EGYPT
OF THE PHARAOHS
January 11-24, 2011
Cruising the Nile aboard the exclusively chartered Sun Boat III
Featuring an excursion to Abu Simbel
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JOSHUA T. KATZ Professor of Classics, will serve as study leader for this program. A linguist by training, a classicist by profession, and a comparative philologist at heart, Professor Katz is widely interested and published in the languages, literatures, and cultures of the ancient world, from India via Greece and Rome to Ireland and beyond. He prefers in both his teaching and his research to prowl around topics rather than pursue one single line of inquiry. His courses on campus range from an introduction to ancient Egypt to the history of the English language to his latest on wordplay. The recipient of many prestigious academic honors, including the President’s Award for Distinguished Teaching and the Phi Beta Kappa Teaching Award, conferred at Princeton in 2003 and 2008, respectively. During this Journey, Professor Katz will challenge participants to learn to interpret the characters on the temples and objects encountered each day as he leads a condensed version of his wildly popular Freshman Seminar “Ancient Egypt and its Hieroglyphs.”

FETICHE POSMA-ZAALOUK is a noted Egyptologist specializing in the culture, history, and architecture of Ancient Egypt as well as issues relating to women and village life. A 1972 graduate of Helwan University in Cairo, she has been guiding educational groups and special visitors for many years. She is passionate about her native country’s long and distinguished history and continues her study and research.

TAREK SWELIM, a native Egyptian, is an expert on the art, architecture, and history of the Middle East. Dr. Swelim earned his BS from Helwan University in Cairo, an MA in Egyptology at the American University, Cairo, and his Ph.D. at Harvard University. In 1979, he started his career by guiding and lecturing to academic groups in Egypt. In 1994, he began leading tours throughout the Middle East as well.
DEAR PRINCETONIAN:

JOHN AND BARBARA SLAYBAUGH were not alone in their outpouring of accolades for the 2009 Egypt of the Pharaohs program aboard the Sun Boat III; most of the participants on that special sold-out Princeton Journeys program wrote and echoed their sentiments. After selling out the same cruise in 2010, we are pleased to repeat this special adventure once more January 11-24, 2011. But we suggest that you act quickly!

Professor of Classics Joshua T. Katz will return, challenging participants to learn to interpret the characters on the temples and objects encountered each day, as he leads a condensed version of his Freshman Seminar course, “Ancient Egypt and its Hieroglyphs.” Professor Katz’s insights into classical Egypt will be enhanced by expert commentary from Egyptologist Tarek Swelim and Egyptian guide Fetiche Posma-Zaalouk.

With only 18 cabins, space on Sun Boat III – and this program — is limited. Please contact the Princeton Journeys team today at journeys@princeton.edu or (609) 258-8686 to reserve your spot.

Sincerely,

Margaret M. Miller ’80
Assistant Vice President for Alumni Affairs and Director, Office of the Alumni Association
Princeton University

“A spectacular experience — combining first class preceptorial discussions with unparalleled tour guides – all in the context of a cultural history we only understood in passing before the journey. From the first day in Cairo through the final afternoon in Abu Simbel and the closing dinner back in Cairo, the service and accommodations were among the best we’ve experienced. Everything was thought of and provided for, both within and outside the planned events. The pace was moderate with more than ample time to reflect on the sites and excursions of the day. And truly the highlight of the journey was the energy and enthusiasm of Dr. Katz for a subject – hieroglyphics – that none of us could have imagined to be so fascinating. Our tour guides had an obvious passion for their native land which was infectious.”

JOHN SLAYBAUGH ’66
who traveled with his wife Barbara on the Egypt of the Pharaohs program in January 2009
EN ROUTE
Tuesday, January 11
Evening departures from the U.S. on overnight flights to Cairo. (Meals aloft)

CAIRO AND GIZA
Wednesday, January 12
On arrival, transfer to the historic Mena House Hotel. From its early days as a royal hunting lodge and later transformation to a deluxe hotel, it has hosted dignitaries and world leaders visiting the Egyptian capital. Enjoy its lovely gardens and the incomparable views of the great pyramid of the Pharaoh Khufu. Spend the afternoon at leisure. This evening gather for a welcome orientation meeting and reception. Afterwards, stroll the grounds and admire the pyramids lit in the evening shadows. MENA HOUSE OBEROI (Meals aloft; R)

GIZA PYRAMID AND SPHINX PAWS AND SOLAR BOAT
Thursday, January 13
Marvel at the last standing monument of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Great Pyramid on the Giza Plateau. Then, gain special access to the “paws” of the 4,500 year half man-half lion known as the Great Sphinx. Special access to the “sphinx paws” has been arranged. Before returning to the hotel for a leisurely afternoon, visit the restored funerary boat of Cheops, a 4th dynasty Pharaoh who, according to tradition, left this world for the next transported aboard his Solar Barque. This evening gather in a private

