A JOURNEY INTO ANTIQUITY
Egypt & Jordan by Private Plane

FEATURING ALAN PLATTUS
YALE PROFESSOR OF ARCHITECTURE & URBANISM
DECEMBER 29, 2013 TO JANUARY 12, 2014
Celebrate the New Year on a journey to one of the oldest places in the world, as you discover the unforgettable lands of Egypt and Jordan. Begin with three days in Cairo, to see the treasures of Tutankhamun and the Great Pyramids of Giza, and welcome the New Year with a festive dinner. Travel by private plane to St. Catherine's Monastery at the foot of Mount Sinai, to admire its exceptional Byzantine icons and mosaics. Fly next to Abu Simbel to marvel at the colossal temples of Ramses II and Queen Nefertari. In nearby Aswan, board the exclusively chartered Nile Adventurer for a three-night cruise, stepping ashore to see the splendid temples at Kom Ombo and Edfu. In Luxor, discover the Valley of the Kings and the superb temples at Luxor and Karnak before flying to Aqaba, Jordan. Continue to Petra to explore this “rose-red city half as old as time” before a drive along the King’s Highway through stunning desert scenery. Conclude in the capital of Amman with visits to its ancient Citadel and the magnificent Roman ruins of nearby Jerash.

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

- Program of lectures by Alan Plattus, Professor of Architecture and Urbanism at the Yale School of Architecture
- Special access to the Sphinx and a visit to the Ben Ezra Synagogue in Cairo
- Three-night cruise aboard the exclusively chartered Nile Adventurer
- Privately chartered flight to St. Catherine's Monastery, at the foot of Mount Sinai
- Tour of the American Center of Oriental Research in Amman, conducted by its director
- Visit to the newly opened Jordan Museum, whose collection encompasses the country’s history from the Paleolithic Age to the present

**YALE FACULTY**

**ALAN PLATTUS ’76** is Professor of Architecture and Urbanism at the Yale School of Architecture. He has an independent practice as an urban design consultant and has lectured across the country and abroad on the history of architecture and cities, as well as contemporary issues in architecture and urban design. Professor Plattus founded and directs the Yale Urban Design Workshop, a community design center based at the School of Architecture, which has undertaken civic design and neighborhood planning projects in New Haven and throughout Connecticut. He has also published on topics ranging from the history of cities to recent American architecture and urban design.

Professor Plattus has traveled and worked abroad extensively as coordinator of Yale’s China Studio for ten years, as the leader of a Yale team working on a Peace Park in the Middle East, and also as a lecturer on urbanism in Spain. He is married to Nancy Berliner ’75, ’79 MD, Professor of Medicine at Yale for twenty years and now Chief of the Section of Hematology at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

Enter your four best photos from this program in the 2013 AYA Photo Contest! The Grand Prize is a free trip on Dutch & Flemish Landscapes in April 2014.
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CAIRO

Wednesday, January 1 This morning board a privately chartered plane to St. Catherine's Monastery, located at the foot of Mount Sinai and where it is said Moses received the Ten Commandments. Constructed by order of the Emperor Justinian, the monastery is one of the holiest places of the Eastern Orthodox Church, and its Byzantine icons and mosaics are exceptional. Following lunch, return to Cairo to tour the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, whose great collection includes treasures from the tomb of Tutankhamun, and stop at Tahrir Square, the now-historic center of Egypt's recent democratic movement. Dinner is at leisure.

CAIRO

Thursday, January 2 Today the focus is on Coptic and Islamic Cairo as you tour the old city. Visit the Coptic Museum, the 4th-century Church of Saints Sergius and Bacchus, and the Ben Ezra Synagogue, where the Geniza Documents were discovered. Continue to the Sultan Hassan Mosque, a masterpiece of Mamluk architecture. Lunch is at the restaurant in the hilltop Al-Azhar Park, with its lovely gardens and city views. This afternoon tour the Museum of Islamic Art, or you may wish to browse in the colorful Khan al Khalilí Bazaar. Return to the hotel for a discussion with Professor Plattus. The evening is at leisure.

