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EGYPTIAN ODYSSEY

February 12-26, 2011 (15 Days)

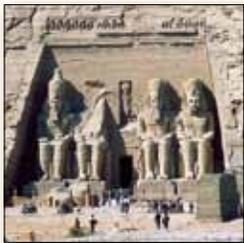


HIGHLIGHTS



CAIRO

- Pyramids and Sphinx of Giza
- Old Cairo
- The Egyptian Museum
- Memphis Outdoor Museum
- The pyramids and tombs of Saqqara



ABU SIMBEL

- Temple of Ramesses II
- Temple of Queen Nefertari



NILE CRUISE

- Five-star, deluxe Nile cruise boat
- Felucca ride to Elephantine Island
- Temples of Sobek and Horus at Kom Ombo
- Temple of Horus at Edfu
- Temple of Isis at Philae

LUXOR

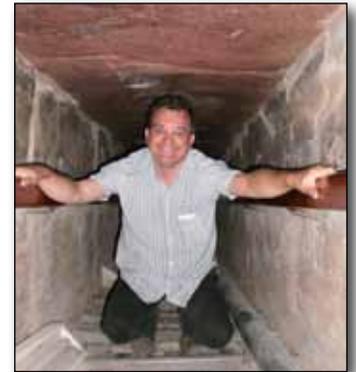
- Luxor Museum
- Temple of Hatshepsut
- Colossi of Memnon
- Temple of Seti I
- The Ramesseum
- Medinet Habu
- Day trip to Abydos and Dendara



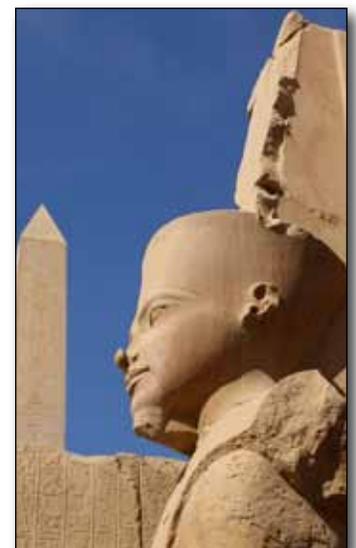
LECTURER & HOST

AIA lecturer and host

Thomas Hikade is Assistant Professor of Egyptology at the University of British Columbia, where he has been teaching since 2004. He studied Egyptology, Near Eastern Archaeology, and Prehistory at the University of Trier and the Ruprecht-Karls University in Heidelberg (Ph.D.).

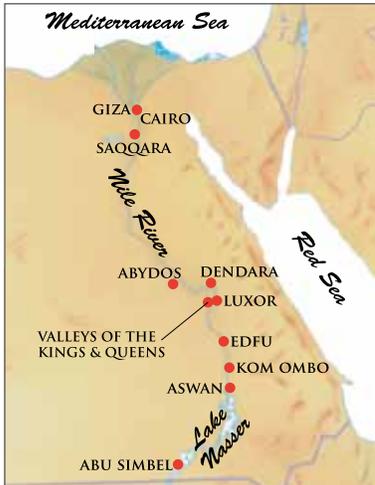


Professor Hikade's Ph.D. was on the New Kingdom expeditions to the Sinai, which highlights his interest in ancient economies. Subsequently, his areas of specialization now include prehistoric, early Dynastic and Old Kingdom Egypt; stone tools and craft specialization; and diplomacy. Since 1988 Professor Hikade has been working on excavations throughout Egypt, working primarily for the German Archaeological Institute in Cairo, but also for the American Research Center in Egypt, Macquarie University of Sydney, Yale University, University Museum Pennsylvania, Trust Altes Ägypten (Switzerland), and the Netherlands-Flemish Institute in Cairo. Professor Hikade was also co-director of the excavations at Hierakonpolis/Upper Egypt (2004-2009).



ITINERARY

(B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner)



Day 1: Saturday, February 12, 2011: US

Depart the US today for Cairo, Egypt.

