

# EGYPT:

## In the Footsteps of Breasted, 100 Years of Oil Exploration

November 21-December 7, 2019

Escorted by Emily Teeter



**Make this the year  
for a trip of a lifetime.**

## **Oriental Institute Centennial Tour of Ancient Egypt**

**November 21–December 7, 2019 (17 days)**

**Optional 3 day pre-tour extension in Giza:**

**November 19–21, 2019**

**Optional 4 day post-tour extension to**

**Alexandria: December 7–December 10, 2019**



**Thanksgiving dinner with the faculty and staff at Chicago House in Luxor is included.**

*Tour membership is limited to 24 travelers.*

*For 100 years,*

*the Oriental Institute has been a leading force in rediscovering the ancient landscape of Egypt. Join us as we drive, fly, and cruise through Middle Egypt and Lake Nasser, on a journey that puts you in the footsteps of OI founder James Henry Breasted. Personal site tours and briefings by archaeologists and experts in the field give you unprecedented access to a country steeped in mystery and filled with wonder. When you travel with the OI, you immerse yourself in history and embark on an exploration of discovery.*

*First time travelers to Egypt may want to join us on a pre-tour excursion of essential sites around Cairo.*

### **MAIN ITINERARY:**

#### **Thursday, November 21: GIZA**

Your journey begins in Giza with a stay at the historic Mena House, a palatial hotel surrounded by 40 acres of lush gardens, located in the shadow of the last of the surviving Seven Wonders of the Ancient World: the Great Pyramid of Khufu. On this first evening, we dine with tour leader Emily Teeter for an overview of our travels.

*Hotel: Mena House Hotel, Giza  
Meal: Dinner*

#### **Friday, November 22: GIZA**

We begin our tour with a full day exploring the pyramids, private tombs, and the Sphinx, including private access to the Sphinx enclosure. We meet with Mark Lehner and staff of the Ancient Egypt Research Associates, who will discuss their discoveries at Giza. In the evening, we travel to Cairo for a private after-hours entry to the Egyptian Museum.

*Hotel: Mena House Hotel, Giza  
Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner*

#### **Saturday, November 23: CAIRO**

We start the day with a very special private tour of the Conservation Laboratory of the Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM) where we meet conservators working on objects for new exhibits. Before traveling further into the ancient past, we spend a day encountering Islamic Cairo, including the Islamic Museum and a walking tour of Muizz Street with its spectacular Mamluk mosques and mausoleums. After lunch at the al Azhar Garden, we explore the labyrinthine alleys of the Khan el-Khalili, with shops that sell everything from silver to spices to textiles.

*Hotel: Mena House Hotel, Giza  
Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner*

#### **Sunday, November 24: MEYDOUM/ TUNA EL GEBEL/HERMOPOLIS/MINYA**

In the morning, we depart Cairo by bus and visit the pyramid at Meydoun, the temple-tomb of Petosiris at Tuna el Gebel, the colossal statues of baboons, and the Temple of Thoth at Hermopolis.

*Hotel: Grand Hotel, Minya  
Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner*

#### **Monday, November 25: TELL EL AMARNA**

We spend a full day exploring Tell el Amarna, the capital city of Akhenaten and Nefertiti, who built their new administrative center dedicated to the Aton, the sun god.

*Hotel: Grand Hotel, Minya  
Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner*



## Exciting Tour Extensions!



### Pre-Tour: Giza and Cairo 11/19-11/21

#### Tuesday, November 19: GIZA

Arrive in Cairo. Transfer to the Mena House next to the pyramids at Giza.

*Hotel: Mena House Hotel, Giza*  
*Meal: Dinner*

#### Wednesday, November 20: SAQQARA

We start our tour with a full day exploring Saqqara, including the Imhotep Museum, the Stepped Pyramid of Djoser, the Serapeum, mastabas of the Old Kingdom, and New Kingdom tombs including that of Horemheb, who later ruled as pharaoh.

*Hotel: Mena House Hotel, Giza*  
*Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner*

#### Thursday, November 21: OLD CAIRO

We spend the day in and around Old Cairo, seeing the Coptic churches and the Ben Ezra synagogue where the famous Genizah documents that record life in medieval Cairo were recovered. We then visit the new National Museum of Egyptian Civilization (NMEC) and the mosque of Amr ibn-al-As, the oldest mosque in Africa.

*Hotel: Mena House Hotel, Giza*  
*Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner*

### Tuesday, November 26: BENI HASAN/ SOHAG

In the morning, we visit the Middle Kingdom tombs of the provincial rulers (nomarchs) at Beni Hasan, where walls of cut rock are painted with unique scenes of warfare, crafts, and wildlife. In the afternoon, we drive south to Sohag, to visit the newly restored Mallawi Museum.