CAIRO

Friday, January 3 Depart for the airport early this morning to board a private plane to Abu Simbel. See the monumental temples of Ramses II and his favorite wife, Queen Nefertari. Constructed in the 13th century B.C.E., the temples were relocated in the 1960s to save them from submersion after the building of the High Dam. Continue by air to Aswan to board the Nile Adventurer. In the late afternoon, visit the Temple of Philae, built for the goddess Isis. Dinner is on board.

KOM OMBO | EDFU, EGYPT

Saturday, January 4 Cruise to Kom Ombo, where the unique double temple is dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek and the falcon god Horus. After lunch, step ashore at Edfu to see the Temple of Horus, whose reliefs retain many of their original colors. Attend a lecture at teatime as you continue to Luxor.

To see further details of all Yale Educational Travel Programs, visit www.YaleEdTravel.org
**LUXOR, EGYPT**

**Sunday, January 5** On a morning visit to Karnak Temple, walk the avenue of sphinxes and see the impressive Hypostyle Hall with its huge columns. Return to the *Nile Adventurer* for a lecture and lunch. The afternoon is free to explore the bazaar or stroll along the Corniche. Your cruise concludes with a farewell dinner tonight.

*Feluccas on the Nile, Aswan.*

**LUXOR**

**Monday, January 6** Disembark the *Nile Adventurer* and drive to Luxor’s West Bank, site of the vast necropolis of ancient Thebes. View the famed Colossi of Memnon, the tomb of Tutankhamun in the Valley of the Kings, and the temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir el-Bahari. Following lunch, discover the Tombs of the Nobles, some of which are still richly decorated with frescoes. Then check in at the historic Sofitel Winter Palace Hotel for one night. Dinner is at leisure.

**LUXOR | PETRA, JORDAN**

**Tuesday, January 7** This morning explore Luxor Temple and admire the outstanding collection of sculpture and objects at the Luxor Museum. In the afternoon, fly to Aqaba, Jordan’s port on the Red Sea, and continue to Petra, where lodging and dinner are arranged at the Mövenpick Resort.

**PETRA**

**Wednesday, January 8** Rise early this morning and enter the majestic *siq*, a narrow winding gorge accessible only on foot, that leads to ancient Petra. Our first view is of the magnificent ruins of the Treasury, one of the best preserved of the many elegant structures carved into the sandstone mountains. After lunch, you may wish to climb to the Monastery for panoramic views or relax at our hotel, perhaps taking tea in the garden court. Dinner is at the hotel.

**PETRA | AMMAN, JORDAN**

**Thursday, January 9** Following a lecture, drive along the King’s Highway through the stunning scenery of Wadi Mujib. Arrive at Madaba, with its 6th-century mosaic fragment depicting an ancient map of Palestine. After lunch, continue to Amman and the American Center of Oriental Research, which conducts archaeological and restoration projects in the region. Tour the facility, including the conservation lab, in the company of its director. Check in at the deluxe Four Seasons Hotel. Dinner is at leisure.

**AMMAN, JORDAN**

**Friday, January 10** A morning visit to Jerash will introduce one of the best-preserved cities of ancient Rome, complete with temples, theaters, and a forum. Lunch is at leisure in Amman. This afternoon, discover more about the country’s ancient history and diverse cultural influences at the new Jordan Museum. In the evening, enjoy a festive farewell dinner at a renowned restaurant.

*The Monastery, Petra.*

**AMMAN**

**Saturday, January 11** Visit Amman’s ancient Citadel to admire Roman, Byzantine, and early Islamic artifacts and see the restored Roman theater. Following lunch overlooking the city, the balance of the afternoon is at leisure. Hotel rooms are reserved until your early morning transfer to the Amman Airport for the flights home.

