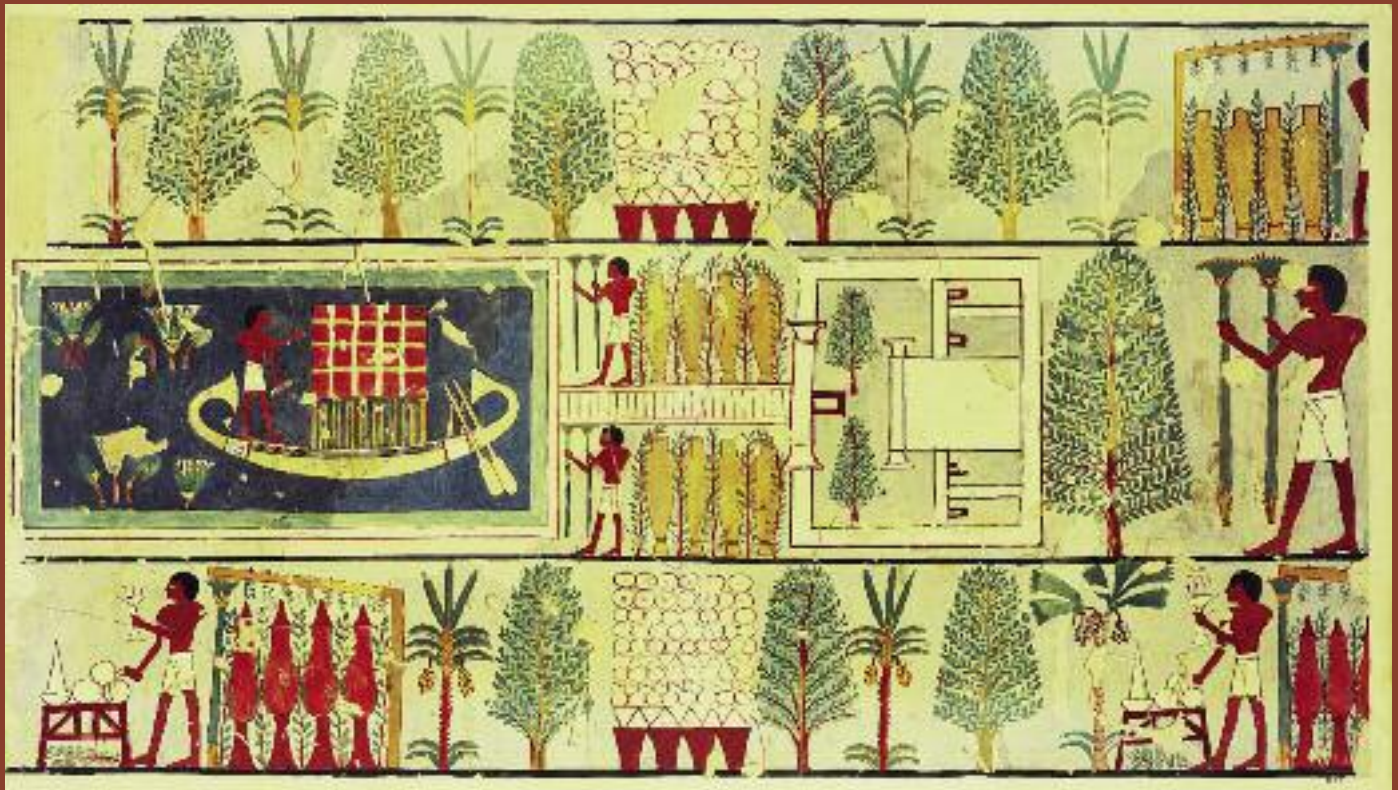

THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART

◆ A JOURNEY INTO ANTIQUITY ◆

Egypt & Jordan by Private Plane



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◆ December 30, 2009 to January 12, 2010 ◆

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Dear Members and Friends of The Metropolitan Museum of Art,

No one can fail to be moved by Egypt's pyramids or Jordan's rose-red city of Petra, carved into sandstone canyons and hills. This exceptional winter journey features a four-night cruise along the Nile River complemented by private flights between exciting destinations.

We are delighted to be accompanied by Met research associate John McDonald, whose previous Met tours to Egypt and lively gallery talks at the museum have received rave reviews.

