Egypt

Land of the Pharaohs

Aboard the Sun Boat III

Post-trip extension to Jordan February 19–23, 2020

Paul Bracken ’82 PhD
Professor of Management and Political Science
Dear Yale Traveler

In 2020 Yale Educational Travel will once again take a small group of Yalies and friends to one of the most fascinating and enigmatic places on the planet. Egypt: Land of the Pharaohs, is among our most popular programs, beloved by travelers for its unparalleled exploration in the cradle of civilization. The astonishing riches of Egypt’s tombs, temples and monuments must be seen to truly understand the complexity and providence of this ancient empire.

Egypt: Land of the Pharaohs will focus on Egypt’s celebrated history across millennia. We’ll explore the glorious age of the pharaohs aboard the stylish 18-cabin yacht Sun Boat III, reserved exclusively for Yale travelers. Amidst the splendor of the Great Pyramids at Giza and the treasures of the Egyptian Museum in Cairo, we’ll delve into a history that dates to approximately 3200 B.C.E. With recent political events engendering monumental changes in the government and the lives of ordinary Egyptians, we’ll also examine life in Cairo and the emergence of a “new Egypt.”

Traveling with two accomplished Egyptologists—Dr. Tarek Swelim and Fetiche Posma-Zaalouk—brings to life the wonders of Egyptian art and architecture along with the mysteries of its ancient worldview. Their lectures will be complemented by Yale Professor of Management and Political Science Paul Bracken who rounds out our study program with insight into the societal context of modern Egypt.

As you travel with Yale, you’ll witness history in the making—the next chapter in Egypt’s long saga begun so many millennia ago. For those who wish to explore the region further, a post-trip extension to Jordan is available.

This program is sure to sell quickly. To hold your space, please call (203) 432-1952 or make a secure reservation online at yaleedtravel.org/egypt20.

With best wishes from Yale,

Lauren Summers
Senior Director
Lifelong Learning and Travel

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Highlights

Cruise the Nile River aboard the deluxe Sun Boat III, enjoying scenes of rural life along the river-banks and an outstanding educational program with Yale Professor Paul Bracken.

Marvel at the Great Pyramids of Giza, the iconic temples of Luxor, Karnak, and Abu Simbel; and the splendid new Grand Egyptian Museum at Giza.

Visit Old Cairo’s Islamic monuments, including the Ibn Tulun and Sultan Hassan Mosques, and Coptic Cairo’s 4th-century Hanging Church.
Yale Study Leader

Paul Bracken, Professor of Management and Political Science, specializes in global business and international security. Bracken is a respected thought leader in global competition and the strategic application of technology in business and defense. He is a leading teacher in executive education and has run many programs for companies in finance, technology, and retail.

Professor Bracken teaches a signature Yale College course, Strategy, Technology, and War. In the School of Management he teaches The Global Corporation, and the widely acclaimed course, Problem Framing. Students and alumni admire the clarity of Professor Bracken’s presentations and the real-world examples he uses to illustrate points. His most recent book is The Second Nuclear Age. Other books have dealt with global business, warning and risk, national security and world order. Dr. Bracken has also written for The New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Financial Times and Foreign Affairs to name a few.

He was included in Princeton Review’s The Best 300 Professors in America. Professor Bracken grew up in Philadelphia and earned his Ph.D. in operations research from Yale and his B.S. in engineering from Columbia.

Professor Bracken’s wife, Nanette, will accompany him on this program. In his lectures Professor Bracken will discuss such topics as Egypt and the world today, and politics and business in this critical region of the world.

In addition to our lecturer, traveling with the group will be Egyptologists Tarek Swelim(February 7–9) and Fetiche Posma-Zaalouk.

Tarek Swelim, a native Egyptian, is an expert on the art, architecture, and history of the Middle East and has been leading tours throughout Egypt, North Africa, and the Middle East since 1979. He received his BS and MA from the American University in Cairo and his PhD in Islamic art and architecture from Harvard. He currently is on the faculty of Hamid Bin Khalifa University in Doha, Qatar.

