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Dear Vanderbilt Traveler,

In a country where incredible discoveries happen almost on a daily basis, we are pleased to invite you on this extraordinary journey of exploration to the land of incomparable archaeological treasures...Egypt!

Special highlights of the program include:

- *Go “mano-a-mano” with the Sphinx. Vanderbilt travelers are granted exclusive access to the Sphinx Paws on the ground level of the granite quarry from which it was carved in 2500 BCE!*
- *Enter the Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM) in the shadow of Ramses II’s giant statue and see the Grand Staircase decorated with stunning Pharaonic statues*
- *Private visit to Queen Nefertari’s Tomb, considered to be the most beautiful of all the Egyptian tombs*
- *Visit the three massive Great Pyramids of Giza: Khufu, Khafre & Menkaure*
- *See the famous Dream Stela of Pharaoh Thutmosis IV that tells the story of the king as a young boy taking a rest in the shadow of the Sphinx*
- *Take a fascinating stroll along El Moaz Street in the Khan el Khalili Bazaar past the most beautiful Islamic architecture in Egypt*
- *Learn how the Madrasa at Sultan Hassan Mosque taught and balanced the four different Islamic sects*
- *Explore a Nubian village in Aswan where you are hosted by the Local Elder*

Your accommodations are in Egypt’s most majestic hotels. Begin with the luxurious Four Seasons Nile Plaza in Cairo, located directly on the River Nile. In Aswan, stay two nights at the magical Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Hotel, original built by the British in 1902. After a three-night Nile cruise aboard the all suite Sonesta Sun Goddess, treasure your time at the Sofitel Old Winter Palace where Agatha Christie wrote *Death on the Nile*. Your final night is at the elegant new Waldorf-Astoria Cairo Heliopolis.

An optional four-night postlude to Jordan & the magnificent Nabatean ruins at Petra is offered at the end of this program. Also featured are visits to famous Wadi Rum, an exploration of the wonderful Roman site of Jerash and a culinary walking tour of Old Amman.

We look forward to having you join us on this spectacular journey of discovery through Egypt and Jordan!

Sincerely,

Cary DeWitt Allyn
Director, Vanderbilt Travel Program

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 25: DEPART USA

EN ROUTE

Depart USA on your overnight flight to Cairo.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26: ARRIVE CAIRO

FOUR SEASONS NILE PLAZA

Upon arrival in Cairo, you are met and transferred to your elegant hotel located directly on the River Nile.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27: CAIRO

FOUR SEASONS NILE PLAZA

SPECIAL EVENT: Go & “mano-a-mano” with the Sphinx Paws on a private visit with giant man/beast that has puzzled men for generations. See the three Great Pyramids of Giza: Khufu, Khafre & Menkaure. Your day ends with an incredible visit to the Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM). Welcome to Egypt dinner! (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28: CAIRO

FOUR SEASONS NILE PLAZA

Start today with the new Royal Mummies Room at the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization. Later walk along el Moaz Street to see the exquisite Islamic architecture in Old Cairo and the Khan el Khalili Bazaar. End your day at beautiful Sultan Hassan Mosque. (B,L)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29: CAIRO / ASWAN

SOFITEL LEGEND OLD CATARACT HOTEL

Fly to Aswan. Upon arrival see Elephantine Island and the ongoing archaeological excavations. Afterwards, stroll through the Nubian Village where you are hosted by the Local Elder. This evening is special as you dine at the hotel’s famous 1902 Restaurant, famous as the ballroom in the movie version of Agatha Christie’s *Death on the Nile*. (B,D)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30: ASWAN

SOFITEL LEGEND OLD CATARACT HOTEL

Tour the Nubian Museum featuring a wonderful collection of artifacts and displays from Pharaonic Egypt, interestingly from the Nubian perspective. Later take a walking tour of Aswan’s vibrant bazaar and dazzling Spice Market. This evening attend a Sound & Light Performance at Philae Temple. (B)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31: EMBARK NILE CRUISE

SONESTA SUN GODDESS

Morning air excursion to Abu Simbel, the massive temple built by Pharaoh Ramses II. Return to Aswan and embark your Nile cruise for lunch. This afternoon is a delightful felucca sailing excursion around Elephantine and Lord Kitchener’s Islands. (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1: NILE CRUISE