**U.S.A.**

**Sunday, January 12** Arrive in the U.S.A. today.
**NILE ADVENTURER**

Exclusively chartered for our group, the Nile Adventurer was refurbished in 2009. The vessel is fully air-conditioned, and all cabins offer river views and have private bathrooms with tub and shower. The Sun Deck has a small swimming pool. Meals, prepared by international chefs, are served in an elegant dining room. Music and nightly entertainment add to the pleasure of your Nile journey.

**PROMENADE DECK**

**BRIDGE DECK**

**MAIN DECK**

**NILE DECK**

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**RATES & ACCOMMODATIONS**

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Single supplement is $2,595 for Nile and Main Deck cabins.

**RATES INCLUDE**

- Lectures and discussions with distinguished Yale Professor Alan Plattus
- Five nights hotel accommodations in Egypt, as per itinerary
- Three nights cabin accommodations aboard the Nile Adventurer
- Five nights hotel accommodations in Jordan, as per itinerary
- Privately chartered flights: Cairo / St. Catherine's Monastery / Cairo / Abu Simbel / Aswan...Luxor / Aqaba
- All meals during the cruise. Breakfast daily, nine lunches, and four dinners on shore. Bottled water and coffee/tea, with all meals; local wine / beer at dinners
- Escorto sightseeing and entrance fees for included visits
- Airport / hotel / pier group transfers
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers; taxes, service and porterage charges

**Not Included in Rates** Airfare to Egypt and from Jordan; passport and visa fees; customary shipboard gratuities; alcoholic beverages other than as noted; personal items and expenses; airport transfers for those not on group flights; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

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**RESERVATION APPLICATION**

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To reserve a place, please complete and return this form with your deposit of $2,000 per person (of which $350 is non-refundable for administrative fees) payable to Academic Arrangements Abroad. Please mail and deposit to: The Association of Yale Alumni, Yale Educational Travel, Box 209010, New Haven, CT 06520-9010 (Telephone 203-432-1952, Fax 203-432-0587). Or you may make a reservation online at www.YaleEdTravel.org/egypt13.

**Accommodations**

- Nile Adventurer Cabin Preference: (1) ______________ (2) ______________
- On shore Hotel Room Preference: □ Double □ Twin □ Single (supplement of $2,595 on select decks)
- I wish to share a room with ____________________________

**Form of Payment**

- □ Enclosed is my check (payable to Academic Arrangements Abroad).
- □ Credit card (for deposit only; final payment must be made by check), □ Visa □ Mastercard □ American Express

**NAME AS ON CARD**

**CREDIT CARD NUMBER**

**EXPIRATION DATE**

Each participant must sign below. □ We confirm that □ we have read and agree to the Terms & Conditions of this program. □ We agree to full payment by check 120 days prior to departure.

**signature required**

**name as on card**

**3- or 4-digit security code**

**SIGNATURE REQUIRED**

**DATE**

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

AIRFARE  Academic Arrangements Abroad (AAA) will be pleased to assist with air travel arrangements for this program, including specially negotiated group airfare when available, suggested group flights or your own individual requests for a processing fee of $40 per person. Complete details will be provided in your confirmation mailing.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE  A deposit of $2,000 per person, payable to Academic Arrangements Abroad, of which $350 is non-refundable for administrative fees, is required with the reservation application. Final payment, by check only, must be received 120 days prior to departure. Mail deposit to The Association of Yale Alumni Educational Travel, Box 209010, New Haven, CT 06520-9010 (Telephone 203-432-1952).

HEALTH  All participants must be in good health. This program involves extensive walking over uneven surfaces, climbing stairs at monuments and other locations not handicapped accessible, and climbing in and out of various conveyances. Any condition that may require assistance or special medical attention must be reported at the time of your reservation.

INSURANCE  TRIP CANCELLATION / EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION / BAGGAGE / ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE PROTECTION IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED. CANCELLATION PENALTIES ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED. We will send you a brochure from Travel Insurance Services or you may obtain coverage through a company of your choice.