Our program begins with four nights in the intriguing city of Cairo, where history will be brought to vivid life at the remarkable Step Pyramid of King Zoser, dating from the 27th century B.C.E.; the Great Pyramid complex at Giza; and the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, containing fabulous relics from Tutankhamun's tomb. Then a privately chartered plane takes us to St. Catherine's Monastery, with its impressive art and illuminated manuscript collection, and on to Luxor — gateway to the magnificent temple of Karnak and the Valley of the Kings, where the tombs of pharaohs were cut deep into the mountainside.

In Luxor we embark the M.S. *Nile Adventurer*, a deluxe river vessel offering all modern amenities, continental cuisine, a small swimming pool and a covered sun deck. As we sail along the Nile, stop to see the remarkable temples of Edfu and Kom Ombo. Our river journey ends in Aswan, where we view Philae Temple, visit the acclaimed Nubian Museum and sail across the Nile in a traditional *felucca*.



Then a private plane takes us to Abu Simbel, site of the unforgettable colossal statues and rock temples of Ramses II. Fly on to Jordan to experience ancient Petra, once the thriving capital of the Nabataeans. Conclude at the Dead Sea, where we will have an opportunity to experience its buoyant waters. We will also explore Jerash, one of the best-preserved cities of ancient Rome.

Congenial company, fine accommodations and magnificent antiquities will combine to capture the essence of Egypt and Jordan, both ancient and modern. We hope that you are able to join us.

Sincerely,

Emily K. Rafferty
President

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Camels and the Great Pyramids at Giza.

NEW YORK ◆ CAIRO, EGYPT

Wednesday, December 30

Depart on an overnight flight to Cairo.

CAIRO

Thursday, December 31

Arrive in Cairo in the late afternoon and transfer to the elegant Four Seasons at the First Residence Hotel, located near the Nile River. Gather for introductory remarks by our lecturers and enjoy a New Year's Eve reception.

CAIRO

Friday, January 1

Following a morning lecture on ancient Egypt, drive to nearby Giza for a guided tour of the Great Pyramids — one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. See the Sphinx, the Valley Temple of Chephren and the Solar Boat Museum, housing the cedar boat found near the pyramid of Khufu. Lunch is at the historic Mena House Hotel. The afternoon is at leisure prior to dinner at Abu El Seed, one of Cairo's finest restaurants.

CAIRO

Saturday, January 2

Focus on Cairo's Coptic and Islamic heritage during a morning stroll through the streets of the old city. Visit the Coptic Museum and Ibn Tulun Mosque, one of the oldest in Egypt. At the nearby Gayer-Anderson House, a restored Ottoman residence, admire the private collection of furniture, crystal, carpets and embroidered Arab costumes. Lunch is at the restaurant in Al Azhar Park, with stunning city views. This afternoon explore medieval Cairo, concluding at the colorful Khan el Khalili Bazaar. The balance of the day is at leisure.

CAIRO

Sunday, January 3

Drive to Memphis, once the glorious capital of the Old Kingdom, and explore the open-air museum. In Sakkara see the necropolis, site of the Step Pyramid of King Zoser dating from the 27th century B.C.E., which inspired subsequent pyramid designs in ancient Egypt. After lunch return to Cairo and the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, with relics from Tutankhamun's tomb. The evening is at leisure.

ST. CATHERINE'S MONASTERY ◆ LUXOR, EGYPT ◆ NILE ADVENTURER

Monday, January 4

Fly by privately-chartered plane to St. Catherine's Monastery, located at the foot of Mount Sinai, to view its impressive art and illuminated manuscript collection. Continue to Luxor and board the *Nile Adventurer* in time for a late lunch. Luxor was the religious capital of the ancient Egyptian empire. In the afternoon tour the outstanding Luxor Museum and continue to Luxor Temple for a twilight visit. Return to the ship for dinner.

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LUXOR ◆ ESNA, EGYPT

Tuesday, January 5

This morning visit Karnak Temple, remarkable for its exceptional state of preservation. Then drive to the West Bank of Luxor, site of the vast necropolis of ancient Thebes. View the famed Colossi of Memnon, the Valley of the Kings and the temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir el-Bahari. Continue to Esna and reboard the ship for a late lunch and a relaxed afternoon cruise.

