



EGYPT | VALLEY OF THE KINGS

2026 YOUNG ALUMNI JOURNEY



LUXURY & CULTURE TRAVELER

US Departure Date: **April 25, 2026**

Cairo Land Tour Start Date: **April 26, 2026**

Return Date: **May 3, 2026**

Land package from: **\$3592**

Visit our website www.aesu.com/uark for more details and to book.



START YOUR **ADVENTURE**

Dear Young Alumni and Friends!

Can you think of a better way to travel than with fellow University of Arkansas young alumni?

The Arkansas Alumni Association young alumni travel program, designed for recent grads ages 22 – 35, offers you this opportunity by bringing you together with individuals in the same age range, with similar backgrounds and experiences, while enriching you on well-designed, hassle-free tours of the world.

These programs provide social, cultural, and recreational activities and many opportunities for learning, enrichment and enjoying a connection back to the University of Arkansas. Our journeys are of great quality and value, operated by a travel company with over 48 years of experience in the young travel market.

In this brochure you will find a detailed itinerary, travel dates and pricing.

If you have any questions about this tour, please contact our tour operator, AESU Alumni World Travel, by calling 800-638-7640 or email alumni@aesu.com.

To make an online booking, please visit our young alumni tour landing page www.aesu.com/uark and select this tour to be directed to the tour web site.

We are looking forward to traveling with you this coming season.

Sincerely,

Brandy Cox Jackson

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Associate Vice Chancellor & Executive Director
Arkansas Alumni Association

Travel insurance is compulsory. Some schools or alumni associations may offer travel insurance to you at a reduced rate. If not, AESU also offers group travel insurance. Ask our reservations agent for details or visit this link: <https://www.generalitravelinsurance.com/get-a-quote.html?partner=AESU3922>

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Embark on an unforgettable Egyptian adventure. Explore the iconic Pyramids of Giza and the stunning Grand Egyptian Museum in Cairo. Head to Saqqara to marvel at the Step Pyramid. Enjoy a luxurious 5-star Nile cruise between Aswan and Luxor, stopping at the legendary Valley of the Kings. Experience a lively gallabiah party on board, take a scenic felucca ride on the Nile, and even hop on a camel for a unique desert experience. This trip promises incredible sights and memories that will last a lifetime.

9-DAY TOUR OF CAIRO, LUXOR, AND ASWAN

Transportation and Lodging

- 4 nights at first class hotels with private bath/shower, 2-share rooms
- 3 nights on a 5-star deluxe Nile Cruise with private bath/shower, 2-share cabins
- Economy class air transportation from Cairo to Aswan and from Luxor to Cairo
- Ground transportation by air-conditioned motor coach as per itinerary
- Airport transfers included with purchased international AESU group airfare
- Domestic airport transfers

Meals

- 7 breakfasts | 6 lunches | 7 dinners

Activities & Admissions

- Camel or horse-back ride
- Galabiyah party
- Egyptian Museum in Cairo; see King Tut's Sarcophagus
- Authentic Egyptian farewell dinner
- Traditional Felucca ride on the Nile and much more
- Guided tours led by a local historian: Giza including the pyramids and Sphinx | Saqqara including the tombs and pyramids | Kom Ombo and Edfu temple | Valley of the Kings | Queen Hatshepsut's temple | Luxor temple with two seated statues of Ramses | Tomb of King Tut

Sights

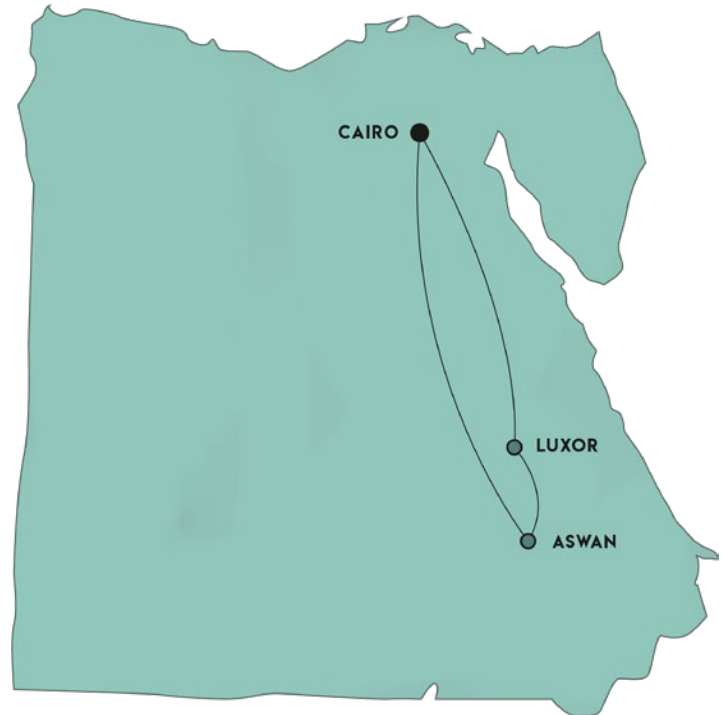
- Aswan site of cataract rapids
- Monuments of the world's Seven Wonders
- Saqqara tombs
- Ancient hieroglyphics
- Step Pyramid
- Giza Plateau & Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx
- Kephren's Pyramid
- Phalie Temple
- Unfinished Obelisk
- Kom Ombo Temple
- Edfu Temple
- King Tut's Sarcophagus
- Valley of the Kings
- Queen Hatshepsut's Temple
- Memnon Colossi
- Karnack Temple
- Tomb of King Tut
- Luxor Temple and much more

