EGYPT
Land of the Pharaohs
Aboard the 18-cabin Sun Boat III
JANUARY 10–22, 2019

Featuring
Assistant Professor of Egyptian Art and Archaeology
DEBORAH VISCHAK
DEBORAH VISCHAK is an Assistant Professor of Ancient Egyptian Art History and Archaeology at Princeton University. She has taught courses on ancient Egyptian visual and material culture, archaeological practice and theory, and the history of Egyptology. Her scholarship engages questions of social identity, landscapes and monumentality, and the role of style within broader networks of communication. She first visited Egypt more than 20 years ago, and since then has traveled throughout the country to excavate, conduct field research, and drink hundreds of cups of tea.

Professor Vischak’s first book, Community and Identity in Ancient Egypt (Cambridge University Press, 2015), examined the Old Kingdom tombs at Qubbet el-Hawa in modern Aswan. This book argues that the unusual form of these tombs represents a carefully and intentionally crafted expression of local community identity, shared among the residents of this ancient border town. She is currently at work on a book for Reaktion Press’ Essays in Art and Culture series, examining the social aspects of elite mortuary culture across the Pharaonic period.

EGYPTOLOGISTS

TAREK SWELIM, a native Egyptian, is an expert on the art, architecture, and history of the Middle East. Educated at the American University in Cairo and Harvard, he is currently on the faculty of Hamid Bin Khalifa University in Doha, Qatar.

FETICHE POSMA-ZAALOUK is also a native Egyptian and noted Egyptologist. Educated at Helwan University in Cairo, she specializes in the culture, history, and architecture of ancient Egypt, as well as issues relating to women and village life.
Dear Princetonian,

Follow the course of the Nile River, whose mighty waters have long been the source of life-giving sustenance, cultural riches, and mythic power, into the very heart of ancient civilizations. Aboard the deluxe, privately chartered 18-cabin yacht, the Sun Boat III, explore the glorious age of the pharaohs on a 13-day journey through Egypt’s rich heritage. Among the many highlights of this itinerary are the Great Pyramid of Giza, the only remaining wonder of the ancient world; the spectacular funerary boat of Cheops at the Solar Boat Museum; the stunning tombs of the Valley of the Kings; the monumental unfinished obelisk in Aswan; and the colossal statues of Ramesses II and his favorite queen, Nefertari, at the temples of Abu Simbel. A special treat will be a visit to the newly opened Grand Egyptian Museum at Giza, described as the largest archaeological museum in the world.

Experience the old-world elegance and modern amenities of the Sun Boat III, cruising from Luxor to Aswan, and enjoy the sites of millennia-old pyramids, monuments, and fine arts. Learn about the unparalleled architectural and engineering skills of master pyramid builders and enjoy unique behind-the-scenes access to archaeological sites. Before and after the cruise, explore Old Cairo’s Islamic monuments, Coptic Cairo, and the Khan al-Khalili souks. This “bucket-list” destination is sure to fill quickly, so we encourage you to reserve your space today by contacting the Princeton Journeys team at (609) 258-8686 or journeys@princeton.edu.

With kind regards,

Margaret M. Miller ’80  
Deputy Vice President for Alumni Affairs

Bridget St. Clair  
Executive Manager  
Princeton Journeys
Itinerary

HOME ◆ CAIRO, EGYPT
Thursday–Friday, January 10–11, 2019
Depart home on overnight flights to Cairo. 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, Mena House 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. On the evening of January 11, gather for a welcome orientation meeting and reception. Afterward, stroll the grounds and admire the pyramids lit in the evening shadows.

MENA HOUSE HOTEL (R)
CAIRO

CAIRO
Saturday, January 12
Marvel at the last standing monument of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Great Pyramid on the Giza Plateau. Then, enjoy specially arranged access to the “paws” of the 4,500-year-old half-man, half-lion known as the Great Sphinx. Before returning to the hotel, 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. After lunch visit the newly opened Grand Egyptian Museum. Described as the largest archaeological museum in the world, it houses artifacts of ancient Egypt and aspires to be a global leader in scientific, historical, and archaeological study. This evening gather for a welcome dinner with local Egyptians at a private home.

