

# Egypt & the Eternal Nile

September 30-October 14, 2024

**15 days for \$6,697 total price from San Francisco**  
(**\$5,995** air, land & cruise inclusive plus **\$702** airline taxes and fees)



An Exclusive Small Group Tour  
for the Commonwealth Club



Dear Club Travelers,

We invite you to join us on an exclusive 15-day small group journey to Egypt. Led by an expert Egyptian guide, witness thousands of years of history on a unique, exciting itinerary.

The tour begins in Egypt's capital and largest city, Cairo, with the Egyptian Museum and its renowned ancient sites: the Sphinx, Sakkara, and the Pyramids of Giza. Next, enjoy a relaxing three-night cruise on Lake Nasser before going on a classic Nile voyage that includes visits to Edfu's Temple of Horus and Luxor's acclaimed temples and tombs. After exploring both the Valley of the Kings and the Valley of the Queens, see Karnak—arguably the greatest temple complex of them all. The tour concludes back in Cairo with a stop at the lively Khan el-Khalili bazaar, followed by an exploration of Old Cairo. 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 24 guests, and we expect this tour to fill quickly. Book today!

Sincerely,

Kristina Nemeth, Director of Travel

#### COMMONWEALTH CLUB RESERVATION FORM: EGYPT & THE ETERNAL NILE

To reserve your place on tour, **please call The Commonwealth Club at (415) 597-6720 or e-mail [travel@commonwealthclub.org](mailto:travel@commonwealthclub.org)**. Please have the information outlined below available to share with a Commonwealth Club representative.

**If you prefer**, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to The Commonwealth Club's 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: **The Commonwealth Club**  
**110 The Embarcadero**  
**San Francisco, CA 94105**

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I/We would like to request \_\_\_\_\_ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$500 per person.)

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E-mail(s) \_\_\_\_\_ 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 ☐

We require membership in the Commonwealth Club to travel with us. Please check one of the following options:

☐ I am a current member of the Commonwealth Club.

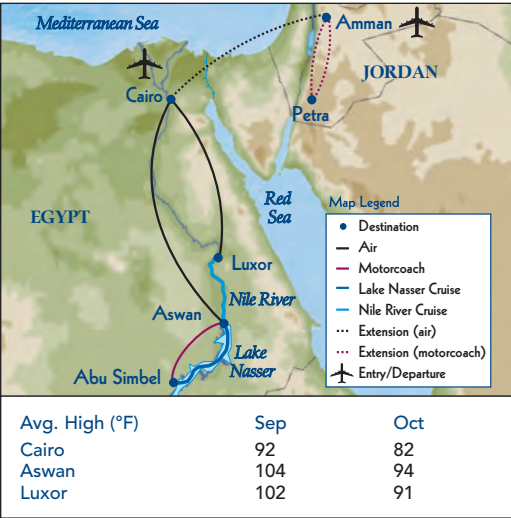
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Tour membership limited to 24 guests

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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.*



**Monday, September 30: Depart U.S. for Cairo, Egypt**

**Tuesday, October 1: Arrive in 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.

**Wednesday, October 2: 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*

**Thursday, October 3: 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*

**Friday, October 4: Cairo/Abu Simbel/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 High Dam. Tonight we watch a dramatic Sound & Light show at Abu Simbel. *B,L,D*

**Saturday, October 5: 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*

**Sunday, October 6: Lake Nasser Cruising – Valley of the Lions/Aswan** This morning we visit the striking

## Small Group Tour Highlights

Cairo's intriguing ancient sites, including the Great Pyramids, Sphinx, Memphis, Sakkara • Old Cairo touring • Renowned Egyptian Museum • Abu Simbel's dramatic temples • Sound & Light show at Abu Simbel • Lake Nasser cruise through ancient Nubian homeland • Aswan's temples at Kalabsha • Nile felucca sail • Nile River cruise • Aswan Dam visit • Ancient temple complexes at Karnak and Luxor • Valley of the Kings and Valley of the Queens • Egypt's inestimable historic atmosphere

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Cairo		
2-4	Cairo	Sofitel Cairo el Gezirah	Deluxe
5-7	Abu Simbel/Lake Nasser cruise	M/S Prince Abbas	Sup. First Class
8-11	Nile cruise	M/S Sun Ray	Deluxe
12	Luxor	Steigenberger Nile Palace	Sup. First Class
13-14	Cairo	Sofitel Cairo el Gezirah	Deluxe
15	Depart Cairo for U.S.		

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

Cover photo: On Thursday, October 3 we travel to the Giza plateau to see the legendary pyramids.





The magnificent temples at Abu Simbel commemorate Ramses II and his queen, Nefertari.

avenue of sphinxes in Wadi el-Seboua’s “Valley of the Lions” then cruise to Aswan. *B,L,D*

**Monday, October 7: 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 High 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. Back on board our ship tonight we enjoy the Captain’s welcome cocktail party. *B,L,D*

**Tuesday, October 8: 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*

**Wednesday, October 9: 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*

**Thursday, October 10: 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 boasts a breadth and diversity of buildings not seen elsewhere. We also explore Luxor Temple,

Post-Tour Extension

October 14-18, 2024

Jordan: Petra & Amman

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. 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



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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*

**Friday, October 11: 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 later this morning and visit the Luxor Museum, housing relics discovered at the site. After lunch together, we transfer to our hotel. Dinner tonight is on our own. *B,L*

**Saturday, October 12: 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*

### Lake Nasser Cruise

*M/S Prince Abbas*



### Nile Cruise

*M/S Sun Ray*



## 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
- Commonwealth Club representative at 15 guests
- Educational lectures including US Embassy and/or Consulate visit
- 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



*We sail traditional feluccas along the Nile.*

**Sunday, October 13: Cairo** This morning we encounter Old Cairo, the district where early capital cities once stood and now only remnants remain. We visit 5<sup>th</sup>-century St. Sergius Church, the Coptic church of el-Muallaqa, and the active 10<sup>th</sup>-century St. George's church. Midday we return to our hotel where tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner. *B,D*

**Monday, October 14: Depart for U.S.** Very early this morning we transfer to the airport for our return flight to the U.S. *B*

## Tour Departs:

**September 30, 2024**

Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

San Francisco, Denver, Portland	\$6,697
Boston, New York	\$6,197
Chicago, Los Angeles, Washington D.C.	\$6,497
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$5,095

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 \$702, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,395. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: \$4,995 per person; Premium Economy – \$1,695 per person (upgrade subject to availability and pricing subject to change). Upgrade cost 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.

**Contact Club Travel at**

**415-597-6720**

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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; immunizations, inoculations, and COVID-19 testing; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing or shore excursions; 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.**

**Eligibility:** We require membership in the Commonwealth Club to travel with us. People who live outside of the Bay Area may purchase a national membership. To learn about membership types and to purchase a membership, visit [commonwealthclub.org/membership](http://commonwealthclub.org/membership) or call (415) 597-6720.

**Insurance:** We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event you must cancel your participation in the travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be your only source of reimbursement. You will be sent information about insurance upon registration.

**Responsibility:** The liability of the Commonwealth Club, as sponsor, 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. The Commonwealth Club 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 organize 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:** You must 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.** 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, the Commonwealth Club 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 less resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

**COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols:** *The well-being of our guests and staff members on tour will continue to be our highest priorities. To maintain a healthy environment for travel, we will be establishing and adhering to a detailed set of health and safety protocols for all facets of your tour. We are committed to following the guidelines of the State Department, CDC, WHO, and authorities of respective countries regarding travel to a particular destination. Detailed protocols for this tour, based on conditions at the time, will be provided to you prior to your departure.*

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