Fetiche Posma-Zaalouk is a noted Egyptologist specializing in the culture, history, and architecture of ancient Egypt as well as issues relating to women and village life. A graduate of Helwan University in Cairo, she is passionate about her native country’s long and distinguished history, and has been leading tours for educational groups and eminent dignitaries for many years.

Upcoming Trips

Japan: Bashō’s road to the North
October 11–23, 2019
Edward Kamens ’74, ’82 PhD
Japanese Studies

India: Palace on Wheels Odyssey
November 1–14, 2019
Featuring the Pushkar Camel Fair
Cruising the Mekong River aboard the 12-cabin Mekong Princess
November 4–17, 2019
Prof. James Salzman ’85 Environmental Law
Itinerary
FEBRUARY 6–19, 2020

WELCOME PHONE CALL
Thursday, January 23, 2020
4:00 p.m. Eastern (tentative)
Join the group at 4:00 p.m. Eastern for a pre-trip welcome call to learn more about what to expect and ask any questions you may have.

DEPART U.S. / CAIRO, EGYPT
Thursday–Friday, February 6 & 7
Depart home on overnight flights to Cairo. On arrival, transfer to the historic Mena House Hotel. From its early days as a royal hunting lodge and later transformation to a deluxe hotel, Mena House has hosted dignitaries and world leaders visiting the Egyptian capital. Spend the afternoon at leisure, then gather for a welcome orientation meeting and reception. Afterward, stroll the grounds and admire the pyramids lit in the evening shadows.
Mena House Hotel (R, Feb. 7)

CAIRO
Saturday, February 8
Marvel at the last standing monument of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Great Pyramid on the Giza Plateau. Then enjoy specially arranged access to the “paws” of the 4,500-year-old half-man, half-lion known as the Great Sphinx. Gather for a special welcome dinner this evening at a private Egyptian home.
Mena House Hotel (B,L,D)

CAIRO
Sunday, February 9
This morning’s activities will focus on Islamic Cairo’s significant monuments, including the Ibn Tulun Mosque, the oldest surviving Muslim place of worship, and the Mamluk-era Sultan Hassan Mosque and Madrassa. Explore the bustling Khan al-Khalili bazaar. This afternoon is free for independent pursuits.
Mena House Hotel (B,L)

CAIRO / LUXOR
Monday, February 10
Fly by private charter to Luxor to explore the fabulous Karnak Temple complex, the largest ancient religious site in the world. Wander among the enormous 134 stone columns, and marvel at the myriad well-preserved obelisks telling stories of the ancients. Embark the Sun Boat III for an afternoon at leisure on board.
Sun Boat III (B,L,D)

DENDERA
Tuesday, February 11
Leisurely cruising this morning allows for a glimpse of daily life in villages along the Nile riverbanks. Arrive in Qena for a visit to the temple complex of Dendera, dedicated to Hathor, the goddess of love, music, wine, and procreation.

Egyptian hieroglyphs, one of the earliest known written languages, consist of around 1,000 symbols.

VALLEY OF THE KINGS
Wednesday, February 12
Enjoy special access to the evocative tombs in the Valley of the Kings, hidden for thousands of years—including the young pharaoh Tutankhamun. Then marvel at the size, architecture, and artwork of the mortuary temple of Ramesses III at Medinet Habu, an important New Kingdom structure acclaimed for its inscribed reliefs depicting the rise and fall of the Sea Peoples. In the late afternoon, visit the Luxor Museum, on the corniche overlooking the west bank of the Nile. Sun Boat III (B,L,D)

VALLEY OF THE NOBLES
Thursday, February 13
Cross the Nile to Thebes, ancient capital of Egypt. Early this morning visit the unique tombs of two ancient nobles: Rekhmire, who served as vizier during the reigns of Thutmosis III and Amenhotep II, and Sennufer, the mayor of Thebes and overseer of the gardens of Amun during the reign of Amenophis III. Visit the grandiose mortuary temple dedicated to Hatshepsut, Egypt’s iconic female pharaoh. Continue to the Colossi of Memnon, two massive stone statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III that have stood in the Theban necropolis since 1350 B.C.E.
Sun Boat III (B,L,D)

Cruise back to Luxor. This evening visit the Luxor Temple, brilliantly lit against the darkening Egyptian sky.
Sun Boat III (B,L,D)

