Cairo  This morning we encounter Old Cairo, the district where early capital cities once stood. We visit 5th-century St. Sergius Church, the Coptic church of el-Muallaqa, and and the active 10th-century St. George’s church. Mid-day we return to our hotel where tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner.  

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

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: March 15, 2024  
Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.  

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Land Only (transfers not included) $4,395  

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 $702, which are subject to change until final payment is made. Single travelers please add $1,295. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.  

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight:  
Business Class – $4,995 per person; Premium Economy – $1,695 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).  

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.  

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Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time  

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Meet Your Williams Study Leader  
Nicholas Mangialardi is a scholar of Arabic literature and music whose research focuses on modern Egypt. He is currently Visiting Assistant Professor of Arabic Studies and Co-Director of the Middle Eastern Music Ensemble at Williams College, where he teaches courses in Arabic language and literature. His work explores conceptions of modernity, heritage, and national identity through the lens of twentieth-century Arab music. His articles have appeared in the Middle East Journal of Culture and Communication, UCLA’s Ethnomusicology Review, Smithsonian Folklife magazine, and ArabLit Quarterly. Nicholas received his Ph.D. from Georgetown University in Arabic and Islamic Studies.  

Feluccas along the Nile.
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a $500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price: Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas, if required; immunizations, inoculations, and COVID-19 testing; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; optional sightseeing or shore excursions; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: $10-$15 per traveler, per day); and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes: If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.’s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: cancel 95 days or more before departure: $200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 64-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund. If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. 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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Health and Medical Issues: We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a considerable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. Please note that your assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase nonrefundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols: The well-being of our guests and staff members on tour will continue to be our highest priorities. To maintain a healthy environment for travel, we will be establishing and adhering to a detailed set of health and safety protocols for all facets of your tour. We are committed to following the guidelines of the State Department, CDC, WHO, and authorities of respective countries regarding travel to a particular destination. Detailed protocols for this tour, based on conditions at the time, will be provided to you prior to your departure.

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