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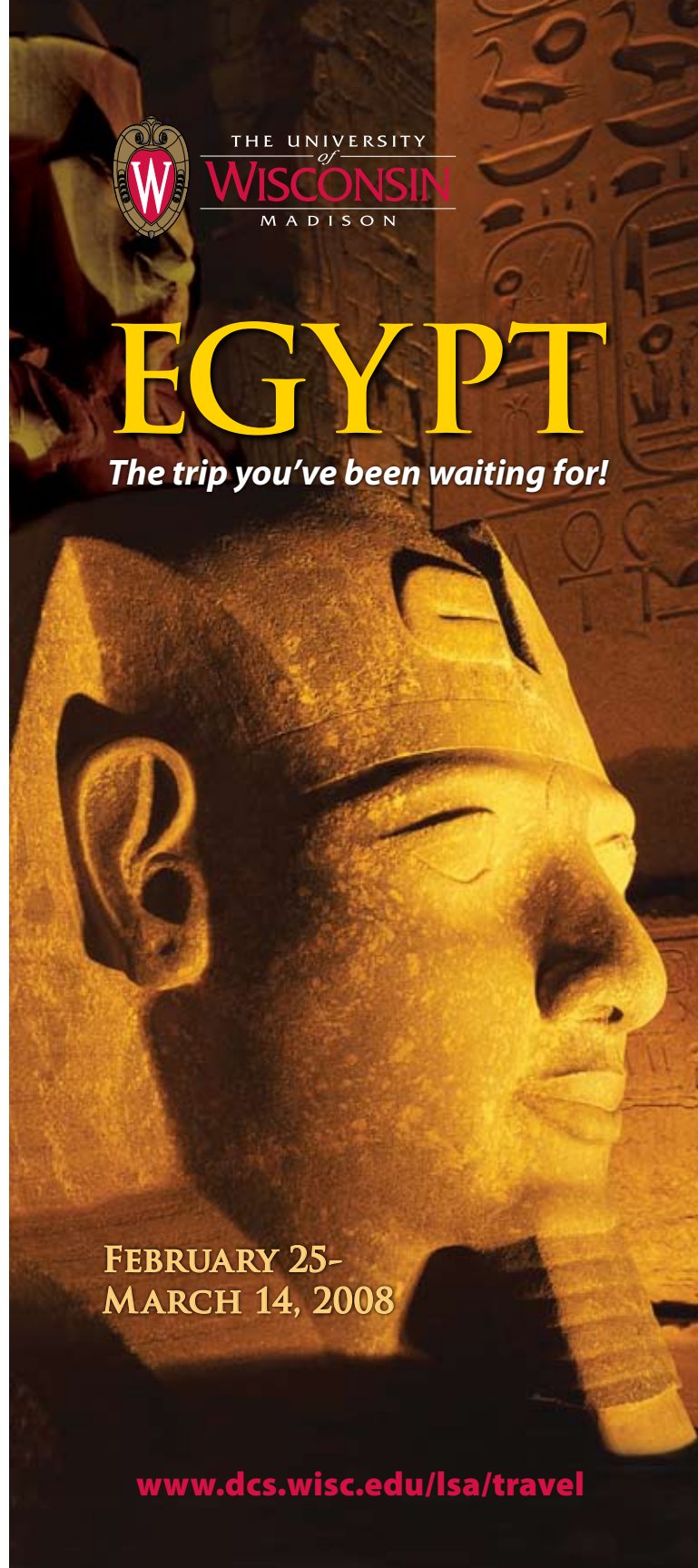
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The trip you've been waiting for!



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Join the University of Wisconsin–Madison on an unforgettable journey to the Land of the Pharaohs! Our unmatched itinerary is a thorough Egyptian experience in which you will be immersed in the bustle of **Cairo** and the austere beauty of the **Sahara Desert**, taken to the stunning temples and monuments on the shores of the **Nile River** and **Lake Nasser**, and introduced to all of the history, culture, and archaeology that only a comprehensive trip such as this can offer.

