



# VOYAGE THROUGH THE RED SEA

## JORDAN, EGYPT, SAUDI ARABIA, SUDAN & ERITREA

ABOARD THE *CLIPPER ODYSSEY* • NOVEMBER 6 - 22, 2011



PRESENTED BY **THE ORIENTAL INSTITUTE**

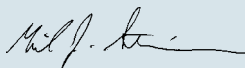
## DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE ORIENTAL INSTITUTE

The clear, warm waters of the Red Sea bathe the shores of exotic desert lands steeped in timeless traditions. An astounding array of archaeological sites offer a link to the world's earliest civilizations, while thriving modern cities set their sights on a future of bright promise. This exciting itinerary includes visits to the fascinating, lesser-traveled countries of Sudan and Eritrea where, along with remarkable cultural encounters, we explore pristine coral wonderlands on unforgettable underwater adventures.

Our introduction to this corner of the Arab world begins with four nights of exploration in the hospitable country of Jordan—from the beautiful and ancient city of Amman to the breathtaking rose-hued ruins of Petra to T. E. Lawrence's fabled Wadi Rum. In Egypt we will be awed by some of the world's most heralded antiquities—the remote St. Catherine's Monastery, the vast temple complex of Karnak, and the astounding Valley of the Kings. The superbly preserved old town and the colorful souk of Jeddah, gateway to Mecca, welcomes us to Saudi Arabia, while daily life continues as it has for centuries in the small port of Suakin, Sudan. Eritrea's ethnic diversity is evident in Massawa's architectural *mélange* and the lively café culture of Asmara, while offshore, the sublime islands of the Dahlak Archipelago are a haven for seabirds and a natural paradise for marine life.

This wonderful itinerary will be complemented by scholarly commentary from Emily Teeter, Oriental Institute Research Associate, in addition to other expert lecturers. Emily's many years of experience traveling these routes and her knowledge and love for the ancient and modern Near East will add enormously to your travel experience.

Our exclusive charter aboard the comfortably elegant 110-passenger *Clipper Odyssey* will be shared with like-minded travelers from the Archaeological Institute of American and The Explorers Club. I hope you will join us as we explore the legendary treasures of the Red Sea.



Gil J. Stein  
Director, Oriental Institute  
Professor, Near Eastern Archaeology

## WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS

On this voyage, virtually everything is included in the cost of your trip.

- All gratuities, from porters and ship's crew to tour guides
- All accommodations, including pre-voyage hotel night
- Daily activity options, from cultural tours to snorkeling excursions
- World-class lecture and expedition team
- All meals onboard and with the group ashore
- All entrance fees, taxes, and landing and port charges
- Group arrival and departure transfers
- Gift certificates for recommended expedition gear and reading materials
- Medical and emergency evacuation insurance



## DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

### DEPART USA

Independent overnight flight to Jordan.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

### AMMAN, JORDAN

Arrive in Amman this evening and transfer to our hotel for a two-night stay.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

### AMMAN

This morning we set out to explore one of the oldest cities in the world. Spread across 19 hills, Amman has a busy downtown where modern shops meld with the legacies of ancient civilizations. We visit a palace built by the Omayyad Arabs and a restored Roman theater. The National Archaeological Museum provides an overview of Jordan's heritage. Return to the hotel for a briefing and our welcome dinner.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

### AMMAN / PETRA

In the morning we drive south along the King's Highway through the Jordanian countryside, passing the canyon of Wadi al-Mujib en route to the Castle of Kerak. We continue to our hotel in Petra in time for dinner and overnight.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

### PETRA

We rise this morning to visit Petra. We enter the Siq which opens into the ancient city. Unfolding before us are rock-cut tombs, temples, and a theater, each carved from iron-rich sandstone. After lunch, those who wish may climb to the Monastery or choose to visit the excellent museum before returning to our hotel.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

### PETRA / WADI RUM / AQABA / EMBARK CLIPPER ODYSSEY

We continue southward this morning and arrive in Wadi Rum, the valley made famous by "Lawrence of Arabia." We transfer to 4x4 vehicles for a drive through the formations that

tower over the desert floor. Continue to Aqaba where we embark the *Clipper Odyssey* and set sail in the evening.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

### SHARM EL SHEIKH, EGYPT / MONASTERY OF ST. CATHERINE

Two tour options are available today. Those who wish to visit the Greek Orthodox Monastery of St. Catherine, a World Heritage Site, disembark early this morning for a drive through the Sinai Desert. Enjoy a private visit to this holy site, which preserves the world's second largest collection of manuscripts and view the exquisite 6th-century icons.

