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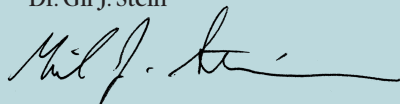
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Dear Members and Friends of the Oriental Institute,

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, Dr. Lanny Bell, was field director of the Epigraphic Survey of the Oriental Institute and spent twelve years at Chicago House. Dr. Bell's familiarity with the sites, his vast knowledge, and his enthusiasm for Egypt will make this trip the experience of a lifetime. Space is limited and our tours fill rapidly — I encourage you to join us!

Dr. Gil J. Stein



Director, Oriental Institute
Professor, Near Eastern Archaeology



Cover: Recovered from the ruins of the temple of Ramesses II at Thebes; painted round-top stela depicting a woman pouring a liquid offering for the god Re-Horakhty.



SATURDAY, MARCH 9:

Depart Chicago on Lufthansa Airlines.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10: CAIRO

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

MENA HOUSE OBEROI HOTEL (D)

MONDAY, MARCH 11: 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 OBEROI HOTEL (B/L/D)

TUESDAY, MARCH 12: 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 OBEROI HOTEL (B/L)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13: 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 renowned Suq Khan al-Khalili.

MENA HOUSE OBEROI HOTEL (B/L/D)

THURSDAY, MARCH 14: 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. The remainder of the day will be at leisure. This evening we will attend a reception at Chicago House, the home of the Oriental Institute Epigraphic Survey project.

STEIGENBERGER HOTEL (B/D)

FRIDAY, MARCH 15: 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, MARCH 16: 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."

OPTION: An early morning hot-air balloon ride over the spectacular monuments of Luxor.

STEIGENBERGER HOTEL (B/L)

SUNDAY, MARCH 17: LUXOR

Today we will 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

RIGHT: Epigraphic Survey team members from Chicago House at work in the small Amun temple, Medinet Habu.



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 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, MARCH 18: CRUISE/LUXOR

This morning our luggage will be transferred to the new deluxe M.S. *Farab*, 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 *Farab* 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.

M.S. FARAH (B/L/D)

TUESDAY, MARCH 19: CRUISE/EDFU

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

M.S. FARAH (B/L/D)



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20: 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.

M.S. FARAH (B/L/D)

THURSDAY, MARCH 21: 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.

M.S. FARAH (B/L/D)

FRIDAY, MARCH 22: 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 Graeco-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, MARCH 23: 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.

INTERCONTINENTAL SEMIRAMIS (B/L)

SUNDAY, MARCH 24: CAIRO

After a full day at leisure, we will gather for our farewell dinner.

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

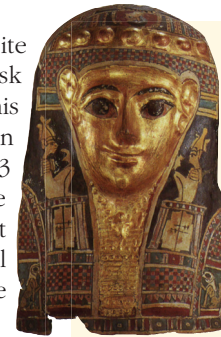
OPTION 2: A day trip to Alexandria, which will include lunch and the following visits: Museum of the Alexandria Bibliotheca, Roman Amphitheater (Kom el-Dikka), Catacombs of Kom Shukafa, and Pompey's Pillar at the Serapeum site.

INTERCONTINENTAL SEMIRAMIS (B/D)

MONDAY, MARCH 25: CAIRO/CHICAGO

Transfer to the airport for our Lufthansa 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 Oriental Institute tour to Egypt.

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