Egypt & the Nile: A Family-Friendly Journey Aboard Sanctuary Nile Adventurer
December 26, 2021–January 4, 2022
with Dr. Khalil Abdur-Rashid, Muslim Chaplain at Harvard University
On an eight-night journey with timeless wonders for all ages, celebrate the New Year with special access to the ancient treasures of Egypt. Traveling by privately chartered plane, motor coach, and deluxe riverboat, discover spectacular history in the company of Imam Dr. Khalil Abdur-Rashid, Harvard University’s first full-time Muslim Chaplain, renowned for his scholarship on Islamic and Middle East Studies.

Fly to Abu Simbel to stand in awe before the enormous rock-cut temples of Ramses and Nefertari. Continue by air to Aswan to board the intimate Sanctuary Nile Adventurer for a four-night Nile cruise to Luxor, stepping off to roam impressive tombs and temples. Enjoy a range of onboard activities tailored for families, such as a cooking class, a festive New Year’s celebration, and educational programs and games for Young Voyagers. In Luxor, walk among the larger-than-life statues and tombs of Tutankhamun and other pharaohs, and learn to interpret the hieroglyphics and colorful images still visible on the walls of the temples.

Return by air to Cairo, where you will take a rare glimpse inside one of Giza’s Great Pyramids, and view the Sphinx up close, beyond the crowd barriers. Be among the first to tour the highly anticipated Grand Egyptian Museum, home to the most extensive collection of Tutankhamun artifacts ever. Conclude with a special tour of the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities, during which Young Voyagers will participate in a scavenger hunt. Reserve your place on this trip with confidence: Your deposit will be fully refundable until 60 days before departure. You may join an optional postlude to explore the millennia-old splendors of Jordan.

TO BOOK A TRIP, CALL 800-422-1636 OR VISIT ALUMNI.HARVARD.EDU/TRAVEL

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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, focusing on modest Western-style clothing.

Study Leader
Khalil Abdur-Rashid

Imam Dr. Khalil Abdur-Rashid is the first full-time University Muslim Chaplain at Harvard University, Instructor of Muslim Studies at Harvard Divinity School, and Public Policy Lecturer at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. He serves the entire Muslim community at Harvard University though his mentoring, programs, lectures, interfaith work, and the courses he offers in the Divinity School and Kennedy School of Government. He completed his Doctorate in Liberal Studies in American Islam from Southern Methodist University and holds both a Master of Arts in Islamic Law and Middle East Studies as well as a Master of Philosophy in Islamic Law and Middle East Studies from Columbia University in New York City. He earned his bachelor’s degree in Social Work from Georgia State University and worked for the state of Georgia as a social worker for several years. He then pursued Islamic studies academically and traditionally which led him overseas to study for numerous years in the Middle East and in Istanbul, Turkey. While in Istanbul, Khalil pursued a master’s degree in Comparative Islamic Law at Marmara University and completed two advanced Islamic seminary doctoral licenses (ijaza) in Islamic Sciences, intellectual history, the history of science, and environmental history.

Feluccas on the Nile (above). Front cover image: The Great Pyramids, Giza.

Grand Egyptian Museum, Cairo, © The Grand Egyptian Museum
Schedule by Day

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27
**Cairo, Egypt**
Arrive in Cairo this afternoon, and transfer to your hotel. Gather this evening for a welcome reception with introductory remarks by your lecturer.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28
**Aswan**
Depart for the airport this morning to board a privately chartered flight to Abu Simbel. See the monumental temples of Ramses II and his favorite wife, Queen Nefertari. Constructed in the 13th century B.C., the temples were relocated in the 1960s to save them from submersion after the building of the High Dam. Continue by air to Aswan, and embark the privately chartered Sanctuary Nile Adventurer. Attend a welcome dinner on board.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30
**Kom Ombo / Edfu**
During breakfast, Sanctuary Nile Adventurer arrives at Kom Ombo. View the picturesque Ptolemaic temple, dedicated to the ancient crocodile god Sobek and decorated with a series of beautiful reliefs. In the afternoon, attend a lecture on board while Young Voyagers participate in a hands-on lesson about Egyptian culture and hieroglyphics. Step ashore in Edfu for a visit to the magnificent Temple of Horus, one of the best-preserved temples in the world, with its massive gateways, fully intact roof, and imposing sandstone walls adorned with hieroglyphs and wall paintings.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31
**Luxor**
Spend the day exploring the treasures of the West Bank, site of the vast necropolis of ancient Thebes. In the Valley of the Queens, partake in a rare exploration of the tomb of Queen Nefertari, where access is limited to protect its stunningly rendered and vividly colorful wall paintings, which depict the Queen’s journey into the afterlife. Next, see the famed Colossi of Memnon and the tomb of Tutankhamun in the Valley of the Kings. After a late lunch, walk along the Corniche before a twilight visit to Luxor Temple, remarkable for its exceptional state of preservation. Young Voyagers can participate in an Egyptian-themed scavenger hunt at the temple. Tonight, dress up in traditional clothing to ring in the New Year with Egyptian specialties, music, and dancing.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1
**Luxor / Disembark / Cairo**
This morning, discover the outstanding collection at the Luxor Museum, which exhibits treasures from the necropolis of Thebes. Then walk along the Avenue of Sphinxes at Karnak Temple and see the Great