Alternatively, enjoy an excursion to Ras Mohammed, a national park at the southernmost tip of the Sinai Peninsula. Snorkel or dive in crystal-clear waters, which harbor over 200 species of coral and 1,000 species of fish. Return to Sharm el Sheikh to explore the town on your own.

SUNDAY & MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13 & 14

### SAFAGA / LUXOR

The *Clipper Odyssey* arrives at the port of Safaga today and we depart for an overnight tour of Luxor. The complex at Karnak was the seat of Amun, "King of the Gods." Ptolemy III built the impressive gate and we explore the temple's sanctuaries, walk among obelisks, and along the Avenue of the 1,000 Sphinxes. After check-in and lunch, we visit the Luxor Temple. Red granite obelisks, the huge Sitting Ramses II colossus, and Amenhotep's colonnade are highlights. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

The following day, we cross the Nile to explore Thebes, a World Heritage Site, and its Valley of the Kings. Cut into the rocky mountainsides are the tombs of Egypt's principal pharaohs, including Tutankhamen. We visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut—the only woman who ruled as a pharaoh—constructed at the top of three terraces. Its walls are decorated hieroglyphs

depicting her divine birth. We continue to the statues of King Amenhotep III which once guarded the largest temple of Thebes. For lunch we board *feluccas*, traditional Nile sail boats and cross the Nile back to the west bank, then return to our ship in Safaga.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

## AT SEA

As we cruise toward Saudi Arabia our lecturers prepare us for our cultural experiences to come in Saudi Arabia and Eritrea.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

## JEDDAH, SAUDI ARABIA

The Gateway to Mecca and Medina welcomes us as we set out for a walking tour of Jeddah. Many of the traditional houses in this area were built from Red Sea coral and are embellished with intricate wooden carvings. The large souq is a feast for the senses, with vendors extolling the virtues of their spices, incense, and jewelry. We explore the Abdulraouf Khalil Art Museum where more than 200 rooms reveal the history of Saudi Arabia and the Arabian Peninsula. We return to the ship for dinner and set sail for Sudan.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

## SUAKIN, SUDAN

Situated just south of the harbor of Port Sudan is the old city of Suakin. We go ashore for a tour and step back in time as we walk between buildings constructed of coral blocks. After a

folkloric performance, we return to the ship and enjoy an afternoon of snorkeling and diving in the warm, marine-life-rich waters of the Red Sea.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

## MASSAWA, ERITREA

We arrive in Massawa today and disembark for a tour of the former village turned port. The architecture still reflects the traditional dry coral and wood beam construction, with haphazard balconies leaning over the narrow streets. We view the mosque, dhow docks, and bazaar housed in one of the surviving Ottoman buildings.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

## DAHLAK ARCHIPELAGO

The Dahlak Archipelago is a smattering of nearly 200 islands, of which only four are inhabited. Seabirds nest here in great profusion and submerged coral reefs are home to hundreds of marine species, including dolphins, sharks, and several turtle species. Today we explore the region, and enjoy a day of snorkeling and diving.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

## MASSAWA / DISEMBARK CLIPPER ODYSSEY / ASMARA

We bid farewell to the *Clipper Odyssey* this morning and drive to Asmara, the friendly capital with lively arts and a café culture. This afternoon tour the National Museum and the market, with dinner and overnight at our Asmara hotel.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

## ASMARA / FRANKFURT, GERMANY

Enjoy a tour of Asmara this morning. We visit the Catholic cathedral, the mosque, and the Coptic cathedral. Return to the hotel for an afternoon at leisure. Following dinner, depart for the airport for your overnight flight to Frankfurt.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

## FRANKFURT / USA

Arrive Frankfurt this morning and connect with your independent flights homeward.





