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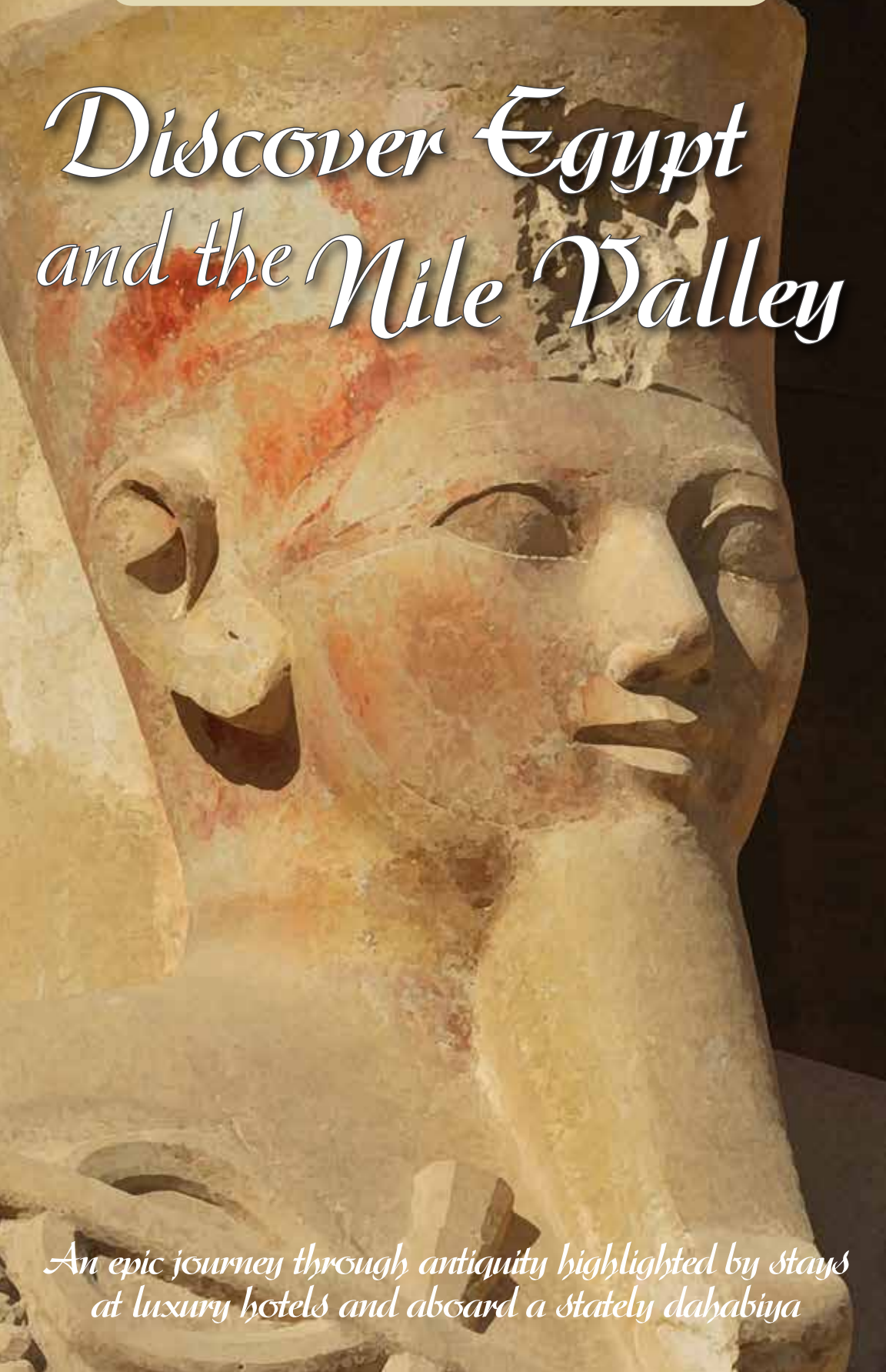
Discover Egypt and the Nile Valley



An epic journey through antiquity highlighted by stays at luxury hotels and aboard a stately dahabiya

Amun Temple of Luxor

Dear Carolina Alumni and Friends,

Join fellow Tar Heels and friends as you wander the fabled land of pharaohs and kings—where colossal pyramids, legendary tombs and towering temples cascade across the terrain. The mighty Nile River welcomes you for an unhurried journey that reveals seemingly limitless vistas of infinite deserts contrasted by metropolitan cities. From biblical times through to modern day, Egypt has been the site of monumental historical events, staggering technological achievements and compelling human stories.

