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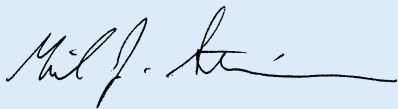
PROFESSOR LANNY BELL

Dear Members and Friends of the Oriental Institute,

For over a century, the Oriental Institute has been one of the foremost academic institutions working in Egypt. From James Henry Breasted's expeditions in the early 1900s, to the establishment of the Epigraphic Survey in 1924, and down to the present day, we have had a continuous and distinguished record of research in the Nile Valley. Our unparalleled scholarly expertise is the reason why you should travel to Egypt with an Oriental Institute Travel Program. Whether this will be your first visit to Egypt or a return, we have the experience and access to show you what really counts. Our programs go far beyond the usual tours, calling upon our own in-country staff and colleagues to give you up-to-date information about current research. Our specially designed itinerary includes the most important sites from all periods of Egyptian history and even some "off the beaten track" gems. One of the highlights of the tour is the visit to Chicago House, the headquarters of the Epigraphic Survey in Luxor, where you will meet our staff of Egyptologists and artists, and hear about their vital work documenting the reliefs and inscriptions of ancient Thebes.

Your tour leader, Professor Lanny Bell, has been leading Oriental Institute tours to Egypt for the last two years. Professor Bell's familiarity with the sites, his vast knowledge, and his enthusiasm for Egypt will make this trip the experience of a lifetime. I encourage you to join us!

Dr. Gil J. Stein



Director, Oriental Institute  
Professor, Near Eastern Archaeology



**COVER:** Wooden face from a mummiform coffin, from the Ramesseum, Thebes. Dynasty 22, 946-735 BCE; from the collection of the Oriental Institute Museum (OIM E1316).



#### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1:**

Independent departures from Chicago .

#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2: CAIRO**

Arrive into Cairo and transfer to Mena House Hotel, located at the foot of the Great Pyramid. This evening we will meet with Professor Bell for dinner.

MENA HOUSE HOTEL (D)

#### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3: CAIRO**

We begin our touring with an exploration of Memphis, the first capital of a united Egypt, and Sakkara, the necropolis of Memphis. At Sakkara we will tour the Step Pyramid complex of Djoser which predates the Giza pyramids and is the world's first monumental building constructed entirely in stone. We will also visit the Sakkara Museum, the smaller Pyramid of Teti, a 6th Dynasty king whose burial chamber is covered with Pyramid Texts to ensure the survival of his soul, the tombs of the nobles Ti and Ptahhotep and Mereruka.

MENA HOUSE HOTEL (B/L/D)

#### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4: CAIRO**

Our touring today brings us to the only surviving representatives of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx. We will have an opportunity to enter one of the pyramids and to visit the museum where the remarkably preserved remains of the Solar Boat of Cheops are displayed.

MENA HOUSE HOTEL (B/L)

#### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5: CAIRO**

The focus of this day is the Egyptian Museum where we will view the highlights of its huge collection including the mummy room and the objects from the tomb of Tutankhamun. Touring continues with a walking tour in Islamic Cairo. This warren of streets is lined with a multitude of fascinating architecture. We end our walk in the Suq Khan al-Khalili.

MENA HOUSE HOTEL (B/L/D)

#### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6: LUXOR**

After a morning flight to Luxor, touring begins at the magnificent sanctuary of Amun-Re at Karnak with its maze of monumental gateways, obelisks, pillared halls and subsidiary shrines. We will also visit Karnak's open-air museum. This evening we have been invited to a reception at Chicago House, the home of the Oriental Institute Epigraphic Survey.

STEIGENBERGER HOTEL (B/D)

#### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7: LUXOR**

Today we will cross the Nile to visit the tombs of the Valleys of the Kings and Queens. Among the tombs to be visited are those of Tutankhamun and three other pharaohs selected from the tombs opened to the public today. We will also visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir el-Bahri, one of the most spectacular monuments in Egypt, and the Colossi of Memnon

STEIGENBERGER HOTEL (B/L/D)

#### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8: LUXOR**

Returning to the Nile's west bank, we tour some of the hundreds of tombs of the nobles, spread over two square miles. These tombs are of special interest for their naturalistic murals which give us an intimate view of life in ancient Egypt. We will also stop at the ancient village of the artisans, Deir el-Medina, one of the best-preserved town sites in Egypt and the subject of the television series "Ancient Lives."

STEIGENBERGER HOTEL (B/L)

#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9: LUXOR**

Drive north through villages of baked-mud houses and lush cultivated lands bordering the Nile to Dendera and visit the Temple of Hathor, goddess of love, music and wine. Although this temple was built largely in the first century BCE, it occupies the site of a much older building. On the roof of the temple is a plaster cast of the famous Zodiac of Dendera (original in Paris), one of three circular representations of the heavens found



**RIGHT: Epigraphic Survey team members from Chicago House at work.**

in Egypt. We continue to Abydos where we will tour the Temple of Seti I, viewing the famous List of Kings and some of the most beautifully painted reliefs surviving from Pharaonic times, and the nearby small temple of Ramesses II.

