



EXPLORING ANCIENT EGYPT NEW YEARS ON THE NILE

December 28, 2008 – January 8, 2009

Explore the wonders of ancient Egypt as we welcome in the New Year – 2009! While anticipating the future, it is useful to examine our past, and Egypt lies at the core of that past. It is probably the world's oldest civilization having emerged from the Nile Valley around 3100 BC and boasts some of mankind's earliest triumphs. Egypt is filled with wonders – a mixture of both ancient and modern - which combined with its fascinating history and intriguing culture make it one of the most captivating destinations in the world!

Spectacular artistic, architectural, and historical monuments await us. Egypt, a country bustling with life, sound and visual beauty begs to be explored. Join Professor Gordon Young on this exciting New Year's adventure to discover why it has been the playground of emperors and kings for thousands of years.

Program Highlights and Inclusions:

- Sightseeing includes: Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx and Egyptian Museum, Valley of the Kings, Tutankhamen's Tomb, Karnak and Luxor Temples, Ramesseum, the Mortuary Temple of Ramesses II
- Abu Simbel Excursion by air
- Hotels and shipboard accommodations are all 5 star
- Four day, three night Nile Cruise
- 10 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 8 dinners
- English speaking Egyptologist guide throughout Egypt
- Transfers, entrance and admission fees, hotel taxes, service charges



Not Included:

- Items of a personal nature such as passports, telephone calls, laundry, tips to: drivers, guides, transfer people and cruise ship personnel, drinks, meals not included in itinerary, travel insurance, etc...



Package Price:

- \$3,350 Ground Package per person in double accommodations
- \$1,320 Air Package per person, round-trip from New York including all internal air in Egypt
- \$285 Air Tax and Fuel Surcharges per person (subject to change until ticketed)
- \$945 Single Supplement

Trip Cancellation/Health Insurance is available and recommended. Information to be sent upon deposit.

ABOUT THE LEADERS: **Gordon D. Young** is Associate Professor of Ancient Mediterranean and Near East History at Purdue University. He has led 16 previous travel/study programs to Egypt and recently been elected to the Book of Great Teachers at Purdue.

Afifi el-Shimy is an Egyptologist Guide in Egypt who has led several previous tours of Purdue University groups. An affable gentleman, he is very experienced, speaks perfect English and is extremely knowledgeable about all things Egyptian – ancient and modern.

Deposit NOW to guarantee your space!

\$300 per person deposit due by September 12, 2008
Final payment due by November 12, 2008

For further information about the program, contact: Prof. Gordon D. Young 765.463.2868 or gyoung@purdue.edu
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Sunday, 12/28: Depart New York via EgyptAir for Cairo.

Monday, 12/29: Arrive Cairo. Transfer to hotel. Visit the Pyramids of Giza & the Sphinx. Welcome Egyptian banquet. (D)

Tuesday, 12/30: Visit the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities (including the Mummies Room). Travel to the Saqqara complex to see the pyramid of Djoser/Zoser and visit the new museum in the afternoon. Visit to the Khan el-Khalili Bazaar. (B, L)

Wednesday, 12/31: Morning flight to Luxor (ancient Thebes). Explore the east bank of the Nile including the Temple of Luxor and the Karnak complex of temples. In the evening, enjoy a New Years Eve celebration at our hotel. (B, D)

Thursday, 1/1/09: Happy New Year! Cross to the West Bank and explore several of the most famous sites in Egypt: the Valley of the Kings (including the tomb of Tutankhamen), Queen Hatshepsut's mortuary temple at Der el-Bahri, and the Ramesseum of Ramesses II, the Great. (B, D)

Friday, 1/2: More West Bank sites: the Medinet Habu temple of Ramesses III, the Tomb of the vizier Rekhmire, and the colossi of Memnon. Board the Queen of Hansa. (B, L, D)

Saturday, 1/3: Sail on the Queen of Hansa via Esna to Edfu. (B, L, D)

Sunday, 1/4: Visit the magnificent Temple of Horus at Edfu. Sail to Kom Ombo and visit the dual Temple of Sobek and "Heroeris." Continue sailing to Aswan. (B, L, D)

Monday, 1/5: Fly to Abu Simbel. Visit the mighty temples of Ramesses II. Return to Aswan and visit the High Dam, Granite Quarries and Unfinished Obelisk, and view Kitchener's Island and the Mausoleum of the Agha Khan. Later visit the Temple of Isis on Philae Island. (B, D)

Tuesday, 1/6: Fly to Cairo. Visit Old Cairo: the Ben Ezra Synagogue, St. Sergius Church, the Citadel of Salah el-Din (Saladin) and the Mohammed Ali Mosque. (B)

Wednesday, 1/7: Day at leisure. An optional excursion to Alexandria. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Thursday, 1/8: Farewell to Egypt. Fly to New York. (B)

PLEASE NOTE: The itinerary sequence is subject to change without prior notice due to government regulations.

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