**Emily Teeter** – Emily is an Egyptologist and research associate at the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago. She received a Ph.D. in Near Eastern languages and civilizations from the same university. Emily is the author of a number of scholarly and popular articles that have been published in journals in the United States and abroad. She has served as a consultant for the Seattle Art Museum and the Art Institute of Chicago, and has appeared in a wide variety of film and television productions

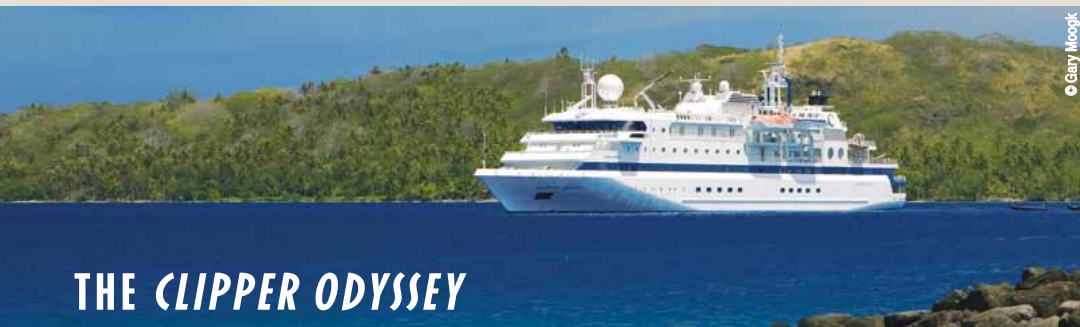
dealing with the ancient Near East. Emily is very widely traveled in the region, and she has developed and led many tours to Egypt, Arabia, Turkey, Syria, and Tunisia. She is a member of the Society of Woman Geographers.

Emily will be joined by leaders in additional fields of study including:

**Allan Langdale** – Allan earned a doctorate degree in art history from the University of California at Santa Barbara and has taught in the University of California system for more than 12 years. His specialties include Italian Renaissance art and architecture, medieval art, and Byzantine art. He is currently completing a picture book, illustrated with his photographs, of the historical architecture of northern Cyprus. He has published a number of works of travel photography.

**Steve Sidebotham** – Steve spent his early childhood years in Germany, then moved to Turkey where he became hooked on archaeology by the age of 14. He attended university in Egypt and in Greece and since 1972 he has conducted archaeological research work (both on land and underwater) on three continents. Since 1981 he has been a professor in the history department at the University of Delaware.

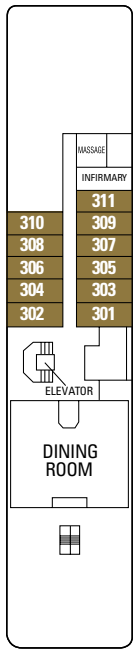
**Ron Wixman** – A specialist in world cultural geography, Ron is well-versed in both the ancient and modern societies of the Mediterranean and the Middle East. His interests are quite eclectic and span issues ranging from the early domestication of plants and animals in this area to the rise of agriculture and civilization, religion past and present, the rise and spread of Christianity and Islam, and 19th and 20th century geo-politics. In addition to many research trips to the Middle East itself, where he studied both ancient and contemporary cultures, he has led many academically oriented trips to this region.



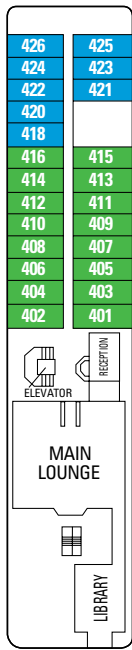
## THE CLIPPER ODYSSEY

The *Clipper Odyssey* is a 110-passenger luxury expedition vessel, ideally suited for expedition cruising. All cabins have an ocean view, safe, minibar, individually controlled heat/air conditioner, in-room music system, and sitting area with sofa. Passengers can track the progress of their voyage on the Global Positioning System broadcast in each cabin. Beds can be configured for twin or queen-size sleeping arrangements. All cabins have an en suite bathroom with shower. The *Clipper Odyssey* maintains a gourmet kitchen, providing American and international specialties. Facilities on board the *Clipper Odyssey* include a dining room, lounge, small library and gym, outdoor pool, massage room, and gift shop. An elevator services all passenger cabin decks. The *Clipper Odyssey* has an infirmary staffed by a registered physician, a fleet of Zodiacs, and a sophisticated telecommunications system permitting Internet access and telephone and fax communication with any location around the world. Ship registry: Bahamas.

