



The University of Alabama presents

# EGYPT & THE ETERNAL NILE

February 25-March 10, 2016

**15 days from \$4,197 total price from Boston, New York, Wash, D.C.**  
(\$3,695 air, land & cruise inclusive plus \$502 airline taxes and departure fees)



This tour is provided by  
Odysseys Unlimited,  
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A Special Small Group Tour for  
Alumni & Friends of The University of Alabama

Tour membership limited to 24 guests

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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. Next: 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 directly 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; later this afternoon we navigate bustling Khan el-Khalili bazaar. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. **B,L,D**

**Day 4: Cairo/Giza Plateau** Today's tour starts at the open-air museum at Memphis, Egypt's first capital (early 4<sup>th</sup> century BCE). Here, too, we encounter the enigmatic Sphinx, whose leonine body and human face were carved from a single piece of limestone. We continue on to the necropolis at Sakkara then to the Giza Plateau and the Pyramids of Egypt, including the Great Pyramid. **B,L**

**Day 5 Cairo/Abu Simbel/Embark Ship** Early this morning we fly south to Aswan then continue by coach across the edge of the Sahara to Abu Simbel. We board our deluxe cruise ship in time for lunch, then visit the temples and colossal 65-foot high-statues of Ramses II and his wife Nefertari that were dismantled and moved to higher ground during the construction of the Aswan dam. Tonight, we return to Abu Simbel to watch a dramatic sound-and-light show. **B,L,D**

**Day 6: Lake Nasser Cruising – Kasr Ibrim/ Amada/Wadi el-Seboua** Early risers can watch the sun climb over the temples at Abu Simbel before we sail to Kasr Ibrim, the last remaining Nubian settlement in its original location. From the Sun Deck we learn about this ancient site (it's forbidden to go ashore here), then sail to Amada, followed by Wadi el-Seboua. **B,L,D**

Avg. High (°F)	Feb	Mar
Cairo	67	72
Aswan	78	86
Luxor	74	82

## Your 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 ... Deluxe Lake Nasser cruise through ancient Nubian homeland ... Aswan's Temples at Kalabsha ... Nile felucca sail ... Deluxe Nile River cruise ... Aswan Dam tour ... Ancient temple complexes at Karnak and Luxor, including Valley of the Kings and Valley of the Queens ... Egypt's inestimable historic atmosphere

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Cairo		
2-4	Cairo	Fairmont Nile City	Deluxe
5-8	Abu Simbel/ Lake Nasser cruise	M/S Eugenie	Deluxe
9-11	Nile cruise	M/S Royal Lily	Deluxe
12	Luxor	Steigenberger Nile Palace	Sup. First Class
13-14	Cairo	Fairmont Nile 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 4 we travel to the Giza plateau to see the legendary pyramids.



We enjoy an afternoon sail on the Nile on traditional feluccas.

**Day 7: Lake Nasser Cruising – Wadi el-Seboua/Aswan** We spend this morning in Wadi el-Seboua exploring the reconstructed Dakka temple, dedicated to Thoth, the messenger of the gods. We also visit the Temple of Meharakka, dedicated to Serapis, a god created to unite the Greek and Egyptian religions. This afternoon we cruise to Aswan, the city where Agatha Christie famously wrote *Death on the Nile* and where we spend the night on board. **B,L,D**

**Day 8: Lake Nasser Cruising – Aswan** After a morning at leisure and lunch on board, we set out to tour “new” Kalabsha, site of the largest free-standing Nubian temple of them all, which was moved and reconstructed here from “old” Kalabsha. After exploring the site this afternoon, we return to our ship for an afternoon sail and overnight stay on board in Aswan. We dine together on board this evening. **B,L,D**

**Day 9: Disembark/Aswan/Embark Nile Cruise Ship** We disembark our ship this morning in the desert lands of Aswan and set out to visit the Nubia Museum, an acclaimed showcase of Nubian art and architecture. Then we travel to Aswan High Dam, considered a miracle of engineering. This afternoon we embark the second deluxe river ship of the tour, our floating hotel for our three-night Nile cruise, before we board small *feluccas* for a relaxing afternoon sail. **B,L,D**

