



LEGENDARY EMPIRES

GIZA • BAALBEK • BYBLOS • PETRA • LUXOR

October 15 – November 3, 2012 • Aboard the *Clipper Odyssey*



PRESENTED BY THE ORIENTAL INSTITUTE

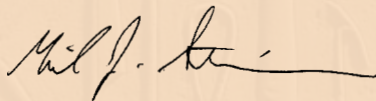
DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE ORIENTAL INSTITUTE

We are pleased to present this outstanding itinerary aboard the comfortably elegant, 110-passenger *Clipper Odyssey*. Though world-famous archaeological masterpieces are our focus, you will also have the opportunity to enjoy superb snorkeling, browse colorful markets, photograph timeless landscapes, and savor delectable cuisine.

Expedition Highlights

- Visit six amazing UNESCO World Heritage Sites—Giza, Petra, Baalbek, Byblos, the Monastery of St. Catherine, and Luxor.
- Meet archaeologists and gain valuable insight on current research and restoration efforts, as our leaders take us “behind the scenes” in Luxor.
- Enjoy a daylight transit of the Suez Canal, one of the world’s greatest engineering feats.
- Snorkel in the crystal-clear waters of Ras Mohammed National Park, a natural paradise for marine life.
- Witness the stunning vistas of Wadi Rum and feast on a sumptuous lunch of Bedouin delicacies.

This wonderful itinerary will be complemented by scholarly commentary from Emily Teeter, Oriental Institute Research Associate, in addition to other expert lecturers. Emily’s many years of experience traveling these routes and her knowledge and love for the ancient and modern Near East will add enormously to your travel experience. I hope you will join us as we explore the awe-inspiring treasures of history’s most legendary empires.



Gil J. Stein
Director, Oriental Institute
Professor, Near Eastern Archaeology

WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS

On this expedition, virtually everything is included in the cost of your trip:

- All gratuities, from porters and ship’s crew to local guides
- All accommodations including hotel nights in Cairo, Luxor, and Petra.
- Daily activity options, including archaeological and cultural tours, nature hikes, and snorkeling
- World-class lecture and expedition team
- All meals on board and with the group ashore
- All entrance fees, taxes, and landing and port charges
- Arrival and departure transfers on group dates
- Domestic flight from Luxor to Cairo
- Medical and emergency evacuation insurance





Monday, October 15, 2012

Depart USA

Depart on your independent overnight flight to Cairo, Egypt.

Tuesday, October 16

Cairo, Egypt

Arrive in Cairo and transfer to *Oberoi Mena House Hotel*. Gather this evening for a welcome dinner and briefing.

Wednesday, October 17

Cairo / Giza

Our tour begins with an exploration of the Egyptian Museum's extensive collection of ancient artifacts, including treasures from King Tutankhamen's tomb. We continue to Giza, where we view the impressive Great Pyramid and the Sphinx.

Thursday, October 18

Cairo / Alexandria / Embark *Clipper Odyssey*

This morning we drive to Alexandria. We visit numerous monuments, including Pompey's Pillar, the catacombs, amphitheater, and the new Library of Alexandria. This evening board the *Clipper Odyssey*.

Friday, October 19

At Sea

Enjoy a relaxing and educational day at sea as our lecture series begins.

Saturday, October 20

Beirut, Lebanon / Byblos

This morning we arrive in Lebanon's historic capital, Beirut, and depart overland to beautiful Byblos. The city's history reaches back 7,000 years and offers a panoply of Phoenician, Roman, and Byzantine-era ruins. A highlight is a visit to Byblos Castle, built by Crusaders and enclosing a picturesque walled city of Phoenician monuments.

Sunday, October 21

Beirut / Baalbek

Today we drive across the fertile Bekáa Valley to Baalbek, one of the most impressive sites of the ancient Roman world. We explore the well-preserved temples of Jupiter, Bacchus, and Venus, surrounded by lovely gardens, as well as the Roman Acropolis, considered to be among the most important ever built.

Monday, October 22

Beirut / At Sea

Often called the "Paris of the Middle East," a city tour showcases Beirut's collage of modern and ancient architectural marvels as we drive through the commercial Hamra area and past Martyr's Square. We also visit the National Museum where artifacts from prehistoric times to the medieval Mamluk period are on display.

