Smith College presents

EGYPT &
THE ETERNAL NILE

November 14-28, 2016

15 days from $4,497 total price from Boston, New York, Wash, DC
($3,895 air, land & cruise inclusive plus $602 airline taxes and fees)

This tour is provided by
Odysseys Unlimited,
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An Exclusive Small Group Tour
for Smith Travel
Dear Alumnae and Friends,

Travel with Smith on a special 15-day journey to 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: the Egyptian Museum, the Sphinx, Sakkara, and the Pyramids of Giza. 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.

This air-inclusive journey is exclusive to Smith and limited to just 24 travelers. Our small group size enables us to move flexibly, enjoy spontaneous encounters, and foster a sense of Smith camaraderie. Call today to secure your space on this exceptional tour!

Warm regards,

Elizabeth Bigwood
Director, Smith Travel

SMITH TRAVEL RESERVATION FORM – EGYPT & THE ETERNAL LIFE

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $_______($500 per person) for ____ person(s) on Egypt & the Eternal Nile departing November 14, 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 send (with completed registration form) to: Smith Travel, Office of Alumnae Relations, 33 Elm Street, Northampton, MA 01063. For more information, please call Smith Travel at (800) 225-2029 or contact us via e-mail at alumtrav@smith.edu or fax us at (413) 585-2015.

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City _________________________________________________________ State __________ ZIP __________________

Home Ph. (______) _____________ Bus. Ph. (______) _________________________________

E-mail ____________________________ 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, November 14-28, 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.
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

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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

Cover photo: On Day 4 we travel to the Giza plateau to see the legendary pyramids.
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, 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, 3 lunches, 2 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

Post-Tour Extension

November 28-December 2, 2016
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.
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

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
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 Smith College, 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. Smith College 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 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, Smith College 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.