MENA HOUSE HOTEL (B,L,D)
CAIRO

CAIRO ◆ LUXOR (EMBARK)
Monday, January 14
Fly to Luxor, where the Sun Boat III awaits. 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. Embark the Sun Boat III for lunch and an afternoon at leisure on board. This evening visit the Luxor Temple, brilliantly lit against the darkening Egyptian sky. SUN BOAT III (B,L,D)

**DENDERA**
**Tuesday, January 15**
Leisurely cruising this morning allows for a glimpse of daily life in villages along the Nile riverbanks. Arrive in Qena for a visit to the temple complex of Dendera, dedicated to Hathor, the goddess of love, music, wine, and procreation. Cruise back to Luxor. SUN BOAT III (B,L,D)

**VALLEY OF THE KINGS**
**Wednesday, January 16**
Early risers can soar above the Egyptian landscape on an optional hot-air balloon ride. Then cross the Nile to Thebes, ancient capital of Egypt. Enjoy special access to the evocative tombs in the Valley of the Kings, hidden for thousands of years, and the Valley of the Queens. Visit the grandiose mortuary temple dedicated to Hatshepsut, Egypt’s iconic female pharaoh. The temple took 15 years to construct and consists of three colonnaded terraces in front of an imposing backdrop of cliffs. Continue to the Colossi of Memnon, two massive stone statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III that have stood in the Theban necropolis since 1350 B.C.E. In the late afternoon, visit the Luxor Museum, on the corniche overlooking the west bank of the Nile. SUN BOAT III (B,L,D)

**KOM OMBO ♦ ASWAN**
**Friday, January 18**
Cruise to Kom Ombo to explore its unusual double temple, half of which is dedicated to the crocodile god, Sobek, the other half to the falcon god, Horus. Continue cruising to Aswan, with time to relax and enjoy the ship’s amenities. Upon arrival visit the island of Agilika, where the Temple of Isis, once on Philae Island, was relocated when the Russian-led Aswan Dam project got underway in the 1960s. Now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the island has numerous ruins including the Kiosk of Trajan. SUN BOAT III (B,L,D)

**ASWAN**
**Saturday, January 19**
Disembark for an early-morning specially arranged visit to Qubbet el-Hawa cemetery to view massive tombs that date as far back 2500 B.C.E. Then take a short flight to see the astounding monuments at Abu Simbel, located in former Nubian lands. At the twin temples built by Pharaoh Ramesses 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. Return to Aswan to view the “unfinished obelisk”—the largest known ancient obelisk—at a nearby quarry. Weather permitting, board a traditional felucca sailboat and sail past Nile River islands Kitchener and Elephantine. SUN BOAT III (B,L,D)

**EDFU**
**Sunday, January 20**
Enjoy the educational program en route to Edfu. Upon arrival, visit the best-preserved ancient temple in Egypt, 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. This evening enjoy a festive farewell dinner on board. SUN BOAT III (B,L,D)

**LUXOR (DISEMBARK) ♦ CAIRO**
**Monday, January 21**
Disembark and fly to Cairo in time for lunch and an afternoon tour of Coptic Cairo, including the 4th-century Hanging Church, named for its location above a Roman gatehouse of the
SUN BOAT III was built in 1992 and extensively refurbished to reflect the graceful style of the 1920s and 1930s. Of the more than 200 cruisers now sailing the Nile, none surpasses this elegant vessel in comfort, service, or cuisine. Its limited capacity and old-world elegance evoke the feeling of sailing the Nile on a private yacht. Secure, well-located, private docking facilities in Luxor and Aswan ensure that Sun Boat III is always convenient and easy to board. All cabins face outside with two picture windows and are equipped with full en suite bathrooms with shower and hair dryer, individually controlled air-conditioning, satellite television, internal telephone and external telephone with international line access, safe deposit box, individual CD player, and mini-bar. Sun Boat III has large, inviting lounges rimmed with windows for comfortable observation of the passing scenery. On the vessel’s spacious sun deck, comfortable lounge chairs surround a plunge pool, perfect for a refreshing dip under brilliant Egyptian skies. Other amenities include a gift shop, restaurant, laundry service, and Internet access (intermittent).
Information

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport or visa expenses • Medical expenses and immunizations • Airport transfers except as noted above • Travel insurance • Deviations from the scheduled tour • Excess-baggage charges • Meals and beverages other than those specified as included • Liquor • Personal items such as room service, email, telephone, and fax calls, laundry, and gratuities for non-group services.

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, dusty conditions, often on uneven terrain where stairs are unavailable or do not have handrails. Participants should be fit and in active good health.

A NOTE ABOUT COSTS Tour costs are based upon current fuel prices, currency values, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

INSURANCE Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended. Trip cancellation policies that apply to this expedition are included in this brochure. Information about travel insurance will be sent to confirmed participants.

GROUP SIZE This program is limited to 28 participants.

Terms & Conditions

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☐ I/We understand that final payment is due September 12, 2018, 120 days prior to departure. Registrations after September 12, 2018: full payment is due.

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SINGLE TRAVELERS:

☐ I prefer to have single accommodations.

OR ☐ I plan to share accommodations with: ____________________________

☐ I’d like to know about roommates. I am a ☐ non-smoker ☐ smoker .

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of September 12, 2018, I will pay the single rate.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Category Preference: 1st Choice ☐ 2nd Choice ☐

Bed Preference in hotel (not guaranteed) ☐ Two beds ☐ One bed

I/We have read the tour information and agree to the Terms & Conditions therein.

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