EDFU ◆ KOM OMBO, EGYPT

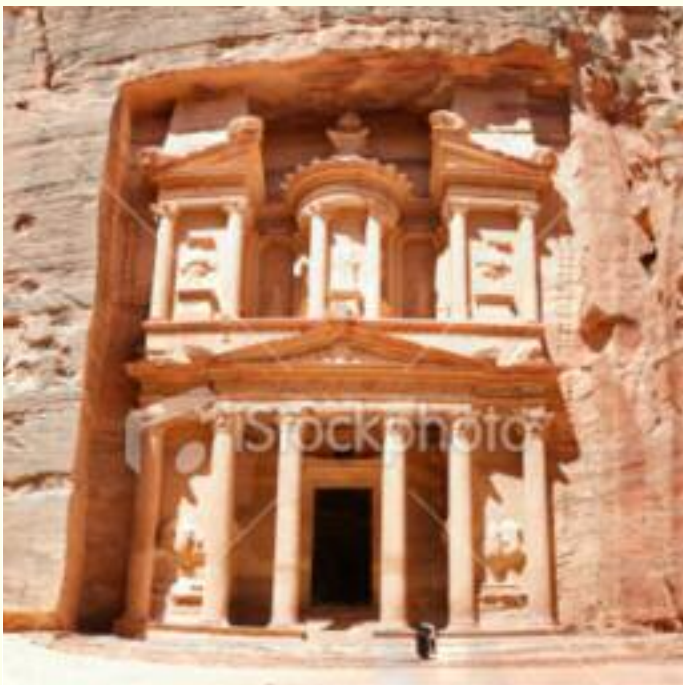
Wednesday, January 6

Step ashore at Edfu for a morning visit to the Temple of Horus whose reliefs retain many of their original colors. Return to the ship for lunch and a lecture. In the afternoon discover Kom Ombo Temple, decorated with a series of beautiful reliefs and offering splendid views of the Nile.

ASWAN, EGYPT

Thursday, January 7

Arrive in Aswan to visit the Temple of Philae and the granite quarries that provided stone used in the construction of Egypt's pyramids and obelisks. Enjoy an afternoon sail aboard a *felucca* (traditional sailboat), passing the lovely Kitchener Botanical Gardens.



The treasury, Petra.

ASWAN ◆ ABU SIMBEL, EGYPT ◆ PETRA, JORDAN

Friday, January 8

Disembark the *Nile Adventurer* after breakfast and board our private plane to Abu Simbel. Completed before 1255 B.C.E., the temples of Ramses II and his favorite wife, Queen Nefertari, are architectural treasures and great achievements of historic preservation. Fly to Aqaba, Jordan's port on the Red Sea, then drive to Petra and the Mövenpick Resort for dinner and a two-night stay.

PETRA

Saturday, January 9

Once the pre-Roman capital of the Nabataeans, Petra is astounding for its size and majesty. Early this morning we enter the *siq*, a narrow winding gorge accessible only on foot, to see the treasury and royal tombs. Following lunch, you may wish to visit the Nabataean Museum or climb to the High Place of Sacrifice for panoramic views. Dinner is at the hotel.

MADABA ◆ DEAD SEA, JORDAN

Sunday, January 10

Drive along the Desert Highway to Madaba and view the exquisite 3rd- to 7th-century mosaics, including a fragment depicting an ancient map of Palestine. After lunch see Mount Nebo, where Moses viewed the Promised Land. Continue to the Dead Sea and the Kempinski Ishtar Hotel. There will be time to experience the waters of the Dead Sea prior to our farewell dinner.

JERASH ◆ AMMAN, JORDAN

Monday, January 11

Discover Jerash, one of the best-preserved cities of ancient Rome, complete with temples, theaters, a forum and baths. Return to the hotel for an afternoon at leisure. Following a buffet dinner, transfer to Amman Airport for the flights home.