SONESTA SUN GODDESS

Cruise to Kom Ombo and explore the temple shared by two gods, Sobek and Haroeries. Continue north to Edfu and the spectacular Temple of Horus, the most well preserved of all Pharaonic temples. (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2: NILE CRUISE

SONESTA SUN GODDESS

Morning cruise to Luxor. Tour Karnak Temple with its massive hypostyle hall consisting of 134 columns and labyrinthine passageways. Continue to Luxor Temple with its famous Avenue of Sphinxes. (B,L,D)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3: DISEMBARK NILE CRUISE / LUXOR

SOFITEL OLD WINTER PALACE HOTEL

Travel to the West Bank of Luxor to visit the Colossi of Memnon, the excavations currently being conducted on Amenhotep’s Mortuary Temple, the Valley of Kings including King Tut’s Tomb, and the tombs of Ramses VI and Seti I. **SPECIAL VISIT** to Queen Nefertari’s Tomb in the Valley of the Queens, reputed to be the most beautiful of all the Pharaonic tombs. Enjoy at relaxing lunch at Marsam Gardens. (B,L)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4: LUXOR / CAIRO

WALDORF ASTORIA CAIRO HELIOPOLIS

Return to the West Bank for additional explorations to Medinat Habu Temple, the Ramesseum and Tombs of the Nobles. Afternoon return flight to Cairo. This evening is your Farewell Dinner in Heliopolis. (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5: DEPART CAIRO

EN ROUTE

Transfer to Cairo International Airport for your return flight to the USA. Welcome Home! (B)

JORDAN POSTLUDE: PETRA & WADI RUM • FEBRUARY 5 – 9, 2025

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5:

Flight to Amman. Take the King's Way to Petra via Madaba, Mt. Nebo and Shobak Crusader Castle. (B,L)

MOVENPICK PETRA HOTEL

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6:

Full day exploring the lost, rose-colored city of Petra. Hike or donkey ride to the Monastery. (B,L)

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7:

Morning visit to Wadi Rum, Lawrence of Arabia's secret desert hideaway. Return to Amman. (B,L)

FOUR SEASONS AMMAN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8:

Morning visit the Roman ruins of Jerash. Afternoon culinary walking tour of Old Amman. (B,L)

FOUR SEASONS AMMAN

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9:

Morning transfer to Amman's Queen Ali International Airport for your return flight to the USA. Welcome Home! (B)

EN ROUTE

Cost of Adventure:

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CAIRO / AMMAN FLIGHT: \$445 PP ECONOMY CLASS

INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE NOT INCLUDED • GUIDANCE PROVIDED

All airfares quoted are based on current fares subject to increase prior to ticketing.

Included in your program are:

- Accommodation in hotels mentioned including breakfast daily • 3-night Nile cruise including all meals & daily touring schedule
- All tours mentioned in program on a private basis including entrance fees • All transfers by private air-conditioned vehicles.
 - Meals as indicated by **(B)**, **(L)**, **(D)** **B**=Breakfast, **L**=Lunch, **D**=Dinner • Meet & greet services at all airports for arrivals and departures • Air excursion to Abu Simbel • EgyptAir internal flights – Cairo / Aswan & Luxor / Cairo
 - Gratuities for Egyptologists, drivers, representatives and two pieces of luggage per person

Not Included are:

- International airfare from the USA and return • Cost of entrance visas • Items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone/internet/WiFi, all drinks, incidental expenses at hotel and aboard ship, etc • Trip cancellation insurance

Payment Schedule:

- A \$1000 per person deposit is required to confirm services
 - Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure
- Payment is accepted by personal check, wire transfer and all major credit cards

Rates & Fares:

- All rates shown are accurate at the time of publication and are subject to change
- Prices are based on foreign exchange rates the company feels will be in effect at the time of departure

Refunds & Cancellations:

All cancellations must be in writing. The per person cancellation charges are:

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- There is no refund for a partially completed tour or for unused services of any kind

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*“My name is Ozymandias, King of Kings:
Look on my Works, ye Mighty, and despair!”*

– Percy Bysshe Shelley, 1817

Upon seeing the giant status of Ramses II at the Ramasseum



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