During this 14-day expedition, traverse the Nile Valley like past explorers and discover ancient treasures including the Great Sphinx, the Temple of Horus and the tombs of El Kab. Accompanied by expert Egyptologists, you'll gain in-depth knowledge of Egypt and its antiquities. In the evenings, relax among some of the area's most opulent hotels.

This all-meals-included program features an exclusive four-night cruise on the Nile River aboard a private dahabiya. This deluxe, 14-guest sailing vessel offers the opportunity to see life on the Nile from a different perspective. As an additional benefit, this unique vessel ports on differing days than larger cruise ships, providing guests a less crowded, more intimate experience while viewing the antiquities.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than $1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Book this experience today by calling (877) 962-3980 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Yours at Carolina,

Doug

Douglas S. Dibbert '70
President, UNC General Alumni Association

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Reserve your space by **December 13, 2019** to receive the FREE Orbridge Expedition Library we've assembled for this program.

This exclusive gift is to thank you for joining us early. Guests who reserve after the specified date may purchase libraries. Call for details.

Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Starting in 2019, we will annually plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an on-going initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts.

Program Highlights

- Enjoy two full days exploring Cairo, visiting the Great Pyramid and the Sphinx, the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, and Khan El-Khalili bazaar.
- In Luxor, view the Karnak Temple Complex—one of the largest religious buildings in the world, which includes contributions from approximately thirty pharaohs over thousands of years.
- Travel beside the Nile to Abydos to marvel at the colorful carvings in the Temple of Seti I and view the Abydos King List, which was instrumental to understanding Ancient Egyptian history.
- On the west bank of Luxor, visit the Valley of the Kings and Nobles, the Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut, and Colossi of Memnon.
- Embark in Esna aboard a private dahabiya—a traditional Egyptian sailing vessel—for four nights on the Nile River.
- During an optional excursion (additional fee), view the temples of Abu Simbel carved into a massive rock cliff, which were relocated and perfectly reconstructed after building the High Dam in the early 1960s.
- **What's included:** 8 nights luxury hotel accommodations plus 4 nights aboard a stately dahabiya; 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches, and 11 dinners; all excursions listed on the 14-day itinerary including admission to sites and venues; excursion transportation; gratuities to hotels, drivers, dahabiya staff, porters, and guides; and group airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.

Your 14-Day Itinerary *(subject to change)*

Day 1: En Route from U.S.

Day 2: Arrive in Cairo, Egypt
Evening at leisure
Overnight: Marriott Mena House

Day 3: Cairo / Memphis / Giza (B,L,D)
Sakkara Necropolis, Great Pyramid, Great Sphinx, welcome dinner
Overnight: Marriott Mena House

Day 4: Cairo (B,L,D)
Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, Mosque of Sultan Hassan, Old Cairo, Coptic Churches, Khan El-Khalili bazaar
Overnight: Marriott Mena House

Day 5: Cairo / Flight to Luxor (B,L,D)
Karnak Temple Complex, Luxor Temple
Overnight: Sofitel Winter Palace Luxor

Day 6: Luxor / Abydos / Luxor (B,L,D)
Abydos Temples
Overnight: Sofitel Winter Palace Luxor

Day 7: Luxor / Esna – Embarkation (B,L,D)
Valley of the Kings and Nobles, Hatshepsut Temple, Colossi of Memnon
Overnight: Dahabiya

Day 8: Nile River / Edfu (B,L,D)
El Kab tombs, Temple of Horus
Overnight: Dahabiya

Day 9: Edfu / Nile / Kom Ombo (B,L,D)
Gebel el-Silsila, special island barbecue dinner
Overnight: Dahabiya

Day 10: Kom Ombo / Nile / Aswan (B,L,D)
Temple of Kom Ombo, gala dinner
Overnight: Dahabiya

Day 11: Aswan – Disembarkation (B,L,D)
High Dam, Philae Temple, Unfinished Obelisk, evening market tour
Overnight: Sofitel Legend Cataract

