An epic journey through antiquity highlighted by stays at luxury hotels and aboard a stately dahabiya.
Dear W&L Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

Of all the lands visited by the W&L Traveller over the years, Egypt is the destination that resounds most in our memory. Here is the fabled realm of the pharaohs, who left us the most vividly preserved of human histories. Here, near the miracle of the Nile, stand the colossal pyramids and towering temples of an ancient civilization that thrived for millennia, protected by the trackless wastes of the Sahara. Here, in the delicate reliefs and wall paintings of ancient tombs can be found the beauty and grace of mortality and its longing for an afterlife.

I’m pleased to invite you to join us on W&L’s latest expedition to Egypt. The new Cairo Museum beckons, and indeed the crowds are back. During the recent lull in Egyptian tourism, the hospitality industry has refurbished Egypt’s classic hotels to even grander standards of luxury. The Nile is again thronged with a flotilla of cruise boats glinting in the relentless sun. The question is, how does one make the visit?

As you will read in this brochure, we have found a way not only to enjoy the best of Egyptian hospitality but to explore the immense span of Egyptian history in relative comfort and privacy. We’ll observe the Great Pyramid emerge from dusk of the Giza plateau from our balconies at the Mena House. We’ll relax in the opulence of the newly restored Winter Palace, choosing our times to visit Karnak Temple and the Valley of Kings when the cruise boats have retired. We’ll savor the exquisite tranquility of the Nile from our tandem 14-guest barges (dahabiyas). Finally, in Aswan, we’ll enjoy a sweeping view of the Nile from the exquisitely refurbished Old Cataract Hotel. This is a trip of wonders with the leisure and the calm to enjoy them.

Space on this all-inclusive program is limited. Now that the virus is fading, we anticipate that the tour will fill quickly, so we recommend that you reserve your spot at your earliest convenience. You may phone us at (540) 458-8723 to place your reservation.

Sincerely,

Robert Fure, Ph.D.
Director of Lifelong Learning

As we embark on this new world of group travel, the health and well-being of our guests, our team, and the communities we visit remain our top priority. For a detailed listing of the enhanced safety measures and hygiene protocols specific to our tours, please visit www.orbridge.com/wellness.

Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Each year we plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an on-going initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts. Learn more at orbridge.com/going-green.
Uncover
• Enjoy two full days exploring Cairo, visiting the Great Pyramid and the Sphinx, the Grand Egyptian Museum, and Khan El-Khalili bazaar.
• In Luxor, view the Karnak Temple Complex—one of the largest religious buildings in the world, which includes contributions from approximately thirty pharaohs over thousands of years.
• Travel beside the Nile to Abydos to marvel at the colorful carvings in the Temple of Seti I and view the Abydos King List, which was instrumental to understanding Ancient Egyptian history.
• On the west bank of Luxor, visit the Valley of the Kings and Nobles, the Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut, and Colossi of Memnon.
• During an optional excursion (additional fee), view the temples of Abu Simbel carved into a massive rock cliff, which were relocated and perfectly reconstructed after building the High Dam in the early 1960s.

Sail
• Embark in Esna aboard a private dahabiya—a traditional Egyptian sailing vessel—for four nights on the Nile River.
• Sail to Elephantine Island, the only ongoing excavation site open to tourists, to view its sacred temples and traditional Nubian villages.

What’s Included
• 8 nights luxury hotel accommodations plus 4 nights aboard a stately dahabiya
• 12 breakfasts, 10 lunches, and 8 dinners
• All excursions listed on the 14-day itinerary, including admission to sites and venues
• Excursion transportation
• Internal airfare from Cairo to Sohag and Aswan to Cairo
• Gratuities to hotels, drivers, dahabiya staff, porters, and guides
• Group airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