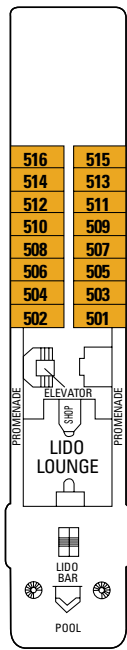
# CLIPPER ODYSSEY DECK PLAN



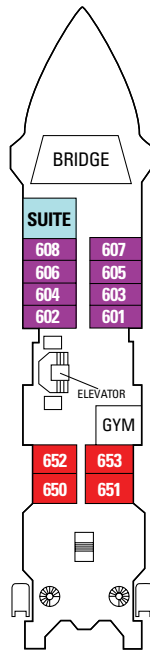
A-DECK



MAIN DECK



LIDO DECK



BRIDGE DECK

## RATES

CATEGORY	RATE
Category 1	\$11,980
Category 2	\$12,680
Category 3	\$13,280
Category 4	\$14,180
Category 5	\$15,280

CATEGORY	RATE
Category 6	\$16,380
Suite	\$19,180
Single/Cat 2	\$19,980
Single/Cat 3	\$20,980
Single/Cat 4	\$22,680



Main Lounge



Category 3 Cabin



Dining Room

Limited singles available at the quoted single rates above. Additional singles may be available at 1.7 times the share rate (suite not applicable).

**Included:** Accommodations in our hotels and on board *Clipper Odyssey* as outlined in the itinerary; all onboard meals; all group meals on land; group transfers; services of the expedition staff, including lectures, briefings, slide/film shows; all group activities and excursions; landing and port fees; \$50,000 of emergency sickness/accident medical expenses and \$75,000 in evacuation insurance;\* all gratuities.

**Not Included:** All air transportation; excess baggage charges; airport arrival and departure taxes; transfers for independent arrivals and departures; passport and/or visa fees; accident/baggage/cancellation insurance; items of a personal nature

such as laundry, bar charges, alcoholic beverages, e-mail/Internet/fax/telephone charges.

**Air Fare:** A tentative flight schedule is available upon request. Zegrahm Expeditions will contact you approximately 180 days prior to the departure of this program to finalize your flight plans. As of April 2011, the approximate economy air fare as listed in the itinerary is \$1,495 for New York/Amman – Asmara/Frankfurt/New York. Additional fares from other cities will be quoted as needed.

All rates are per person, quoted in U.S. dollars, and must be paid in U.S. dollars. Rates and itineraries are subject to change.

\*Insurance is underwritten by National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pa. The Policy will contain reductions, limitations, exclusions and termination provisions. All coverages may not be available in all states.

# RESERVATION FORM

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Name #1 *(as it appears on passport)*

*(preferred name)*

Name #2 *(as it appears on passport)*

*(preferred name)*

Address

City

State

ZIP

Country

Phone *(Home)*

*(Office)*

E-mail

Fax

**Cabin Category:**  1  2  3  4  5  6  Suite

**Accommodations:**  Twin  Share *(roommate to be assigned)*  Single

**I am/We are:**  Nonsmokers  Smokers

**Scuba Diving:** Limited to **Advanced Open Water** (AOW or equivalent) certified scuba divers. You must complete two open water dives within the 12 months prior to the trip's departure.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am/will be an AOW certified scuba diver and I intend to dive on this program.  
*(Name)*

\_\_\_\_\_ I am/will be an AOW certified scuba diver and I intend to dive on this program.  
*(Name)*

### Deposit Information:

Enclosed is a deposit check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *(25% per person of the program fare)*

*Please make check payable to Zegrahm Expeditions.*

Charge 25% deposit per person to:  VISA  MasterCard  American Express

Card Number

Expires

Authorized Cardholder Signature

Date

*Note: Credit cards accepted for deposit only.*

**I/We have read and understand the enclosed Terms & Conditions for this program, and agree to abide by them.**

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

Please complete and return this Reservation Form with your deposit of 25% per person of the program fare to:



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# TERMS & CONDITIONS

The Oriental Institute (OI) has contracted Zegrahm Expeditions, Inc. (ZE), to organize this tour.