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Egyptian home and meet locals at a welcome reception and dinner. MENA HOUSE OBEROI (B, L, D)

**SAQQARA AND DASHUR**
*Friday, January 14*

The near-daily lectures by and precepts with Professor Katz begin this morning. Then, journey to the unique step pyramid of Saqqara, a precursor to the grand Giza pyramids. Visit the underground galleries where hieroglyphs cover the walls from floor to ceiling depicting daily life in Egypt’s 5th millennium B.C. After lunch, study the bent pyramid at Dashur. Return to the hotel and relax. This evening is free for independent pursuits. MENA HOUSE OBEROI (B, L, D)

**CAIRO AND LUXOR**
*Saturday, January 15*

Fly to Luxor. Upon arrival, explore the fabulous Karnak Temple complex, the largest ancient religious site in the world. Wander among the enormous 134 stone columns, and marvel at the myriad well preserved obelisks telling stories of the ancients. This evening visit the Luxor Temple under a rising moon. Then gather for a welcome aboard dinner on your private yacht. SUN BOAT III (B, L, D)

**LUXOR AND ABYDOS**
*Sunday, January 16*

Leisurely cruising this morning allows for observation of the activities of people at work in villages along the Nile riverbanks. After lunch, visit Abydos, a pilgrimage site for worshippers of the pharaohs of the Ancient Kingdom. Dedicated to the Lord of the Netherworld, Osiris, the temple walls are handsomely carved with hieroglyphs depicting the lives of the kings. SUN BOAT III (B, L, D)

**DENDERA AND LUXOR MUSEUM**
*Monday, January 17*

Explore the temple complex of Dendera, dedicated to Hathor, the goddess of love, music, wine, and procreation. Cruise back to Luxor. Upon arrival, visit the magnificent Luxor Museum collection including artifacts from Luxor Temple, King Tut’s tomb, and a partial reconstruction of the Karnak Temple walls. Return to your elegant yacht, Sun Boat III, for an afternoon at leisure, or spend the balance of the day in search of treasures at the Luxor bazaar. SUN BOAT III (B, L, D)

**THEBES**
*Tuesday, January 18*

In the cool early morning darkness cross the Nile to Thebes, ancient capital of Egypt. Explore evocative tombs in the Valley of the Kings, hidden for thousands of years. Visits to recent discovery sites and special access have been arranged. Continue to the grandiose mortuary temple dedicated to Hatchepsut, Egypt’s iconic female pharaoh. The temple took 15 years to construct and consists of three colonnaded terraces situated in the Valley of the Kings with a magnificent cliff backdrop. At her death, jealous successors obliterated most of her images in an attempt to remove her peaceful reign from historical records. SUN BOAT III (B, L, D)

**EDFU**
*Thursday, January 20*

After a morning of cruising, arrive at Edfu to explore the best-preserved ancient temple in Egypt. It was dedicated to Horus, the ubiquitous falcon-headed god of the Egyptians. The main building includes a great Hypostyle Hall and, just outside, an entrance colonnade that remarkably still has visible, original, colored reliefs. Reboard your yacht and cruise to Aswan. SUN BOAT III (B, L, D)

**ASWAN AND PHILAE ISLAND**
*Friday, January 21*

After the Russian-led Aswan Dam project got underway in the 1960s, archaeologists and citizens from all over the world dismantled the Temple of Isis at Philae Island and relocated it to higher ground. Now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the island has numerous ruins including the Kiosk of Trajan, sometimes referred to as the Pharaoh’s Bedstead. Then drive to view the engineering juggernaut of the still controversial High Dam, which forever changed Egyptians’ way of life. At dusk, board a traditional felucca sailboat and thread among the islands of the Nile.
Enjoy the farewell dinner, savoring your last evening aboard. SUN BOAT III (B, L, D)

**Abu Simbel and Cairo**
*Saturday, January 22*

Disembark from the *Sun Boat III* in the early morning for a short flight to the astounding monument at Abu Simbel, located in former Nubian lands. At the twin temples built by Pharaoh Ramses II, huge statues depict him and his favorite wife Nefertari. During construction of the Aswan High Dam, the temples were threatened with submersion under the rising waters of Lake Nasser. Between 1964 and 1966, a project sponsored by UNESCO and the Egyptian government dismantled both temples and reconstructed them 65 meters higher than the original site. Late this afternoon, fly to Cairo and enjoy an evening at leisure. FOUR SEASONS FIRST RESIDENCE (B, L, D)

**Cairo**
*Sunday, January 23*

Immerse yourself in the riches of the incomparable Museum of Egyptian Antiquities, repository of thousands of important artifacts, including the cache of gold found in Tutankhamen's tomb. After lunch, concentrate on Islamic Cairo with a focus on significant Islamic monuments. Feel the reverent atmosphere at the oldest surviving Muslim place of worship, Ibn Tulun Mosque. Gather this evening for a festive farewell dinner. FOUR SEASONS FIRST RESIDENCE (B, L, D)

**Cairo**
*Monday, January 24*

Depart on an early-morning flight home. (B, Meals aloft)

**Optional Post-Tour Extension**
A three-day extension, January 24-27, will include Coptic Cairo, the Ben Ezra Synagogue, Alexandria’s fabulous library and a tour of the American University of Cairo campus, including discussions with faculty and students. Details will be provided in the welcome mailing.

