The Association of Former Students of Texas A&M University presents

EGYPT & THE ETERNAL NILE

February 27-March 13, 2017

15 days for $4,797 total price from Houston
($4,195 air, land & cruise inclusive plus $602 airline taxes and fees)

An Exclusive Special Small Group Tour for Aggies & Friends of Texas A&M University

This tour is provided by Odysseys Unlimited, six-time honoree Travel & Leisure's World's Best Tour Operators award.
Howdy, Ags!

Travel with us on a unique, small group tour of Egypt. Accompanied by an expert Egyptian guide, who is also a licensed Egyptologist, witness thousands of years of history on a unique itinerary including a cruise on the Nile and lesser explored Lake Nasser.

Begin in Cairo with its renowned ancient sites. Relax during a deluxe cruise on Lake Nasser, where you will visit ancient temples and monuments salvaged during the construction of the Aswan High Dam. Then, a classic Nile voyage includes visits to the Aswan High Dam, Edfu’s Temple of Horus, and Luxor’s acclaimed temples and tombs. Here, Egyptian civilization’s intriguing cosmology is revealed as you explore the Valley of the Kings and the Valley of the Queens, then visit Karnak, arguably the greatest temple complex of them all. Conclude the tour in Cairo, a center of the region's political and cultural life.

With space for only 24 guests on this exclusive Traveling Aggies departure, we expect this tour to fill quickly. Book today to secure your spot!

Gig ‘em,

Jennifer Bohac ‘87, Ph.D.
Director of Travel Programs

TRAVELING AGGIES RESERVATION FORM – EGYPT & THE ETERNAL LIFE

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______($500 per person) for ____ person(s) on Egypt & the Eternal Nile departing February 27, 2017. 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 (along with completed form) to: The Association of Former Students, 505 George Bush Drive, College Station, Texas 77840-2918. Or call the Traveling Aggies at 979-845-7514 or toll-free at 800-633-7514. Or fax the reservation to 979-845-9263.

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Badge Name ___________________________ Class Yr. ______________

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Address ___________________________________________________________________________________________

City _____________________________________________ State: _______________________ Zip _________________

Home Ph. (______) ________________________________ Bus. Ph. (______)__________________________________

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

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

Post-Tour “Jordan: Petra & Amman” Extension: Please sign me/us up Q

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Egypt & the Eternal Nile, February 27-March 13, 2017, 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.
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.

Day 4: Cairo

Today’s tour starts at the open-air museum at Memphis, Egypt’s first capital (early 4th century BCE). Here, 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.

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.

Day 6: Lake Nasser Cruising – Kasr Ibrim/Amada/Wadi el-Seboua

This morning we visit the striking

or

Lake Nasser Cruise

Nile River Cruise

Extension (motorcoach)

Aswan

Entry/Departure

Day 7: Lake Nasser Cruising – Valley of the Kings/Aswan

This morning we visit the striking

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Lake Nasser Cruise

Nile River Cruise

Extension (motorcoach)

Aswan

Entry/Departure

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

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.
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** 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. Back on board our ship tonight we enjoy the Captain’s welcome cocktail party. **B,L,D**

**Day 9: Nile Cruising – 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 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, 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

The magnificent temples at Abu Simbel commemorate Ramses II and his queen, Nefertari.
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. \textit{B,I,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. \textit{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. \textit{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 5\textsuperscript{th}-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. \textit{B,D}

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

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**Tour Departs: February 27, 2017**

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

- Boston, New York, Washington, DC: $4,497
- Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles: $4,797
- Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Detroit, Miami, Orlando, Philadelphia, Tampa: $4,897
- Denver, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle: $4,997
- Land Only: $3,495

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges and fees of $602, 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: additional $3,195 per person (upgrade subject to availability and pricing subject to change). Upgrade price 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 more information and reservations, please call The Traveling Aggies at 979-845-7514 or toll-free at 800-633-7514

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**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
- 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

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“\textit{Egypt is the Nile, the Nile is Egypt.}”

– Toby Wilkerson

Traditional feluccas sail the Nile.
Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including but not limited to:

- **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.

- **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.
  - **Presorted Standard U.S. POSTAGE PAID Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.**

- **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: $200 charge; Cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.

- **Responsibility:**
  - The liability of The Association of Former Students, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, 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 Association of Former Students 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. You must be able to get on and off motorcoaches 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, The Association of Former Students 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 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 tour 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.

JOIN US ON AN EXCLUSIVE TRAVELING AGGIES TOUR TO EGYPT!

**Guaranteed Small Group:** Limited to 24 Guests