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EDFU / CRUISING
Friday, February 14
Enjoy the educational program en route to Edfu. Upon arrival, visit the best-preserved ancient temple in Egypt, dedicated to Horus, the ubiquitous falcon-headed god of the Egyptians. The main building includes a great Hypostyle Hall and, just outside, an entrance colonnade that still has original, colored reliefs. This evening enjoy a festive galabeyya (traditional Egyptian garment) party featuring lively music and dancing aboard ship. Sun Boat III (B,L,D)

ASWAN / ABU SIMBEL
Saturday, February 15
Take a short flight to see the astounding monuments at Abu Simbel, located in former Nubian lands. At the twin temples built by Pharaoh Ramesses II, huge statues depict him and his favorite wife, Nefertari. Between 1964 and 1966, during construction of the Aswan High Dam, both temples were dismantled and reconstructed 65 meters higher than their original site to protect them from the rising waters of Lake Nasser. Return to Aswan to view the “unfinished obelisk” — the largest known ancient obelisk — at a nearby quarry. Weather permitting, board a traditional felucca sailboat and sail past Nile River islands Kitchener and Elephantine. Sun Boat III (B,L,D)

KOM OMBO / ASWAN
Sunday, February 16
Cruise to Kom Ombo to explore its unusual double temple, half of which is dedicated to the crocodile god, Sobek, the other half to the falcon god, Horus. Continue cruising to Aswan to visit the island of Agilkia, where the Temple of Isis, once on Philae Island, was relocated when the Aswan Dam project got underway in the 1960s. Now a UNESCO World Heritage site, the island has numerous ruins including the Kiosk of Trajan. This evening enjoy a festive farewell dinner on board. Sun Boat III (B,L,D)

LUXOR / CAIRO
Monday, February 17
Disembark after breakfast and fly by private charter to Cairo. After lunch tour Coptic Cairo including the Hanging Church. Enjoy an evening at leisure and dinner on your own. Four Seasons First Residence (B,L)

SAQQARA / DAHSHUR
Tuesday, February 18
Journey to the unique Djoser step pyramid at Saqqara, a precursor to the grand Giza pyramids. Explore the underground galleries where floor-to-ceiling hieroglyphs depict daily life during Egypt’s 3rd dynasty (c. 2670–2613 B.C.E.). After lunch visit the royal necropolis of Dashur to see the bent pyramid, which archaeologists now believe represents a transitional form between step-sided and smooth-sided pyramids. Gather for a festive farewell dinner at the hotel this evening. Four Seasons First Residence (B,L,D)

CAIRO / HOME
Wednesday, February 19
After breakfast, transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

Optional Post-Tour Extension
JORDAN
February 19–23, 2020
Extend your visit to this remarkable region with a five-night extension to enjoy Jordan’s archeology, history, desert culture, and rich cuisine. View the magnificent “rose-red” city of Petra, Jordan, where the 1,200-meter-long Siq, a narrow winding wadi (canyon), makes this site deservedly one of the modern world’s Seven Wonders; Embark on a 4-wheel-drive adventure through Wadi Rum’s sweeping dun-colored expanses, otherworldly rock formations, and ancient hieroglyphs; And walk among soaring columns and arches on a guided tour of the ancient city of Jerash. Additional details and pricing will be sent to confirmed participants.

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WHAT IS INCLUDED:
- Educational program lectures and discussions with Yale study leader
- All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary including five hotel nights in Cairo and seven nights aboard Sun Boat III
- On-tour private charter flights between Cairo and Luxor
- On-tour flights between Aswan and Abu Simbel
- Group airport transfers on group arrival and departure days
- Baggage handling
- Wine, beer, and soft drinks with welcome and farewell dinners and at all dinners aboard the Sun Boat III
- Welcome and farewell wine receptions
- Gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, drivers, and shipboard personnel for all group activities
- Entrance fees
- Bottled water on motor coaches
- Professional tour manager and Egyptologist throughout the program
- Emergency medical evacuation services

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:
- U.S. domestic and international airfare
- Passport and visa expenses
- Medical expenses and immunizations
- Private transfers and transfers outside of group arrival and departure days
- Travel insurance
- Deviations from the scheduled tour
- Excess-baggage charges
- Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted
- Laundry or dry cleaning
- Room service
- Telephone, fax, Internet, and email charges
- Gratuities for non-group services and other items of a personal nature

ITINERARY CHANGES:
The itinerary as presented is subject to modification by Yale Educational Travel and Criterion Travel (the tour operator), should unforeseen world events and conditions require such alterations for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant. Program rates are based upon current taxes, tariffs, fuel prices, currency values, and a minimum number of participants, and are subject to change (e.g., should fuel prices increase). If there are significant changes, we will notify participants in advance of departure.