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*SUN BOAT III* was built in 1992 and extensively refurbished in 2005 to reflect the graceful style of the 1920s and 1930s. Of the more than 200 cruisers now sailing the Nile, none surpasses *Sun Boat III* in comfort, service, or cuisine. With its limited capacity and old-world elegance, you will have the feeling you are sailing the Nile on a private yacht. Secure, well-located, private docking facilities in Luxor and Aswan ensure that the vessel is always conveniently located and easy to board.

All cabins face outside with two picture windows and are equipped with full en-suite bathrooms with shower and hairdryer, individually controlled air conditioning, satellite television, internal telephone and external telephone with international line access, safety deposit box, individual CD player, and mini-bar.

*Sun Boat III* has large, inviting lounges lined with windows so you can sightsee as you relax over a cool drink or converse with your fellow travelers. On the vessel’s spacious sun deck, comfortable lounge chairs surround plunge pools, perfect for a refreshing dip under brilliant Egyptian skies. You will also find a gift shop, restaurant, laundry service, and on-board Internet access.

**Costs**

**Nile Deck**
- $8,990 per person Double OCC.
- $13,490 per person Single OCC. Lim. Aval.

**Promenade Deck**
- $9,490 per person Double OCC.
- $14,240 per person Single OCC. Lim. Aval.

**Presidential Suite**
- $10,490 per person Double Occupancy

**Royal Suite**
- $11,440 per person Double Occupancy

All are outside cabins with two lower beds, two full windows, en-suite bathroom with shower and hair dryer.
Information

PROGM PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE: Comprehensive educational program by Princeton faculty, a highly qualified on-site Egyptologist, and local experts:
- Three nights at the Mena House in Giza and two nights in Cairo at the Four Seasons First Residence
- Seven-night cruise aboard the Sun Boat III
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Four on-tour flights and coach transportation
- Welcome reception and farewell dinner
- Comprehensive program of shore excursions and special events
- Transfer and baggage handling between airport and hotels for those meeting the scheduled group transfer
- Gratuities to porters, guides, drivers, waitstaff, and ship crew for all group activities
- Port fees and embarkation taxes
- Complete packet of pre-departure information including educational materials
- Professional tour management throughout

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:
- International and U.S. domestic airfare
- Passport and visa fees
- Immunization costs
- Airport security fees
- Meals and beverages other than those specified as included
- Excess baggage charges
- Trip cancellation/baggage insurance
- Transfers and baggage handling for those not meeting scheduled transfer
- Laundry, room service, telephone/email/fax charges, and other items of a personal nature

AIRFARE: International airfare is not included in the program cost. Transportation from the Cairo Airport to the hotel is included if you arrive to meet the scheduled group transfer. Details will be advised in the welcome mailing.

WHAT TO EXPECT: We consider this to be a moderately strenuous program that is at times physically demanding and busy. Daily activities can involve one to three miles of walking in hot weather, often on uneven terrain where stairs are unavailable or do not have handrails. Participants should be fit and in active good health. By forwarding the deposit for passage, the participant certifies that s/he does not have any physical or other limitation that would create a hazard for herself or other travelers.

SIZE: This exclusive Princeton departure is limited to 28 participants.

RESERVATION CONTACT: For more information, contact the Princeton Journeys staff at (609) 258-8686 or journeys@princeton.edu.

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☐ Please charge the deposit to my credit card: ☐ Visa  ☐ MC  ☐ AmEx

CARD # EXP. DATE

I/we understand that final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. (September 13, 2010)

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SINGLE TRAVELERS: I understand that there is a supplemental charge. If this is a reservation for one person, please indicate:

☐ I prefer to have single accommodations.

☐ OR I plan to share accommodations with:

☐ OR I’d like to know about possible roommates.

I am a ☐ Smoker / ☐ Non-smoker

I understand that if one cannot be found, I will be charged the single rate.

☐ Yes, I am interested in joining the Cairo/Alexandria Extension

I/We have read the tour information section of the brochure and agree to the Terms and Conditions stated therein.

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Explore the labyrinthine tombs in the Valley of the Kings at Thebes with specially arranged access to a newly excavated site.

Cruise the Nile River from Luxor, viewing ancient temples and contemporary village life along the scenic banks, aboard the 18-cabin yacht Sun Boat III reserved exclusively for Princeton.

Fly to Abu Simbel to view the colossal temples built to honor Pharaoh Ramses II and his beautiful wife Nefertari.

At Giza, by special arrangement, get up close to the Sphinx paws.

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HIGHLIGHTS

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