Plus

- Private tour director for the entire duration of the land tour
- All service charges and local taxes

Optional Excursion

Local operators offer hot air balloon rides. Please note that this option cannot be pre-paid or purchased through AESU, but your tour director will be happy to assist with bookings during the trip. The estimated cost per person is \$120. The flight is subject to weather conditions and requires a very early start of the day. AESU does not take responsibility or liability for these excursions, and participation is at your own risk.



EXPERIENCES

This trip has been carefully designed for young travelers and features fantastic inclusions and highlights. For a glossary of these key aspects, visit: www.aesu.com/aspects-awt



ACTIVITY LEVEL: RELAXED

This tour requires light physical activity combined with shorter travel days. For more details, please visit: <https://www.aesu.com/activity-levels-awt/>



HOTELS

Hotels are centrally located and many offer great extra amenities such as pools, gyms or roof-top bars. All land package rates are based on two people sharing a room. If a single room is desired, a supplement of \$825 applies. If traveling solo and not wanting to pay the single supplement, AESU will attempt to arrange a share with a same-gender traveler. If a share cannot be arranged the single supplement will apply.



EGYPT | VALLEY OF THE KINGS ITINERARY

- DAY 1** **FLIGHT TO EGYPT**
 Board your overnight flight to Cairo.
 Meals: In-flight
- DAY 2** **LAND TOUR START DAY: CAIRO**
 Upon arrival in Cairo transfer to your hotel. If arriving on the group flight, a local representative will meet you and assist with baggage and customs, then transfer to your hotel by private, air-conditioned motor coach. Get acquainted with fellow alumni travelers during tonight's welcome orientation and dinner at the hotel.
Inclusions: Transfer from airport to hotel included with purchased AESU group airfare | Welcome orientation with tour director
Meals: In-Flight |c Dinner
- DAY 3** **CAIRO**
 Today we embark on an unforgettable guided encounter of the Giza Plateau, home to the last standing Wonder of the Ancient World. Stand in awe before the majestic Pyramids of Giza, including the iconic Great Pyramid, Khafre's towering structure, and the smaller yet impressive Menkaure's Pyramid. As our guide unravels the mysteries of these ancient tombs, we come face-to-face with the timeless Sphinx, its enigmatic gaze guarding the plateau for millennia. After soaking in the wonders of history, we make our way to the vibrant El Khalili market, where we wander through a maze of colorful stalls brimming with unique treasures, from handcrafted jewelry to fragrant spices. Bargain for souvenirs and immerse yourself in the lively atmosphere of this historic bazaar. As the day winds down, we gather for a delightful dinner, sharing stories of our adventures and reflecting on the magic of the day.
Inclusions: Tours guided by a local English-speaking historian | Monuments of the World's Seven Wonders | Giza Plateau with the pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx | Menkaure's Pyramid | Camel ride | Visit to El Khalili market
Meals: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner
- DAY 4** **CAIRO - FLIGHT TO ASWAN**
 This morning, get ready to dive into Egypt's ancient past with a visit to Saqqara, home to the groundbreaking Step Pyramid of Djoser—the world's first monumental stone structure. Designed by the OG architect Imhotep, this pyramid was a game-changer in its time. With our local expert leading the way, we'll explore tombs of noblemen, each bursting with vivid hieroglyphics and intricate carvings that give us a glimpse into life over 4,000 years ago. Saqqara is where history meets artistry, offering a peek into the origins of Egypt's pyramid-building legacy. Later, we'll jet off to Aswan for the next leg of our adventure, winding down with a light dinner before retiring for the night after a packed day of exploration.
Inclusions: Visit to Saqqara | Step pyramid of Djoser | Airport transfers | Flight from Cairo to Aswan | Tours guided by a local English-speaking historian
Meals: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

