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The UC Santa Cruz Travel Program for the Curious

Egypt & the Eternal Nile

November 27-December 11, 2026

15 days for \$6,897 total price from San Francisco

(\$6,095 air, land & cruise inclusive plus \$802 airline taxes and fees)



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An Exclusive Small Group Tour for
Alumni & Friends of UC Santa Cruz



Dear Alumni and Friends,

We invite you to travel with us 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 visit to the brand new Grand Egyptian Museum, showcasing over 100,000 artifacts spanning 700,000 years of Egyptian history. Relax during a four-night cruise on Lake Nasser, visiting Abu Simbel along the way, then enjoy a classic Nile voyage that includes visits to Edfu's Temple of Horus and Luxor's acclaimed temples 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. See Memphis's open air museum, the renowned ancient sites of the Sphinx, Sakkara and the Pyramids of Giza. Explore Old Cairo, the city's oldest section, also known as Coptic Cairo due to its concentration of historic Coptic churches. A special opportunity to discover the treasures of Jordan is available with an optional 5-day/4-night "Jordan: Petra & Amman" post-tour extension.

Space is limited to only 24 guests, and we expect this tour to fill quickly. Book today!

Sincerely,

Nichole Silva (Stevenson '95)
Director, Strategic Travel and Experiences

**THE UC SANTA CRUZ INSPIRED EXPEDITIONS ALUMNI RESERVATION FORM:
EGYPT & THE ETERNAL NILE**

To reserve your place on tour, please call UC Santa Cruz Inspired Expeditions at 831-459-3689 or e-mail ietravel@ucsc.edu. Please have the information outlined below available to share with an Inspired Expeditions representative.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to UC Santa Cruz's Inspired Expeditions office. 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. If paying by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

Send to: **UC Santa Cruz Inspired Expeditions**
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I/We would like to request _____ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$500 per person.)

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

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

Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request an air upgrade to _____

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

Post-Tour "Jordan: Petra & Amman" Extension: Please sign me/us up

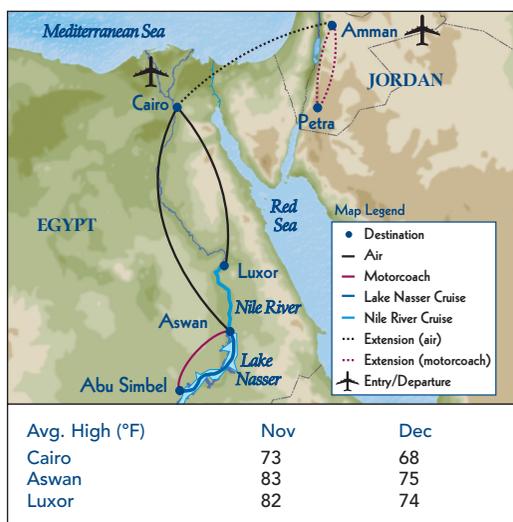
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Accompanied by an expert Egyptian guide, this singular small group journey through antiquity travels from vibrant Cairo and the Great Pyramids to Abu Simbel and the Upper Nile for a fascinating cruise on Lake Nasser. Then: a classic voyage along the 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, we tour the exciting (and recently opened) Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM). The GEM's collection showcases over 700,000 years of Egyptian history. After our guided tour, we enjoy lunch and free time for further exploration of the museum on our own. Tonight, we enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. *B,L,D*

Day 4: Cairo/Aswan/Embark Lake Nasser Cruise Early this morning we fly to Aswan. Upon arrival, we visit the Aswan High Dam, considered a marvel of engineering when completed in 1965. Then we board our Lake Nasser ship in time for lunch then disembark to explore the ruins of the acclaimed Temples of Philae. Tonight we dine on board as we overnight in Aswan. *B,L,D*

Day 5: Lake Nasser Cruising – Kalabsha Temples/Wadi el-Seboua Today we see some sights of ancient Nubia, Egypt's neighbor in antiquity but with a distinct culture and traditions. We stop first at "new" Kalabsha, the largest freestanding temple of them all that was moved and reconstructed on higher ground after the construction of the Aswan High Dam (and the subsequent flooding that created Lake Nasser). 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/Amada This morning we see two important New Kingdom temples that, like Kalabsha, were dismantled and relocated to make way for Lake Nasser. We explore Wadi el-Seboua, the next largest of all the pharaonic temples after Abu Simbel, and see the Temple of Dakka, with its huge, well-preserved pylon. Upon returning to our boat, we sail on to Amada, where we encounter the oldest of Nubia's Egyptian temples, the 18th-dynasty Temple of Amada. *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
4-7	Aswan/Lake Nasser cruise	M/S Omar el Khayam	Sup. First Class
8-10	Nile cruise	M/S Royal Lotus	Deluxe
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: Lake Nasser Cruising – Amada/Kasr Ibrim/ Abu Simbel We sail this morning to Kasr Ibrim, the last remaining Nubian settlement in its original location. As it is forbidden to go ashore here, we learn about this ancient site while overlooking it from the ship’s sun deck. Then we continue on to Abu Simbel’s massive complex of temples guarded by statues of Ramses II and his wife Nefertari, with well-preserved murals inside. *B,L,D*