Your 14-Day Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 1: En Route from U.S.
Day 2: Arrive in Cairo, Egypt
   Evening at leisure
   Overnight: Marriott Mena House
Day 3: Cairo / Giza (B,L,D)
   Great Pyramid, Great Sphinx, Grand Egyptian Museum, welcome dinner
   Overnight: Marriott Mena House
Day 4: Cairo / Memphis / Cairo (B,L)
   Sakkara Necropolis, Mosque of Sultan Hassan, Old Cairo, Coptic Churches, Khan El-Khalili bazaar
   Overnight: Marriott Mena House
Day 5: Cairo / Flight to Sohag / Abydos / Luxor (B,L,D)
   Abydos temples
   Overnight: Sofitel Winter Palace Luxor
Day 6: Luxor (B,L)
   Valley of the Kings, Hatshepsut, Colossi of Memnon, Luxor Temple by night
   Overnight: Sofitel Winter Palace Luxor
Day 7: Luxor / Esna – Embarkation (B,L,D)
   Karnak Temple Complex
   Overnight: Dahabiya
Day 8: Nile River / Edfu (B,L,D)
   El Kab tombs, Temple of Horus
   Overnight: Dahabiya
Day 9: Edfu / Nile / Kom Ombo (B,L,D)
   Gebel el-Silsila, special island barbecue dinner
   Overnight: Dahabiya
Day 10: Kom Ombo / Nile / Aswan (B,L,D)
   Temple of Kom Ombo, gala dinner
   Overnight: Dahabiya
Day 11: Aswan – Disembarkation (B,L)
   High Dam, Philae Temple, evening market tour
   Overnight: Sofitel Legend Cataract
Day 12: Aswan (B,D)
   Elephantine Island, lunch at Nubian house
   Overnight: Sofitel Legend Cataract
Day 13: Aswan / Optional Abu Simbel Excursion / Flight to Cairo (B,L,D)
   Abu Simbel excursion (additional fee) or leisure time, flight to Cairo
   Overnight: Le Méridien Cairo Airport
Day 14: Cairo / Depart for U.S. (B)
   (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)

Activity Level: Activities are generally not very strenuous, however, we expect that guests can enjoy two hours or more of walking, are sure-footed on uneven surfaces, and can walk up and down stairs without assistance.
Hotel Accommodations (subject to change)

MARRIOTT MENA HOUSE – CAIRO

While touring bustling Cairo, spend leisure time and evenings amidst the luxurious and modern comforts of Marriott Mena House, located just 45 minutes outside of the city. Originally built as a hunting lodge in 1869, Mena House served as a private residence until 1886, when it was opened to the public as a hotel. It has hosted a variety of visitors, including Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Winston Churchill, Frank Sinatra, and Charlie Chaplin.

Guest rooms offer glorious panoramic views of the pyramids. The property features 40 acres of lavish gardens, four restaurants and lounges, outdoor pool, heated indoor pool, health club, and full service spa (additional fees for services).

SOFITEL WINTER PALACE LUXOR

Perched peacefully on the bank of the Nile River, Winter Palace’s 5-star accommodations provide an alluring atmosphere for a regal respite. During leisure time, roam the manicured gardens, take a dip in the welcoming pool, or simply reflect on your time in Egypt while embracing the spectacular sights from your room.

SOFITEL LEGEND CATARACT – ASWAN

Step back to the time of the pharaohs, surrounded by grandeur and opulence of this 5-star property—with the sights of the Nubian Desert and Elephantine Island at your fingertips. Walk the ravishing grounds, and feel a part of royalty that once frequented the hotel—where King Fouad once entertained Agatha Christie.

LE MÉRIDIEN CAIRO AIRPORT

For your final evening in Egypt, enjoy the stylish accommodations of Le Méridien. This fully soundproofed luxury hotel is conveniently linked to Terminal 3 of Cairo International Airport by a pedestrian bridge.

The property features an impressive sports bar, three restaurants serving Chinese, Lebanese or Mediterranean cuisine, a fitness center, and a heated outdoor pool.
Onboard Accommodations

With a capacity of just 14 guests per boat, our 155-foot dahabiyas are designed to provide the ultimate in comfort and adventure while sailing the Nile River. Each stateroom provides spacious, fully air-conditioned accommodations with en suite facilities.

Guests can savor healthy, fresh, and delicious international and Egyptian cuisine at every meal. Enjoy the large sun deck, dining and lounge areas, and the services of an enthusiastic crew who are committed to your comfort.

STATEROOM CATEGORIES

**Standard:** Features one queen or two twin beds, view window, and private en suite bathroom. Approx. 205 sq.ft.

**Suite:** Features one queen bed, private balcony, view windows, and private en suite bathroom. Approx. 250 sq.ft.
What’s Included

• 3 nights luxury hotel accommodations
• 3 breakfasts and 2 lunches
• Touring by an English-speaking guide
• Admission to all sites listed in the 5-day itinerary
• Guided Alexandria city tour including the Roman Amphitheatre
• All gratuities and porterage
• Airport transfers for guests arriving during the suggested times

Pre-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)

Day +1: En Route from U.S.

