Discover Egypt and the Nile Valley

An epic journey through antiquity highlighted by stays at luxury hotels and aboard a stately dahabiya

NOVEMBER 8-21, 2019

with optional
JORDAN POST-TOUR
November 21-26, 2019
Dear W&L Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

Of all the lands visited by the W&L Traveller over the years, Egypt is the destination that resounds most in our memory. Here is the fabled realm of the pharaohs, who left us the most vividly preserved of human histories. Here, near the miracle of the Nile, stand the colossal pyramids and towering temples of an ancient civilization that thrived for millennia, protected by the trackless wastes of the Sahara. Here, in the delicate reliefs and wall paintings of ancient tombs can be found the beauty and grace of mortality and its longing for an afterlife.

I’m pleased to invite you to join us on W&L’s latest expedition to Egypt. The new Cairo Museum beckons, and indeed the crowds are back. During the recent lull in Egyptian tourism, the hospitality industry has refurbished Egypt’s classic hotels to even grander standards of luxury. The Nile is again thronged with a flotilla of cruise boats glinting in the relentless sun. The question is, how does one make the visit?

As you will read in this brochure, we have found a way not only to enjoy the best of Egyptian hospitality but to explore the immense span of Egyptian history in relative comfort and privacy. We’ll observe the Great Pyramid emerge from dusk of the Giza plateau from our balconies at the Mena House. We’ll relax in the opulence of the newly restored Winter Palace, choosing our times to visit Karnak Temple and the Valley of Kings when the cruise boats have retired. We’ll savor the exquisite tranquility of the Nile from our tandem 14-guest barges (dahabiyas). Finally, in Aswan, we’ll enjoy a sweeping view of the Nile from the exquisitely refurbished Old Cataract Hotel. This is a trip of wonders with the leisure and the calm to enjoy them.

Space on this all-inclusive program is limited. We anticipate that the tour will fill quickly, so we recommend that you reserve your spot at your earliest convenience. You may phone us at (540) 458-8723 to place your reservation.

Sincerely,

Robert Fure, Ph.D.
Director of Lifelong Learning

Free Expedition Library
AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by TBD, 2018 to receive the FREE Orbridge Expedition Library we’ve assembled for this program.

This exclusive gift is to thank you for joining us early. Guests who reserve after the specified date may purchase libraries. Call for details.
Your 14-Day Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 1: En Route from U.S.

Day 2: Arrive in Cairo, Egypt
Welcome dinner, evening at leisure
Overnight: Marriott Mena House

Day 3: Cairo / Memphis (B,L,D)
Sakkara Necropolis, Great Pyramid, Great Sphinx
Overnight: Marriott Mena House

Day 4: Cairo (B,L,D)
Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, Mosque of Sultan Hassan, Old Cairo, Coptic Churches, Khan El-Khalili bazaar
Overnight: Marriott Mena House

Day 5: Cairo / Flight to Luxor (B,L,D)
Karnak Temple, Luxor Temples
Overnight: Sofitel Winter Palace Luxor

Day 6: Luxor / Abydos / Luxor (B,L,D)
Abydos Temple
Overnight: Sofitel Winter Palace Luxor

Day 7: Luxor / Esna – Embarkation (B,L,D)
Valley of the Kings and Nobles, Hatshepsut Temple, Colossi of Memnon
Overnight: Dahabiya

Activity Level: Activities are generally not very strenuous, however, we expect that guests can enjoy two hours or more of walking, are sure-footed on uneven surfaces, and can walk up and down stairs without assistance.