CHANGES IN ITINERARY & COSTS  The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of the Association of Yale Alumni (AYA) and AAA. All prices quoted are based on prevailing fuel prices, airfares, and currency exchange rates in effect at the time of brochure printing and are subject to change without notice. Deviations from the scheduled itinerary are at the expense of the individual.

RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE  The participation of AYA is limited to educational sponsorship of the program described in this brochure (The Program). AAA acts only as an agent for the participant with respect to transportation, accommodations, and all other services relating to The Program. AAA, AYA, and/or their agents assume no responsibility or liability for any act, error, or omission, or for any injury, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any defect in any aircraft, ship, train, bus, or other carrier, or through neglect or default of any subcontractor or other third party, which may be used wholly or in part in the performance of their duty to the participants of The Program. The passage ticket issued by the carrier is the sole contract between the participant and the carrier. Nor will AAA or AYA and/or their agents be responsible for loss, injury, damages, or expenses to persons or property, due to illness, weather, strikes, local laws, hostilities, wars, terrorist acts, acts of nature, or other such causes beyond their reasonable control. AAA is not responsible for transportation or other program delays and changes, nor additional expenses or loss of time that may be incurred. In the event it becomes necessary or advisable for the comfort or well-being of the participants, or for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary at any time, without notice to the participants, such alterations will be made without penalty to AAA or AYA. Additional expenses, if any, shall be borne by the participants. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the participant at all times. AAA and AYA reserve the right to accept or decline any person as a participant at any time, or to require any participant to withdraw from The Program at their own expense when such an action is necessary to comply with the provisions of the following Cancellation Policy. Nor shall AAA or AYA be in the best interest of the participant’s health and safety, or the general welfare of the other participants.

CANCELLATION POLICY  AAA must strictly adhere to its cancellation policy to offset costs incurred prior to the commencement of The Program, which may include but are not limited to: advance payments to land operators; train charters; communication expenses; development/promotional expenses; and the loss of any permitted or reserved space. All cancellations must be made in writing to the offices of the Association of Yale Alumni, and are subject to a $350 non-refundable administrative fee. All refunds are limited to amounts actually received by AAA and are at the sole responsibility of AYA. AYA shall have no liability for refunds. Any time AYA receives written notification of cancellation, the following cancellation charges will apply: cancellations received between 120 and 91 days prior to departure, 20 percent of the program cost per person; those received between 90 and 61 days before departure, 50 percent of the program cost per person; no refunds will be given for cancellations received within 60 days of departure. No refunds are given for cancellation on or after the day of departure, or for unused portions of the tour, for any reason. Air cancellation charges, if any, will be assessed in accordance with airline regulations. All group fare tickets must be issued no less than 30 days prior to departure. NOTE: Neither AAA nor AYA shall be liable for any airline cancellation penalties incurred under any non-refundable ticket. In the case of a cancellation due to shortage of participants, AAA will attempt to notify all participants at least 45 days prior to departure. However, AAA reserves the right to cancel The Program prior to departure for any reason and, in such case, reimbursement of refundable costs of the trip by AAA shall constitute full settlement with the participants. In the unlikely event that a dispute arises between a participant and AAA or AYA, the following conditions will apply: (a) the dispute will be settled by binding arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association in New York, NY; (b) the dispute will be governed by New York Law; (c) the maximum amount of recovery to which a participant shall be entitled under any and all circumstances will be the sum of all monies actually received from the participant by AAA. The participant agrees that this is a fair and reasonable limitation on the damages, of any sort whatsoever, that a participant may suffer. Upon payment of the deposit to AAA, the participant agrees to be bound by the above terms and conditions.

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Khan al Khalili Bazaar, Cairo (top), camels and the Great Pyramids at Giza (middle) and 6th-century mosaic map of Palestine at Madaba (bottom).