*Hotel: el Safa Hotel, Sohag*  
*Meals: Breakfast & lunch & dinner*

### Wednesday, November 27: AKHMIM/ ABYDOS/DENDERA/LUXOR

We visit the open air museum at Akhmim to see the colossal statue of Meritamun, a daughter of Ramesses II. Continuing south, we visit the temple of Seti I and the Osireion at Abydos. In the afternoon, we explore the beautifully preserved temple of Hathor at Dendera. We arrive in Luxor late in the afternoon and overnight at the historic Old Winter Palace Hotel.

*Hotel: Old Winter Palace, Luxor*  
*Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner*

### Post-Tour: Alexandria 12/7-12/10

#### Saturday, December 7: ALEXANDRIA

We begin our extension with a drive to Alexandria where we visit the catacombs at Kom el Shoqafa, the ruins of the temple of Serapis dominated by Pompey's Pillar, and Qait Bey fort built in 1480 on the site of the Lighthouse of Alexandria, one of the original Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

*Hotel: Cecil Hotel, Alexandria*  
*Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner*

#### Sunday, December 8: ALEXANDRIA

We continue exploring Alexandria with Kom el Dikka, the only Roman theater in Egypt; the Villa of the Birds, with its beautiful mosaics; the National Museum; and the Bibliotheca Alexandrina.

*Hotel: Cecil Hotel, Alexandria*  
*Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner*

#### Monday, December 9: ALEXANDRIA/CAIRO

We leave Alexandria for Cairo, stopping at the Abu Mina Monastery, described as the "Lourdes of the East," a major pilgrimage site dedicated to the wonder-working St. Menas.

*Hotel: TBD*  
*Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner*

#### Tuesday, December 10: DEPARTURE

We say our farewells to the ancient world as we transfer to the airport for flights homeward, or for further travels.

*Meal: Breakfast*





**Thursday, November 28: KARNAK/  
LUXOR**

This morning, we have a special on-site presentation on the work at Karnak Temple. In the afternoon, we visit Luxor Temple where we meet with staff of the Epigraphic Survey, who will explain their ongoing work at the site. This evening, we share a special Thanksgiving dinner with the faculty and staff at Chicago House, the headquarters of the Oriental Institute in Luxor since 1924.

*Hotel: Old Winter Palace, Luxor  
Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner*

**Friday, November 29: LUXOR/WEST  
BANK**

We return to the West Bank to visit Medinet Habu, where the Oriental Institute has worked since 1924. There, we meet with the staff of the Epigraphic Survey for a briefing on their current conservation and documentation projects. Afterward, we see the elegant temple of Hatsheput at Deir el Bahri, and tombs of the workers at Deir el Medina. In the afternoon, we visit a private tomb of the Late Period, with a special presentation by an archaeologist.

*Hotel: Old Winter Palace, Luxor  
Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner*

**Saturday, November 30: LUXOR/  
WEST BANK**

We embark on a full day exploring the west bank, including tombs of New Kingdom officials, the Valley of the Kings, Howard Carter's House, and the Valley of the Queens, including the tomb of Queen Nefertari.

*Hotel: Old Winter Palace, Luxor  
Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner*



**Exclusive Access:**

- ⇒Private after-hours tour of the Egyptian Museum
- ⇒Private visit to the GEM Conservation Center
- ⇒Thanksgiving dinner at Chicago House in Luxor
- ⇒Private tour and briefing on-site at Medinet Habu
- ⇒Access to world renowned scholars and researchers

**Sunday, December 1: ESNA/EL KAB/  
EDFU/ASWAN**

On our way to Aswan, we visit the Greco-Roman temple of the gods Khnum, Khonsu, and Shu at Esna, and the tombs at el Kab whose walls are decorated with fascinating scenes of daily life as well as important historical inscriptions. We continue to the temple of Horus at Edfu before reaching Aswan and the stunning Old Cataract Hotel.

*Hotel: Old Cataract Hotel, Aswan  
Meals: Breakfast & lunch*



**Monday, December 2: ASWAN**

After breakfast overlooking the Nile, we cross to the west bank and take camels to the 10th century walled monastery of St. Simeon to explore its church, residence, and refectory. In the afternoon, we take small boats to Elephantine Island to see the Temples of Khnum and Satet and the shrine of Hekaib, an Old Kingdom saint. This evening we visit the fine Nubian Museum that will give us background for the next days' exploration of Nubia.

*Hotel: Old Cataract Hotel, Luxor  
Meals: Breakfast & lunch*

### **Tuesday, December 3: KALABSHA TEMPLE/CRUISING LAKE NASSER**

This morning, we board the Prince Abbas, our ship/hotel for the next three nights on Lake Nasser. We visit temples that were relocated from the rising water of the Nile during the construction of the High Dam, including the Greco-Roman Kalabsha Temple, the beautiful Qertassi kiosk, and the temple of Beit el-Wali (Ramesses III), research on the temple was published by the Oriental Institute.

