

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

EGYPT: VALLEY OF KINGS

2022 YOUNG ALUMNI ADVENTURE

US DEPARTURE DATE: MAY 14, 2022 | LAND TOUR START DATE: MAY 15, 2022

RETURN DATE: MAY 22, 2022

LAND PACKAGE FROM: \$2,578



START YOUR ADVENTURE.

Dear Young Alumni and Friends!

Can you think of a better way to travel than with fellow Oregon State Young Alumni?

The Oregon State Alumni Association young alumni travel program, designed for grads ages 22 – 35, offers you this opportunity by bringing you together with individuals in the same age range, with similar backgrounds and experiences, while enriching you on well-designed, hassle-free tours of the world.

These programs provide social, cultural, and recreational activities and many opportunities for learning enrichment and enjoying a connection back to Oregon State. Our journeys are of great quality and value, operated by a travel company with over 45 years of experience in the young travel market.

In this brochure you will find a detailed itinerary, travel dates and pricing.

If you have any questions about this tour, please contact our tour operator AESU Alumni World Travel by calling 800-638-7640 or email alumni@aesu.com.

To make an online booking, please visit our young alumni tour landing page www.aesu.com/oregonstate and select this tour to be directed to the tour web site.

We are looking forward to traveling with you this coming season.

Sincerely,

Your friends at the OSU Alumni Association

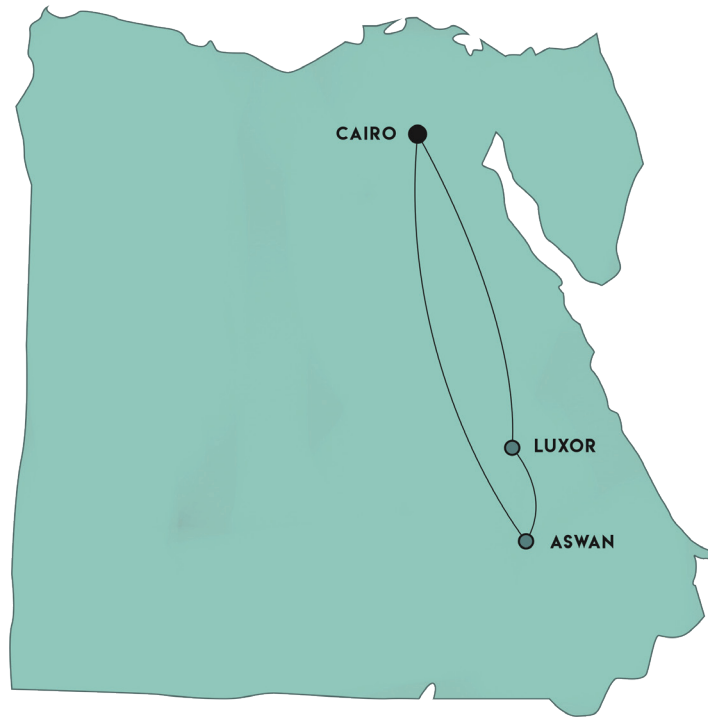


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9 DAYS



CITIES VISITED:
CAIRO | LUXOR | ASWAN



WHAT'S INCLUDED:

9-Day Land Package Transportation and Lodging

- 4 nights at first class hotels with private bath/shower, 2-share rooms
- 3 nights on a 5-star deluxe Nile Cruise with private bath/shower, 2-share cabins
- Round-trip economy class air transportation between Cairo and Aswan
 - Ground transportation by air-conditioned motor coach as per itinerary
 - Airport transfers included with purchased international AESU group airfare
- Domestic airport transfers included with land package price

Meals

- 20 meals: 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 specialty dinners

Activities & Admissions

- Camel or horse-back ride
 - Galabiyah party
- Egyptian Museum in Cairo; see King Tut's Sarcophagus
 - Authentic Egyptian farewell dinner
 - Traditional Felucca ride on the Nile
- Guided tours led by a local historian in:
 - o Giza including the pyramids and Sphinx
 - o Saqqara including the tombs and pyramids
 - o Kom Ombo and Edfu temple
 - o Valley of the Kings
 - o Queen Hatshepsut's temple
 - o Luxor temple with two seated statues of Ramses

