

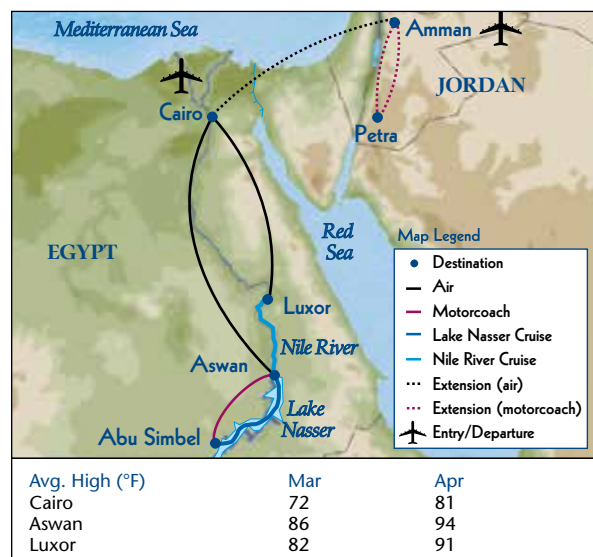
Two exclusive U-M Alumni Travel departures – March 20-April 3, 2023 & March 31-April 14, 2023

# Egypt & the Eternal Nile

**15 days for \$5,497 total price from Detroit**

**(\$4,895 air, land & cruise inclusive plus \$602 airline taxes and fees)**

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.



On Day 4 we travel to the Giza plateau to see the legendary pyramids, built 5,000 years ago as royal tombs.

## 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/Abu Simbel/Embark Lake Nasser Cruise** Early this morning we fly south to Aswan then continue by coach across the edge of the Sahara to Abu Simbel. We board our Lake Nasser 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 watch a dramatic Sound & Light show at Abu Simbel. *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*

**Day 7: Lake Nasser Cruising – Wadi el-Seboua/Valley of the Lions/Aswan** This morning we visit the striking avenue of sphinxes in Wadi el-Seboua's "Valley of the Lions" then cruise to Aswan. *B,L,D*

**Day 8: Disembark/Aswan/Embark Nile Cruise Ship** We set out early this morning to visit New Kalabsha, site of the largest freestanding Nubian temple, which was relocated here for the construction of the Aswan Dam. We return to our ship for breakfast then bid farewell to the crew as we embark on a tour of the Aswan High Dam. Next we visit the imposing temple to Isis on Agilkia Island before boarding our Nile cruise ship. This afternoon we embark small *feluccas*,

## 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 • 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		
2-4	Cairo	Fairmont Nile City	Deluxe
5-7	Abu Simbel/Lake Nasser cruise	M/S <i>Prince Abbas</i>	Sup. First Class
8-11	Nile cruise	M/S <i>Sun Ray</i>	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.

Tour limited to 24 Alumni Association members and friends

replicas of ancient Nile sailboats, for a relaxing sail. Back on board our ship tonight we enjoy the Captain's welcome cocktail party. *B,L,D*

**Day 9: Nile Cruising – Kom Ombo/Edfu/Luxor**

This morning we sail to the ancient trading town of Kom Ombo, with outstanding Nile views from the Temple of Sobek. After returning to our ship, we sail on to Edfu where we explore Edfu's Temple of Horus, Egypt's best-preserved temple (built between 237 BCE–57 BCE). We return to our ship for lunch as we sail to Luxor (our final sail), enjoying a quiet afternoon on the Nile. A belly dance performance accompanies dinner tonight. *B,L,D*

**Day 10: Nile Cruising – Luxor/West Bank** Known in antiquity as Thebes, Luxor boasts vast temple

**Lake Nasser Cruise**  
*M/S Prince Abbas*



**Nile Cruise**  
*M/S Sun Ray*



**Post-Tour Extension**

April 3-7, 2023 & April 14-18, 2023  
**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 (Superior 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



ABSOLUTELY EVERYTHING  
EXCEEDED MY WISHES AND  
EXPECTATIONS. IT WAS  
WONDERFUL!"

– MAUREEN TABOR

complexes, tombs, and statues dating from 2755 BCE that represent the pinnacle of Egyptian architecture. Today we explore the West Bank, site of the haunting Valley of the Kings, where 34 royal tombs feature magnificent paintings; the Valley of the Queens; and the 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 mortuary temple. *B,L,D*

**Day 11: Nile Cruising – Luxor/East Bank** Today we tour Luxor's East Bank, home of Karnak, the greatest temple complex of them all, whose ruins stretch for more than a mile to connect with Luxor. Built over a period of 1,500 years, Karnak boasts a breadth and diversity of buildings not seen elsewhere. We also explore Luxor Temple, whose builders included both Tutankhamun and Alexander the Great. Here, at the Great Court of Ramses II, we see the ancient obelisk whose twin presides over Place de la Concorde in Paris. *B,L,D*

**Day 12: Disembark/Luxor** We have the choice to rise early to see the West Bank from above on a hot air balloon ride. We disembark our ship later this morning and tour Luxor Museum, housing relics discovered at the site. After lunch together, we transfer to our hotel. Dinner tonight is on our own. *B,L*

**Day 13: Luxor/Cairo** We fly to Cairo today. After checking in at our hotel, we visit the lively Khan el-Khalili bazaar. This afternoon is free for independent exploration. *B*

**Day 14: Cairo** This morning we encounter Old Cairo, the district where early capital cities once stood. We visit 5<sup>th</sup>-century St. Sergius Church, the Coptic church of el-Muallaqa, and the active 10<sup>th</sup>-century

**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
- \$100 frequent traveler credit towards your next U-M/Odysseys Unlimited tour (\$200 after 3 tours; \$300 after 10 tours)



*We sail traditional feluccas along the Nile.*

St. George's church. Mid-day we return to our hotel where tonight we 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*

**Tours Depart: March 20, 2023  
& March 31, 2023\***

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

<b>Boston, New York</b>	<b>\$5,097</b>
<b>Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, Washington, DC</b>	<b>\$5,397</b>
<b>Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Detroit, Miami, Philadelphia</b>	<b>\$5,497</b>
<b>Denver, Minneapolis, Orlando, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle, Tampa</b>	<b>\$5,597</b>
<b>Land Only (transfers not included)</b>	<b>\$4,095</b>

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 from departure. All 2023 tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Itinerary: \*2 nts Cairo (Kempinski Nile), 4 nts Lake Nasser cruise (*Omar el Khayam*), 3 nts Nile cruise (*M/S Premium*), 1 nt Luxor, 3 nts Cairo (Kempinski Nile)

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: \$3,695 per person in addition to the above costs. Upgrade is 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.**