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Egypt & the Eternal Nile

October 7-21, 2025

15 days from \$6,397 total price from Boston, New York

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Dear Council Travelers,

We invite you to join Jim Falk, President Emeritus, World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth Vice Chairman, Global Santa Fe, on an exclusive 15-day journey to experience the ancient wonders of Egypt. Discover thousands of years of history, art, and culture as you explore storied lands and cruise the legendary Nile River.

Begin in Egypt's capital and largest city, Cairo, with a tour of the famed Egyptian Museum. Relax during a three-night cruise on Lake Nasser, then enjoy a classic Nile voyage that includes visits to Edfu's Temple of Horus and Luxor's acclaimed temple and tombs. Here, visit Karnak, arguably the greatest temple complex of them all, and then explore the Valley of the Kings and the Valley of the Queens. Conclude your tour back in Cairo with a visit to the lively Khan el-Khalili bazaar, an exploration of Old Cairo, and visits to Memphis's open air museum, the renowned ancient sites of the Sphinx, Sakkara, and the Pyramids of Giza. A special opportunity to discover the treasures of Jordan is available with an optional 5-day/4-night "Jordan: Petra & Amman" post-tour extension. **We will add special additions to the final itinerary. These visits are a hallmark of our Council tours.**

This air-inclusive small-group tour is limited to just 24 World Affairs Council members. Book today!

Sincerely,

**Andrew Haught
Director of Travel**

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Newton, MA 02458**

Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. Final payment is due by July 4, 2025 (95 days prior to departure).

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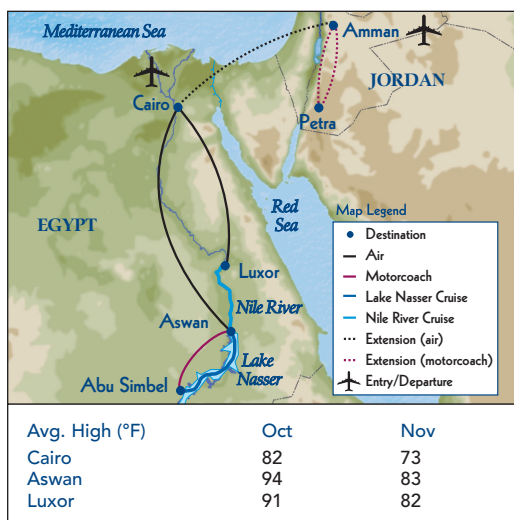
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Egypt & the Eternal Nile

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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. Then: 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/Abu Simbel/Embark Lake Nasser Cruise Early this morning we fly to Aswan. Upon arrival we ride across a corner of the Sahara to Abu Simbel. We board our ship for lunch together then visit the site with an inspiring history. After our visit, we have an afternoon at leisure aboard our ship. As the desert sun goes down, we return to Abu Simbel and experience a sound-and-light show amid the massive statuary here. Then, we return to the Omar el Khayam in time for dinner on board. *B,L,D*

Day 5: Lake Nasser Cruising – Kasr Ibrim/Amada/Wadi el-Seboua We sail to the settlement of Kasr Ibrim, the last vestige of Nubian culture still in its original location. After a brief visit during which we learn about this ancient settlement from aboard the ship (it's prohibited to go ashore here), we continue on to Amada, where we tour the 18th-dynasty Temple of Amada, built during the reign of Tutmosis III and the oldest surviving Lake Nasser temple. Then we sail on to Wadi el-Seboua, where we dock for the night. *B,L,D*

Day 6: Lake Nasser Cruising – Wadi el-Seboua/Valley of the Lions/Aswan We spend this morning in Wadi el-Seboua touring the Valley of the Lions with its striking avenue of sphinxes. This afternoon, we cruise to Aswan, the city where Agatha Christie wrote the famous *Death on the Nile*. We enjoy lunch and dinner together on board. Late this evening, we arrive in Aswan and spend the evening on board. *B,L,D*

Physical Activity Level

3 **Moderate**

Walk 2-4 miles per day, often uphill and on uneven terrain, especially at archaeological sites; several early morning departures; occasional long walks from motorcoach drop-off to sights; embarkation/disembarkation from multiple boats; optional Petra Extension: two-mile round-trip walk from hotel to Treasury site

Your Tour at a Glance

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Cairo		
2-3	Cairo	Kempinski Nile Garden City	Deluxe
4-6	Aswan/Lake Nasser cruise	M/S Steigenberger Omar el Khayam	Sup. First Class
7-9	Nile cruise	M/S Amwaj	Deluxe
10-11	Luxor	Steigenberger Nile Palace	Sup. First Class
12-14	Cairo	Kempinski Nile Garden City	Deluxe
15	Depart Cairo for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Cover photo: We travel to the Giza plateau to see the legendary pyramids, built 5,000 years ago as royal tombs.