Day +2: Arrive in Cairo, Egypt
   Evening at leisure
   Overnight: Marriott Mena House

Day +3: Cairo / Alexandria (B,L)
   Guided touring: Roman Amphitheatre,
   famous Catacombs, Citadel of Qaitbay,
   leisure time
   Overnight: Steigenberger Cecil Hotel

Day +4: Alexandria (B,L)
   National Museum of Egyptian Civilization,
   Bibliotheca Alexandrina, evening at leisure
   Overnight: Steigenberger Cecil Hotel

Day +5: Alexandria / Cairo / Main Program
   Begins (B)
   After breakfast, return to Cairo to join guests
   on the main program

Just a 3-hour drive from Cairo rests the Mediterranean oasis of Alexandria. Founded by Alexander the Great in 331 BCE, the city was once a major intellectual center of the Greek and Roman empires, and home to the rulers of the Ptolemaic dynasty—including Cleopatra. Explore the mythic vestiges of the ancient city, and enjoy leisure time to experience the modern charms along the Corniche, Alexandria’s waterfront promenade.
Step back in time to the ancient world of the Middle East, where overwhelming historic architecture towers over the present day. Embrace the endless layers of spiritual and religious icons dotting this Holy Land, culminating with a once-in-a-lifetime visit to the Dead Sea.

**Post-Tour Itinerary** *(subject to change)*

**Day 14:** Cairo / Flight to Amman *(L,D)*  
Guided city tour  
Overnight: InterContinental Jordan Hotel

**Day 15:** Amman / Jerash / Ajloun / Amman *(B,L,D)*  
Roman city ruins, 12th-century castle  
Overnight: InterContinental Jordan Hotel

**Day 16:** Amman / Madaba / Mount Nebo / Petra *(B,L,D)*  
Orthodox Church of Saint George, Byzantine mosaics, Memorial Church of Moses, Jordan Valley  
Overnight: Mövenpick Resort Petra

**Day 17:** Petra *(B,L,D)*  
Guided city tour  
Overnight: Mövenpick Resort Petra

**Day 18:** Petra / Little Petra / Dana / Dead Sea *(B,L,D)*  
Nabatean frescoes, stone village, biosphere reserve, Dead Sea leisure time  
Overnight: Kempinski Hotel Ishtar Dead Sea

**Day 19:** Dead Sea / Amman *(B,L)*  
Leisure time, late evening group transfer to Amman’s Queen Alia International Airport for tomorrow’s early morning flights home  
Day Room: Kempinski Hotel Ishtar Dead Sea

**Day 20:** Depart for U.S.

**What’s Included**

- 5 nights luxury accommodations plus a day room on departure day  
- 5 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 5 dinners  
- Admission to all sites listed in the 6-day itinerary  
- Touring by an English-speaking guide  
- All gratuities and porterage  
- Internal airfare from Cairo to Amman  
- Airport transfers for guests departing during the suggested times
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Jordan Post-Tour: November 17-23, 2021

For more information, please call the Office of Lifelong Learning (540) 458-8723. For the ease of registering online, please visit lifelong.wlu.edu/egypt

Upon submission of your registration form, Orbridge will call you within two business days to confirm your reservation and collect your credit card deposit. If you would prefer to pay your deposit by check, please make payable to Orbridge, LLC and mail to: Office of Lifelong Learning
Washington and Lee University
204 West Washington St., Lexington, VA 24450

GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name: Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. [ ]
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# _______ guests joining pre-tour ($500/person) +
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I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at terms.orbridge.com and the COVID-19
Acknowledgement at orbridge.com/wellness and detailed in program documents, and understand that Orbridge LLC is
authorized to take my/our deposit for this program.

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Reservations, Deposits and Final Payment. To secure your reservation, deposits are due upon placing a reservation as follows: $850 per person per program and $500 per person for any pre-tour and/or post-tour. Deposits are payable by check, ACH, wire transfer or major credit card. Final payment, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is payable by check, ACH or wire transfer and is due no later than 90 days prior to the program’s scheduled departure date. If your reservation is made between the final payment due date and the program’s scheduled departure date, the full cost of the program, plus any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is due at the time of registration, payable by check, ACH or wire transfer.

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cancellation made at any time prior to the scheduled program departure date, as applicable. Refunds, if any, will be processed within 30
calendar days of our receipt of your written notice.

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