THE NILE

GLORIES OF ANCIENT AND MODERN EGYPT ABOARD THE SUN BOAT III

February 18 to March 3, 2016

a program of the stanford alumni association
A cruise up the Nile is a journey of a lifetime, and with recent political changes and a subsequent lull in tourist crowds, there’s never been a better time to visit Egypt. From the great pyramids at Giza to the royal tombs in the Valley of the Kings and the gigantic temples of Karnak and Abu Simbel, no other destination has the wealth of history—or is as shrouded in mystery. Stanford political scientist Judith Goldstein joins forces with longtime Stanford favorite, Egyptologist Fetiche Posma-Zaalouk, to deliver a fascinating overview of Egypt’s historical and cultural milestones, both ancient and modern. Our Stanford connections give us access to leaders and archaeologists as well as special entrée to sites and tombs not open to the public. I guarantee this is a trip you’ll not soon forget.

BRETT S. THOMPSON, ’83, DIRECTOR, STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY

Highlights

**SAIL** up the Nile aboard the privately chartered *Sun Boat III*, which offers the highest standards of comfort and service on the legendary river.

**MEET** with the art and architecture historian Dr. Tarek Swelim to hear firsthand about his research on Islamic Cairo.

**STAND** in awe before the temple of Abu Simbel, built by Ramses II and relocated to protect it from the rising waters of Lake Nasser.

**DISCOVER** some of the country’s most precious treasures during an exclusive tour of the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities in Cairo before normal hours.
JUDITH GOLDBEIN is a professor of political science and has been teaching at Stanford since the early 1980s. She has taught courses on all aspects of international politics, specializing on the requisites for international cooperation on economic affairs. Her current work focuses on the interaction of globalization and politics. In looking at the Middle East today, Judith is concerned about the viability of the current borders that define the region’s sovereign states and is exploring alternative political arrangements, given the region’s ethnic and religious divisions. During this trip, her lectures will pose fundamental questions about the prospects for stability and peace in the Middle East. As well, lectures will consider problems of governance in both Egypt and her neighbors, and the future role of the U.S. in the region.

— Janet Peck Professor of International Communication and the William and Dorothy Kaye University Fellow in Undergraduate Education
— Chair, Department of political science
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— Author of Ideas, Interests, and American Trade Policy; The Evolution of the Trade Regime; Ideas and Foreign Policy; Legalization and World Politics; and Back to Basics: State Power in the Contemporary World
— BA, political science, UC-Berkeley; MA, international affairs, Columbia University; PhD, political science, UCLA