Tuesday, October 23

Port Said, Egypt / Tanis

We disembark in Port Said and depart for Tanis—once capital of Egypt from 1070 to 715 B.C., this is the most important archaeological site in Egypt's northern delta. Our historians guide us through the city, which is studded with obelisks, statues, and columns.

Wednesday, October 24

Port Said / Suez Canal Transit

Today we begin our southbound transit of one of the world's greatest engineering feats: the 101-mile-long Suez Canal.

Thursday, October 25

Sharm el Sheikh / Monastery of St. Catherine

From the coastal town of Sharm el Sheikh ascend nearly 5,000 feet to explore the splendid 6th-century Byzantine Monastery of St. Catherine. The church houses one of the world's most magnificent collections of gold icons, dating back to the 5th century.



PETRA

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Friday, October 26
Sharm el Sheikh

Today we board local boats for a cruise to Ras Mohammed, where the Gulf of Aqaba meets the Gulf of Suez. Here we enjoy a delightful snorkel experience.

Saturday, October 27
Aqaba, Jordan / Petra

Disembark this morning in Aqaba, Jordan's only seaport. A short drive brings us to the superb ruins of Petra, capital of the Nabataean civilization, which flourished between 200 B.C. and A.D. 200. In a dramatic approach we enter the Siq, a narrow chasm between 600-foot-high rock walls, which opens into the ancient city. Before us are spectacular rock-cut tombs, temples, and a theater, each carved from vividly hued, iron-rich sandstone. Dinner and overnight at *Movenpick Petra Hotel*.

Sunday, October 28
Petra / Wadi Rum / Aqaba

We drive south to Wadi Rum, the majestic valley made famous by T.E. Lawrence and featured in the epic movie *Lawrence of Arabia*. For lunch we enjoy a sumptuous feast of local specialties, surrounded by dramatic sandstone formations. This evening we return in Aqaba to overnight pier side.

Monday, October 29
Aqaba / Pharaoh's Island, Egypt

Today we board a wooden sailboat for a scenic cruise to nearby Pharaoh's Island. We go ashore to visit the photogenic 12th-century fortress and have the opportunity to snorkel in the warm turquoise waters.

Tuesday, October 30
Safaga / Disembark / Luxor

After an early breakfast we disembark in Safaga and depart overland to Luxor. After check-in and lunch at our hotel, we visit the Luxor

temple where the University of Chicago's Epigraphic Survey is documenting the reliefs. The Avenue of Sphinxes, colossal statues of Ramses II, Amunhotep III's colonnade and sun court, and the mosque of Abu Haggag, built atop the first pylon, are photographic highlights. Dinner and overnight at the *Hilton Luxor*.

Wednesday & Thursday, October 31 & November 1
Luxor

We have two full days to explore Luxor, meeting with staff from The Epigraphic Survey and with other archaeologists who will share their research. At the sprawling Karnak Temple we walk through the soaring columns of the Hypostyle Hall, whose wall reliefs were published by the Oriental Institute, and admire the obelisks and sacred lake. We cross the Nile to the west bank stopping at the Colossi of Memnon on our way to explore the temple of Ramses III at Medinet Habu where the Oriental Institute has worked since 1924. We continue to the temple of Hatshepsut and the Valley of the Kings where we see the magnificently decorated tombs that were built for kings of the New Kingdom. We also board feluccas, traditional Nile sail boats, for a scenic cruise along this legendary river.

Friday, November 2
Luxor / Cairo

Fly to Cairo this morning and transfer to the *Fairmont Hotel* for an afternoon at leisure.

Saturday, November 3
Cairo / USA

Transfer to the airport for your independent flight, arriving in the USA the same day.



EXPEDITION LEADERS

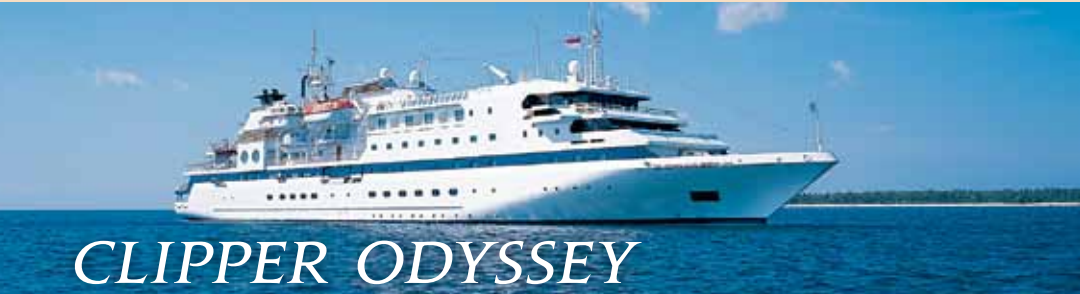
Our team of expert leaders and lecturers serves to bring a comprehensive educational component to your adventure through lectures, guided excursions, and daily recaps. Leaders from additional fields of study will join the team below.