Day 2: Sunday, February 13: CAIRO, EGYPT

You are met at the Cairo Airport by our agents, who assist with baggage, customs, and passport control. Then transfer to the garden wing of the historic Mena House, a former palace which is ideally located at the base of the Pyramids. *Overnight at the Mena House for two nights.* (L, R, D)

Day 3: Monday, February 14: CAIRO

Spend the day on the Giza Plateau. In the morning visit the Great Pyramid of Khufu and the Solar Boat Museum, the timeless Sphinx, and the Valley Temple of Khafra. After lunch at a restaurant near the pyramids, take a walking tour to visit the Pyramids of Khafra and Menkaura, explore the remains of their mortuary temples, the Tombs of the Noblemen—Qar and Idu—and an ancient limestone quarry. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Tuesday, February 15: CAIRO / LUXOR

Today visit the necropolis at Saqqara, site of the Step Pyramid of Djoser and the Pyramid of Teti (with its ancient pyramid texts). While there, see the Tomb of the Brothers and the Tomb of the Nobleman Mereruka. After a late lunch, drive to the ancient capital of Memphis to visit the outdoor museum and see the beautiful Colossus of Ramesses II. Then transfer to the airport and fly to Luxor, where we transfer to our hotel. *Overnight at the Winter Palace Pavillion for four nights.* (B, L, D)

Day 5: Wednesday, February 16: LUXOR

A short drive through town brings us to Karnak, the world's largest temple complex (built over the course of a thousand years), where a generous amount of time is scheduled for exploring. Then visit the small but beautiful Luxor Museum. There will be time in the afternoon to visit the bazaar. After dinner, visit Luxor Temple for a spectacular after dark tour. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Thursday, February 17: LUXOR

Join an early morning hike on the ancient workers' trail over the hill to the Valley of the Kings, or take the bus if you prefer. In the Valley of the Kings, explore several amazing Royal Tombs. Continue on to Deir el Medina, with its small Ptolemaic temple. This is the ancient village of the workers who built the pharaohs' tombs and also is home to the beautifully preserved Tomb of Sennedjem. After lunch, we visit the Temple of Hatshepsut at Deir el Bahari. We also see the Colossi of Memnon, the statues of Amenhotep III that once stood before his temple. The remaining afternoon is at leisure. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Friday, February 18: LUXOR / ABYDOS / DENDARA

Today we will visit two of Egypt's most spectacular and under-visited sites, Abydos and Dendara. At Abydos we will explore the Temple of Seti I, the Temple of Ramesses II and the Osirium. After lunch we will continue on to the Temple of Hathor at Dendara, one of the best preserved temples in Egypt. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Saturday, February 19: LUXOR / EMBARK

Today we return to the West Bank to see the Ramesseum (the mortuary temple of Ramesses II and inspiration for Shelley's poem *Ozymandias*), and Medinet Habu, the temple of Ramesses III and best preserved of the New Kingdom temples. Continue to the Valley of the Queens, and the deeply touching Tomb of Khaemwaset, a young son of Ramesses III. This afternoon, board a first-class Nile cruise boat and overnight for three nights. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Sunday, February 20: NILE CRUISING

We set sail this morning toward Aswan. After passing through the Esna Lock we continue on until we reach Edfu, where we dock for the night. (B, L, D)



The Great Pyramid of Khufu and the Sphinx

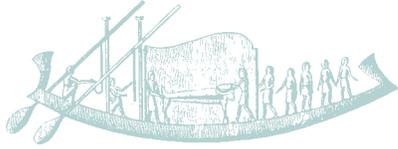


Abu Simbel's temple rooms are carved into the mountain.



The Temple of Isis at Philae, said to be Egypt's most beautiful temple.





Day 10: Monday, February 21: EDFU / KOM OMBO / ASWAN

This morning we disembark at Edfu, where horse-drawn carriages will meet us and take us to the Temple of Horus, the best-preserved temple on the Nile. Continue sailing most of the day, and then enjoy a short walk to the twin Temples of Sobek and Horus at Kom Ombo. Be sure to see the mummified crocodiles. Our boat should reach Aswan after dark. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Tuesday, February 22: ASWAN

Disembark our Nile cruise boat this morning and board feluccas to visit the archaeological site on Elephantine Island and the 6th and 12th Dynasty Tombs of the Nobles on the West Bank. After checking into our hotel, the remainder of the day is at leisure. *Overnight at the Elephantine Island Movenpick Resort for two nights.* (B, L, D)

