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January 21, 2008

December 24, Cairo

February 4, 2008

December 25, Cairo / Luxor

March 5, 2008

December 30, Depart Cairo / Arrive U.S.

April 5, 2008

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Memphis, Sakkara, Giza Plateau

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Overnight: MiraMidas Pyramids Hotel (B, L, D)

December 24, Cairo
Egyptian Museum

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December 25, Cairo / Luxor
Temple of Luxor, Temple of Karnak

Today we visit the other side of the Nile to explore the great burial areas of the pharaohs and nobles, many of the ceilings and walls retain the color from their original paint. In the afternoon we’ll sail on the impressive Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, where you feel small, indeed. Also included is a trip to the Valley of the Queens. Remember all that loot from King Tut’s tomb? Step inside has burial chambers, and try to figure out how it all fit! A photo op at the Colosseum of Memphis is sure to make you feel small, indeed. Also included is a trip to the Nile in a traditional felucca. Overnight: Sonesta Nile Cruise (B, L, D)

December 28, Sharm el Sheikh / Luxor
Cruise, complete with a belly dancing performance. Overnight: Conrad International (B, L, D)

December 30, Depart Cairo / Arrive U.S.
Day at Leisure in Sharm el Sheikh

Overnight: Marriott Hotel Sharm el Sheikh (B)

December 27, Luxor / Sharm el Sheikh

Canal Ride/Dinner with a Bedouin Family

One-hour morning flight takes us to Sharm el Sheikh, a resort town located on the very tip of the Sinai Peninsula on the Red Sea, where we’ll stay in a five-star resort on the beach. Sharm el Sheikh and the coral reefs offshore are a world-renowned snorkeling and diving location. En route to our hotel from the airport, we’ll stop at a local school, where children can meet your pen pals and see how their Egyptian peers pass their days in school. Later today, drive out into the desert to see the Valley of the Kings, where we will board our “ships of the desert” and enjoy a casual ride as the sun sets. This evening, get to know the local people as you and your family share dinner with a local family.

Overnight: Marriott Nile Cruise Sharm el Sheikh (B, L, D)

December 29, Sharm el Sheikh / Cairo

Cruise of the Nile, Monastery of St. Catherine

This morning we fly back to Cairo, where we’ll visit the Monastery of St. Catherine and the impressive Temple of Mohammed Ali. Afterwards, we’re free to relax, shop, or swim at the hotel pool. This evening we have a farewell dinner on the Nile.

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Guest Lecturer
Deborah Vischak is a Lecturer and Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellow in the Department of Art History and Archaeology at Columbia University. She has an M.A. and Ph.D. in ancient Egyptian archaeology and art history from the Institute of Fine Arts at New York University. Deborah has worked at sites throughout Egypt, including Giza, Hawasshi, Abydos, and Aswan, among others, and has travelled extensively throughout the country. Her current research focuses on royal expression in material culture, with the goal of developing a more complex, heterogeneous picture of ancient Egyptian society. She is particularly interested in the role of landscape and context in the creation and meaning of Egyptian art and architecture, and feels the best way to truly understand Egyptian culture is to experience it in situ, along the Nile, in the desert, under the Egyptian sun. Deborah looks forward to sharing her insights and knowledge with alumni, family and friends through formal lectures and informal discussions as we explore Egypt this December.
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We begin with an early visit to the ancient locations of Memphis and Saqqara. Then we behold the most famous of Egyptian monuments – the Pyramids of Giza, including the 500-foot Great Pyramid, and the Sphinx. Sure, the kids have read about them in school – perhaps seen a special on TV. But nothing compares with the awe and wonder of actually standing at the base of this massive structure, or crawling through its narrow passageways. We’ll also visit the Solar Boat Museum to see a royal barge built to carry the pharaoh’s soul on its afterlife journey. Return to the hotel to relax before dinner, and perhaps go for a dip in the hotel’s pool.

Overnight: Meridien Pyramids Hotel (B, L, D)

December 24, Cairo

Egyptian Museum, Memphis, Saqqara, Giza Plateau

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December 25, Cairo / Luxor

Temple of Luxor, Temple of Karnak

Today’s destination is the site of ancient Thebes, one of the most important archeological sites. After a brief (flight) from Cairo to Luxor, we’ll transfer to our hotel and go sightseeing. Then ride in a horse-drawn carriage to the Temple of Luxor, a remarkable structure with massive statues of Pharaoh Ramses II and a ceremonial avenue lined with sphinxes. We also visit the Temple of Karnak with its great hall supported by 134 columns.

Overnight: Sonesta St. George (B, L, D)

December 29, Sharm el Sheikh / Cairo

Camel Ride, Dinner with a Bedouin Family

This morning we fly back to Cairo, where we’ll visit the Citadel of Salah El-Din and the Alabaster Mosque. In the afternoon we’ll stop at a local school, where children can meet their pen pals and see how their Egyptian peers pass their days in school. Later today, drive out into the desert to the Valley of the Kings, where we will board our “ships of the desert” and enjoy a camel ride as the sun sets. This evening, get to know the local people as you and your family share dinner with a Bedouin family.

Overnight: Marriott Hotel Sharm el Sheikh (B, L, D)

December 30, Depart Cairo / Arrive U.S.

Landing dates & pricing

Egypt: A Family Adventure

Adults: $4,590
Teens 12-17: $4,590
Children 11 and younger: $4,190
Children 11 and younger sharing with 2 adults: $4,890
Single Supplement: $1,000

A special roundtrip international group airfare is available. Seats are limited.

Guest Lecturer

Deborah Vischak is a Lecturer and Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellow in the Department of Art History and Archaeology at Columbia University. She has an MA and Ph.D. in ancient Egyptian archaeology and art history from the Institute of Fine Arts at New York University. Deborah has worked at sites throughout Egypt, including Giza, Hawarah, Abydos, and Aswan, among others, and has travelled extensively throughout the country. Her current work concerns issues of space and expression in material culture, with the goal of developing a more complex, heterogeneous picture of ancient Egyptian society. She is particularly interested in the role of landscape and context in the creation and meaning of Egyptian art and architecture, and feels the best way to truly understand Egyptian culture is to experience it in situ, along the Nile, in the desert, under the Egyptian sun. Deborah looks forward to sharing her insights and knowledge with alumni, family and friends through formal lectures and informal discussions as we explore Egypt this December.

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Valley of the Kings, Valley of the Queens
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Day at Luxor in Sharm el Sheikh
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