A JOURNEY INTO ANTIQUITY
Egypt & the Nile Aboard Sanctuary Sun Boat III
With David A. Aguilar
December 26, 2019–January 6, 2020
Celebrate the New Year in an age-old place on a 10-night journey through Egypt that combines travel by plane and riverboat. Discover the treasures of Giza and Cairo, enjoying special access to the Sphinx, then flying to Luxor to board the intimate riverboat Sanctuary Sun Boat III. Ring in 2020 with an onboard celebration, discover Karnak Temple in Luxor and the temple of Horus at Edfu, and meet the crocodile god Sobek at Kom Ombo. In Aswan sail aboard a felucca (traditional sailboat) before flying to Abu Simbel to marvel at the statues of Ramses II and Nefertari, each over six stories tall. Conclude in Cairo with visits to the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities, the Museum of Islamic Art, and the Sultan Hassan Mosque. An optional postlude in Jordan is offered.

Activity Level 3: ⛔️ /**/ /**/ /**/ /**/ WHAT TO EXPECT

This moderately active program includes multiple hotel changes, plus internal flights and/or long drives. Some days are heavily scheduled so that you can see as many of Egypt’s ancient wonders as possible. Travelers should be in good health and fit enough to navigate stairs and walk along uneven terrain. The temperatures during your stay in Egypt should range from the mid-40s to low 70s °F. Egypt is a conservative country, especially in terms of dress. The general dress code is casual with a focus on modest western-style clothing. Women should cover their knees and shoulders in public. During the day we recommend clothing that can be layered to provide warmth in the cool mornings and evenings and removed during the warmer parts of the day. A coat, jacket, or heavy sweater will be useful. Comfortable, practical shoes are essential as there will be substantial walking and many floors are uneven, as are the grounds and paths at the sites.
Schedule by Day
B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26
Departure
Depart on an overnight flight to Cairo.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27
Cairo, Egypt / Giza
Arrive in Cairo this afternoon and transfer to the legendary Mena House hotel, your home for the next two nights. Toast the beginning of the program at a welcome reception. R

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28
Giza
This morning, tour the Great Pyramids, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Explore the Solar Boat Museum, housing the exceptionally preserved cedar boat found near the Pyramid of Khufu, and then enjoy special access to the Sphinx. Following a late lunch, the remainder of the day is at leisure. B,L

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29
Cairo / Luxor
Board a privately chartered flight to Luxor and continue to your hotel, the Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa. In the afternoon, discover the outstanding collection at the Luxor Museum. Continue to Luxor Temple, remarkable for its size and exceptional state of preservation. B,L

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30
Luxor / Embark Sanctuary Sun Boat III
Spend the day exploring the treasures of the 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. After lunch, discover the less-visited tombs of the nobles. Embark the privately chartered Sanctuary Sun Boat III. B,L,D

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31
Luxor
Step ashore this morning to walk along the Avenue of Sphinxes at Karnak Temple and see the Hypostyle Hall, with its massive columns. There will be time for shopping in Luxor before returning to the ship to enjoy an afternoon cruise. An evening lecture is followed by a celebratory dinner on board to ring in the New Year. B,L,D

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1
Edfu / Kom Ombo
On a morning visit to Edfu, see the exceptionally well-preserved Temple of Horus, whose reliefs still retain some of their original colors. Lunch is on board while you cruise along the Nile. In the late afternoon, visit Kom Ombo’s picturesque Ptolemaic temple, dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek and decorated with a series of beautiful reliefs. B,L,D
THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

Aswan

Arrive in Aswan and visit the exquisite Philae Temple, relocated due to the rising flood waters of the Nile. Later this afternoon, choose between a sail on a Nile felucca (traditional sailboat) or a visit to the unfinished obelisk at the ancient stone quarries. This evening, the captain hosts a farewell dinner. B,L,D

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

Sanctuary Sun Boat III / Aswan / Abu Simbel / Cairo

Disembark Sanctuary Sun Boat III for a morning excursion by plane to Abu Simbel. See the monumental temples of Ramses II and his favorite wife, Queen Nefertari, constructed in the 13th century B.C. to intimidate enemies from the south. Fly back to Cairo and check in at the Four Seasons Hotel at the First Residence. Dinner and the evening are at leisure. B,L

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

Sakkara

View the site of the remarkable Step Pyramid of King Zoser, built in the 27th century B.C., at nearby Sakkara. After lunch, visit the impressive new Grand Egyptian Museum, scheduled to open in early 2019. Dinner is at leisure. B,L

Optional Jordan Postlude

JANUARY 6 to 11, 2020

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

Fly from Cairo to Amman, Jordan, and spend a night at the elegant Four Seasons Hotel. Dinner is at leisure.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