Day 12: Wednesday, February 23:

ASWAN / ABU SIMBEL / ASWAN

Today we fly to Abu Simbel to visit the two fantastic rock-cut temples of Ramesses II (built to honor himself and his queen, Nefertari). Moved when the High Dam was built, they are a marvel of ancient and modern engineering. Return to Aswan this afternoon, where the remainder of the day is free to visit the bazaar or other sites. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Thursday, February 24: ASWAN / CAIRO

We begin the day with a visit to the Temple of Isis at Philae, said to be Egypt's most beautiful temple. We continue on to see the ancient granite quarry and the Unfinished Obelisk of Hatshepsut. In the afternoon, we fly back to Cairo and check into our hotel, conveniently located downtown. *Overnight at the Cairo Marriott for two nights.* (B, L, D)

Day 14: Friday, February 25: CAIRO

We spend the morning at the Egyptian Museum, which houses the Treasures of Tutankhamen and the Royal Mummy Room. Stroll through the Khan el Khalili bazaar where we will have lunch, and then continue on to Old Cairo with its Christian and Jewish past, the Citadel of Saladin, and the Alabaster Mosque. Enjoy a farewell dinner at our hotel this evening. (B, L, D)

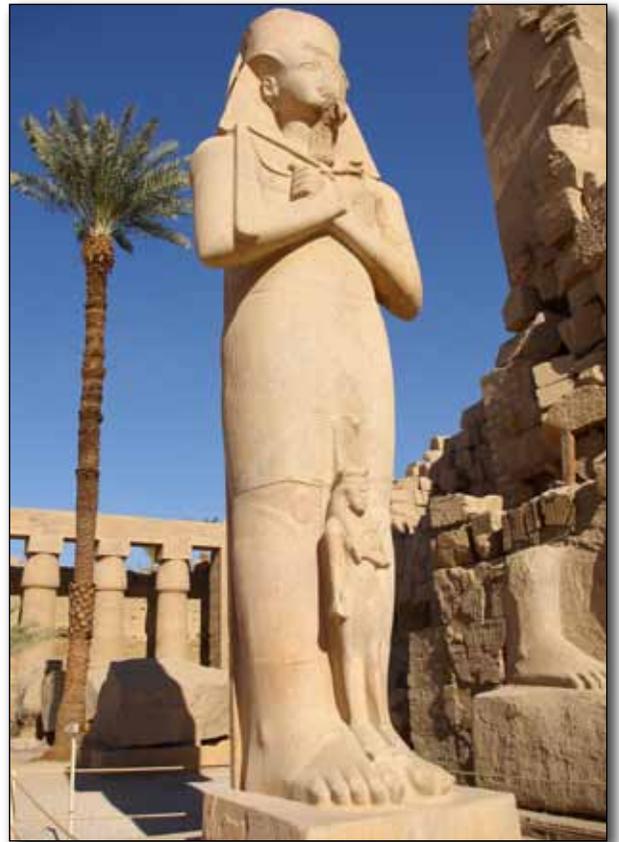
Day 15: Saturday, February 26: CAIRO / US

Transfer to the airport this morning for flights home. (B)

Giza Pyramids at sunset



A Relief at Luxor



Colossus of Ramses II & Daughter





WHAT TO EXPECT

You must be in good physical condition to participate. **You must be able to make long walks unassisted over uneven terrain and up and down steps.** If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand, and discuss whether or not this program is appropriate for you. All participants are expected to be ready to experience cultural differences. At the time of year that we visit Egypt the weather is sunny and dry, with temperatures in the upper 70s and 80s during the day and in the 50s at night.

Complete pre-departure details, what to bring with you, and what to expect will be sent to participants.



THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA & THE AIA TOURS PROGRAM

The Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) is the oldest and largest archaeological organization in North America. The AIA seeks to educate people of all ages about the significance of archaeological discovery. For more than a century the AIA has been dedicated to the encouragement and support of archaeological research and publication, and to the protection of the world's archaeological resources and cultural heritage. By traveling on an AIA Tour you directly support the AIA while personally gaining the benefit of the AIA's network of scholars and worldwide contacts.

