

University of Wisconsin Colleges

**Anthropology 291:**

3 Credit / Noncredit Study Abroad Course titled:

**The Glories of Ancient Egypt**

Winterim (January 3-15) 2010

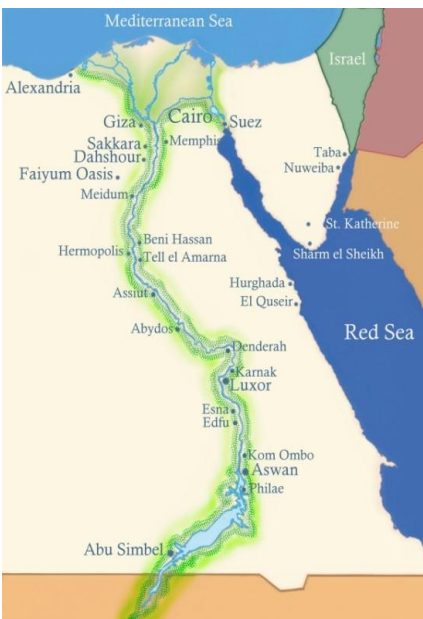
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**What monuments on earth have inspired more awe and fascination than those of ancient Egypt?** Along the Nile River some 5,000 years ago arose one of the world's first civilizations, a civilization that obliges us to ponder the magnificence of antiquity. How was this ancient civilization different from similar to ours? Beyond the obvious technological improvements are the Egyptian world view, the values, the notion of sacredness, the structure of society and government, the essence of humanness that characterized early state. Journey with us to Egypt and the lush Nile Valley that cuts a narrow swath through the desert. Let's some of the world's greatest monuments and learn about culture that raised them. Who were the mighty pharaohs, who were the actual pyramid and tomb builders, what were their purposes, and what do these unmatched archaeological sites tell us about humanity and about ourselves? This is no mere tourist trip; travel with a professional archaeologist and look beyond the stone to the ancient people themselves. What caused such a great civilization to emerge when and where it did? How did it manage to keep re-making itself for thousands of years, and what is its modern legacy other than the breathtaking ruins? Join us on a two-week tour including



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the most important sites, museums and cities, past and present—Cairo, Luxor (Thebes), Alexandria, Memphis and Giza. This study abroad experience is for university students as well as members of the general public who are fascinated by Ancient Egypt and wish to experience it firsthand. Students will enroll in ANT 291 in the University of Wisconsin Colleges and can earn 3 Social Science credits. Credit requirements include some class time prior to the trip, a daily journal during the trip, and a paper on a specific topic after the trip. Orientation will begin with an introductory session at UW—Waukesha on May 9, 2009, and there will be a day-long session for all participants on November 14, 2009. Required readings (recommended for non-students) will be assigned ahead of time as well as links to additional useful information about both ancient and modern Egypt. The group of no more than thirty persons will be accompanied by Prof. Lippi, archaeologist in the UW Colleges, and Vic Passante, Continuing Education Travel Director at UW—Waukesha. There will also be professional Egyptian tour guides at all stops during the trip.

## Itinerary:

**Day 1: Sunday, January 3, 2010: Overnight flight** to Cairo, Egypt:

Depart from O'Hare International Airport in Chicago

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Schedule:

1/3/10-Chicago to Frankfurt-3:45 p.m. to 7:10 a.m. on Jan 4

1/4/10-Frankfurt to Cairo-10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Day 2: Monday, January 4, Cairo:**

Arrive Cairo, staff assists with clearing immigration and customs then transfers you to the Intercontinental Pyramids Park Resort. Welcome Dinner (depending on the flight arrival time). (D)

**Day 3: Tuesday, January 5: Dahshur and Sakkara:**

International buffet breakfast, tour of Sakkarra with the famous step pyramid, Dahshur with the first stone pyramids (Bent and Red) plus the Imophet museum. Overnight Cairo (B, D)

***NOTE: Optional (extra cost) Sound and Light show at Giza available this evening.***

**Day 4: Wednesday, January 6: Giza:**

Breakfast, check out and enjoy a tour of the Giza Plateau featuring the Great Pyramid and Sphinx, then on to the Egyptian museum of Antiquities featuring King Tut's treasures. Staff transfers you to board the first class overnight sleeper train departing at 8:00 p.m. to Aswan. You will enjoy a private compartment with twin bunks. Shared bathroom. Dinner on the train. Overnight Train (B,D)