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Itinerary

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18 & 19  
DEPART U.S. / CAIRO, EGYPT / GIZA  
Board overnight flights to Cairo and transfer to our hotel in Giza upon arrival on Friday.  
MENA HOUSE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20  
GIZA / DASHUR / SAQQARA  
After an orientation at our hotel, travel to Dahshur with its early-era Red and Bent pyramids that provide insights into the trial-and-error process of pyramid-building. After lunch, visit Saqqara, the necropolis of Memphis renowned for its 5,000-year-old step pyramid and mastabas (tombs) that reveal the architectural origins of the pyramid. Enjoy a welcome reception and dinner at our hotel. MENA HOUSE (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21  
GIZA  
Visit the awe-inspiring monuments of Giza: the Great Pyramids and the enigmatic Sphinx, the quintessential symbols of ancient Egypt. Our visit includes entrance to the Cheops Boat Museum and special access to the area at the foot of the Sphinx. Dinner this evening is on our own. MENA HOUSE (B,L)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22  
CAIRO / LUXOR / EMBARKATION  
Depart Cairo on a chartered flight to Luxor, the heart of the Nile Valley, and enjoy a guided tour of the Luxor Museum. Then embark the Sun Boat III, exclusively chartered for our group. In the early evening, visit the Temple of Luxor, whose graceful papyrus cluster columns were built by Amenhotep III and later embellished by Ramses II, Tutankhamun and Alexander the Great. SUN BOAT III (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23  
LUXOR / ABYDOS  
Admire the beautiful Nile scenery as the Sun Boat III sails toward Naga Hamadi, where we disembark and drive to Abydos, once the center of a holy city dedicated to Osiris, lord of the netherworld. The temples at Abydos were reserved by several Egyptian dynasties as burial sites and were important pilgrimage destinations. SUN BOAT III (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24  
LUXOR / DEIR EL-BAHRI / KARNAK  
Travel to Deir el-Bahri on the Nile’s west bank to view the magnificent mortuary temple of Queen Hatshepsut—the queen who declared herself king. This afternoon, explore the temple precincts of Karnak and admire the 134 giant columns of Ramses II’s magnificent hypostyle hall, the soaring obelisks and the enormous temple dedicated to Amun, god of the moon. SUN BOAT III (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25  
LUXOR / VALLEY OF THE KINGS  
This morning travel to the west bank of the Nile to explore the necropolis of Thebes, set in the limestone cliffs that stretch far into the valleys of the western desert. Continue to the Valley of the Kings with its stunning painted royal tombs and long corridors that lead down into deep burial chambers, symbolizing the journey from the world of the living to the world of the dead. Visit the tomb of King Tutankhamun as well as a recently excavated tomb not open to the general public. SUN BOAT III (B,L,D)
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26
LUXOR / EDFU / ASWAN
After a relaxing morning of cruising, call at Edfu to visit one of the best-preserved temples of the ancient world, the 2,000-year-old Temple of Horus, dedicated to the falcon-headed god and lord of the sky. This afternoon continue cruising to Aswan.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27
ASWAN
Enjoy a full day exploring charming Aswan, beginning with a visit to the Temple of Philae, which was carefully moved to higher ground before the rising waters of Lake Nasser would have submerged it permanently. After lunch, board a felucca, a traditional Nile sailing vessel, for a cruise around Kitchener’s Island.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28
ASWAN / KOMombo / LUXOR
Begin our cruise back downriver to Luxor, stopping in Kom Ombo for a visit to the Temple of Sobek and Horus, built by the Ptolemaic rulers who governed Egypt after its conquest by Alexander the Great. Return to Luxor and enjoy our final dinner aboard our riverboat.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29
DISEMBARKATION / ABU SIMBEL / CAIRO
This morning, disembark the Sun Boat III and board a chartered flight to Abu Simbel, one of the greatest temple precincts in ancient Egypt. Built by Ramses II, the temples are famous for the colossal statues of the pharaoh and his favorite wife, Nefertari. As waters from the dam in Aswan rose toward the temples in the 1960s, an international team, in an extraordinary feat of engineering, raised the site 200 feet and relocated the statues more than 600 feet from the water’s edge. After our visit, fly to Cairo and enjoy an evening at leisure.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1
CAIRO
This morning meet with Dr. Tarek Sweilim, noted art and architecture historian, for a special lecture followed by a tour of two of Cairo’s important mosques, Ibn Tulun and Sultan Hassan. Enjoy lunch in the bustling Khan el-Khalili bazaar and free time to explore the bazaar’s shops.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2
CAIRO
Early this morning, enjoy early access to the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities before it opens to the public. Admire the museum’s more than 100,000 relics and artifacts, including the golden treasures of Tutankhamun. Continue on to visit the key highlights of Coptic Cairo, including the Hanging Church and the Ben Ezra Synagogue. This evening gather for a festive farewell reception and dinner.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3
CAIRO / U.S.
Transfer to the airport for return flights to the U.S.

POST-TRIP EXTENSION TO JORDAN
MARCH 3 TO 9, 2016
(6 ADDITIONAL DAYS)
Journey to Amman, capital of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Explore the extensive Roman ruins of Jerash and the 2,000-year-old rose-red city of Petra, a magnificent assemblage of temples, tombs and elaborate buildings carved into solid rock. Visit the town of Madaba, known as the “City of Mosaics” for its spectacular 6th-century tile masterpieces, and Mt. Nebo. Experience the therapeutic waters of the Dead Sea, a biblical landmark and geographically the lowest point on earth. Additional details and rates will be provided to confirmed participants.
The elegant Sun Boat III accommodates up to 36 guests in 18 beautifully designed cabins. Modeled on the opulent era of the 20s and 30s, this graceful riverboat offers delicious gourmet meals in the restaurant, refreshing cocktails on the sun deck and afternoon tea in the stunning lounge. Two decks provide ample space for watching the passing Nile scenery as well as a heated pool and exercise machines. All cabins have Nile views, a mini-bar, safe deposit box, individual CD player and LCD television with satellite and in-house movies, private bathrooms and air conditioning with individual controls.