GROUP EGYPT AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Date	Flight#	City	Time
Feb. 12	986	Depart New York (JFK)	6:30 PM
		Arrive Cairo (+1 day)	12:15 PM
<i>Boeing 777 Total miles: 5608 mi (9025 km) Flight time: 10hrs 45mins</i>			
Feb. 26	985	Depart Cairo	10:10 AM
		Arrive New York (JFK)	3:15 PM
<i>Boeing 777 Total miles: 5608 mi (9025 km) Flight time: 12hrs 5mins</i>			

PER PERSON PRICES

Double Occupancy \$5,995.
Single Supplement \$1,145.

Prices based on a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 25 participants.

Group Airfare ~ New York (JFK) / Cairo / New York (JFK)

Economy..... \$1,050.
Business Class \$3,245.

Airfare prices are estimated and subject to change until ticketed.

PRICES INCLUDE:

- ♦ Leadership of Lecturer & Host Thomas Hikade, plus a professional tour manager, and an experienced local guide;
- ♦ All airport transfers abroad;
- ♦ All transportation in Egypt as indicated in the itinerary, including domestic flights;
- ♦ Three-night cruise aboard a first class Nile riverboat;
- ♦ All accommodations as indicated in the itinerary;
- ♦ All meals throughout the program, including non-alcoholic beverages, as indicated in the itinerary;
- ♦ All entrance fees to all sites listed in the itinerary;
- ♦ Portage;
- ♦ Comprehensive pre-departure information, including what to pack and a suggested reading guide.

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare from home to Cairo and return; passport and visa fees; air and foreign airport taxes; tips to local guide and tour manager for group services; meals not listed as included; alcoholic beverages; excess baggage charges; personal and baggage insurance; any activities not specified in the itinerary; all items of a personal nature such as laundry, medical expenses, room service, and beverages not with meals.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS: All requests for cancellations must be received in writing. Cancellations received at least 76 days prior to departure will receive a full refund less a \$300 per person fee. Cancellations received between 75 and 45 days prior to departure are subject to forfeiture of 25% of all monies paid and due. No refunds will be made for cancellations received within 45 days of departure.

Prices quoted are based on group participation and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you choose not to participate. Refunds cannot be made to passengers who do not complete the tour for whatever reason.

You are strongly encouraged to obtain trip cancellation insurance (an application will be sent with confirmation of receipt of your deposit).



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Dear Traveler,

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to explore the magnificent archaeological sites of ancient Egypt with **AIA lecturer and host Thomas Hikade**.

Along the Nile River you will discover perhaps the most remarkable concentration of antiquities found anywhere in the world, as the ancient Egyptian penchant for building enormous monuments in stone has left a legacy of mysterious and imposing pyramids and temples. The practice of burying pharaohs, nobles, and others with precious and practical objects for use in the afterlife has resulted in a rich treasure of artifacts well preserved by the desert climate. You will learn firsthand about this extraordinary civilization situated at the crossroads of Africa, Asia, and Europe.

This program is a comprehensive introduction to a variety of Egypt's most important sites. In **Cairo**, tour the outstanding **Egyptian Museum**, plus the **Giza pyramids** and **Sphinx**, **Saqqara's** Step Pyramid of Djoser and the Pyramid of Teti, Old Cairo, and much more. At **Luxor**, your explorations include the vast temple complex of **Karnak** and the stunning tombs of the **Valleys of the Kings and Queens**. Cruise the legendary Nile aboard a luxurious riverboat from Luxor to Aswan, stopping to visit several remarkable temples and observing timeless pastoral scenes of farmers, herders, and village life. **Aswan** provides many highlights including a felucca (sailboat) ride and noted archaeological sites. From Aswan, take an excursion to the wondrous temple of **Abu Simbel** with its colossal statues.

In addition to traveling with AIA lecturer and host Thomas Hikade throughout the program, **you will be joined by a skilled team who will take care of all the details**, ensuring that you have a remarkable experience. Our team includes professional tour director Dr. Bill Petty, who has made organizing trips in Egypt his primary focus for many years; a professional Egyptian tour manager; and an excellent local Egyptologist guide. Through lively **illustrated lectures and informal discussions** at the sites, at the hotels, and aboard the riverboat, you will learn about the extraordinary world of ancient Egypt.