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ABOUT THE TRIP:

The land that gave birth to the first great civilization needs little introduction. The pyramids, the minarets, the Nile - the scope of Egypt is magnificent. Cairo's core has remained unchanged since the founding days of Islam. Luxor, the site of ancient Thebes is lined with warrens of lavish burial chambers and boasts some of the most impressive monuments in all antiquity. Further south at Aswan, even more geometrically imposing temples write a testament to the power of archaic gods and omnipotent pharaohs. It is here that the Nile is best explored by ancient sail, on a felucca (Egyptian sailing boat) at the hands of the prevailing currents and winds.

DAY 1 - TRAVEL TO EGYPT

Our adventure begins as we depart by overnight flight to Cairo.

Meals: In-flight

DAY 2 - CAIRO: LAND TOUR START DATE

Upon arrival in Cairo transfer to your hotel. If you are arriving on the group flight, a local representative will meet you and assist with baggage and customs, then transfer to your hotel by private, air-conditioned motor coach. Get acquainted with fellow alumni travelers during tonight's welcome orientation and dinner at the hotel.

Meals: In-flight, Dinner

DAY 3 - CAIRO

Today encounter the world's most ancient civilization and the only remaining monuments of the world's Seven Wonders, dating back to 1350 BC. We drive to the Giza Plateau and visit the Pyramids of Giza and their guardian, the Sphinx. Explore the interior of various tombs and Kephren's Pyramid. Then enjoy a fun camel or horse-back ride in the desert.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4 - CAIRO

We travel to Saqqara today, an ancient burial ground that is filled with tombs lying beneath the heaped mounds. Our local historian explains the significance of the beautiful hieroglyphics lining the walls and helps decipher their stories. Then we visit Step Pyramid, the first freestanding stone building in history and the first pyramid ever built. We continue to Dahsura, the site of trial and error of building Pyramids where we visit the Red Pyramids and Bent Pyramid.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



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DAY 5 - CAIRO - FLIGHT TO ASWAN - NILE RIVER CRUISE

We check out of our hotel after breakfast and transfer to Cairo airport for our Aswan flight. Today we tour Aswan, strategic point at the first cataract rapids of the Nile. Here the river flows through granite rocks and the golden desert while palm trees and fertile farm lands cover its banks. Our first stop will be the amazing Phalie Temple. Later we visit the Unfinished Obelisk which lies in its original location in a granite quarry. It was abandoned when some cracks appeared in the rock during its construction. Had this obelisk been completed, it would have been the largest obelisk ever cut. The best way to explore this enchanting part of the Nile is by cruise ship. After boarding our luxury cruise ship and checking in, we'll enjoy a buffet lunch. Afterward, join an excursion on the graceful Egyptian sailboats known as 'Felucca.' Explore closer to shore while the gentle breeze and currents peacefully carry us along. During the evening, back on our cruise ship, watch the magnificent Egyptian sunset as we glide past ancient pyramids, colorful bazaars and temples that were already ancient by the time Cleopatra took charge.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6 - NILE RIVER CRUISE TO LUXOR

This morning we sail north to Kom Ombo, the only temple in Egypt dedicated to two gods, Horus and Sobek. This temple was built for worshipping Horus, but after the number of crocodiles on the island rapidly increased, the temple was demolished and reconstructed to worship Sobek (crocodile shaped god) for protection from the crocodiles. We continue sailing north to Edfu temple, which is also dedicated to the falcon god Horus. It is one of the most completely preserved temples. The divine marriage of Hathor and Horus is depicted on the walls of this temple where it was celebrated once a year. The walls of the mamisi (house of the divine birth) are decorated with scenes depicting the divine birth of Horus the child. Enjoy a Galabiyah party during dinner, where we dress up in traditional Egyptian robes, as we continue sailing north to Luxor.