Your expedition begins with two full days of the incomparable archaeological monuments, modern pace, and fascinating culture of Cairo! While there we will visit the Necropolis of Memphis, the Pyramids of Giza, the Coptic and Islamic quarters of the old city itself including the Khan Khalili Bazaar and the Egyptian Museum.

After Cairo, we strike off south across the vast **Sahara Desert** for four days along the ancient Bedouin trading routes connected by the beautiful oases of **Bahariyya**, **Farafra**, and **Dakhla**. Here you will visit Roman ruins, desert fortresses, geo-thermal springs, the Golden Mummies, extraordinary geological formations, the hypnotic Great Sand Sea, and spend a night marveling at the night sky from your remote camp in the beautiful White Desert!

Your desert safari winds up at **Luxor** where we board a ship for four days of luxurious sailing upon the storied **Nile River**! Enjoy the comfort, tranquility, and camaraderie of life on the ship between your shore excursions to the temples and monuments at **Luxor**, **Edfu**, **Kom Ombo**, and **Aswan**. Relax with afternoon tea during the heat of the day and then spend your

evenings moored in front of the monuments watching life along the river from the comfort of your deck chair or private cabin.

At **Aswan** we transfer to our next ship for four more days of luxurious sailing along the remote and uncrowded shores of **Lake Nasser**. The world's largest artificial lake has a shoreline studded with remarkable archaeological treasures at **Wadi el Seboua**, **Amada**, and **Kasr Ibrim** and you will visit them in comfort and style, culminating at one of the world's most renowned structures: the Great Temple of Ramses at **Abu Simbel**.

After a return flight to Cairo you will have an entire day-and-a-half to explore this amazing city on your own. You may visit other sights, shop in the bazaars, return to the museum, or spend it any way that you desire.

This is a rare opportunity to join a classic Egyptian odyssey. Accompanied by expert local guides for the entire journey, you will learn the history, culture, archaeology, and geography of Egypt while simultaneously gaining an understanding of the modern challenges faced by this extraordinary and complex society.

From the Sahara to the Nile, from antiquity to contemporary Cairo; with spectacular history and extraordinary humanity, this trip will have it all.

Please join us and experience the truly awesome spectacle of **EGYPT**.

Group size will be limited to 25 persons in order to ensure a quality experience, facilitate our movements, and minimize our impact upon the land, the archaeological sights, and the people.

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EGYPT Itinerary



- February 25** **Depart Chicago** for Egypt
- February 26** **Cairo**
Arrive in Cairo in the early afternoon. Arrival formalities and transfer to hotel.
- February 27** **Cairo**
Full-day tour of Memphis and Sakkara, The Pyramids and Sphinx.
- February 28** **Cairo**
Full-day tour of the Citadel, Mosques, and Khan Khalili Bazaar and Old Cairo Coptic Quarter and Egyptian Museum.
- February 29-
March 3** **Sahara Desert: Bahariyya, Farafra, Dakhla**
Drive from Cairo to El Bahariyya Oasis, Valley of El Haize, Crystal Mountain, Valley of Agabat, overnight camping in White Desert with Bedouin entertainment, Farafra Oasis, Dakhla Oasis, Roman Temple of Deir El- Haggar, Qasr el Labeka, to Luxor.
- March 3** **Luxor**
Arrive in Luxor via Sahara. Overnight at Sonesta St. George Luxor Hotel.
- March 4** **Nile River Cruise**
Luxor Museum, then board the ship for Nile cruise with afternoon visit to Karnak and Luxor temples.
- March 5** **Nile River**
Visit the West Bank—the Valley of the Kings and Queens, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at El-Deir El-Bahari and the Colossi of Memnon, then sail to Edfu.