Emily Teeter – Emily is an Egyptologist and research associate at the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago. She received a Ph.D. in Near Eastern languages and civilizations from the same university. Emily is the author of a number of scholarly and popular articles that have been published in journals in the United States and abroad. Emily is very widely traveled in the region, and she has developed and led many tours to Egypt, Arabia, Turkey, Syria, and Tunisia. She is the past president of the American Research Center in Egypt.

Allan Langdale – Allan earned a doctorate degree in art history from the University of California at Santa Barbara and has taught in the University of California system for more than 12 years. His specialties include Italian Renaissance art and architecture, medieval art, and Byzantine art. He has published a number of works of travel photography and is currently completing a picture book, illustrated with his photographs, of the historical architecture of northern Cyprus.

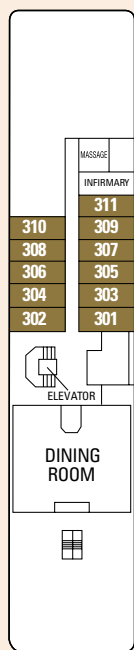
Ron Wixman – Ron is a specialist in world cultural geography and is well-versed in both the ancient and modern societies of the Mediterranean, Eastern Europe, Japan, Southeast Asia, Central Asia, and the Middle East. Ron recently retired from the University of Oregon where he taught courses on the rise of cultures and civilization, traditional ways of life, food culture and cuisine, and geopolitics in the Middle East, in the Geography Department. He is also a specialist on general issues of religion, culture, and ethnicity around the world.



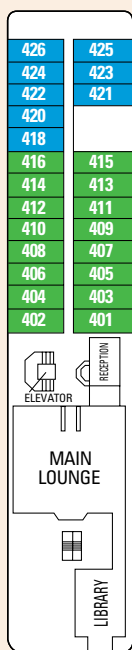
CLIPPER ODYSSEY

The *Clipper Odyssey* is a comfortable 110-passenger vessel, ideally suited for expedition cruising. All cabins have an ocean view, safe, minibar, individually controlled heat/air conditioner, in-room music system, and sitting area with sofa. Passengers can track the progress of their voyage on the Global Positioning System broadcast in each cabin. Beds can be configured for twin or queen-size sleeping arrangements. All cabins have an en suite bathroom with shower. The *Clipper Odyssey* maintains a gourmet kitchen, providing American and international specialties. Facilities on board the *Clipper Odyssey* include a dining room, lounge, small library and gym, outdoor pool, massage room, and gift shop. An elevator services all passenger cabin decks. The *Clipper Odyssey* has an infirmary staffed by a registered physician, a fleet of Zodiacs, and a sophisticated telecommunications system permitting Internet access and telephone and fax communication with any location around the world. Ship registry: Bahamas.

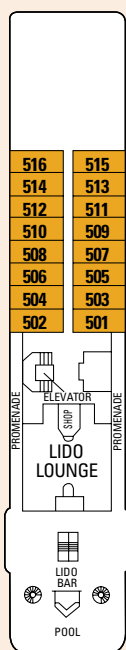
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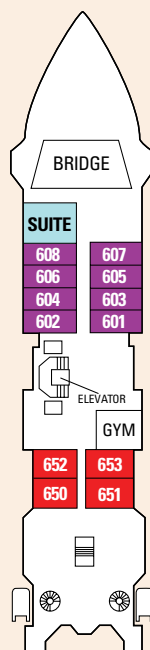
A-DECK



MAIN DECK



LIDO DECK



BRIDGE DECK

RATES

CATEGORY	RATE (USD)
Category 1	\$12,780
Category 2	\$13,980
Category 3	\$14,980
Category 4	\$16,380
Category 5	\$17,880

CATEGORY	RATE (USD)
Category 6	\$19,580
Suite	\$23,180
Single/Cat 2	\$22,380
Single/Cat 3	\$23,980
Single/Cat 4	\$26,180



Main Lounge



Category 5 Cabin



Dining Room

Limited singles are available at the quoted single rates above. Additional singles may be available at 1.7 times the share rate.