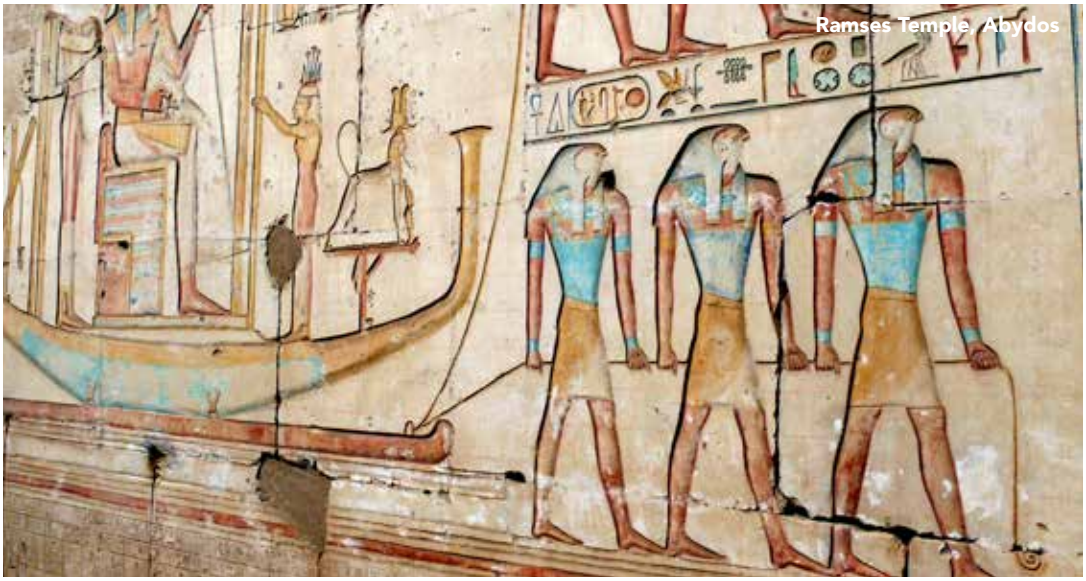
Day 12: Aswan (B,L,D)
Elephantine Island, lunch at Nubian house, Soheil Island
Overnight: Sofitel Legend Cataract

Day 13: Aswan / Optional Abu Simbel Excursion / Flight to Cairo (B,L,D)
Abu Simbel excursion (additional fee) or leisure time, flight to Cairo
Overnight: Le Méridien Cairo Airport

Day 14: Cairo / Depart for U.S. (B)

Activity Level: Activities are generally not very strenuous, however, we expect that guests can enjoy two hours or more of walking, are sure-footed on uneven surfaces, and can walk up and down stairs without assistance.

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


Ramses Temple, Abydos

Hotel Accommodations *(subject to change)*

MARRIOTT MENA HOUSE – CAIRO

While touring bustling Cairo, spend leisure time and evenings amidst the luxurious and modern comforts of Marriott Mena House, located just 45 minutes outside of the city. Originally built as a hunting lodge in 1869, Mena House served as a private residence until 1886, when it was opened to the public as a hotel. It has hosted a variety of visitors, including Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Winston Churchill, Frank Sinatra, and Charlie Chaplin.

Guest rooms offer glorious panoramic views of the pyramids. The property features 40 acres of lavish gardens, four restaurants and lounges, outdoor pool, heated indoor pool, health club, and full service spa (additional fees for services).

SOFITEL WINTER PALACE LUXOR

Perched peacefully on the bank of the Nile River, Winter Palace's 5-star accommodations provide an alluring atmosphere for a regal respite. During leisure time, roam the manicured gardens, take a dip in the welcoming pool, or simply reflect on your time in Egypt while embracing the spectacular sights from your room.

SOFITEL LEGEND CATARACT – ASWAN

Step back to the time of the pharaohs, surrounded by grandeur and opulence of this 5-star property—with the sights of the Nubian Desert and Elephantine Island at your fingertips. Walk the ravishing grounds, and feel a part of royalty that once frequented the hotel—where King Fouad once entertained Agatha Christie.

LE MÉRIDIEN CAIRO AIRPORT

For your final evening in Egypt, enjoy the stylish accommodations of Le Méridien. This fully soundproofed luxury hotel is conveniently linked to Terminal 3 of Cairo International Airport by a pedestrian bridge.

The property features an impressive sports bar, three restaurants serving Chinese, Lebanese or Mediterranean cuisine, a fitness center, and a heated outdoor pool.

Onboard Accommodations

With a capacity of just 14 guests per boat, our two 155-foot dahabiyas are designed to provide the ultimate in comfort and adventure while sailing the Nile River. Each stateroom provides spacious, fully air-conditioned accommodations with en suite facilities.

