



THE NILE

GLORIES OF ANCIENT AND MODERN
EGYPT ABOARD THE *SUN BOAT III*

February 16 to March 2, 2017

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 classics professor Grant Parker 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.

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



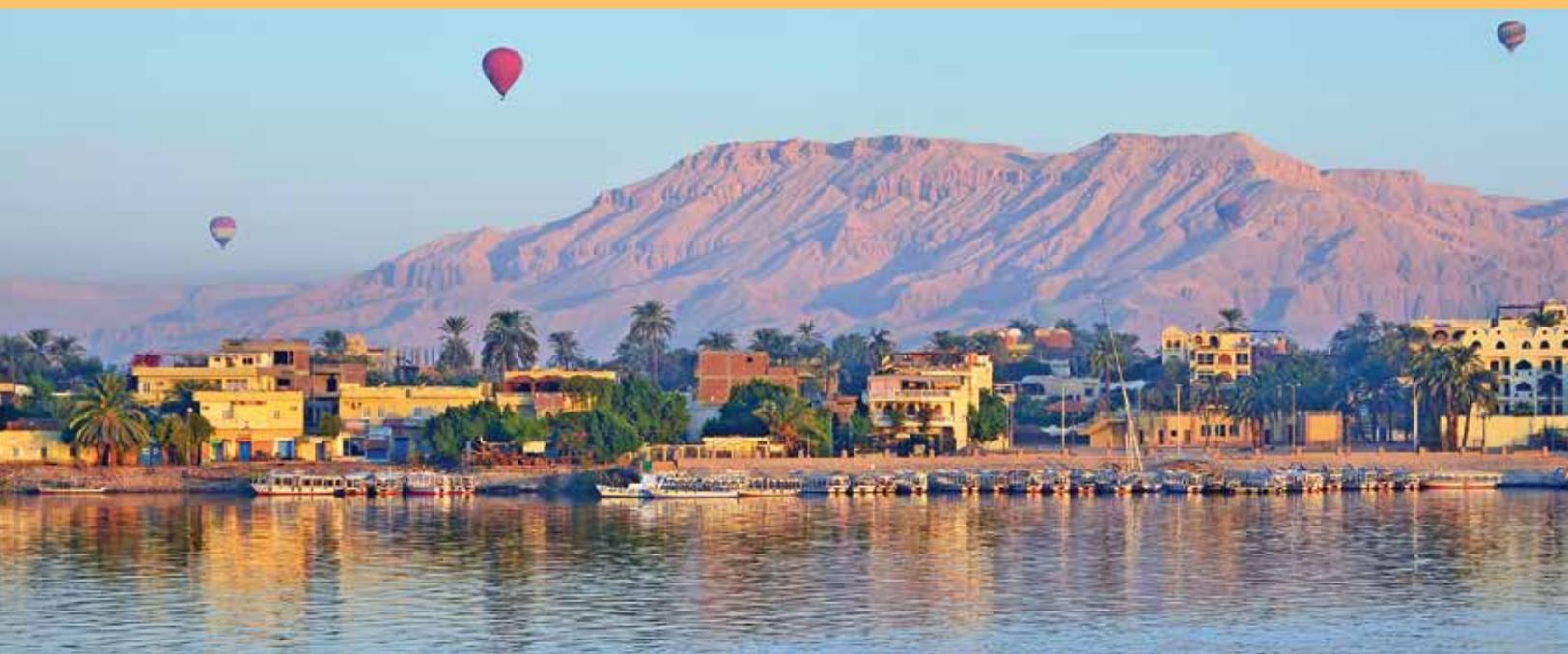
Highlights

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

MEET with 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.

GAZE upon some of the country's most precious treasures during an exclusive tour of the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities in Cairo.





Stanford Faculty Leader

GRANT PARKER, currently chair of Stanford's department of classics, is also a faculty affiliate of the Center for African Studies and the Stanford Archaeology Center. He was born and raised in Cape Town, and after earning his undergraduate and master's degrees there, he headed to the U.S. to earn his doctorate at Princeton. Dr. Parker specializes in Latin literature and culture, especially in its geographic and exotic aspects, but the classical tradition in modern times has also been a focus of his research and teaching. His ongoing research projects include the role of Egyptian obelisks in the Roman world and representations of the Nile in Roman imperial culture. A recent paper of his, "Mobile monumentality: the case of obelisks," is an attempt to account for Rome's obsession with Egyptian objects, motifs and styles. In addition to teaching courses and seminars on the ancient world, Dr. Parker is interested in the literature of travel, the history of collecting, historic maps, collective memory and public history (especially in ancient Rome and modern South Africa)—all possible lecture topics during our program that offer connections between Egypt's ancient and modern histories.