Check out of the hotel and depart for Mount Nebo. In Madaba see the archaeological park and a 6th-century mosaic fragment depicting an ancient map of Jerusalem. After lunch, journey along the King’s Highway and through stunning Wadi Mujib to Petra. Dinner and accommodations are at the Mövenpick Resort. B,L,D

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

Rise early today and enter Petra on foot through the majestic siq to view the ruins of the Treasury. After lunch, you may wish to climb to the Monastery for panoramic views or relax at the hotel. Dinner is at leisure. B,L

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

Depart for Wadi Rum, and explore the desert landscape in four-wheel-drive vehicles. Feast on a traditional lunch under Bedouin tents. Return to Amman and the Four Seasons Hotel. Dinner is at a popular local restaurant. B,L,D

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

Begin the morning at the hilltop Citadel in downtown Amman, then visit the Jordan Museum. Continue to Jerash, one of the world’s best-preserved Roman cities. Return to Amman in the late afternoon. In the evening, transfer to the airport for flights home. B,L

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

Cairo

Begin the day with a visit to the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities, housing the world’s greatest collection of ancient treasures. Following a light lunch, explore the Museum of Islamic Art and view the splendid Sultan Hassan Mosque. Gather for a festive dinner tonight to toast an enlightening journey. B,L,D

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

Depart Cairo on return flights home. Alternatively, fly to Amman, Jordan, for the optional extension to Petra. B

Additional details and pricing for the optional extension will be sent to confirmed participants.
Details

- Spend two nights at the legendary Mena House, in the shadow of the Great Pyramids
- Enjoy up-close access to the paws of the Great Sphinx and explore the Solar Boat Museum
- Sail the Nile from Luxor to Aswan aboard an elegant 17-cabin river vessel, stopping to tour remarkably well-preserved Greco-Roman temples overlooking the river
- Discover the tombs of the nobles in Luxor, lavishly decorated with colorful paintings that include depictions of everyday life

Program Rates

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With just 17 cabins, the intimate Sanctuary Sun Boat III represents the ultimate in Nile cruises. This graceful river yacht features a sun deck with a swimming pool and private cabanas, a lounge, and a gourmet restaurant staffed by award-winning chefs. All cabins offer Nile River views. Sanctuary Sun Boat III has been repeatedly ranked among the most beautiful boats in the world by readers of Condé Nast Traveler.
CANCELLATIONS & FINAL PAYMENT
To register, please fill out this form and return it to Harvard Alumni Travels with your deposit of $1,000 per person (of which $500 is non-refundable).

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Trip Sampling

LAND & RAIL

The History & Culture of Poland: With an Emphasis On Jewish Heritage
MAY 11–21, 2019
Jay Harris

Gateway to Authentic Ireland
JUN 7–17, 2019
Catherine McKenna

England’s Suffolk Coast & Aldeburgh Music Festival
JUN 12–18, 2019
John Stewart

An Active Exploration of the Azores
OCT 10–15, 2019
Jeremiah Trimble

Exploring the Wine Regions of Bordeaux & Rioja
OCT 12–20, 2019
Tom Conley

Pittsburgh: Art & Architecture of the “Steel City”
OCT 24–28, 2019
Alice DeLana

CRUISES

A Cruise of The Panama Canal & Costa Rica on Le Champlain
FEB 2–10, 2019
Don Pfister

Crossroads of Cultures: Canary Islands, Morocco & Iberia on Sea Spirit
APR 5–18, 2019
Michael McElroy

Arctic Expedition: Spitsbergen & Svalbard on L'Austral
JUN 14–24, 2019
Lisa Randall

Circumnavigation of Iceland on Le Champlain
JUL 31–AUG 8, 2019
Fran Ulmer

Dutch Waterways on Amadeus Silver II
APR 25–MAY 3, 2019
Peter Bol

Normandy to Paris: Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of D-Day
JUN 4–13, 2019
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RIVERS & LAKES

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FAMILY ADVENTURES

China Family Tour: Imperial Grandeur, Terracotta Warriors, Giant Pandas
JUN 21–JUL 3, 2019
R. Nicholas Burns

Egypt & the Nile (A Family Adventure) on Sanctuary Nile Adventurer
DEC 27, 2019–JAN 5, 2020

Additional Egypt Offering!

A Family Adventure: Egypt & The Nile
December 27, 2019 to January 5, 2020
With Noel Michele Holbrook

Experience the history, arts, and culture of ancient Egypt during an eight-night journey for the whole family. Travel by privately chartered plane, bus, and riverboat to see the inside of one of Giza’s Great Pyramids, view the Sphinx up close, and walk among the towering columns of Luxor’s temples. Learn to interpret some of the hieroglyphics and colorful images still visible on the walls of tombs and temples. In Luxor, board the intimate Sanctuary Nile Adventurer for a four-night cruise to Aswan.

From $8,499 per person, double occupancy
A $1,500 discount applies for children ages 15 and under for triple occupancy in select cabins.