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EGYPT & THE ETERNAL NILE

January 14-28, 2019

15 days from \$4,897 total price from Washington, DC
(\$4,395 air, land & cruise inclusive plus \$502 airline taxes and fees)



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**An Exclusive Small Group Tour for
Members of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts**
Featuring Dr. Peter Schertz, VMFA Curator of Ancient Art



Dear VMFA Members,

Travel with the VMFA on an exclusive 15-day journey to Egypt. We are pleased to be accompanied by Dr. Peter Schertz, VMFA Curator of Ancient Art, and led by an expert Egyptian guide.

Begin in Egypt's capital and largest city, Cairo, with its renowned ancient sites: the Egyptian Museum, the Sphinx, Sakkara, and the Pyramids of Giza. Relax during a three-night cruise on Lake Nasser, during which you visit ancient temples and monuments salvaged during the construction of the Aswan High Dam. Then, after a tour of the Aswan High Dam, a classic Nile voyage includes visits to Edfu's Temple of Horus and Luxor's acclaimed temples and tombs. Here, explore the Valley of the Kings and the Valley of the Queens then visit Karnak, arguably the greatest temple complex of them all. Conclude your tour back in Cairo with a visit to the lively Khan el-Khalili bazaar and exploration of Old Cairo.

Space on this program is limited to 24 VMFA members. 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 14, 2019**. 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 send, with completed reservation form, to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., Attn: Special Interest Groups, One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. You may also call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765, or you may fax your reservation to 617-454-9199.**

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E-mail(s) _____ Badge Name(s) _____

Please book my/our air 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 14-28, 2019**, 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.

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Accompanied by 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. 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 (3100 BCE). 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. Here, we encounter the enigmatic Sphinx, whose leonine body and human face were carved from a single piece of limestone. *B,L*

Day 5: Cairo/Abu Simbel/Embark Lake Nasser Cruise Early this morning we fly south to Aswan then continue by coach across the edge of the Sahara to Abu Simbel. We board our Lake Nasser 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*

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

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

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-and-light show at Abu Simbel • Lake Nasser cruise through ancient Nubian homeland • Aswan's temples at Kalabsha • Nile felucca sail • Deluxe Nile River cruise • Aswan Dam visit • 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 <i>Prince Abbas</i>	Sup. First Class
8-11	Nile cruise	M/S <i>Sunray</i>	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.



The magnificent temples at Abu Simbel commemorate Ramses II and his queen, Nefertari.

Day 8: Disembark/Aswan/Embark Nile Cruise

Ship 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 Agilkia Island before boarding our Nile cruise ship. This afternoon we embark small *feluccas*, replicas of ancient Nile sailboats, for a relaxing sail. Back on board our ship tonight we enjoy the Captain's welcome cocktail party. *B,L,D*

Day 9: Nile Cruising – Kom Ombo/Edfu/Luxor

This morning we sail to 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 we explore Edfu's Temple of Horus, Egypt's best-preserved temple (built between 237 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 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; the Valley of the Queens; and the Temple of Hatshepsut honoring 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 mortuary temple. *B,L,D*

Day 11: Nile Cruising – Luxor/East Bank

Today we tour Luxor's East Bank, home of Karnak,

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

Post-Tour Extension

January 28-February 1, 2019

**JORDAN:
PETRA & AMMAN**

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

Single Supplement: \$395

Discover the fabled "rose-red city, half as old as time" on this exciting exploration. Plus: ancient Jerash and the capital of Amman.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Air transportation Cairo/Amman
- 4 nights' accommodations: 2 nights in Petra at Mövenpick Resort Petra (Sup. First Class); 2 nights in Amman at Kempinski Hotel Amman (Sup. First Class)
- 9 meals: 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- Extensive included sightseeing: Madaba (City of Mosaics); Mt. Nebo pilgrimage site; full day at Petra; Amman's Roman theatre and Citadel; Roman ruins of Jerash
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

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 have the choice to rise very early to see the West Bank from above on an optional hot air balloon ride. We disembark our ship later this morning and transfer to our hotel. This afternoon we tour the Luxor Museum, housing relics discovered at the site. Among the museum's notable artifacts: items from the pharaoh Tutankhamun's renowned tomb. Dinner tonight is on our own. *B,L*

Day 13: Luxor/Cairo We fly to Cairo today. After checking in at our hotel, we visit the lively Khan el-Khalili bazaar. This afternoon is free for independent exploration. *B*

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. Mid-day we return to our hotel where tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner. *B,D*

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



Traditional feluccas sail the Nile.

Lake Nasser Cruise

M/S Prince Abbas



Nile Cruise

M/S Sunray



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 and Superior First Class ships
- 32 meals: 13 breakfasts, 10 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

Tour Departs: January 14, 2019

Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Boston, New York, Washington, DC	\$4,897
Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles	\$5,197
Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Detroit, Miami, Orlando, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Tampa	\$5,297
Denver, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Portland (OR), Seattle	\$5,397
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$3,995

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy in an outside cabin on both cruises and include airline taxes, surcharges, and 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 fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: \$2,495 per person (upgrade subject to availability and pricing subject to change). Upgrade cost is in addition to the costs above.

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, Inc. 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



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 traveler, per day); optional sightseeing or shore excursions; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes: If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'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 you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 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, and 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, or of 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 lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make 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 tour. There is a considerable 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 many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. 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 the company feels 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 assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and 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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