"Grant Parker did an outstanding job—his lectures were excellent, he encouraged group participation during talks, he was very knowledgeable and charismatic."

**BILL GOMEZ, MRA '67,
FOCUS ON SICILY,
2014**

- Associate professor, department of classics, Stanford University, since 2006; current department chair
- Postdoctoral fellow, University of Michigan; assistant professor, Duke University
- Author, *The Agony of Asar* (a former slave's defense of slavery, 1742); *The Making of Roman India*; and *South Africa, Greece, Rome: Classical Confrontations*
- BA and MA, Latin, University of Cape Town; PhD, classical philology, Princeton University

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Itinerary

THURSDAY & FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 16 & 17

**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 18
GIZA

After an orientation at our hotel, 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. Enjoy lunch at a private home this afternoon and a welcome reception this evening. MENA HOUSE (B,L)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19
GIZA / CAIRO

This morning meet with Dr. Tarek Swelim, noted art-and-architecture historian, for

an exclusive tour of two of Cairo's major mosques, Ibn Tulun and Sultan Hassan. Enjoy lunch in the bustling Khan el-Khalili bazaar, then visit the 11th-century Qalawun complex with its madrassa, hospital and mausoleum, and the Kanqah of Sultan Barquq (Sufi hostel). Enjoy a cocktail reception with local Stanford alumni this evening. MENA HOUSE (B,L)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20
**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)

Please note that the sequence of site visits on the Nile portion of our itinerary is subject to change, depending on water levels; the following is a tentative cruise program, which our tour staff will confirm once we're onboard.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21
**LUXOR / DENDERA /
DEIR EL MEDINEH**

Disembark and drive to the site of Dendera. Located approximately 30 miles north of Luxor, the temple complex is one of the best-preserved in Egypt. Return to our ship for lunch and in the afternoon, visit Deir el Medineh, the village that was once home to the artists who painted the tombs in the Valley of the Kings. Also stroll through the Ramesseum, the mortuary temple of Ramses II. *SUN BOAT III* (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22
**LUXOR / DEIR
EL-BAHRI / KARNAK**

Travel to Deir el-Bahri on the Nile's west bank to view the magnificent mortuary temple of 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 23
**LUXOR / THEBES /
VALLEY OF THE KINGS**

This morning travel once again 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. Explore a variety of these tombs including that of Tutankhamun, and one of the most elaborate—that of Seti I—with a local archaeologist. *SUN BOAT III* (B,L,D)



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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. *SUN BOAT III* (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

ASWAN

Enjoy a full day exploring charming Aswan, beginning with a visit to the Temple of Isis, which was carefully moved to higher ground before the rising waters of Lake Nasser submerged its original location on Philae Island. Continue to the Aswan High Dam, which controls the Nile's cycles of flood and drought, and to a granite quarry, where we learn how obelisks were carved. After lunch, board a *felucca*, a traditional Nile sailing vessel, for a cruise around Kitchener's Island. *SUN BOAT III* (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

ASWAN / KOM OMBO / 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. *SUN BOAT III* (B,L,D)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

LUXOR / 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. **FOUR SEASONS FIRST RESIDENCE** (B,L)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

CAIRO / DAHSHUR / SAQQARA

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. **FOUR SEASONS FIRST RESIDENCE** (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

CAIRO

Visit the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities with its more than 100,000 relics and artifacts, including the extraordinary golden treasures of Tutankhamun. Continue to Coptic Cairo for a visit to the Hanging Church and the Ben Ezra Synagogue. Take the remainder of the afternoon to enjoy some independent

exploration. Gather for a festive farewell reception and dinner this evening. **FOUR SEASONS FIRST RESIDENCE** (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

CAIRO / U.S.

Transfer to the airport for return flights to the U.S. (B)

POST-TRIP EXTENSION TO JORDAN

MARCH 2 TO 8, 2017
(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.