Day 8: Nile River / Edfu (B,L,D)
El Kab tombs, special dinner onboard
Overnight: Dahabiya

Day 9: Edfu / Nile / Kom Ombo (B,L,D)
Temple of Horus, Gable El Silsilah, special island BBQ dinner
Overnight: Dahabiya

Day 10: Kom Ombo / Nile / Aswan (B,L,D)
Temple of Kom Ombo, gala dinner
Overnight: Dahabiya

Day 11: Aswan – Disembarkation (B,L,D)
High Dam, Philae Temple, Unfinished Obelisk, evening market tour
Overnight: Sofitel Legend Cataract

Day 12: Aswan (B,L,D)
Elephantine Island, lunch at Nubian house, Sohie Island
Overnight: Sofitel Legend Cataract

Day 13: Aswan / Optional Abu Simbel Excursion / Flight to Cairo (B,L,D)
Abu Simbel excursion (additional fee) or leisure time, flight to Cairo
Overnight: Le Méridien Cairo Airport

Day 14: Cairo / Depart for U.S. (B)

(B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
Program Highlights

• Enjoy two full days exploring Cairo, visiting the Great Pyramid and the Sphinx, the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, and Khan El-Khalili bazaar.

• In Luxor, view Karnak Temple—one of the largest religious buildings in the world.

• Travel north beside the Nile to Abydos to marvel at the colorful carvings at Abydos Temple.

• On the west bank of Luxor, visit the Valley of the Kings and Nobles, the Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut, and Colossi of Memnon.

• Embark in Esna aboard a luxury dahabiya for four nights sailing the Nile River.

• Learn about contemporary Egyptian construction while visiting the Aswan High Dam.

• During an optional excursion (additional fee), view the temples of Abu Simbel, which were relocated after building the High Dam in the early 1960s.

• What’s included: 8 nights luxury hotel accommodations plus 4 nights aboard a stately dahabiya; 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches, and 11 dinners; excursion transportation; gratuities to hotels, drivers, dahabiya staff, porters, and guides; and group airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.
Hotel Accommodations (subject to change)

MARRIOTT MENA HOUSE – CAIRO
While touring bustling Cairo, spend leisure time and evenings amidst the luxurious and modern comforts of Marriott Mena House, located just 45 minutes outside of the city. The property offers glorious panoramic views of the Pyramids, 40 acres of lavish gardens, four restaurants and lounges, outdoor pool, heated indoor pool, health club, and full service spa (additional fees for services).

Originally built as a hunting lodge in 1869, Mena House served as a private residence until 1886, when it was opened to the public as a hotel. It has hosted a variety of visitors, including Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Winston Churchill, Frank Sinatra, and Charlie Chaplin.

SOFITEL WINTER PALACE LUXOR
Perched peacefully on the bank of the Nile River, Winter Palace's 5-star accommodations provide an alluring atmosphere for a regal respite. During leisure time, roam the manicured gardens, take a dip in the welcoming pool, or simply reflect on your time in Egypt while embracing the spectacular sights from your room.

SOFITEL LEGEND CATARACT – ASWAN
Step back to the time of the pharaohs, surrounded by grandeur and opulence of this 5-star property—with the sights of the Nubian Desert and Elephantine Island at your fingertips. Walk the ravishing grounds, and feel a part of royalty that once frequented the hotel—where King Fouad once entertained Agatha Christie.

LE MÉRIDIEN CAIRO AIRPORT
For your final evening in Egypt, enjoy the stylish accommodations of Le Méridien. This fully soundproofed luxury hotel is conveniently linked to Terminal 3 of Cairo International Airport by a pedestrian bridge.

The property features an impressive sports bar, three restaurants serving Chinese, Lebanese or Mediterranean cuisine, a fitness center, and an indoor pool.
Onboard Accommodations

With a capacity of just 14 guests, your 155-foot dahabiya was designed to provide the ultimate in comfort and adventure while sailing the Nile River. Her seven staterooms provide spacious, fully air-conditioned accommodations with en suite facilities.

Guests can savor healthy, fresh, and delicious international and Egyptian cuisine at every meal. Enjoy her three public decks, dining, lounge, and the services of an enthusiastic crew who are committed to your comfort.

STATEROOM CATEGORIES

Standard: Features one full or two single beds, view window, and private en suite bathroom. Approx. 153 sq.ft.

Suite: Features one full or two single beds, view windows, and private en suite bathroom. Approx. 187 sq.ft.
Step back in time to the ancient world of the Middle East, where overwhelming historic architecture towers over the present day. Embrace the endless layers of spiritual and religious icons dotting this Holy Land, culminating with a once-in-a-lifetime visit to the Dead Sea.

