

The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts presents

EGYPT & THE ETERNAL NILE

January 25-February 8, 2016

15 days from \$4,637 total price from Washington, D.C.
(**\$4,135 air, land & cruise inclusive plus \$502 airline taxes and departure fees**)



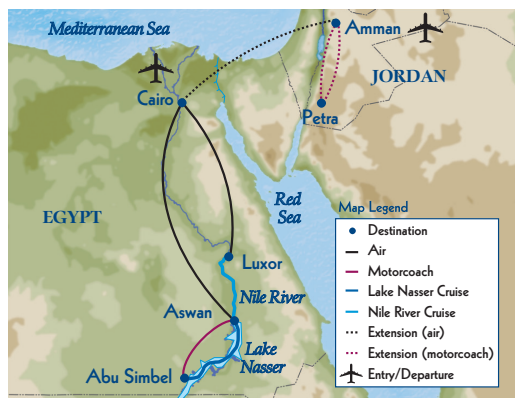
An Exclusive Small Group Tour for
Members of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

Featuring Dr. Peter Schertz, VMFA Curator of Ancient Art

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Accompanied by Dr. Peter Schertz and 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. Next: a classic voyage along the lower Nile from Aswan to Luxor before returning to Cairo.



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; later this afternoon we navigate bustling Khan el-Khalili bazaar. 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 (early 4th century BCE). Here, too, we encounter the enigmatic Sphinx, whose leonine body and human face were carved from a single piece of limestone. 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. **B,L**

Day 5: Cairo/Abu Simbel Early this morning we fly south to Aswan then continue by coach across the edge of the Sahara to Abu Simbel. We board our deluxe cruise 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-and-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**

Avg. High (°F)	Jan	Feb
Cairo	65	67
Aswan	74	78
Luxor	73	74

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 ... Deluxe Lake Nasser cruise through ancient Nubian homeland ... Aswan's Temples at Kalabsha ... Nile felucca sail ... Deluxe Nile River cruise ... Aswan Dam tour ... Ancient temple complexes at Karnak and Luxor, including 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 Prince Abbas	Deluxe
8-11	Nile cruise	M/S Sunray	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.

Cover photo: On Day 4 we travel to the Giza plateau to see the legendary pyramids.



We enjoy an afternoon sail on the Nile on traditional feluccas.

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

Day 8: Disembark/Aswan/Embark Nile Cruise Ship/Edfu 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 Philae island before boarding our Nile cruise ship. This afternoon we board small *feluccas*, replicas of ancient Nile sailboats, for a relaxing afternoon sail. Late today we visit 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 tonight we enjoy the Captain’s welcome cocktail party. *B,L,D*

Day 9: Nile Cruising – Edfu/Luxor This morning we visit Edfu’s Temple of Horus, Egypt’s best-preserved temple (built between 257 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 We have the option to rise very early to see the West Bank of “the world’s greatest open air museum,” as Luxor has been called, from above on an optional hot-air balloon excursion. Known in antiquity as Thebes, Luxor boasts vast temple 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; and the Valley of the Queens, whose dramatic Temple of Hatshepsut honors 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 own tomb. *B,L,D*

Day 11: Nile Cruising – Luxor/East Bank Today we tour Luxor’s East Bank, home of Karnak,

Post-Tour Extension

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5 days/4 nights for \$1,595 total price

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Your Tour Price Includes

- Air transportation Cairo/Amman
- 4 nights’ accommodations: 2 nights in Petra at Moevenpick resort (Sup. First Class); 2 nights in Amman at Le Meridien Amman (Sup. First Class)
- 9 meals: 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- Extensive included sightseeing
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

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 disembark our ship today and transfer to our hotel. This afternoon we tour the Luxor Museum, housing relics discovered at the site. **B**

Day 13: Luxor/Cairo We fly today to Cairo. After checking in at our hotel, the remainder of the day is free for independent exploration and dinner on our own. **B**

Lake Nasser Cruise

M/S Prince Abbas



Nile Cruise

M/S Sunray



Day 14: Cairo This morning we encounter Old Cairo, the district where early capital cities once stood and now only remnants remain. We visit 5th-century St. Sergius Church; the Coptic church of el-Mauallaqa, constructed over the bastions of a Roman gate; and Ben Ezra Synagogue, built in 882. We return to our hotel mid-day; this afternoon is at leisure. Tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner at our hotel. **B,D**

Day 15: Depart for U.S. Early this morning we transfer to the airport for our return flight to the U.S. **B**

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 ships
- 31 meals: 13 breakfasts, 9 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

Traveling with You



Dr. Peter Justin Moon Schertz has served as curator of Ancient Art since October 2006 and the Jack and Mary Ann Frable Curator of Ancient Art since 2007. He received a Certificate of Museum Studies in 1997 and a PhD in classical art and archaeology in 2004 from the University of Southern California, where he wrote the dissertation *Seer or Victim? The Figure of Marsyas in Roman Art, Religion, and Politics* under the supervision of John Pollini. He received his BA in classical languages and literature from the University of Chicago in 1987.

