Egypt & the Eternal Nile

15 days from $5,997 total price from Boston, New York
($5,295 air, land & cruise inclusive plus $702 airline taxes and fees)

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 Today’s tour starts at the open-air museum at Memphis, Egypt’s first capital (3100 BCE). 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. Here, we encounter the enigmatic Sphinx, whose leonine body and human face were carved from a single piece of limestone. B,L

Day 5: Cairo/Aswan/Embark Lake Nasser Cruise Early this morning we fly south to Aswan then continue by coach across the edge of the Sahara to Abu Simbel. We board our Lake Nasser 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 & Light show at Abu Simbel. B,L,D

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

Day 7: Lake Nasser Cruising – Valley of the Lions/Aswan This morning we visit the striking avenue of sphinxes in Wadi el-Seboua’s “Valley of the Lions” then cruise to Aswan. B,L

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 Agilkia Island before boarding our Nile cruise ship. This afternoon we embark small feluccas, replicas of ancient Nile sailboats, for a relaxing sail.

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Day 9: Nile Cruising – Kom Ombo/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 237 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  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; the Valley of the Queens; and the 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 mortuary temple. *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. 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 have the choice to rise early to see the West Bank from above on a hot air balloon ride. We disembark our ship this morning and tour Luxor Museum, housing relics discovered at the site. After lunch together, we transfer to our hotel. Dinner tonight is on our own. *B,L*

Day 13: Luxor/Cairo  We fly to Cairo today. After checking in at our hotel, we visit the lively Khan el-Khalili bazaar. This afternoon is free for independent exploration. *B*

Day 14: Cairo  This morning we encounter Old Cairo, the district where early capital cities once stood. We visit 5th-century St. Sergius Church, the Coptic church of el-Muallaqa, and Ben Ezra Synagogue, built in 882. Midday we return to our hotel where 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*

**Tours Depart: February 3, 2025 & February 17, 2025 & November 3, 2025**

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

- Boston, New York: $5,997
- Chicago, Houston: $6,297
- Los Angeles, Washington, DC: $6,397
- Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati: $6,397
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- Phoenix, Portland (OR): $6,497
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Land Only (transfers not included): $4,895

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Single travelers please add $1,395. All tour prices include international airfare and all 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).

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking on uneven ground and at sites of ancient ruins. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to its fullest.

**Our UCLA Alumni Trip to Egypt was fantastic! So much history, such a great tour guide, and wonderful fellow travelers. This was our fifth UCLA trip and we have never been disappointed.”**

– Naim and Marianne MLS ’93 Afifi

**Post-Tour Extension**

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5 days/4 nights for $1,795 total price

Single Supplement: $435

Discover the fabled “rose-red city, half as old as time” on this exciting exploration.

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**Your Tour Price Includes**

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- 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
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- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers
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Tour Prices
Tour prices quoted are guaranteed through December 31, 2025, and include accommodations based on double occupancy; airfare from your departure city; airline taxes, surcharges, and fees, and port charges and cruise line fees (where applicable), which are subject to change until final payment has been made; internal air, rail, and motorcoach transportation; meals, sightseeing, and transfers as described; hotel taxes; entrance fees for included sightseeing; the services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director; services of a UCLA Lecturer or Host with a minimum of 15 travelers; luggage handling for one bag per person; and all gratuities as described below. Please note that the cost of air upgrades is subject to change.

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Tour prices include all gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers on base tours and on optional extensions when accompanied by an Odysseys Unlimited representative. Please note that gratuities for the Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour), which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: $10-$15 per guest, per day); and a Travel Protection Plan. Additional baggage fees levied directly by the airline(s) 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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Airfare from your hometown to your departure city; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; immunizations and inoculations; communications charges; airport transfers when purchasing a land-only package; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour), which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: $10-$15 per guest, per day); and a Travel Protection Plan. Additional baggage fees levied directly by the airline(s) may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Registration and Payment
A deposit of $500 per person confirms your reservation. Full payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure and may be made by personal check or credit card. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. reserves the right to cancel any reservations that are not paid in full at any time after final payment is due. If you make your reservation after the final payment date, payment in full will be required upon reservation.