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

Day 7: Disembark/Aswan/Embark Nile Cruise

Ship We disembark our ship early this morning in the desert lands of Aswan and set out to visit New Kalabsha, site of Kalabsha Temple, the largest free-standing Nubian temple of them all. After exploring the site, 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 Temples of Philae on the island of Agilkia. Our temple touring in Aswan complete, we board the second ship of the tour, our floating hotel for our three-night stay on the Nile. After lunch on board, we embark small *feluccas*, replicas of ancient Nile sailboats, for a relaxing afternoon sail. *B,L,D*

Day 8: Nile Cruising – Kom Ombo/Edfu/Luxor

This morning, we sail to the ancient trading town of Kom Ombo, which sat on the great caravan route from Nubia. After returning to our ship, we sail on to Edfu where we explore the Temple of Horus, considered Egypt's best-preserved ancient temple. Tonight, we attend the Captain's welcome cocktail party wearing traditional Egyptian *galabeya*. Late this evening, we arrive at Luxor where we dock. *B,L,D*

Day 9: Nile Cruising – Luxor/West Bank

This morning we embark on an exploration of the Luxor West Bank. We begin at the haunting Valley of the Kings and Valley of the Queens, an isolated valley holding the tombs of more than 50 New Kingdom monarchs and nobles. To visit all the tombs would be impossible; our tour director will select some of the most interesting for us to see. *B,L,D*

Day 10: Disembark/Luxor/East Bank Today we disembark our ship and explore the East Bank, beginning at Karnak. Then we cruise to Luxor, the world's "greatest open-air museum," whose vast temple complexes, tombs,

and statues dating from 2755 BCE represent the pinnacle of Egyptian architecture. Today we explore the East Bank, home of Karnak, the greatest temple complex of them all, whose ruins stretch for more than a mile. We also visit Luxor Temple, whose builders included both Tutankhamun and Alexander the Great. We then check in at our hotel, where we dine together tonight. *B,L,D*

Day 11: Luxor We have the choice to rise very early to see the West Bank from above on an optional hot

Post-Tour Extension

October 21-25, 2025

Jordan: Petra & Amman

5 days/4 nights for \$1,895 total price

Single Supplement: \$435

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 Grand Hyatt Amman (Deluxe)
- 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



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air balloon ride. Later this morning we visit Luxor Museum, housing relics discovered at Luxor. Then we enjoy lunch together and have the afternoon and evening at leisure. *B,L*

Day 12: Luxor/Cairo Early this morning we fly to Cairo today, where this afternoon we visit the Khan el-Khalili bazaar. *B*

Day 13: Cairo This morning we encounter the astounding Pyramids of Giza, the wonders of antiquity that have drawn visitors for millennia. Here, too, we see the enigmatic Sphinx, whose leonine body and human face were carved from a single piece of limestone, then buried by desert sands for centuries. After lunch, we explore Old Cairo, where early capital cities once stood. We visit 5th century St. Sergius Church, the Coptic church of el-Muallaqa, and the active 10th-century St. George's church. *B,L*

Lake Nasser Cruise

M/S Steigenberger Omar el Khayam



Nile Cruise

M/S Amwaj



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
- Services of a World Affairs Council Leader (contingent upon a minimum of 15 guests)
- 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

Meet your Council Leader



Jim Falk has led numerous World Affairs Council trips to Europe and the Middle East. Attending high school in Tunisia ignited his lasting interest in the Middle East. After earning a MA in Foreign Relations with a specialty in Middle East

politics, he began his professional career at the Middle East Institute which led to a position as deputy director of Egypt Today, a year-long U.S. government program that fostered closer relations between our two countries. From 2001 to 2021, he was president & CEO of the World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth. Upon his retirement in 2021, he was named *president emeritus*. Now a resident of Santa Fe, NM, Jim is vice chairman of the Board of Global Santa Fe, a member organization of the World Affairs Councils of America. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Day 14: Cairo Today's touring begins at the openair museum at Memphis, Egypt's first capital (3100 BCE), followed by the necropolis at Sakkara. 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*

Tour Departs: October 7, 2025

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

Boston, New York	\$6,397
Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, Washington, DC	\$6,697
Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Detroit, Miami, Philadelphia	\$6,797
Denver, Minneapolis, Orlando, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle, Tampa	\$6,897
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$5,195

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 \$802, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,495. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – \$4,995 per person; Premium Economy – \$1,695 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

To reserve your place on tour, go to wacphila.org/tour/egypt-the-eternal-nile/

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Not Included in Tour Price: Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas, if required; immunizations and inoculations; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; optional sightseeing or shore excursions; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); 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.

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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 as well as keep up with pace of the tour group.** 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, the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. 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 nonrefundable 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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