*Hotel: Onboard, Movenpick Prince Abbas*

*Meal: Breakfast, lunch & dinner*

### **Wednesday, December 4: WADI EL-SEBUA/AMADA**

This morning, we visit the temple of Ramesses II at Wadi es-Sebua, with its avenue of sphinxes. We continue to the Amada Temple of Thutmose III and Amenhotep II with its well-preserved colored reliefs. We relax on board this afternoon and admire the beautiful desert landscape.

*Hotel: Onboard the Movenpick, Prince Abbas*

*Meals: Breakfast, lunch, & dinner*

### **Thursday, December 5: CRUISING LAKE NASSER/ABU SIMBEL**

We sail by the island of Qasr Ibrim before we make a dramatic water approach to Abu Simbel, the rock-cut temples of Ramesses II the Great and his wife Nefertari. Docking near the temples allows us to explore them at our leisure.

*Hotel: Onboard the Movenpick, Prince Abbas*

*Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner*



### **Friday, December 6: ASWAN/CAIRO**

We fly back to Cairo with time to relax, shop, or revisit a favorite site. In the evening, we will say farewell over dinner at the Intercontinental City Stars Hotel.

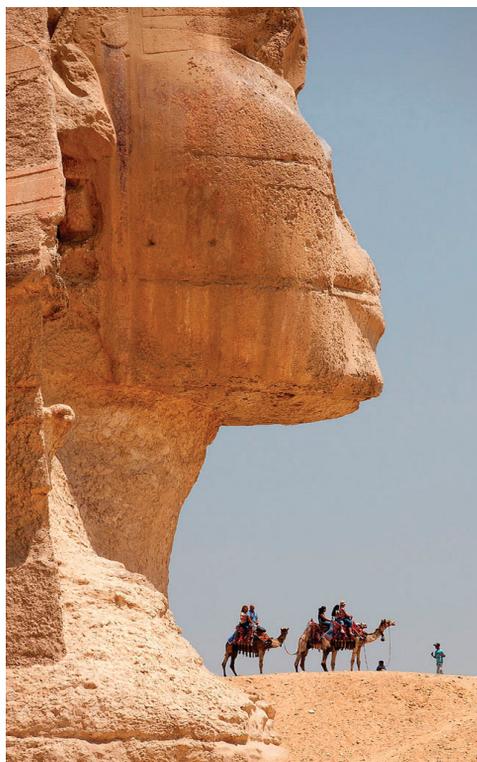
*Hotel: Intercontinental City Stars Hotel, Cairo*

*Meals: Breakfast & dinner*

### **Saturday, December 7: DEPARTURE**

Depart for home city, join the optional Alexandria extension, or continue your independent travel.

*Meal: Breakfast*



### **LED BY**

**Emily Teeter**, PhD, is an Egyptologist specializing in the religion, social history, and material culture of ancient Egypt. She recently retired from the Oriental Institute Museum, where she curated its Egyptian gallery. She currently consults for museums in the Chicago area and nationwide. Emily is the author of many books and articles, and she has conducted fieldwork in Alexandria, Giza, and Luxor. She is a past president of the American Research Center in Egypt.



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- I would like to sign up for the Alexandria post-tour extension

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## THE EGYPT TOUR AND EXTENSION RATES INCLUDE:

- All accommodations based on double occupancy per itinerary with breakfast daily, Lake Nasser cruise on full board, starting with lunch and ending with breakfast
- Vehicle for group arrival and departure, transfers on the first and last days of the program
- Land transportation per program by private coach and for one internal flight
- Private English-speaking tour guide throughout the program
- All sightseeing and excursions, including entrance fees per program
- Special private entrance to the Sphinx enclosure
- Special private entrance to the Egyptian Museum after hours
- Special private entrance to the Conservation Center at the Grand Egyptian Museum
- Entrance to the newly opened Nefertari tomb at the Valley of the Queens
- Entrance to the newly opened Seti I tomb at the Valley of the Kings
- Thanksgiving dinner at Chicago House in Luxor
- Services of a professional Egitalloyd Tour Manager throughout the land tour program
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- Baggage handling at all hotels and airports, where available
- Farewell dinner to include local beer and local wine
- A \$1,000 contribution to the Oriental Institute

NOT INCLUDED IN THE EGYPT TOUR COST: International airfare, passport and visa fees, excess baggage charges, transfers to and from airports for tour participants arriving or departing on flights outside of the tour dates, pre- or post-tour services, medical and trip interruption insurance, beverages other than water on the bus, food not included in group meals, items of a personal nature such as laundry, alcohol, telephone expenses, photo/video expenses inside sightseeing or museums where allowed.