STEIGENBERGER HOTEL (B/L/D)

#### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10: CRUISE/LUXOR**

This morning our luggage will be transferred to the Farah Nile cruiser, our floating hotel for the next four nights. We will continue our touring on the west bank with the temples and chapels of Medinet Habu, the largest built by Ramesses III, and the Ramesseum, where the fallen statue of Ramesses II inspired Shelley's famous poem, "Ozymandias." We will have our lunch on board the Farah and, in the late afternoon, visit Luxor Temple beginning at the newly renovated "Avenue of Sphinxes," which originally linked Luxor and Karnak temples. We will examine the Roman fresco paintings restored jointly by Chicago House and the American Research Center in Egypt, as well as the open-air museum and blockyard, conserved by Chicago House.

FARAH NILE CRUISE (B/L/D)

#### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11: CRUISE/EDFU**

This morning we will be at leisure, giving us an opportunity to explore the bazaar, visit Luxor Museum, the new Mummy Museum or relax at the pool. During lunch sail on to Edfu for the night.

FARAH NILE CRUISE (B/L/D)



#### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12: CRUISE/ASWAN**

Touring begins at the Temple of Edfu, a well-preserved Ptolemaic temple of the falcon god Horus. We then sail on to Kom Ombo. Often called the Acropolis of Egypt for its spectacular site overlooking the Nile, Kom Ombo is unusual for its equal dedication to two gods, Horus the Elder and the crocodile god, Sobek. We will study the unique architectural features of this temple before sailing on to Aswan.

FARAH NILE CRUISE (B/L/D)

#### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13: CRUISE/ASWAN**

Today's touring includes the granite quarries where an unfinished obelisk remains embedded in its native stone. This immense monument would have been Egypt's tallest monolith, weighing over 2.3 million pounds at its completion. We continue to the High Dam, a project which forever changed the Nile's annual cycle. The morning ends with the Ptolemaic temple dedicated to Isis, known as Philae for the island on which it was originally built. This afternoon we sail by felucca to Elephantine Island to visit the excavations and Nilometer, an ancient means of measuring the height of the Nile River.

FARAH NILE CRUISE (B/L/D)

#### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14: ASWAN**

We disembark this morning and begin our touring at the Kalabsha Temple built in the reign of Augustus on the site of an earlier sanctuary founded by Amenhotep II. The temple, which was later converted to a church, was originally dedicated to the Nubian god Mandulis, who was associated with Isis. In the same antiquities park we will visit the relocated Greco-Roman kiosk of Qertassi and the shrine of Ramesses II from Beit el-Wali. After lunch, we will spend the remainder of the day visiting the Museum of Nubian Civilization.

ASWAN MOVENPICK HOTEL (B/L/D)

#### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15: CAIRO**

This morning we fly to Abu Simbel, where the rock-cut temples of Ramesses II and his favorite queen Nefertari have been saved from the rising waters of the Nile resulting from the Aswan High Dam. The temples were built to honor the deified royal pair and to awe the Nubians, and that awesome feeling exists today no less than it did 3,200 years ago. This afternoon we will fly back to Cairo. This evening we will gather for our farewell dinner.

MENA HOUSE HOTEL (B/L/D)

#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16: CAIRO**

A full day at leisure.

OPTION 1: A morning Old Cairo tour, which will include the Coptic Museum and the Coptic Church of Abu Sarga.

OPTION 2: A day trip to Alexandria, which will include lunch and the following visits: Museum of the Alexandria Bibliotheca, Roman Amphitheater (Kom el-Dikka), Catacombs of Kom Shukafa, and Pompey's Pillar at the Serapeum site.

MENA HOUSE HOTEL (B)

#### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17: CAIRO/CHICAGO**

Transfer to the airport for our flights to Chicago.

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**LANNY BELL** received his Ph.D. in Egyptology from the University of Pennsylvania, where he taught Egyptology and was curatorial assistant at the University Museum. In 1977 Professor Bell began to teach at the University of Chicago and became field director of the Epigraphic Survey of the Oriental Institute. For the next twelve years he spent nine months a year at Chicago House in Luxor. The activities of the expeditions under his direction have ranged from epigraphy to excavation and conservation. An expert on the Luxor area, his publications include articles on divine kingship and temple and society in ancient Egypt, as well as a groundbreaking chapter on Luxor Temple in *Temples of Ancient Egypt*, published by Cornell University Press. Professor Bell has also been a consultant for *National Geographic* magazine and has appeared in its documentary *Egypt: Quest for Eternity*, as well as A&E's presentation *Mummies: Tales from the Egyptian Crypts*. Professor Bell is a very popular lecturer and has been appointed three times to endowed lectureships of the Archaeological Institute of America. He led the 2012 and 2013 Oriental Institute tour to Egypt.



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