**Day 10: Nile Cruising – Aswan/Kom Ombo** This morning we sail to the site of the ancient trading town at Kom Ombo, which sat on the great caravan route from Nubia. Here we see outstanding Nile views from an unusual double

temple, dedicated both to the crocodile god Sobek and to the falcon god Haroeris (Horus the Elder). Then we return to the ship for lunch, and later afternoon tea as we sail to Edfu. **B,L,D**

**Day 11: Nile Cruising – Edfu/Luxor** This morning we explore Edfu’s Temple of Horus, considered Egypt’s best-preserved ancient temple. We return to our ship for lunch and this afternoon’s cruise to Luxor (our final sail), as we enjoy afternoon tea along the way. Upon arrival in Luxor this afternoon, we head to the East Bank where we visit the splendid Karnak Temple. We see the temple’s enormous

## Post-Tour Extension

March 10-14, 2016

### JORDAN: PETRA & AMMAN

5 days/4 nights for \$1,595 total price

Single Supplement: \$495

*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 Moevenpick Resort (Sup. First Class); 2 nights in Amman at Le Meridien Amman (Sup. First Class)
- 9 meals: 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- Extensive included sightseeing
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

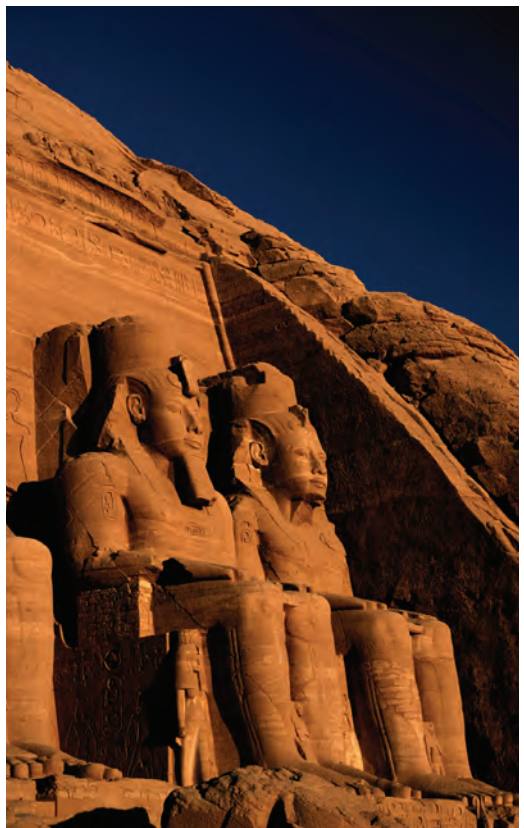
pylons, the Temple of Ramses II, the Great Hypostyle Hall, and the two Obelisks of Hatshepsut. Next, we travel to Luxor Temple. We visit the Great Court of Ramses II, the Temple of the Theban Triad, and the obelisk, whose twin stands in the Place de la Concorde in Paris. Tonight on board is a show of Middle Eastern belly dancing. **B,L,D**

**Day 12: Disembark/Luxor** We disembark our ship today and set out on an exploration of Luxor. Beginning on the West Bank at the haunting Valley of the Kings and Valley of the Queens, this isolated valley holds the tombs of more than 50 kings, queens, and nobles. This afternoon we tour the Luxor Museum, housing relics discovered at the site. **B**

**Day 13: Luxor/Cairo** We fly today to Cairo. After checking in at our hotel, the remainder of the day is free for independent exploration and dinner on our own. **B**

**Day 14: Cairo** This morning we encounter Old Cairo, the district where early capital cities once stood and now only remnants remain. We return to our hotel mid-day; this afternoon is at leisure. Tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner at our hotel. **B,D**

**Day 15: Depart for U.S.** Early this morning, we transfer to the airport for our return flight to the United States. **B**



On Day 5, we visit the temples and colossal statues at Abu Simbel.