Cancellations and Refunds
If you must cancel your tour, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:

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Important Information About Your Tour

General Terms and Conditions

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

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64-30 days: 75% of tour price
29-0 days: No refund

Please note that we will not refund the cost of any
unused portion of your tour package, should you
or your travel companion cancel your participation
during the tour. If because of low participation
Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. cancels your tour, you will
receive a complete refund of all payments you have
made to us.

Pre-Departure
Upon reservation, you will be able to access all
information regarding your tour in My Odyssey,
our secure on-line portal. This material includes
your invoice, a detailed day-by-day itinerary, visa
requirements (if applicable), and more. Your final
tour documents, including airline itineraries (with
e-ticket numbers), will be available in the portal two
to three weeks before departure.

Single Travelers
We welcome single travelers, and offer a limited
number of single accommodations on each tour.
Because hotel and cruise rates are priced by the room
or cabin, the per person cost for accommodations
occupied by one person is higher than that shared
by two people. We will endeavor to keep single
supplements at a reasonable cost. Please note that
single rooms in many foreign hotels may be smaller
than those to which you are accustomed.

Changes to Your Reservation
We will not charge a fee for any changes made
to your reservation outside of 95 days before
departure. From 94 to 30 days before departure,
if you make any changes to your reservation, a
$100 per person administrative fee will apply, in
addition to any fees or penalties imposed by airlines,
hotels, or other third parties. Changes are subject
to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your
reservation changes from double occupancy to
single occupancy for any reason or at any time,
you will be charged the single supplement.

Please note that no changes to your name(s) or
departure date are allowed within 95 days of
departure. No changes to your reservation can
be made within 30 days of departure.

Required Information
Upon reservation, we will need to obtain from you
the following, in accordance with the Transportation
Security Administration’s (TSA) Secure Flight
program (for details, please visit www.tsa.gov), as well
as for our travel partners: for international tours
– your full name as it appears on your passport,
date of birth, and gender; for domestic tours
– your full name as it appears on the accepted
form of government-issued photo identification
that you plan to use, date of birth, and gender. In
addition, airlines may require that we provide them
with your contact information prior to departure.
In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect
information you have provided, or if you use a
different passport (international tours) or other form
of government issued photo identification (domestic
tours) than originally cited, you will be responsible
for charges associated with the ticket’s reissue.

Travel Documents
A passport valid for at least six months after the
completion of your tour is required for U.S. citizens
on all of our international tours. For all domestic
tours, where we fly into a U.S. city to begin the tour
or out of a U.S. city at the end, you must present a
valid U.S. government-issued photo identification.
Starting on May 7, 2025, your government-issued
photo ID must be REAL ID-compliant (or you
can present an alternate form of ID, such as a
passport). Visit www.dhs.gov/real-id or contact
your local DMV for more information. If your tour
requires a visa(s), we strongly recommend that you
have at least six blank visa pages available; for tours
not requiring a visa(s), we recommend that your
passport have at least three blank visa pages. We
will send you specific visa and entry requirements
after you make a reservation. You are responsible for
obtaining these documents. If you need to obtain
a visa, we recommend our preferred provider G3
Global Services. If you are traveling with a minor,
please contact us for special entry requirements.
If you are not a U.S. citizen, please contact your
embassy or consulate to ensure you obtain the
proper documentation.
Smoking
For the convenience of the majority of our travelers, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. has a No Smoking policy (including e-cigarettes and vaping) on all tour buses. We will arrange sufficient rest stops so those who wish to smoke may do so.

Health and Medical Issues
We welcome all travelers, but request that you be in good health to participate in an Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. tour. All of our tours involve a reasonable amount of walking (typically two to three miles per day), often uphill or on uneven or cobblestone streets. You must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own. We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance if you require the use of a wheelchair or have other personal needs; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our 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 ask that all guests review our guidelines for health on tour, which can be found on our website: www.odysseys-unlimited.com/travel-health.

Air Transportation
Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round trip economy air from designated departure 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 more direct service, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates that enable us to offer you the best possible travel value. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. Please note that seat assignment on your 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. In addition, we recommend that you not purchase your tickets until final payment is due. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and the UCLA Alumni Association will incur no liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes therein. In any event, neither Odysseys's Unlimited, Inc., nor the UCLA Alumni Association is responsible for losses, direct or indirect, or missed components of a trip which result from air delays, cancellations, rerouting or any other air-related problem.

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