Sun Boat III

The Sun Boat III was built in 1992 and extensively refurbished to reflect the graceful style of the 1920s and 1930s. Of the more than 200 cruisers now sailing the Nile, none surpasses this elegant vessel in comfort, service, or cuisine. Its limited capacity and old-world elegance evoke the feeling of sailing the Nile on a private yacht. Secure, well-located, private docking facilities in Luxor and Aswan ensure that the Sun Boat III is always convenient and easy to board.

All cabins face outside with two picture windows and are equipped with full en suite bathrooms with shower and hair dryer, individually controlled air-conditioning, satellite television, internal telephone and external telephone with international line access, safe deposit box, individual CD player, and mini-bar. The Sun Boat III has large, inviting lounges rimmed with windows for comfortable observation of the passing scenery. On the vessel's spacious sun deck, comfortable lounge chairs surround a plunge pool, perfect for a refreshing dip under brilliant Egyptian skies. Other amenities include a gift shop, restaurant, laundry service, and wifi (intermittent).

Program Rates, per person (including VAT and taxes)

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Air Arrangements

Please Note: U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Round-trip economy-class airfare between New York and Cairo is approximately $950 per person as of April 2019 and is subject to change without notice. AirTreks is our preferred provider of airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at (415) 977-7111. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice.
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, AND FINAL PAYMENT: To reserve a space on this tour, please mail a deposit of $1,000 per person payable to “CRITERION TRAVEL,” along with the completed reservation form, to: Yale Educational Travel, Yale Alumni Association, P.O. Box 209010, New Haven, CT 06520-9010 or fax the completed form to (203) 432-0587. Deposits may be charged to a credit card. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt. Final payment is due October 9, 2019.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS: All cancellations must be in writing to Yale Educational Travel. Refunds, less a cancellation fee of $300 per person, are made if we are notified in writing on or before October 9, 2019. No refunds are made after that date. There are no refunds for unused meals, accommodations, or other trip features.

WHAT TO EXPECT: We consider this to be a moderately active program that is at times physically demanding and busy. Daily activities can involve one to two miles of walking in very warm, breezy weather, often on uneven sandy terrain; stairs may be unavailable or not have handrails. Participants should be fit, in active good health, and able to keep up with the group without assistance from tour staff. Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention must be reported in writing when you make your reservation. If you have any questions about your ability to participate fully on this itinerary, please call Yale Educational Travel at (203) 432-1952.

INSURANCE: Yale Educational Travel highly recommends the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. If participants purchase trip insurance, and we hope that they do, participants are free to purchase the insurance of their choice. Most travel insurance must be purchased within 7-10 days of paying a deposit in order to include certain provisions including pre-existing conditions.

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Accommodations
Cabin Category Preference

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Bed preference in hotels (not guaranteed):
☐ Two beds ☐ One bed
☐ I wish to have a single accommodation (limited availability; please call).
☐ I will share accommodations with
☐ I’d like to know about roommates.
I am a ☐ smoker ☐ non-smoker

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of October 9, 2019, I will pay the single rate.

I/We confirm that I/We have carefully read the Terms and Conditions and Responsibility section of this brochure and agree to their terms.

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To register, return this form with your deposit of $1,000 per person to YET. Final payment is due October 9, 2019.

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**Explore the labyrinthine tombs** in the Valley of the Kings at Thebes, with specially arranged access.

**Fly to Abu Simbel** (left) to view the colossal temples built to honor Pharaoh Ramesses II and his favorite wife, Nefertari, which were permanently moved to a higher site during construction of the Aswan High Dam.