***Day 5: Thursday, January 7: Aswan:***

Arriving Aswan at 8:30 a.m. Enjoy a tour of the Temple of Philae, the high dam and the Pharaohs Granite Quarries before checking into the Basma Hotel. Located on the highest elevation in the area, it offers commanding views of the river, the city and desert. This afternoon is free. You may want to experience a camel trek to St. Simeon's Monastery, visit Elephantine Island or sail on a Felucca on the Nile. (These individual tours would be at your own expense.) This evening visit the Nubian Museum, a world-class presentation of Nubia's culture and history. Overnight Aswan (B on train, D)

***Day 6: Friday, January 8: Aswan and Luxor:***

Buffet breakfast and check out. For those interested in the optional tour to Abu Simbel, the staff transfers you to the airport and assists you with checking in for your Egyptair flight to Abu Simbel. Enjoy a visit to the famous temples of Ramses. Return to Aswan mid-day where you will have lunch on your own (lunch can be arranged as a group, if you wish). In the afternoon, your coach will take you to Luxor with a stop to visit the Temple of Two Gods at Kom Ombo. Continue on to the famous Horus Temple at Edfu, the best preserved temple along the Nile. Arrive in Luxor to enjoy the comfort of the Sonesta Luxor Hotel. Overnight Luxor (B,D) (Since this is a long, but exciting day, there will be time for you to relax after dinner and get a good night's sleep.)

***Day 7: Saturday, January 9: Luxor:***

Buffet breakfast, morning visit to the West Bank's Necropolis of Thebes featuring the Valley of the Kings (Including entry to King Tut's tomb), Valley of the Queens, Queen Hatshepsut's Temple and the Colossi of Memnon. Return to the East Bank for an afternoon visit to the Temples of Karnak and Luxor. Overnight Luxor (B,D)

***NOTE: Optional Sound and Light show at Karnak available this evening***

***Day 8: Sunday, January 10: Luxor:***

Breakfast, check out mid-day, Free day to enjoy Luxor. In the evening, the staff transfers you to the train station for your overnight first class sleeper train to Cairo departing at 9:00 pm.. Overnight train (B, Dinner on the train)

***Day 9: Monday, January 11: Alexandria:***

Arrive Cairo at 6:00 a.m., transfer to Alexandria. Afternoon tour of the Greco-Roman sites, including the Catacombs, Pompey's Pillar, the Amphitheatre. Overnight Sheraton Montazah. (Breakfast on the train, D).

***Day 10: Tuesday, January 12: Alexandria:***

After breakfast visit the Montazah Gardens, the new library and the new Alexandria National Museum. Overnight Alexandria (B, D)

***Day 11: Wednesday, January 13: Al Alamein and Cairo:***

Buffet breakfast, check out and drive to El Alamein to see the famous battleground from World War II, then continue to Cairo. Upon arrival, enjoy the comfort of the historic Helnan Shepherd Hotel, right on the Nile in the heart of Cairo. Overnight Cairo (B,D)

***Day 12: Thursday, January 14: Cairo:***

Breakfast. Then enjoy a visit to the Citadel of Salah el Din, bane of the crusaders, plus the Alabaster Mosque. Visit Old Cairo with its famous churches and synagogue and the Khan el Khalili Bazaar, where travelers have been finding bargains since the Middle Ages. Free time for shopping before your Farewell Dinner. (B,D)

***Day 13:* Friday, January 15: Return Home:**

Check out very early on Jan. 15. Staff transfers you to the airport, assists with exit formalities and checking in for your international departure. (meals on the flight). Arrive in Chicago in early afternoon.

1/15/10-Cairo to Frankfurt-4:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

1/15/10-Frankfurt to Chicago-10:35 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

**Tour Fee (\$3,900/double occupancy +\$450 single occupancy) includes:**

- Round-trip airfare from Chicago to Cairo, Egypt, and back to Chicago.
- 9 overnight stays in five-star hotels, 2 overnights in first class sleeping train.
- All transfers by air-conditioned vehicle relating to the tour program starting with arrival in Cairo.
- Baggage handling of no more than 2 pieces of luggage per person, however baggage and personal effects are at the owner's risk at all time during the tour.
- Continental breakfast and dinner daily.
- Tips
- Full-time licensed Egyptologist guide and entrance fees to special attractions

*This tour itinerary was designed for the UW-Waukesha Office of Continuing Education.*