NEW YORK

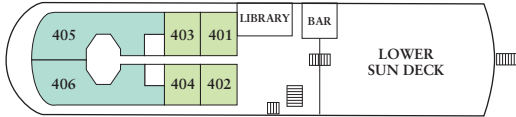
Tuesday, January 12

Arrive in New York in the late morning. ◆

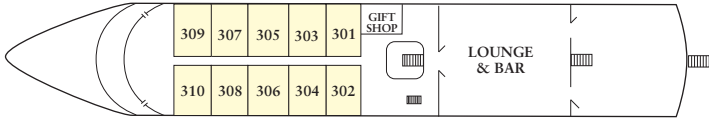
NILE ADVENTURER

Exclusively chartered for our group, the five-star air-conditioned *Nile Adventurer* was refurbished in 2009. All cabins have river views and private bathrooms with tub and shower. The Sun Deck has a small swimming pool. Meals, prepared by international chefs, are served in an elegant dining room. Music and nightly entertainment add to the pleasure of our Nile journey.

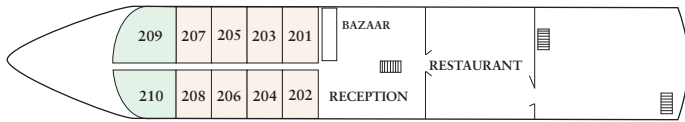
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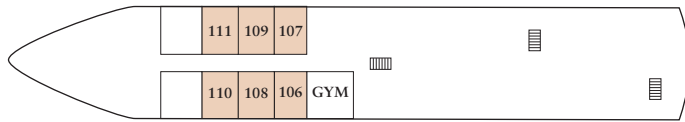
BRIDGE DECK



MAIN DECK



NILE DECK



View of the five-star Nile Adventurer and one of her standard cabins.

RATES & ACCOMMODATIONS

Cabin Categories (Description) Land / Cruise Rates (Per Person, Double Occupancy)

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|---------------------|------------|----------------|----------|
| Standard Cabins | 106 to 111 | Nile Deck | \$8,950 |
| Standard Cabins | 201 to 208 | Main Deck | \$9,450 |
| Standard Cabins | 301 to 310 | Bridge Deck | \$9,950 |
| Standard Cabins | 401 to 404 | Promenade Deck | \$10,450 |
| Deluxe Cabins | 209 & 210 | Main Deck | \$11,450 |
| Presidential Suites | 405 & 406 | Promenade Deck | \$11,950 |

Single supplement is \$2,795 for Nile and Main Deck cabins

RATES INCLUDE

- ♦ Four nights accommodations at Four Seasons at the First Residence Hotel, Cairo
- ♦ Four nights cabin accommodations aboard the *M.S. Nile Adventurer*
- ♦ Two nights hotel accommodations at Mövenpick Resort, Petra
- ♦ Two nights hotel accommodations at Kempinski Ishtar, Dead Sea
- ♦ Privately chartered flights: Cairo / St. Catherine's Monastery / Luxor ... Aswan / Abu Simbel / Aqaba
- ♦ All meals during the cruise. Breakfast daily, six lunches and five dinners on shore. Bottled water and coffee / tea with all meals
- ♦ Escorted sightseeing by private motorcoach with entrance fees for all included visits
- ♦ Airport / hotel / pier group transfers
- ♦ Gratuities to local guides and drivers; taxes, service and portage charges

NOT INCLUDED IN RATES International airfare; passport and visa fees; customary shipboard gratuities; alcoholic beverages other than house wine at dinners; personal items and expenses; airport transfers for those not on group flights; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

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To reserve a place, please return this form along with your deposit of \$1,500 per person (of which \$350 is non-refundable for administrative fees) payable to *Academic Arrangements Abroad*, 1040 Avenue of the Americas, 23rd Floor, New York, NY 10018-3721.

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- Enclosed is my check (payable to *Academic Arrangements Abroad*)
 Credit card (may be used for deposit only)

Names in Full as on Passports. Please Print.

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Zip

3- or 4-Digit Security Code

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Telephone (Home)

(Business)

Fax

E-mail

I/We confirm that I/we have carefully read and agree to the *Terms & Conditions* of this Program. I/We agree to full payment by check 120 days prior to departure. *Each participant must sign below.*

ACCOMMODATIONS

Nile Adventurer Cabin Preference (1) _____ (2) _____
 On-Shore Hotel Room Preference Double Twin
 Single (very limited availability)

Signature (Required)

Date

I wish to share a room/cabin with _____

Signature (Required)

Date

For additional information, please contact *Academic Arrangements Abroad*

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