Day 8: Disembark/Abu Simbel/Aswan/Embark Nile Cruise Ship We disembark then travel by coach to Aswan, where we board our Nile ship. This afternoon we tour the Nubia Museum, an acclaimed showcase of Nubian art and architecture, then dine and overnight aboard our Nile ship in Aswan. *B,L,D*

Day 9: Nile Cruising – Aswan/Kom Ombo/Edfu This morning we board small *feluccas*, replicas of ancient Nile sailboats, for a relaxing sail. Back on board our cruise ship, we sail on to Edfu, where tonight we attend a shipboard party. *B,L,D*

Day 10: Nile Cruising – Edfu/Luxor/East Bank This morning we visit Edfu’s Temple of Horus, Egypt’s best preserved ancient temple. 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. Back on board, tonight we enjoy a show of Middle Eastern belly dancing. *B,L,D*

Day 11: Disembark/Luxor/West Bank We have the choice to rise very early to see the West Bank from

above on an optional hot air balloon ride (at additional cost). After we disembark our ship later this morning, we tour the haunting Valley of the Kings, where 34 royal tombs feature magnificent paintings; the Valley of the Queens; and the dramatic 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 own tomb. *B,L*

Post-Tour Extension

December 11-15, 2026

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



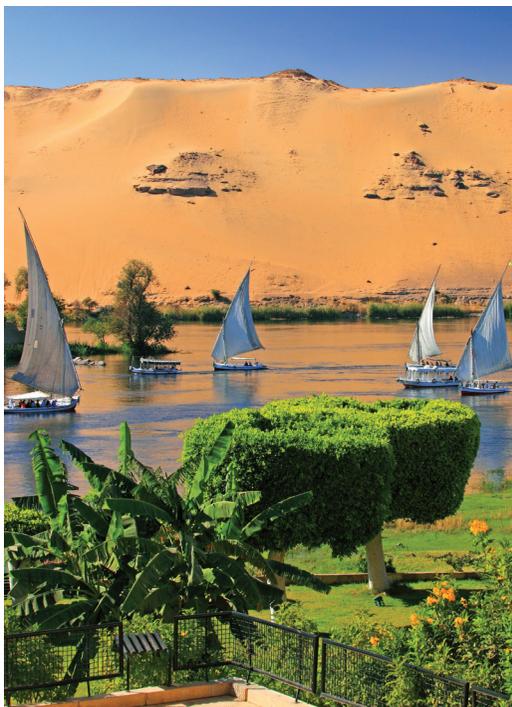
THE CHARM OF EGYPT
HAD LAID HOLD OF ME.”

– AGATHA CHRISTIE

Day 12: Luxor/Cairo We fly to Cairo today, where this morning we visit Khan el-khalili bazaar, the sprawling, 700-year-old souk. Then we tour the Citadel of Saladin, housing the alabaster Mosque of Muhammad Ali. *B*

Day 13: Cairo This morning we encounter the Giza Plateau and its three famed pyramids, including the Great Pyramid, which ranks among the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. After lunch at a local restaurant, explore Old Cairo, including 5th-century St. Sergius Church, the Coptic church of el-Muallaqa, and the active 10th-century St. George’s church. Dinner tonight is on our own. *B,L*

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*



We sail traditional feluccas along the Nile.

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

Lake Nasser Cruise

M/S Omar el Khayam



Nile Cruise

M/S Royal Lotus



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: November 27, 2026

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 – \$5,295 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).

Please contact Odysseys Unlimited for information on our new Flexible Travel program, which allows you to arrive on tour up to three days before your tour begins and/or extend your stay after touring ends.

For more information and reservations, please call Inspired Expeditions at 831-459-3689, or e-mail ietravel@ucsc.edu

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following is intended to provide you with a description of what to expect when you reserve this tour. Upon booking, you will be asked to acknowledge your acceptance of the full Terms and Conditions on the secure on-line portal, My Odyssey.

Not Included in Tour Price: Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; 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.

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 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 UC Santa Cruz Inspired Expeditions, 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. UC Santa Cruz Inspired Expeditions 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 as well as keep pace with 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, UC Santa Cruz Inspired Expeditions 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 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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