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Hypostyle Hall with its enormous columns. After lunch, fly to Cairo and check in at the Cairo Marriott Hotel. Dinner and the evening are at leisure.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2
Giza
Today, tour the legendary Great Pyramids, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Those who wish to will have the chance to see the inside of one of the pyramids. Then enjoy up-close access to the Great Sphinx, going beyond the protective crowd barriers to inspect the paws of this marvelous ancient statue. In the afternoon, tour the new Grand Egyptian Museum, the world’s largest archaeological museum, scheduled to open in 2021.

MONDAY, JANUARY 3
Cairo
This morning, explore the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities, housing the world’s greatest collection of ancient treasures. For younger participants, a special tour will focus on the animals, games, and sports represented in the collection. Following lunch, the remainder of the afternoon is free. You may wish to relax by the hotel’s swimming pool, or join an optional visit to an arts and crafts workshop for all ages. Gather for a farewell dinner tonight to toast an enlightening journey.

Optional Postlude in Jordan
TUESDAY, JANUARY 4
Cairo / Amman, Jordan / Petra
Fly from Cairo to Amman, Jordan, and drive to Madaba to see the 6th-century mosaic fragment depicting an ancient map of Jerusalem. After lunch, journey along the King’s Highway, arriving in Petra for dinner and accommodations at the Petra Marriott Hotel.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6
Petra / Wadi Rum / Amman
Depart for Wadi Rum, an area settled in the 4th century B.C. by the Nabataeans but known to many Westerners through the adventures of T.E. Lawrence. Explore the desert landscape in four-wheel-drive vehicles. Feast on a traditional lunch under Bedouin tents before arriving in Amman. Dine at a popular restaurant tonight.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7
Jerash / Amman
On a morning visit to Jerash, marvel at one of the best-preserved cities of ancient Rome, complete with temples, theaters, and a forum. After lunch, discover more about the country’s ancient history and diverse cultural influences at the Jordan Museum. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8
Return
Depart the hotel early this morning for the flights home. Alternatively, fly to Amman, Jordan, for the optional extension to Jordan.

Postlude rate per person:
$2,799 double rate.
$3,299 single rate.

Rate includes: Two nights accommodations at the Petra Marriott Hotel and two nights accommodations at the InterContinental Amman; breakfast daily, four lunches, and two dinners; internal flight (Cairo/Amman); sightseeing as noted.
Accommodations

CAIRO MARRIOTT HOTEL
Savor classical grandeur in the heart of ancient Cairo, with zoological gardens on one side and the western bank of the Nile on the other. Enjoy on-site amenities including a 24-hour gym, outdoor lap pool, a spa and an elegant casino. Several of the 14 dining options are set in lush gardens. The hotel is within close proximity to some of the world’s most magnificent and famous sites, including the Pyramids, Sphinx, and Cairo Tower. Be transported to the Egypt of 1869 when you step into the lobby of this five-star luxury hotel in downtown Cairo.

Ship Details
With a sleek contemporary design and only 32 cabins, Sanctuary Nile Adventurer offers a mix of intimacy and luxury. This elegant riverboat features a sun deck with swimming pool and private cabanas, and a shaded deck with an outdoor bar. All cabins offer Nile River views.

Rates Per Person

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requirements of their trip and must complete and return any medical forms required by

All participants should consult with their doctor about whether they can meet the physical
booking so that HAA and the tour operator may evaluate whether participation is feasible.

Participants requiring assistance must travel with a companion who will be responsible for
disembark all conveyances used on the program alone or with minimal assistance from

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contract between you and the airline, even if purchased through Operator.

constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the airline concerned. Airfare is
incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable airline ticket. The air ticket when issued shall

association nor the tour operator accepts the liability for any airline cancellation penalty

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