OCTOBER 11-23, 2020

Sophisticated
EGYPT
A PHARAONIC DISCOVERY
PLUS EXTENSIONS TO JORDAN & PETRA AND SHARM EL SHEIKH & THE RED SEA

Private Visits to the Sphinx Paws & Queen Nefertari’s Tomb

Save $400 PER COUPLE
BOOK BY December 31, 2019

Alumni Association
VANDERBILT
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 offering 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 VI 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 Noon 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

---

**Sophisticated Egypt Highlights**

Go “mano-a-mano" with the iconic Sphinx as Vanderbilt travelers are granted behind-the-scenes access to the Sphinx Paws in the quarry from which it was carved in 2500 BCE! • Visit Queen Nefertari’s Tomb in the Valley of the Queens, considered to be the most beautiful of all the Pharaonic tombs • Stay at two of Egypt’s most iconic hotels: the Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Hotel in Aswan and the Old Winter Palace in Luxor • See the famous Dream Stela of Pharaoh Thutmosis VI that tells the story of the king as a young boy taking a rest in the shadow of the Sphinx • Take a fascinating stroll along El Moaz Street to Bab el-Futuh, the North gate of Old Cairo, past 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 • 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

For more details: [WWW.VUCONNECT.COM/TRAVEL](http://WWW.VUCONNECT.COM/TRAVEL) 615.322.3673
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11: DEPART USA
Depart USA on your overnight flight(s) to Cairo, Egypt.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12: ARRIVE CAIRO
Upon arrival in Cairo, you are met and transferred to your elegant 5-star hotel located on the Nile River.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13: 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 14: 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 stunning architecture to Bab el-Futuh (Cairo’s North Gate) in the Khan el Khalili Bazaar. Have lunch at Felfela and then visit Ibn Tulun Mosque and the Gayer Anderson Museum. (B,L)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15: 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 16: 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 17: ASWAN / KOM OMBO / 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 most well preserved of all Egyptian temples. (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18: 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 19: 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 Hatchepsut’s Temple, Dier 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 20: 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 21: 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 Pharonic treasures retrieved from the waters of the Old Harbor. (B,L)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22: 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 23: DEPART CAIRO
Transfer to Cairo International Airport for your return flights to the USA. Welcome Home! (B)
**PRE-TRIP EXTENSION: JORDAN & PETRA** October 7–12, 2020

- **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7:** Depart USA on your flight to Amman.
- **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8:** Arrive Amman and meet and transfer to hotel. **Grand Hyatt Amman**
- **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9:** Full day touring Jerash and culinary walking tour of Old Amman. **The Grand Hyatt Amman (B, L)**
- **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10:** Take the King’s Way to Petra via Madaba, Mt. Nebo and Shobak Crusader Castle. **Movenpick Resort Petra (B, L)**
- **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11:** Full day exploring incredible Petra including a hike or donkey ride to the Monastery. **Movenpick Resort Petra (B, L)**
- **MONDAY, OCTOBER 12:** Return to Amman. Afternoon flight to Cairo. Meet and transfer to your hotel. (B)

**POST-TRIP EXTENSION: SHARM EL SHEIKH & THE RED SEA** October 23–27, 2020

- **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23:** Morning flight from Cairo to Sharm el Sheikh. **Four Seasons Sharm Resort (B)**
- **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24:** Overday excursion to St. Catherine’s Monastery with lunch. **Four Seasons Sharm Resort (B, L)**
- **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25:** Day at leisure on the Red Sea for snorkeling, sand or sea! **Four Seasons Sharm Resort (B)**
- **MONDAY, OCTOBER 26:** Morning at leisure. Return flight to Cairo. **InterContinental CityStars (B)**
- **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27:** Transfer to Cairo Airport for your departure flight to USA. Welcome Home! (B)

---

**EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT BY DECEMBER 31, 2019: SAVE $400 PER COUPLE DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

**EGYPT LAND/CRUISE PROGRAM:** $6,995 PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: $2,595

**INTERNAL FLIGHTS:** $435 PER PERSON ECONOMY CLASS
**ABU SIMBEL AIR EXCURSION:** $565 PER PERSON ECONOMY CLASS

| JORDAN & PETRA EXTENSION: $2,795 PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: $995 |
| CAIRO/AMMAN FLIGHT: $355 PER PERSON ECONOMY CLASS |

| SHARM EL SHEIKH & RED SEA EXTENSION: $1,895 PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: $775 |
| CAIRO/SHARM/CAIRO FLIGHTS: $345 PER PERSON ECONOMY CLASS |

**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
- All transfers by private air-conditioned vehicles
- Internal flights and Abu Simbel air excursion (rates listed separately)
- Meals as indicated by (B), (L), (D), (R) = Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Reception
- Meet & greet services at all airports for arrivals and departures
- All gratuities for guides, drivers, and porters
- Luggage service for two pieces of luggage per person

**Not Included are:**

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

**Payment Schedule:**

A deposit of $1,500 per person is required at the time of booking. Deposits are payable by personal check or credit card. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

**Rates & Fares:**

All rates shown are accurate at the time of publication and are subject to change. All prices are based upon foreign exchange rates the company feels will be in effect at the time of departure. These prices are subject to change resulting from fluctuations in exchange rates.

**Refunds & Cancellations:**

All cancellations must be in writing. The per person forfeiture charges are:
- More than 90 days prior to departure: 50% of deposit
- 89-60 days prior to departure: 50% of tour price
- 59-30 days prior to departure: 75% of tour price
- Less than 30 days prior to departure: 100% of tour price

There is no refund for a partially completed tour or for unused services of any kind.

**TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.**

---

**EGYPT • OCTOBER 11-23, 2020**

- **EGYPT PROGRAM:** A deposit of $1,500 pp is required to secure your reservation
- **JORDAN & PETRA EXTENSION:** An additional deposit of $500 pp is required
- **SHARM EL SHEIKH & RED SEA EXTENSION:** An additional deposit of $500 pp is required

Secure your reservation with a deposit of $ charged to the credit card below, or with the enclosed check payable to Destinations & Adventures by **December 31, 2019**, for the advertised rate.

**CREDIT CARD INFORMATION:**

- **Card #:**
- **CVV Code #:**
- **Exp. date:**

**Names:**

- **Passenger #1:**
  - **DOB:**
  - **Gender:**
- **Passenger #2:**
  - **DOB:**
  - **Gender:**

**Phone:**

- **Email:**

**Billing address:**

- **City:**
- **State:**
- **Zip:**

**Send Reservations and Deposit to:** VANDERBILT TRAVEL PROGRAM

PMB 407735, 2301 Vanderbilt Place, Nashville, TN 37240-7735

Or Call **615.322.3673** and speak to Cary Allyn in the Vanderbilt Travel Office

For more details: **615.322.3673**

WWW.VUCONNECT.COM/TRAVEL
The Vanderbilt Travel Program strives to engage Vanderbilt alumni, parents and friends of all ages, keeping them connected with each other and the mission of Vanderbilt. Each carefully designed trip offers unparalleled educational opportunities for the exclusive “beyond the classroom” experience.

Program designed by Destinations & Adventures
“Top Travel Consultant & Destination Specialist” - Condé Nast Traveler Magazine Every year since 2001