### Lake Nasser Cruise

M/S Eugenie



### 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 ships
- 31 meals: 13 breakfasts, 9 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: February 25, 2016

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Boston, New York, Washington, DC	\$4,197
Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles	\$4,497
Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Detroit, Miami, Orlando, Philadelphia, Tampa	\$4,597
Denver, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle	\$4,697
Land Only	\$3,295

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, fuel surcharges and departure fees of \$502, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$995. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, fuel surcharges, and departure fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: additional \$2,995 per person (upgrade subject to availability and pricing 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.**

**For reservations and information please call The University of Alabama Alumni Association**

**205-348-1547**

**Or e-mail Ashley Olive at [aolive@alumni.ua.edu](mailto:aolive@alumni.ua.edu)**



**Dear Alabama Alumni & Friends,**

Join us on an exciting trip to Egypt! Accompanied by an expert Egyptian guide, witness thousands of years of history on this unique itinerary, including a cruise on the Nile and lesser-explored Lake Nasser.

Begin in Cairo with its renowned ancient sites: the Egyptian Museum, the Sphinx, Sakkara, and the Pyramids of Giza. Relax during a deluxe cruise on Lake Nasser, where the country's fascinating Nubian history unfolds. Along the desert shores of this vast man-made lake, visit ancient temples and monuments salvaged during the construction of the Aswan High Dam. A classic Nile voyage from Aswan to Luxor includes visits to the Aswan High Dam, Edfu's Temple of Horus, and Luxor's acclaimed temples and tombs. Here, Egyptian civilization's intriguing cosmology is revealed as you explore the Valley of the Kings and the Valley of the Queens on the Nile's West Bank. On the East Bank, visit Karnak, arguably the greatest temple complex of them all. Conclude the tour in Cairo.

With space for only 24 guests in total, we expect this tour to fill quickly. Book today and secure your place on this exciting tour of Egypt!

Sincerely,

Ashley Olive  
Alumni Tour Coordinator  
The University of Alabama

### THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA RESERVATION FORM: EGYPT & THE ETERNAL NILE

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$\_\_\_\_(\$500 per person) for \_\_\_\_ person(s) on **Egypt & the Eternal Nile** departing **February 25, 2016**. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA or by personal check. **Please make deposit check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and mail check (along with the completed reservation form) to: The University of Alabama Alumni Association, PO Box 861928, Tuscaloosa, AL, 35486. For more information, please call Ashley Olive at 205-348-1547 or e-mail aolive@alumni.ua.edu.**

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Please book my air/our 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

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Badge Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note:** The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **Egypt & the Eternal Nile, February 25-March 10, 2016**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms & Conditions.

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of Payment**  Check  American Express  Discover  MasterCard  VISA

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Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due by November 22, 2015, and is payable by check or credit card.

## 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; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; optional sightseeing; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities \$10 - \$15 per day, per traveler); optional sightseeing or shore excursions; travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline prior to departure.

### **Cancellations, refunds and changes**

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odyssey's Unlimited's receipt of your written 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 a guest makes any changes between 94 and 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.**

### **Responsibility**

The liability of The University of Alabama, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, their employees, agents, servants or representatives. The University of Alabama and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise line, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

### **Health and Medical Issues**

We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own.** If you require the use of a wheelchair or have other personal needs, you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, The University of Alabama and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

### **Air Transportation – Important Information**

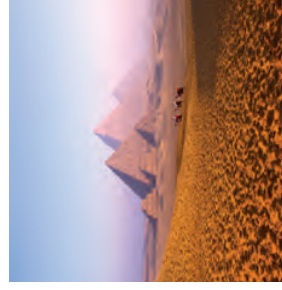
Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown and contracts with those airlines they feel provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignments on your international flight are usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited 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 departure 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 non-refundable 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.**



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