This attractively-priced, 15-day program provides generous comfort, fine food, and timeless experiences. I hope you will join us!

Sincerely,

R. Todd Nielsen
Director, AIA Tours
Archaeological Institute of America

P.S. This program is limited to 25 participants and is co-sponsored by The Field Museum, so please do not delay in contacting AIA Tours at **800-748-6262** or **aia@studytours.org** to reserve your space.

Taking this trip has been a dream of mine for many years and I had very high expectations. These expectations were more than met.

Absolutely Wonderful!

Our guide and lecturer made a great combination.

Everything seemed organized very well.

Our lecturer and guide kept us well informed, educated and entertained throughout the entire two weeks.

It was a wonderful and memorable trip.

The local tour manager, guide and lecturer were superb—knowledgeable, professional, gracious, warm, and fun.

The itinerary was flawless.

The leaders made the tour excellent.

The Egypt tour was fantastic! Trip of a lifetime!

They always gave us enough time at all of the sites.

Our tour leaders were a tremendous team, each of them bringing their expertise and energy to the entire experience.

The group dynamic was wonderful.

The group was the perfect size.

We had a perfect combination! A compatible group of travelers, wonderful accommodations, sunshine and breezes every day and an extraordinary trip of leaders, all knowledgeable, hard working and friendly.



To hold your reservation for seven days while this form and your deposit are in the mail, please contact us at 800-748-6262 or aia@studytours.org

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(as it appears in passport) (as it appears in passport)

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE/PROVINCE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ OFFICE PHONE: _____

CELL: _____ EMAIL: _____

I/We have read the What to Expect section and am/are physically able to participate fully on the program.

I am/We are interested in taking the Group Egypt Air Flights.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Double: one bed two beds Single Share - please assign a roommate (not guaranteed)
Share - name of roommate _____

A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to confirm a reservation. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. Please note that credit cards are not accepted for final payment.

PAYMENT TYPE: Check payable to: EOS Passenger Escrow - AIA Egypt 2-11

Visa MC Amex CC# _____ Exp. Date _____

3 or 4 Digit Security Code _____ Name on Card _____

All prices and payments are in US dollars. Please complete the Reservation Form above, sign the Release statement below, enclose your deposit and mail or fax to:

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

Prices quoted are based on group participation and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you choose not to participate. It is understood that refunds cannot be made to passengers who do not complete the tour for whatever reason nor to passengers whose required documentation for entry into any country on the itinerary is delayed or denied. RESPONSIBILITY: The Archaeological Institute of America, its agent Eos (hereinafter "Sponsor"), and Museum Tours and/or its agents (hereinafter "Operator") assume no liability for failure to provide the services and accommodations referred to in this brochure to the extent that such services and accommodations cannot be supplied due to delays or other causes beyond the control of Operator. In the absence of negligence on the part of Operator, the participant agrees that Operator has no responsibility or liability of any nature whatsoever for damage to or loss of property, or injury to, or death of persons due to any act, omission, or negligence of any carrier, hotel, restaurant, bus carrier, tender service, sightseeing company, or any other persons rendering any of the services or ground portions of the itinerary. The participant further waives any claim against Operator and Sponsor for any such damage, loss, injury, or death. Operator and Sponsor shall not be responsible for any delays, substitution of equipment, or any act or omission whatsoever by the suppliers of such services, their agents, servants and employees, and the participant hereby waives any claim arising therefrom. Operator and Sponsors reserve the right to decline to accept or to decline to retain any person as a member of any tour should such person's health, condition or actions adversely affect or threaten the welfare or safety of other passengers or impede the tour. Sponsor and Operator reserve the right to cancel this tour prior to departure, in which case payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. All refunds of passenger payments are the responsibility of Eos and/or the Operator, and the participant agrees that the Sponsors bear no financial responsibility for refunding of participant's payments. The passenger contract in use by the carriers concerned (when issued) shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation companies and the purchaser of this tour and/or passage. By forwarding of deposit, the passenger certifies that he/she agrees with these terms and conditions, and that he/she does not have any mental, physical, or other condition, or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other passengers.

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Signature _____ Date _____

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