### Program Cost*

Rates are per person, based on double or single occupancy as specified.

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*Association nonmembers add $300 per person.

**Single accommodations are limited to as few as 2 cabins.
This program can accommodate 28 participants. Single accommodations are extremely limited; please call for availability.

**INCLUDED**
- 6 nights of deluxe accommodations
- 7-night cruise aboard the Sun Boat III
- 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches, 9 dinners
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions
- Internal Egypt flights on chartered aircraft: Cairo/Luxor, Luxor/Abu Simbel, Abu Simbel/Cairo
- All tours and shore excursions as described in the itinerary
- Gratuities to porters, guides, drivers and ship crew for all group activities
- Visas (for U.S. citizens)
- Transfers and baggage handling for participants arriving in and departing from Cairo
- Port fees and embarkation taxes
- Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance
- Educational program with lecture series and pre-departure materials, including recommended reading list, a selected book, map and travel information
- Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

**NOT INCLUDED**
- International and U.S. domestic airfare
- Passport fees
- Immunization costs
- Meals and beverages other than those specified as included
- Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance
- Excess-baggage charges
- Personal items such as internet access, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

**AIR ARRANGEMENTS**
- International and U.S. domestic airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare between San Francisco and Cairo is approximately $1,000 as of May 2015 and is subject to change without notice.

**FUEL COSTS**
- In the uncertain, often volatile oil market of late, it is difficult to predict fuel costs over the long term and, more specifically, at the time of operation of this voyage. Our prices are based upon the prevailing fuel rates at the time of brochure printing. While we will do everything possible to maintain our prices, if the fuel rates increase significantly, it may be necessary to institute a fuel surcharge.

**WHAT TO EXPECT**
- We consider this to be a moderately strenuous program that is at times physically demanding. Participants must be physically fit, active and in good health. Daily excursions in Cairo and from our riverboat are busy and involve one to three miles of walking, with tours lasting as long as three hours. Much of the walking takes place at ancient sites covering a large area, where paths can be rocky and uneven, and involving high thresholds and steps without handrails. Many buildings do not have elevators, and some sites and museums do not allow buses to pull up in front, thus requiring a walk of several minutes to reach the entrance. Busy days are contrasted with the relaxed pace aboard our riverboat, where daily shore excursions are complemented by lectures and leisure time onboard. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.

**DEPOSIT & FINAL PAYMENT**
- A $1,000-per-person deposit is required to hold your space. An additional $200-per-person deposit is required for the optional post-trip extension. Sign up online at alumni.stanford.edu/trip?mile2016 or call the Travel/Study office at (650) 725-1093. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign a Release of Liability.

**CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS**
- Deposits and any payments are refundable, less a $500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to departure. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place(s) can be resold, in which case a $1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply.

**INSURANCE**
- Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. You may choose to subscribe to optional trip-cancellation and baggage insurance. A brochure offering such insurance will be provided to U.S. residents with their welcome materials. The product offered in this brochure includes special benefits if you purchase your policy within a specified window: 14 to 21 days of the date listed on the welcome letter, depending on your destination and state of residence.

**ELIGIBILITY**
- We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $300 more than the members’ price. Families and travel companions may travel on one membership. For more information or to purchase a membership, visit alumni.stanford.edu/go/to/membership or call (650) 725-0692.

**RESPONSIBILITY**
- The Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University and our operators act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and ship arrangements and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motorcoach, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. The right is reserved to cancel any program prior to departure in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is carried at the owner’s risk entirely. It is understood that the ships ticket, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the cruise company. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time that passengers are not onboard their plane or conveyance. Neither the Alumni Association, Stanford University nor our operators accept liability for any carrier’s cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in connection with the tour. Program price is based on rates in effect in June 2015 and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges.
The Stanford leaders, the local leaders and educators, and our fellow travelers were so interesting and compatible. All in all, an A+.

Tom Kelley, MBA ’67, The Nile, 2013