STANDARD CABIN



SUN DECK



LOUNGE



SUN BOAT III

Sun Boat III

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 bathroom and air conditioning with individual controls.

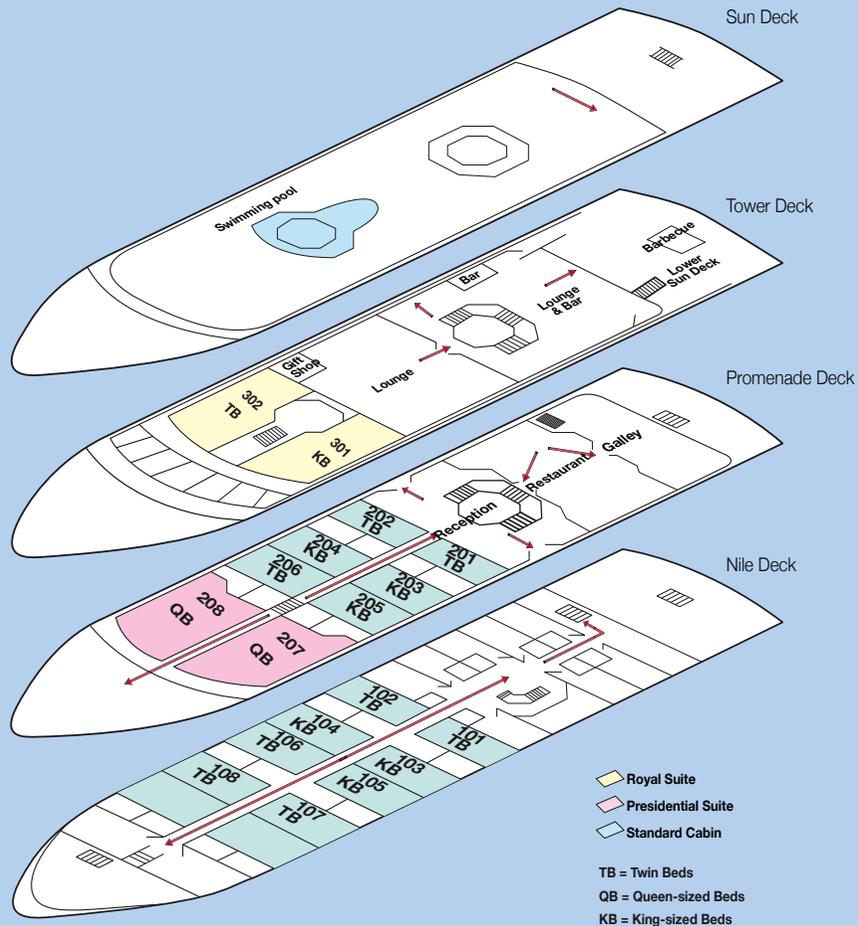
Program Cost*

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

CATEGORY	DOUBLE RATE	SINGLE RATE**
STANDARD CABIN King or twin beds (183 sq. ft.)	\$13,995	\$16,995
PRESIDENTIAL SUITE Queen bed (312 sq. ft.)	\$16,595	
ROYAL SUITE King or twin beds (388 sq. ft.)	\$17,595	

*Association nonmembers add \$300 per person.

**Single accommodations are limited to as few as 2 cabins.



- Royal Suite
- Presidential Suite
- Standard Cabin

- TB = Twin Beds
- QB = Queen-sized Beds
- KB = King-sized Beds



DATES

February 16 to March 2, 2017 (15 days)

SIZE

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 ■ 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 and visa 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 \$800 as of May 2016 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 on this program. An additional \$200-per-person deposit is required for the optional post-trip extension. Sign up online at alumni.stanford.edu/trip?nile2017 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 \$1,000-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 \$2,000-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. Information will be provided to travelers with their welcome materials. The product offered includes special benefits if you purchase your policy within 14 days of written confirmation of your participation on the trip.

Eligibility

We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is \$300 more than the members' price. A person traveling as a paid guest of a current member will not be charged the nonmember fee. To purchase a membership, visit alumni.stanford.edu/goto/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 ship's 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 May 2016 and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges.

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"I had long wanted to experience ancient Egypt and this trip exceeded my expectations. It is now my favorite of the seven Stanford travel study tours I've participated in."

GWENN KIRBY, THE NILE, 2016

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