His specialty is Roman art, with a focus on the intersection of art and culture, particularly art and religion. His current projects include a study of the original polychromy of the Arch of Titus and an examination of the Second Temple in Jerusalem in its Roman context. He is particularly interested in how new technologies can help us understand and interpret ancient art and is also preparing a major exhibition drawn from museum and state collections in Italy that explores how ancient peoples communicated with their gods.

Tour Departs: January 25, 2016

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

Boston, New York, Washington, DC	\$4,637
Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles	\$4,937
Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Detroit, Miami, Orlando, Philadelphia, Richmond, Tampa	\$5,037
Denver, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle	\$5,137
Land Only	\$3,735

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, fuel surcharges and departure fees of \$502, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$995. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges and departure fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: additional \$2,995 per person (upgrade subject to availability and pricing 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.

For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited toll-free at 888-370-6765

Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-7:00 PM, Eastern Time

For further information contact VMFA Member Travel at 804-340-1519

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Dear VMFA Members,

Join us on our exciting trip to Egypt in 2016. In a small group, explore Egypt on a unique itinerary including a cruise on the Nile and lesser explored Lake Nasser. We are pleased to have Dr. Peter Schertz, VMFA Curator of Ancient Art, accompanying this tour.

Begin in Cairo with its renowned ancient sites: the Egyptian Museum, the Sphinx, Sakkara, and the Pyramids of Giza. Relax during a deluxe cruise on Lake Nasser, where the country's fascinating Nubian history unfolds. Along the desert shores of this vast manmade lake, visit ancient temples and monuments salvaged during the construction of the Aswan High Dam. A classic Nile voyage from Aswan to Luxor includes visits to the Aswan High Dam, Edfu's Temple of Horus, which is Egypt's best-preserved temple, and Luxor's acclaimed temples and tombs representing the pinnacle of Egyptian architecture. Here, Egyptian civilization's intriguing cosmology is revealed as you explore the Valley of the Kings and the Valley of the Queens on the Nile's West Bank. On the East Bank, visit Karnak, arguably the greatest temple complex of them all. Conclude the tour in Cairo. Those who wish may join a 5-day/4-night post-tour extension to Jordan to visit both fabled Petra and the capital of Amman.

Space on this program is limited to only VMFA members, friends, and family. We expect it will fill quickly; your early reservations are encouraged.

Sincerely,



Adele "Hutch" Livingston
Coordinator of Member Travel

VMFA RESERVATION FORM: EGYPT & THE ETERNAL NILE

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$____ (\$500 per person) for ____ person(s) on **Egypt & the Eternal Nile** departing **January 25, 2016**. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA or by personal check. **Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and mail check to: Odysseys Unlimited, One Newton Place, 275 Washington St., Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. Or call Odysseys Unlimited toll-free at 888-370-6765, or fax reservation to 617-454-9199.**

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Please book my air/our from _____ I/we request a Business Class upgrade

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability)

Post-Tour "Jordan: Petra & Amman" Extension: Please sign me/us up

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **Egypt & the Eternal Nile, January 25-February 8, 2016**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms & Conditions.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Method of Payment Check American Express Discover MasterCard VISA

Account # _____ Security Code _____ Exp. Date _____

Name of Cardholder _____

Signature _____

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not included in tour price

Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; optional sightseeing; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities \$10 - \$15 per day, per traveler); optional sightseeing or shore excursions; travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline prior to departure.

Cancellations, refunds and changes

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odyssey's Unlimited's receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **Cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; Cancel 94-65 days before departure: 50% of tour price; Cancel 64-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; Cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If a guest makes any changes between 94 and 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.**

Upon reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

Responsibility

The liability of the VMFA, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant, and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, their employees, agents, servants or representatives. The VMFA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise line, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in good health to participate in this Odysseys Unlimited tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and the VMFA assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

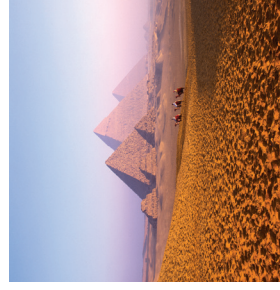
Air Transportation – Important Information

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown and contracts with those airlines they feel provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignments on your international flight are usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of our operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and departure fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes, if you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**



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