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 7 - NILE RIVER CRUISE - VALLEY OF THE KINGS

Today we cross the Nile to the West Bank. Our first stop will be the Valley of the Kings, where we visit colorful tombs that were carved out of rocky cliffs to safeguard the mummies and their rich furnishings from grave-robbers. Our next stop will be Queen Hatshepsut's Temple. Wanting to honor her father (god Amun), she asked her architect not to spare any effort in making this the best of its kind. Visit Memnon Colossi on the way back to the East Bank. After lunch, we will visit Karnack temple, a vast open-air museum. It is a group of temples surrounded by one enclosure wall that is dedicated to the god Amon-Raw. Approximately 30 pharaohs contributed to its building. In the evening we'll visit Luxor Temple. It was completely buried in sand for many centuries, allowing it to be one of the most well-preserved temples.



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The temple has many beautifully decorated columns, a huge open court, a massive façade, a huge pylon and two seated statues of Ramses II.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



DAY 8 - NILE RIVER CRUISE - FLIGHT TO CAIRO

Today we disembark our Nile Cruise, but retain all the unforgettable memories of scenery and beautiful temples. Fly from Luxor to Cairo where we will spend our last day. Explore the Egyptian Museum, housing the world's largest collection of Pharaonic relics. Marvel at the enormous sarcophagi, statues, jewelry and the magnificent golden masterpieces of King Tut. This evening enjoy an authentic Egyptian farewell dinner, one of the many highlights of our tour and a wonderful finale.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



DAY 9 - TRAVEL HOME

Today we say our good-byes to Egypt. After enjoying our last group breakfast, transfer to Cairo airport to board our flights home.

Meals: Breakfast, In-flight



PROGRAM ACCOMMODATIONS

TOUR DIRECTORS

Your tour includes the services of a professional tour director throughout the land package. We are very proud of our tour directors. They are young professionals; multi-lingual and carefully selected graduates from major universities. They are eager to show the world through the eyes of an adventurer. Our tour directors know this is a trip of a lifetime and will share their knowledge as well as interesting little-known facts. Our qualified tour directors and staff of local experts mean a trouble-free journey with the added security of group travel.



HOTELS



Our hotels and ships offer first class accommodations, with private bathrooms. Hotels are centrally located and many offer great extra amenities such as pools, gyms or roof-top bars. All land package rates are based on two people sharing a room. If a single room is desired, a supplement of \$675 applies. If traveling solo and not wanting to pay the single supplement, AESU will attempt to arrange a share with a same-gender traveler. If a share cannot be arranged the single supplement will apply.

ACTIVITY LEVEL: 2 (moderate)

This is a single-country, multi-destination trip by motor coach and ship. The daily pace and timing can fluctuate significantly between longer and shorter travel days. To enjoy this tour, guests should be prepared for some long touring days with full-day motor coach excursions, standing and walking for long periods of time during city tours, museum visits, and/or outdoor activities. This journey is appropriate for travelers who are physically fit, lead active lives and are comfortable participating in the itinerary activities. Travel to and from the tour is not factored into our activity level ratings. You should take into account your stamina when traveling long distances and/or with multiple flight changes. Also, you must be able to handle your luggage independently throughout the itinerary.



"NOT ONLY WAS THIS AN AMAZING TRIP, IT WAS A WAKE UP CALL TO SEE THE WORLD."

- past traveler

BOOKING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

EXCLUSIONS: These prices do not include passport and, if applicable, visa fees (Depending on your nationality, you may require visas in addition to a passport to enter certain countries. You must contact appropriate consulates for details on how to obtain on your own.); airport and government taxes; tipping of tour guide and driver (suggested \$5 per day for tour director, \$2-3 per day for driver); beverages with meals unless indicated otherwise; laundry; personal insurance; room service; telephone charges; all items of a personal nature; any vaccinations, pre/post trip testing/screening, airport transfers when a participant deviates from scheduled flights or travel dates; private transportation; and all items not specifically stated in the itinerary.

CANCELLATION POLICY: All cancellations must be received by AESU in writing. Date of receipt will determine penalties assessed. Cancellation from time of booking until 120 days prior to departure will result in a \$300 cancellation fee. Cancellation between 119-90 days of departure will result in forfeiture of 25% of tour cost; between 89-60 days 35% of tour cost; between 59-30 days 50% of tour cost. Cancellation within 30 days of departure or a "no-show" at the time of departure will result in forfeiture of the entire cost of the trip. Processing of cancellation refunds takes approximately 6-8 weeks.

