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PRIVATE VISITS TO THE SPHINX PAWS & QUEEN NEFERTARI’S TOMB

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Dear Vanderbilt Traveler:

The Alumni Association is pleased to invite you on this extraordinary journey to explore the incomparable treasures of Pharaonic Egypt. October is the perfect time to visit Egypt – with cooler temperatures and bright clear days.

A highlight of the program is an exclusive opportunity to go “mano-a-mano” with the Sphinx. Vanderbilt travelers are granted behind-the-scenes access to the Sphinx Paws in the quarry from which it was carved in 2500 BCE! This will put you face to face with the famous Dream Stela of Pharaoh Thutmosis IV that tells the story of the king as a young boy taking a rest in the shadow of the Sphinx.

Also featured is a private visit to Queen Nefertari’s Tomb, considered to be the most beautiful of all the Egyptian tombs. Nefertari was Ramses II’s favorite wife and he ordered a tomb built to guarantee her eternal status.

The selection of hotels in this program is extraordinary. Two that will take your breath away are the Four Seasons Nile Plaza in Cairo and the Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Hotel in Aswan, originally built by the British in 1902. Esteemed guests have included Tsar Nicholas II, Winston Churchill, Howard Carter, Margaret Thatcher, Princess Diana, Queen Noor and Agatha Christie, who wrote much of her novel *Death on the Nile* at the hotel.

This itinerary has been specially designed for Vanderbilt alumni to include the country’s most iconic treasures as well as unusual and unique points of interest often overlooked by other programs. In Cairo, take a fascinating stroll along El Moaz Street to Bab el-Futuh, the North Gate of Old Cairo. Along the way is a cascade of stunning Islamic architecture. Visit the three Great Pyramids of Giza, Khufu, Khafre & Menkaure, as well as Djoser’s famous Step Pyramid in Sakkara, the first monumental structure made of stone. Take a fascinating 3-night cruise on the legendary River Nile. Spend two days in cosmopolitan Alexandria and return to Cairo via a visit to the WWII battlefields at El Alamein.

We look forward to having you join us on this spectacular journey of discovery through Egypt. Call 615.322.3673 or email us at alumni.travel@vanderbilt.edu to register for this program.

Sincerely,

Cary DeWitt Allyn
Director, Vanderbilt Travel Program

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**SOPHISTICATED EGYPT HIGHLIGHTS**

- Visit the three Great Pyramids of Giza, Khufu, Khafre & Menkaure, and Djoser’s famous Step Pyramid in Sakkara
- Visit Queen Nefertari’s Tomb in the Valley of the Queens
- Stay at two of Egypt’s most iconic hotels: Old Cataract Hotel in Aswan and the Old Winter Palace in Luxor
- See the famous Dream Stela of Pharaoh Thutmosis IV
- Take a fascinating stroll along El Moaz Street to Bab el-Futuh, the North Gate of Old Cairo
- Go “mano-a-mano” with the iconic Sphinx
- Explore recently excavated and incredibly colorful Old Kingdom Tombs in the Sakkara Necropolis
- Spend two days in cosmopolitan Alexandria, the city founded by Alexander the Great in 333 BCE
- Bear witness to the World War II battlefields of El Alamein as you visit the British War Memorial Cemetery
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3: DEPART USA
Depart USA on your overnight flight(s) to Cairo, Egypt.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4: ARRIVE CAIRO
Upon arrival in Cairo, you are met and transferred to your elegant 5-star hotel located on the Nile River.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5: CAIRO
Go “mano-a-mano” with the inscrutable Sphinx on a private visit to the giant man/beast that has puzzled men for generations. See the three Great Pyramids of Giza: Khufu, Khafre, & Menkaure. Your day ends at Sakkara touring King Djoser’s famous Step Pyramid. Welcome to Egypt Dinner! (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6: CAIRO
Tour the Egyptian Museum including a visit to the evocative Mummies room. Take an architectural walk in Islamic Cairo on El Moaz Street past a cascade of stunning architecture to Bab el-Futuh (Cairo’s North Gate) in the Khan el Khalili Bazaar. Have lunch at Felfela and then visit Sultan Hassan Mosque. (B,L)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7: CAIRO / ASWAN
Fly to Aswan. This afternoon visit the archaeological wonders of Elephantine Island followed by a delightful felucca sailing excursion past the Botanical Gardens on Kitchener’s Island. (B)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8: ASWAN / ABU SIMBEL / ASWAN
Air excursion to Abu Simbel, the massive temple built by Pharaoh Ramses II. Return to Aswan and embark your Nile cruise for lunch. This afternoon visit the Aswan High Dam, the Unfinished Obelisk and Philae Temple. (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9: ASWAN / KOM OMOBO / EDFU
Cruise to Kom Ombo and explore the temple shared by two gods, Sobek and Haroeris. Continue north to Edfu and the spectacular Temple of Horus, the best preserved of all Egyptian temples. (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10: LUXOR
Morning cruise to Luxor. Tour Karnak Temple with its massive hypostyle hall consisting of 134 columns. Continue to Luxor Temple with its famous Avenue of the Sphinxes. (B,L,D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11: LUXOR
Travel to Luxor’s West Bank to see the fascinating Valley of the Kings and King Tut’s Tomb. Pass the enigmatic Colossi of Memnon en route to Hatshepsut’s Temple, Deir el-Medina. Special Event: Explore the most beautiful of all Pharaonic tombs, that of Queen Nefertari, Ramses the Great’s favorite wife! (B,L)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12: LUXOR / CAIRO / ALEXANDRIA
Morning flight to Cairo followed by a drive to Alexandria, site of the Pharos Lighthouse, once one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. (B)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13: ALEXANDRIA
Visit the Qait Bey Fort, Montazeh Palace and the new Alexandria Library. Have lunch at the Fish Market Restaurant, overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. Continue to The New Alexandria Museum featuring Pharaonic treasures retrieved from the waters of the Old Harbor. (B,L)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14: ALEXANDRIA / CAIRO
Return to Cairo via the World War II battlefields at El Alamein. This evening is your Farewell to Egypt Dinner! (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15: DEPART CAIRO
Transfer to Cairo International Airport for your return flights to the USA. Welcome Home! (B)
Included in your program are:

Accommodation in hotels and Nile Cruise as indicated with breakfast daily
All touring on a private basis including all entrance fees
Internal flights and Abu Simbel air excursion (rates listed separately)
Meals as indicated by (B), (L), (D), (R)  B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner R=Reception
Meet & greet services at all airports for arrivals and departures • All transfers by private air-conditioned vehicles
All gratuities for guides, drivers, and porters • Luggage service for two pieces of luggage per person
Services of a private hand-selected DAI Egyptologist throughout the program.

Not Included:

International airfare • Cost of Passports, visas, and departure taxes
Items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone, internet/Wi-Fi, all drinks not mentioned in the itinerary, incidental expenses at the hotel and aboard the ship, etc. • Travel insurance (highly recommended).

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