Included: All gratuities; accommodations in our hotels and on board *Clipper Odyssey* as outlined in the itinerary; all onboard meals; all group meals on land; arrival and departure transfers on group dates; services of the expedition staff, including lectures, briefings, slide/film shows; all group activities and excursions; landing and port fees; group flight from Luxor to Cairo; \$50,000 of medical expense and \$75,000 in emergency evacuation insurance.*

Not Included: All air transportation, except as noted above; excess baggage charges; airport arrival and departure taxes; transfers

for independent arrivals and departures; passport and/or visa fees; baggage/trip cancellation insurance; items of a personal nature such as laundry, bar charges, alcoholic beverages, e-mail/Internet/fax/telephone charges.

Air Fare: Please contact Zegram's in-house Air Department at 206-285-4000 or toll-free at 800-628-8747 for fare quotes, reservations, or other air related questions.

All rates are per person, quoted in U.S. dollars, and must be paid in U.S. dollars. Rates and itineraries are subject to change.

*Insurance is underwritten by National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pa. The Policy will contain reductions, limitations, exclusions and termination provisions. All coverages may not be available in all states.



RESERVATION FORM

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Name #1 *(as it appears on passport)*

(preferred name)

Name #2 *(as it appears on passport)*

(preferred name)

Address

City

State

ZIP

Country

Phone *(Home)*

(Office)

E-mail

Fax

Cabin Category: 1 2 3 4 5 6 Suite

Accommodations: Twin Share *(roommate to be assigned)* Single

I am/We are: Nonsmokers Smokers

Deposit Information:

Enclosed is a deposit check for \$ _____ *(25% per person of the program fare)*

Please make check payable to Zegrahm Expeditions.

Charge 25% deposit per person to: VISA MasterCard American Express

Card Number

Expires

Authorized Cardholder Signature

Date

Note: Credit cards accepted for deposit only.

I/We have read and understand the enclosed Terms & Conditions for this program, and agree to abide by them.

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

Please complete and return this Reservation Form with your deposit of 25% per person of the program fare to:



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TERMS & CONDITIONS

The Oriental Institute (OI) has contracted Zegrahm Expeditions, Inc. (ZE), to organize this tour.

1. Reservations: 25% of the expedition fare, along with a completed and signed Reservation Form, will reserve a place for OI participants on this program. The balance of the expedition fare is due 120 days prior to departure. Air fare is due at time of air ticket issuance. All prices are quoted in US dollars and must be paid in US dollars. Credit cards are accepted for deposit only

2. Cancellation and Refund Policy: Notification of cancellation must be received in writing by OI. At the time we receive your written cancellation, the following penalties will apply:

- 120 days or more prior to departure:
\$500 per person
- 60 through 119 days prior to departure:
50% of expedition fare
- 1 through 59 days prior to departure:
100% of expedition fare

Some air fare may be nonrefundable. We urge you to check airline cancellation penalties before purchasing airline tickets, since international departure times and flights can change. Tours can also be cancelled due to low enrollments. Neither OI nor ZE accepts liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets purchased in conjunction with the tour. Once an expedition has departed, there will be no refunds from ZE/OI for any unused portions of the trip. The above policy also applies to all extensions and independent travel arrangements made in conjunction with this program.

3. Trip Cancellation and Interruption Insurance: We strongly advise that all travelers purchase trip cancellation and interruption insurance as coverage against a covered unforeseen emergency that may force you to cancel or leave an expedition while it is in progress. A brochure describing coverage will be sent to you upon receipt of your reservation.

4. Share Policy: Accommodations on all ZE/OI programs are based on double occupancy. If you are traveling alone and wish to share accommodations, a roommate will be assigned to you whenever possible. When pairing roommates, we will always pair participants of the same sex. All shared accommodations are nonsmoking. If it is not possible to pair you with a roommate, you may be asked to pay a single supplement for the land portion of the program.

5. Medical Information: Participation in a ZE/OI program requires that you be in generally good health. It is essential that persons with any medical problems and related dietary restrictions make them known to us well before departure. We can counsel you on whether the expedition you have selected is appropriate for you.