AIRFARES are highly restrictive, NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-ENDORSABLE and NON-TRANSFERABLE once ticketed. Once reservation is booked and paid for AESU reserves the right to issue tickets. Once ticketed, airfare portion is non-refundable. Cancellation of airfare reservations is subject to restrictions, regulations and additional penalties of the airlines used. Reservation changes are also subject to penalties. Travel insurance, including medical health and accident coverage, is compulsory. PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR POSSIBLE ADDITIONS TO CANCELLATION POLICIES LISTED ABOVE DEPENDING ON TRIP DESTINATION.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS AND BAGGAGE: All participants using AESU flights on regular group departure days and flights receive airport transfers (between airport & tour hotel) overseas. Land-Only participants (providing own flight overseas) do NOT receive airport transfers and must meet group at the first hotel after 3:00 p.m. on program start date. **FLIGHT DELAYS - ALL AIRPORTS:** In the event that airline schedule changes or delays force you to miss your airport transfer, just make your way to the first hotel listed on your hotel list. Many shuttle services are available as well as taxi or train options. As airline delays are beyond the control of AESU, additional expenses, if incurred, will be borne by the tour participant. (Save receipts for possible reimbursement by airline.) AESU is not responsible if an airline cancels, reschedules, or delays a flight for any reason. If you miss your departure flight, it is your responsibility to work with the airline on which you are ticketed to reach your destination. AESU is not responsible for any additional expenses you may incur prior to joining your trip. AESU is not responsible for and will not provide any refund for portions of trips missed due to canceled, rescheduled, or delayed flights. If you purchase your own airfare, book your overnight flight from the USA one day earlier than the land tour start date listed on our website. Participants should limit themselves to one checked bag per person and one carry-on per person. Check your airline's website for any additional luggage restrictions. Liability is clearly stated on the passenger contract.

RESPONSIBILITY: The responsibility of AESU as a tour operator, their agents, and any sponsoring association is limited. They act only in the capacity of agents for the passenger in all matters pertaining to accommodations, sightseeing and transportation whether by railroad, motorboat, motorcar, steamship or plane, and as such they shall not be liable for any personal injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned, whether by reason of any defect in any vehicle, or through the acts or default of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger, or in carrying out the arrangement of the tour. They can accept no responsibility for strike, war, quarantine, epidemic health risk, any force majeure event, weather and any other natural or unnatural causes. Additional expenses, if incurred under any of these circumstances, will be borne by the tour participant. By forwarding the deposit, the passenger certifies that he/she has no physical, mental or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for himself/ herself or other passengers & accepts the terms of this contract. The right is reserved to decline, accept or retain any person as a member of the tour or to cancel or alter the tour as required. If improvements in the itinerary can be made, or unforeseen conditions beyond the Operator's control make changes necessary, they reserve the right to alter itineraries without penalty. **TRAVEL INSURANCE** is compulsory in the event of tour cancellation for any reason, medical expenses, personal accident, baggage and other personal items, liability and 24-hr emergency assistance. Trip insurance may be offered directly by your Alumni Association. In the event of cancellation due to insufficient number of participants, the Operator's liability shall be limited to a refund of land payments received from applicants, except non-refundable airfare and insurance. If the change or cancellation is due to force majeure or other similar events beyond Operator's control, a refund of land payments received from applicants will be made less reasonable expenses incurred by Operator in respect to applicant's land booking. Baggage and personal injury are at owner's risk entirely. The issuance or acceptance of vouchers or tickets shall be considered consent of the above conditions. The Operator reserves the right to increase the program price in the event of cost increases due to changes in airfares, currency fluctuations or fuel surcharges. The airlines concerned and their affiliates and agents are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board the aircrafts. The passenger ticket in use by said airlines, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/ or the passenger. All services are subject to the laws of the country in which these services are rendered. No refund or allowance will be made for absence during the tour, or for activities missed, even if for causes beyond the control of the participant. For complete terms & conditions, please refer to our web site at www.aesu.com.