DAY 5 ASWAN – BOARD NILE CRUISE

Today, we dive into Aswan, a stunning spot where the Nile cuts through granite rocks and golden desert, framed by palm trees and lush farmlands. First up, we explore the awe-inspiring Philae Temple, then check out the Unfinished Obelisk—a colossal project abandoned due to cracks. If time allows, we visit the Aswan market to hunt for local treasures (maybe grab a gown for our upcoming galabiyah party.) Later we board our 5-star luxury cruise ship and enjoy a buffet lunch. For an authentic experience, we hop on a felucca—a traditional Egyptian sailboat—for a peaceful excursion closer to shore, letting the breeze and currents guide us. Back on the cruise, unwind and watch the Egyptian sunset as the landscape of pyramids, bazaars, and ancient temples drifts by.

Inclusions: Tours guided by a local English-speaking historian | Aswan, site of the cataracts | Philae temple, dedicated to Isis and Osiris | Unfinished Obelisk | Felucca sailing | 5-star Nile cruise | Aswan market (time permitting)

Meals: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

DAY 6 NILE RIVER CRUISE TO LUXOR

This morning, we sail north to Kom Ombo, the only temple in Egypt dedicated to two gods—Horus and Sobek. Originally built to honor Horus, the temple was later reconstructed for Sobek, the crocodile god, after a surge in the island’s crocodile population. We continue our journey to Edfu Temple, also dedicated to Horus. This temple is one of the best-preserved in Egypt and features stunning wall carvings depicting the divine marriage of Hathor and Horus, celebrated annually. Find scenes of the divine birth of Horus the child in the mamisi, or house of birth. Tonight, get ready for some fun! Don the galabiyah you acquired at the market for the dinner party or pick one up onboard if you haven’t already. As we sail north toward Luxor, relax and enjoy the views of the Nile flowing past.

Inclusions: 5-star Nile cruise | Tours guided by a local English-speaking historian | Kom Ombo temple dedicated to Horus and Sobek | Edfu temple, dedicated to the falcon god Horus | Galabiyah party (Egyptian gown)

Meals: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

DAY 7 NILE RIVER CRUISE - VALLEY OF THE KINGS

Today, we cross the Nile to the West Bank for an unforgettable journey into Egypt’s ancient past. Our first stop is the legendary Valley of the Kings, where we explore vividly decorated tombs carved into rocky cliffs, designed to protect the mummies and treasures of Egypt’s greatest pharaohs—including the famous tomb of King Tutankhamun, still a symbol of mystery and wonder. Next, we’ll visit the stunning Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, built in honor of her father, the god Amun, and renowned for its grand architecture. On our way back to the East Bank, we’ll stop by the towering Memnon Colossi. After a relaxing lunch, we’ll head to the awe-inspiring Karnak Temple, an enormous open-air museum dedicated to the god Amun-Ra, where 30 different pharaohs left their mark over centuries of construction. As evening falls, we’ll visit Luxor Temple, buried under sand for centuries, which has preserved its stunning columns, open courtyards, and massive statues of Ramses II. This incredible day will leave us steeped in the timeless magic of ancient Egypt.

Inclusions: Tours guided by a local English-speaking historian | Valley of the Kings | Queen Hatshepsut’s temple | Memnon Colossi | Karnack temple, open-air museum | Tomb of King Tutankhamun | Luxor temple | Statues of Ramses II

Meals: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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DAY 8 NILE RIVER CRUISE - FLIGHT TO CAIRO

Today we disembark from our Nile Cruise but retain all the unforgettable memories of scenery and beautiful temples. Fly from Luxor to Cairo where we will spend our last day. Explore the Egyptian Museum, housing the world's largest collection of Pharaonic relics. Marvel at the enormous sarcophagi, statues, jewelry, and the magnificent golden masterpieces of King Tut. This evening enjoy an authentic Egyptian farewell dinner, one of the many highlights of our tour and a wonderful finale.

Inclusions: Airport transfers | Flight from Luxor to Cairo | Tours guided by a local English-speaking historian | Visit Egyptian Museum | Home hosted authentic Egyptian farewell dinner

Meals: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

DAY 9 TRAVEL HOME

Today we say our goodbyes to Egypt. After enjoying our last group breakfast, transfer to Cairo airport to board our flights home.

Inclusions: Transfer from hotel to airport included with purchased AESU group airfare

Meals: Breakfast | In-flight

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TOUR DIRECTORS

Our qualified tour directors and staff of local experts mean a trouble-free journey with the added security of group travel. Show the tour director and driver your appreciation with a tip. We suggest \$6-7 per person/per day for your tour director and \$4 per person/per day for your driver. To learn more visit www.aesu.com/tour-directors

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