**Post-Tour Itinerary** (subject to change)

**Day 14:** Cairo / Flight to Amman (L,D)
- Guided city tour
- Overnight: InterContinental Jordan Hotel

**Day 15:** Amman / Jerash / Ajloun / Amman (B,L,D)
- City of 1,000 Pillars, Triple Arched Gate, Hippodrome, Jordan Valley
- Overnight: InterContinental Jordan Hotel

**Day 16:** Amman / Madaba / Mount Nebo / Petra (B,L,D)
- Guided touring, Orthodox Church of Saint George, Byzantine mosaics
- Overnight: Mövenpick Resort Petra

**Day 17:** Petra (B,L,D)
- Guided city tour
- Overnight: Mövenpick Resort Petra

**Day 18:** Petra / Wadi Rum / Dead Sea (B,L,D)
- 4x4 Jeep desert excursion, Dead Sea leisure time
- Overnight: Kempinski Hotel Ishtar Dead Sea

**Day 19:** Dead Sea / Amman / Depart for U.S. (B,L)
- After breakfast, depart on the group transfer to Amman’s Queen Alia International Airport for flights home

**What’s Included**

- 5 nights luxury accommodations
- 5 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 5 dinners
- Admission to all sites listed in the 6-day itinerary
- Touring by an English speaking guide
- Wadi Rum desert 4x4 Jeep excursion
- All gratuities and porterage
- All airport and hotel transfers
- Internal airfare from Cairo to Amman
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- Option 1: Call (540) 458-8723 to place your reservation.
- Option 2: Secure your reservation with a deposit charged to the credit card below, or with an enclosed check payable to: Orbridge, LLC.

GUEST INFORMATION:
Guest #1 Name: Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. ___________________________ Class Year: __________
Guest #1 (as preferred on badge): __________________________
Email: ________________________________________________
Home Phone: ___________________________ Alt. Phone: ___________________________
City: ___________________________ State: _______ Zip: _____________
Address: __________________________________________________________________________________
Home Phone: ___________________________ Alt. Phone: ___________________________
Category Preference: 1st choice ___________________________ 2nd choice ___________________________

DEPOSIT:
# _________ guests joining program ($850/person) +
# _________ guests joining post-tour ($500/person) = TOTAL DEPOSIT: $

ABU SIMBEL OPTIONAL EXCURSION (added to your final invoice):
# _________ guests joining optional excursion ($495/person)

DEPOSIT PAYMENT:
- Check Enclosed
- Mail or fax reservation form and deposit to: Office of Lifelong Learning
  Washington and Lee University
  204 West Washington St., Lexington, VA 24450
  Fax: (540) 458-8478
- American Express
- Discover
- MasterCard/Visa
- Online Check/ACH
- Wire Transfer
- Check payable to: Orbridge, LLC.

Name (as printed on card): ______________________________________________________________________
City: ______________________________________________________ State: _______ Zip: _____________
Billing Address (if different from above):
Name (as printed on card): ______________________________________________________________________
City: ______________________________________________________ State: _______ Zip: _____________
Billing Address (if different from above):

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at terms.orbridge.com and detailed in program documents; that Orbridge LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: ____________________________________________________________________________________
Date: ______________________________________________________________________________________

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Cancellations and Refunds. All cancellations must be submitted to Orbridge in writing and will be subject to a cancellation fee ("Cancellation Fee") as follows: (a) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge 274 or more calendar days prior to the scheduled departure date, all deposits will be fully refunded; (b) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 274 and 151 days prior to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be $500 per person per program and $300 per person per program for extensions; (c) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 150 days prior to the scheduled departure date and the day before the final payment due date, the Cancellation Fee will be the full deposit per person including any extension; (d) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge on the final payment due date or closer to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be the full program price. In addition to and not in lieu of the foregoing, a Cancellation Fee equal to 100% of the carrier charge applies to all non-refundable airfares due to your cancellation made at any time prior to the scheduled program departure date as applicable. Refunds, if any, of any Payments in excess of the aggregate Cancellation Fee shall be processed within 30 calendar days of our receipt of your written notice.

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