Guests can savor healthy, fresh, and delicious international and Egyptian cuisine at every meal. Enjoy the large sun deck, dining and lounge areas, and the services of an enthusiastic crew who are committed to your comfort.

STATEROOM CATEGORIES

Standard: Features one full or two single beds, view window, and private en suite bathroom. Approx. 205 sq.ft.

Suite: Features one full or two single beds, view windows, and private en suite bathroom. Approx. 250 sq.ft.

Exterior Dining

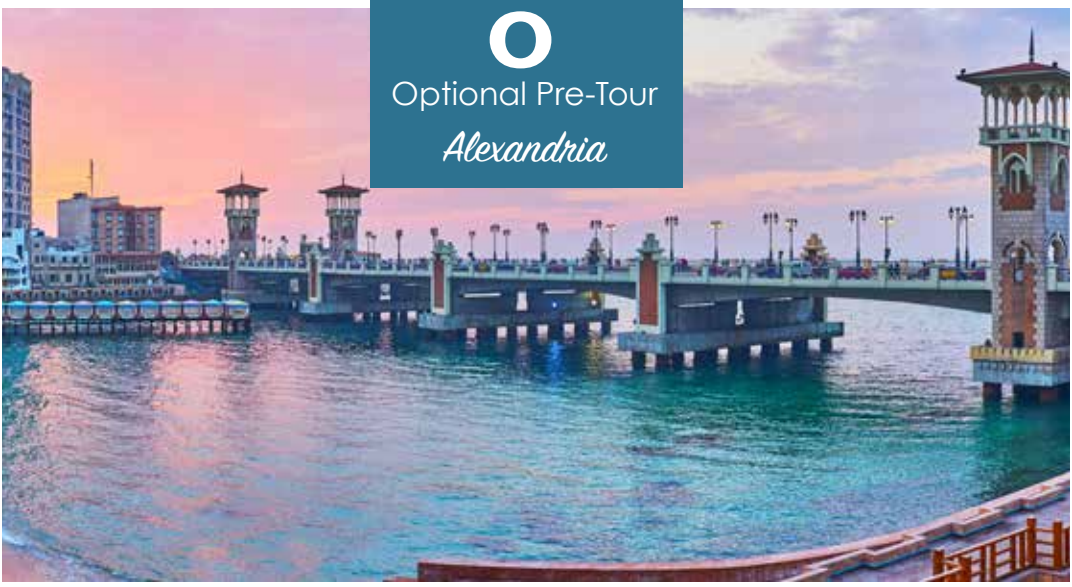
Dining

Standard

Suite

Lounge

Exterior Lounge



Optional Pre-Tour
Alexandria

Just a 3-hour drive from Cairo rests the Mediterranean oasis of Alexandria. Founded by Alexander the Great in 331 BCE, the city was once a major intellectual center of the Greek and Roman empires, and home to the rulers of the Ptolemaic dynasty—including Cleopatra. Explore the mythic vestiges of the ancient city, and enjoy leisure time to experience the modern charms along the Corniche, Alexandria's waterfront promenade.

Pre-Tour Itinerary *(subject to change)*

Day +1: En Route from U.S.

Day +2: Arrive in Cairo, Egypt
Evening at leisure
Overnight: Marriott Mena House

Day +3: Cairo / Alexandria (B,L)
Guided touring: Roman Amphitheatre, famous Catacombs, Citadel of Qaitbay, leisure time
Overnight: Steigenberger Cecil Hotel

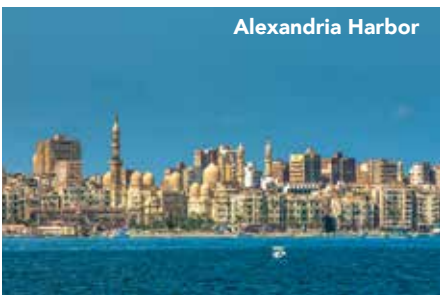
Day +4: Alexandria (B,L)
National Museum of Egyptian Civilization, Bibliotheca Alexandrina, evening at leisure
Overnight: Steigenberger Cecil Hotel

Day +5: Alexandria / Cairo / Main Program Begins (B)
After breakfast, return to Cairo to join guests on the main program

Sarcophagus at the Catacombs

Roman Amphitheatre

Citadel of Qaitbay


Alexandria Harbor

What's Included

- 3 nights luxury hotel accommodations
- 3 breakfasts and 2 lunches
- Touring by an English-speaking guide
- Admission to all sites listed in the 5-day itinerary
- Guided Alexandria city tour including the Roman Amphitheatre
- All gratuities and porterage
- All airport and hotel transfers

Optional Post-Tour
Jordan

Dead Sea

Step back in time to the ancient world of the Middle East, where overwhelming historic architecture towers over the present day. Embrace the endless layers of spiritual and religious icons dotting this Holy Land, culminating with a once-in-a-lifetime visit to the Dead Sea.

