Sophisticated Egypt
A Pharonic Discovery
PLUS EXTENSIONS TO JORDAN & PETRA
AND SHARM EL SHEIKH & THE RED SEA
FEATURING Professor Ari Z. Bryen

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. Your esteemed host and lecturer is Vanderbilt Professor Ari Z. Bryen.

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 Sakkarra, 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 tour. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Cary DeWitt Allyn
Director, Vanderbilt Travel Program

For more details: WWW.VUCONNECT.COM/TRAVEL
615.322.3673
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26: DEPART USA
Depart USA on your overnight flight(s) to Cairo, Egypt.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27: ARRIVE CAIRO
Upon arrival in Cairo, you are met and transferred to your elegant 5-star hotel located on the Nile River.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28: 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, JANUARY 29: 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, JANUARY 30: 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, JANUARY 31: 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, FEBRUARY 1: ASWAN/KOM OMBO/EDFU
Cruise to Kom Ombo and explore the temple shared by two gods, Sobek and Haroeries. Continue north to Edfu and the spectacular Temple of Horus, the most well preserved of all Egyptian temples. (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2: 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, FEBRUARY 3: 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, FEBRUARY 4: 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, FEBRUARY 5: 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, FEBRUARY 6: 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, FEBRUARY 7: DEPART CAIRO
Transfer to Cairo International Airport for your return flights to the USA. Welcome Home! (B)
**POST-TRIP EXTENSION: SHARM EL SHEIKH & THE RED SEA** February 7–11, 2020

**PRE-TRIP EXTENSION: JORDAN & PETRA** January 22–27, 2020

**Wednesday, January 22:** Depart USA on your flight to Amman.

**Thursday, January 23:** Arrive Amman and meet and transfer to hotel. **Grand Hyatt Amman**

**Friday, January 24:** Full day touring Jerash and cultural walking tour of Old Amman. **The Grand Hyatt Amman (B, L)**

**Saturday, January 25:** Take the King’s Way to Petra via Madaba, Mt. Nebo and Shobak Crusader Castle. **Movenpick Resort Petra (B, L)**

**Sunday, January 26:** Full day exploring incredible Petra including a hike or donkey ride to the Monastery. **Movenpick Resort Petra (B, L)**

**Monday, January 27:** Return to Amman. Afternoon flight to Cairo. Meet and transfer to your hotel. **(B)**

**Friday, February 7:** Morning flight from Cairo to Sharm el Sheikh. **Four Seasons Sharm Resort (B)**

**Saturday, February 8:** Overday excursion to St. Catherine’s Monastery with lunch. **Four Seasons Sharm Resort (B, L)**

**Sunday, February 9:** Day at leisure on the Red Sea for snorkeling, sand or sea! **Four Seasons Sharm Resort (B)**

**Monday, February 10:** Morning at leisure. Return flight to Cairo. **InterContinental CityStars (B)**

**Tuesday, February 11:** Transfer to Cairo Airport for your departure flight to USA. Welcome Home! **(B)**

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**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
- Meals as indicated by **(B), (B,L), (B,L,D)** – **B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner**
- All gratuities for guides, drivers, and porters
- Services of a private hand-selected DAI Egyptologist throughout the program

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**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)

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**Payment Schedule:**

A deposit of $1500 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
- 90-60 days prior to departure: 55% of tour price
- 60-30 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.**