OPTIONAL EXTRA COSTS: Optional room upgrades to pyramid views at the Mena House during the main tour and the pre-tour extension, Nile view room upgrade during the post-tour extension, private airport transfers to and from the hotel when arriving/departing on a separate flight not designated as the group flight (group flight will be determined by the largest number of travelers arriving or departing at any one given time; airport transfer rates are \$60 per person for 1 person, \$45 per person for 2 people, \$40 per person for 3 or more people), post- and pre-tour arrival hotel rooms and transfers, photo and video permits at sites that allow photography, extra excursions organized during the tour.

TARIFFS: Based on foreign exchange rates in effect December 2018 and a minimum of 20 participants for the main tour, 6 participants for each of the extensions. All rates subject to change.

DEPOSITS & PAYMENTS: A \$1,500 deposit is required to book; \$300 per person is non-refundable. Final payment is due July 19, 2019.

SINGLE ROOMS: For those traveling alone but who prefer to share with another, we will endeavor to work out congenial rooming arrangements. If impossible, or if a single room must be assigned due to the roommate's canceling or incompatibility, or for any other reason, even if at the last moment or while on tour, the single supplement or prorate thereof must be collected.

INSURANCE: Insurance is recommended.

CANCELLATIONS: In the event of cancellation, refund in full less a \$300 per person handling fee will be made until August 17, 2019. From August 18 to September 18, the penalty is 35% of the total fee, and after that time the penalty is 55% from September 19 to October 4, 2019, 75% from October 5 to October 26, 2019, and any cancellation from October 27, 2019 until departure will incur a 100% penalty. Single supplements are also subject to cancellation penalties. These penalties could reach 100% for last-minute cancellations. There will be no refund for cancellation on the day of departure or thereafter. In addition, if cancellation is made within 60 days of departure, the airlines require a penalty. Cancellation of the tour by the Oriental Institute: full refund. A full refund will apply in case of Force Major, identified as acts of God, war and revolution, acts of terrorism preventing travel to Egypt, natural disasters happening within Egypt and not outside the country **NOTE: Neither the Oriental Institute nor Egitalloyd Travel accepts liability for any airline penalties incurred by the purchase of nonrefundable airline tickets.**

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Tour itinerary and order is subject to change.

Join us for this once-in-a-lifetime adventure that will deepen your understanding of the history and culture of ancient Egypt.

## In the Footsteps of Breasted: 100 Years of OI Exploration in Egypt

Our centennial year warrants a very special centennial tour. *In the Footsteps of Breasted* offers travelers our most comprehensive Egypt experience yet. Join us on a trek through 100 years of OI exploration that will take you from the pyramids of Giza to rarely visited sites in middle Egypt and on Lake Nasser.

Our tour offers exclusive highlights that include:

- Thanksgiving dinner with the faculty and staff at Chicago House, OI's headquarters in Luxor
- An on-site presentation at Giza by Mark Lehner, a private visit to the Sphinx enclosure
- Private access to the unopened GEM conservation center, which will give you unparalleled views of several of the collection's treasured artifacts
- A private after-hours tour of the Egyptian Museum
- Exclusive access and private site tours at numerous locations by world luminaries in the fields of Egyptology and archaeology

Your tour leader, Emily Teeter, provides familiarity with sites, extensive professional contacts, vast knowledge, and enthusiasm that will bring the ancient world to life. Traveling with the OI takes you far beyond the usual paths, calling upon our own in-country staff and colleagues to give you up-to-date information about research.

If this is your first journey to Egypt, we invite you to take advantage of our pre-tour excursion to Saqqara and Old Cairo. To make the journey complete, we offer a post-tour excursion to Alexandria.

Travel with us as we celebrate 100 years of OI exploration in Egypt!



### Date & Cost of Tour

*100 Years of OI Exploration:*  
*November 21-December 7, 2019*  
**17 days | \$7,550**  
**Single Supplement | \$1,200**

*Pre-tour Extension, Cairo and Giza:*  
*November 19-21, 2019*  
**3 days | \$1,050**  
**Single Supplement | \$200**

*Post-tour Extension, Alexandria:*  
*December 7-10, 2010*  
**4 days | \$1,330**  
**Single Supplement | \$240**

(prices exclude international airfare)

### How to Book

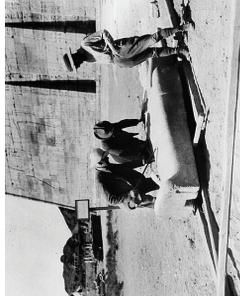
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