Post-Tour Itinerary *(subject to change)*

Day 14: Cairo / Flight to Amman (L,D)
Guided city tour
Overnight: InterContinental Jordan Hotel

Day 15: Amman / Jerash / Ajloun / Amman (B,L,D)
City of 1,000 Pillars, Triple Arched Gate, Hippodrome, Jordan Valley
Overnight: InterContinental Jordan Hotel

Day 16: Amman / Madaba / Mount Nebo / Petra (B,L,D)
Guided touring, Orthodox Church of Saint George, Byzantine mosaics
Overnight: Mövenpick Resort Petra

Day 17: Petra (B,L,D)
Guided city tour
Overnight: Mövenpick Resort Petra

Day 18: Petra / Wadi Rum / Dead Sea (B,L,D)
4x4 Jeep desert excursion, Dead Sea leisure time
Overnight: Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea

Day 19: Dead Sea / Amman (B,L)
Leisure time, late evening group transfer to Amman's Queen Alia International Airport for tomorrow's early morning flights home

Day 20: Depart for U.S.

What's Included

- 5 nights luxury accommodations plus a day room on departure day
- 5 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 5 dinners
- Admission to all sites listed in the 6-day itinerary
- Touring by an English-speaking guide
- Wadi Rum desert 4x4 Jeep excursion
- All gratuities and porterage
- All airport and hotel transfers
- Internal airfare from Cairo to Amman

Petra

Roman Amphitheatre

Wadi Rum

Mount Nebo

Egypt & the Nile Valley

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Alexandria Pre-Tour: October 13-17, 2020

Jordan Post-Tour: October 29 - November 4, 2020

Stateroom Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Classic	~~$6,499~~	$5,995
Suite	~~$7,499~~	$6,995
Single (Classic)	~~$10,499~~	$9,995

Alexandria Pre-Tour*: $1,595 | Single $2,295
Jordan Post-Tour*: $3,995 | Single $4,995

Reserve by Credit Card:

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Chapel Hill, NC 27514-0660

Tour participants who are not members of the General Alumni Association must join the Association ($50 for single; $60 for couples) to participate. Please pay by separate check made payable to the General Alumni Association and mail with this reservation form.

GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): _____

Email: _____ Class Year: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): _____

Email: _____ Class Year: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

DEPOSIT PAYMENT:

❑ Check ❑ ACH *(Automated Clearing House)* ❑ MasterCard/Visa ❑ American Express ❑ Discover

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CATEGORY SELECTION & DEPOSIT:

Category Preference: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

_____ guests joining pre-tour ($500/person) **+**

_____ guests joining program ($850/person) **+**

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ABU SIMBEL OPTIONAL EXCURSION (added to your final invoice)**:**

_____ guests joining optional excursion ($495/person)

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Registration, Deposits and Final Payment. To confirm and secure your reservation, a deposit of $850 per person and $500 per person per pre-tour and/or post-tour is due at the time of registration, payable by check, automated clearing house (ACH), money order, wire transfer of same day U.S. funds, or major credit card. Final payment, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour and optional excursion(s) fee(s), is payable by check, ACH, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds, and is due no later than 90 days prior to the scheduled program departure date. If your reservation is made between the final payment due date and the date the program starts, the entire cost of the program, including any extension(s) and optional(s), is due at the time of registration by check, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds. Final payments made by credit card are subject to a 2% transaction fee. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. All payments we receive from you are herein defined as "Payments."
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Special Faculty Host: Bart D. Ehrman

Bart D. Ehrman is the James A. Gray Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he has taught since 1988. Professor Ehrman has published extensively in the fields of New Testament and Early Christianity, having written or edited thirty-two books, including six New York Times Bestsellers. He has also recorded eight lecture courses for The Great Courses (The Teaching Company). More than two million copies of his books and courses have been sold, and his books have been translated into twenty-seven languages.

Professor Ehrman will accompany the tour with a minimum of 15 participants

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