- March 6** **Nile River**
Visit Horus Temple in Edfu, sail to Kom Ombo and visit the Temple of Sobek and Haeroris and then sail to Aswan.
- March 7** **Aswan**
Visit the High Dam, the Temple of Philae and the unfinished Obelisk, enjoy a sailing trip in a *felucca* around Kitchener's Island.
- March 8** **Lake Nasser Cruise**
Visit Kalabsha Temple, the Hemispeos of Beit El Wali and the Kiosk of Kertassi.
- March 9** **Lake Nasser**
Sail to Wadi El Seboua.
- March 10** **Lake Nasser**
Visit Wadi El Seboua Temple, The Temple of Dakka, the Greco-Roman Temple of Meharakka. Sail to Amada and visit the Temple of Amada, the Hemispeos of Derr, and the Tomb of Penout.
- March 11** **Lake Nasser**
After a morning visit to the citadel of Kasr Ibrim, sail to the Abu Simbel temples.
- March 12** **Cairo**
Early transfer to the airport and fly to Cairo. Free afternoon in Cairo.
- March 13** **Cairo**
Enjoy a *free day* in Cairo before our elegant farewell dinner.
- March 14** **Depart Cairo** for Chicago
Early morning transfer to the airport for the return flight.

Important Information

Please note – U.S. Passport required; apply now.

Everyone is welcome to join us, but please understand that this trip will involve a good deal of walking in consistently hot, dry conditions. Likewise, Egypt is poorly equipped for travelers with mobility challenges, but it is not impossible. Steep stairs, narrow entrances, and uneven walking surfaces may be encountered at the temples and monuments and in the towns.

Cairo is a busy, crowded, and hectic city, but our Cairo hotel is one of the finest in the Middle East, so you can relax in comfort. In the Sahara Desert our lodgings will be simpler and somewhat understated compared to our accommodations elsewhere, but it will be an exciting segment. The overnight camp in the White Desert will be in tents. With Bedouin musicians, local food, and the natural beauty of the desert to accompany you, this evening may be the highlight of your Egyptian visit.

Both ships offer very comfortable and well-appointed accommodations, with plenty of time to relax in style after your desert adventure. All meals will be taken on board and a daily afternoon tea will help you unwind from your day's excursions.

- Lodging**
- Cairo**, *Cairo Marriott Superior*
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/caieg-cairo-marriott-hotel-and-omar-khayyam-casino/>
 - Bahariyya**, *International Hot Spring Peter Hotel*
<http://www.whitedeserttours.com/Hotel.html>
 - Dakhla**, *Iberotel Dakhla*
 - Luxor**, *Sonesta Luxor St. George*, <http://www.sonesta.com/luxor/>
 - Nile Cruise**, *Movenpick Radamis II*
<http://www.travelinstyle.com/egypt/Radamis.htm>
 - Lake Nasser**, *MS Kasr Ibrim Lake Nasser Cruise*
<http://www.kasrbrim.com/eg/>

Cost The price of this trip is **\$5999**. *Price includes:* international roundtrip airfare to Cairo from Chicago; lodging; entry fees; all transfers, coach services, boat tickets and any domestic flights in Egypt; guide and university staff services. Daily breakfasts are included, as are all meals on board ships, and most all of your lunches and dinners. **Price based on double occupancy**; single supplement is \$1490. (Airport departure taxes in Egypt are extra and must be paid onsite—approximately \$30.)

Registration Form

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Yes, I've enclosed the *non-refundable deposit* of \$500/ person. Refunds after final payment has been received are based on the tour's ability to recoup/reassign each participant's specific package. We urge participants to purchase travel insurance to cover cancellation costs. Make check payable to **UW-Madison**.

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Address _____ street
_____ city / state / zip

Phone (_____) _____
area code daytime number / evening number

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- Please check all that apply:**
- Reserve a twin room (package).
My roommate is: _____
 - I am interested in a roommate. Please let me know if one becomes available.
 - Reserve a single room (\$1490 supplement).

- I am also interested in receiving information about the following tours:**
- New York City, May 2008
 - Edinburgh International Festival, August 2008
 - Shaw Festival, September 2008
 - London New Year's, 2008-09

Return registration form and deposit to:
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