The tour leader has the right to disqualify any participant at any time during the tour if he or she feels the participant is physically incapable and/or if a participant's continued participation will jeopardize either the individual involved or the group. There will be no refund given under these circumstances.

7. Luggage Restrictions: Luggage size and weight limitations for both checked and carry-on luggage, imposed by the airlines or as an operational requirement due to type of aircraft, will apply for flights to/from/within this program. Specifications will be provided with pre-departure materials.

8. Currency Fluctuation and Fuel Cost Increases: In order to keep rates as low as possible, we do not build into the trip fare an allowance to cover possible increases from currency fluctuations or fuel costs. Therefore, as currencies do fluctuate around the world and as fuel-cost increases may occur, it may be necessary for us to initiate a minor rate surcharge at any time before departure if there are exceptional cost increases beyond our control.

9. Itinerary Changes & Trip Delay: Itineraries are based on information available at the time of printing and are subject to change. ZE/OI reserves the right to change a program's dates, staff, itineraries, or accommodations as conditions warrant. If a trip must be delayed, or the itinerary changed, due to bad weather, road conditions, transportation delays, airline schedules, government intervention, sickness or other contingency for which ZE/OI or its agents cannot make provision, the cost of delays or changes is not included.

10. Itinerary Cancellation: Itineraries are based on information available at the time of printing and are subject to change. ZE/OI reserves the right to cancel an itinerary before departure for any reason whatsoever, including too few participants or logistical problems such as strikes, wars, acts of God, or any other circumstances which may make operation of the trip inadvisable. All trip payments received will be promptly refunded, and this refund will be the limit of ZE/OI's liability. ZE/OI is not responsible for any expenses incurred by trip members in preparing for the trip, including nonrefundable or penalty-carrying airline tickets, special clothing, visa or passport fees, or other trip-related expenses.

11. Participation: ZE/OI reserves the right to decline to accept any individual as a trip member for any reason whatsoever.

12. Limitations of Liability: This section defines ZE/OI's responsibility with respect to all of our trips, including extensions and independent arrangements. Please read it carefully.

ZE/OI, its Owners, Agents, and Employees give notice that they act only as the agent for any transportation carrier, hotel, ground operator, or other suppliers of services connected with this expedition ("other providers"), and the other providers are solely responsible and liable for providing their respective services. The passenger tickets in use by the carriers shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the passenger; the carriers are not responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time tour participants are not aboard their conveyance. ZE/OI shall not be held liable for (A) any damage to, or loss of, property or injury to, or death of, persons occasioned directly or indirectly by an act or omission of any other provider, including but not limited to any defect in any aircraft, watercraft, or vehicle operated or provided by such other provider, and (B) any loss or damage due to delay, cancellation, or disruption in any manner caused by the laws, regulations, acts or failures to act, demands, orders, or interpositions of any government or any subdivision or agent thereof, or by acts of God, strikes, fire, flood, war, rebellion, terrorism, insurrection, sickness, quarantine, epidemics, theft, or any other cause(s) beyond their control. The participant waives any claim against ZE/OI for any such loss, damage, injury, or death. By registering for the expedition, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical, or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants. ZE/OI shall not be liable for any air carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket to or from the departure city of the expedition. Baggage and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the traveler. Reasonable changes in the itinerary may be made where deemed advisable for the comfort and well-being of the passengers.

As described in item 8 above, all prices are subject to change.

As described in item 10 above, in the event that an expedition must be cancelled, ZE/OI is not responsible for any personal expenses incurred by trip members in preparing for the program.

Certain ship owners require use of preprinted ticket forms that limit the ship owner's and operator's liability. When such tickets are used, you are generally bound by the terms of these tickets with respect to your legal relationship to the owner and operators of the ship, their agent ZE/OI, and the ship's crew.

On advancement of deposit to ZE/OI, the depositor acknowledges that he/she has read and understands the above recited terms and conditions, and agrees to be bound by them.

Disclaimer: For most activities, a moderate amount of exertion is required. You will need to climb into and out of Zodiacs for excursions ashore and for snorkel and dive activities. You must be able to walk, unaided, on sometimes rough terrain such as beaches, archaeological sites, and cobblestoned streets. Please note that some stairs may be uneven and without handrails.