**1. Reservations:** 25% of the expedition fare, along with a completed and signed Reservation Form, will reserve a place for OI participants on this program. The balance of the expedition fare is due 120 days prior to departure. Air fare is due at time of air ticket issuance. All prices are quoted in US dollars and must be paid in US dollars. Credit cards are accepted for deposit only

**2. Cancellation and Refund Policy:** Notification of cancellation must be received in writing by OI. At the time we receive your written cancellation, the following penalties will apply:

- 120 days or more prior to departure: \$500 per person
- 60 through 119 days prior to departure: 50% of expedition fare
- 1 through 59 days prior to departure: 100% of expedition fare

Some air fare may be nonrefundable. We urge you to check airline cancellation penalties before purchasing airline tickets, since international departure times and flights can change. Tours can also be cancelled due to low enrollments. Neither OI nor ZE accepts liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets purchased in conjunction with the tour. Once an expedition has departed, there will be no refunds from ZE/OI for any unused portions of the trip. The above policy also applies to all extensions and independent travel arrangements made in conjunction with this program.

**3. Trip Cancellation and Interruption Insurance:** We strongly advise that all travelers purchase trip cancellation and interruption insurance as coverage against a covered unforeseen emergency that may force you to cancel or leave an expedition while it is in progress. A brochure describing coverage will be sent to you upon receipt of your reservation.

**4. Share Policy:** Accommodations on all ZE/OI programs are based on double occupancy. If you are traveling alone and wish to share accommodations, a roommate will be assigned to you whenever possible. When pairing roommates, we will always pair participants of the same sex. All shared accommodations are nonsmoking. If it is not possible to pair you with a roommate, you may be asked to pay a single supplement for the land portion of the program.

**5. Medical Information:** Participation in a ZE/OI program requires that you be in generally good health. It is essential that persons with any medical problems and related dietary restrictions make them known to us well before departure. We can counsel you on whether the expedition you have selected is appropriate for you.

The tour leader has the right to disqualify any participant at any time during the tour if he or she feels the participant is physically incapable and/or if a participant's continued participation will jeopardize either the individual involved or the group. There will be no refund given under these circumstances.

**6. Scuba Diving:** Limited to the first 16 **Advanced Open Water certified scuba divers** who complete provided forms; due dates strictly enforced. Must have completed two open water dives within the 12 months prior to trip departure.

**7. Luggage Restrictions:** Luggage size and weight limitations for both checked and carry-on luggage, imposed by the airlines or as an operational requirement due to type of aircraft, will apply for flights to/from/within this program. Specifications will be provided with pre-departure materials.

**8. Currency Fluctuation and Fuel Cost Increases:** In order to keep rates as low as possible, we do not build into the trip fare an allowance to cover possible increases from currency fluctuations or fuel costs. **Therefore, as currencies do fluctuate around the world and as fuel-cost increases may occur, it may be necessary for us to initiate a minor rate surcharge at any time before departure if there are exceptional cost increases beyond our control.**

**9. Itinerary Changes & Trip Delay:** Itineraries are based on information available at the time of printing and are subject to change. ZE/OI reserves the right to change a program's dates, staff, itineraries, or accommodations as conditions warrant. If a trip must be delayed, or the itinerary changed, due to bad weather, road conditions, transportation delays, airline schedules, government intervention, sickness or other contingency for which ZE/OI or its agents cannot make provision, the cost of delays or changes is not included.

**10. Itinerary Cancellation:** Itineraries are based on information available at the time of printing and are subject to change. ZE/OI reserves the right to cancel an itinerary before departure for any reason whatsoever, including too few participants or logistical problems such as strikes, wars, acts of God, or any other circumstances which may make operation of the trip inadvisable. All trip payments received will be promptly refunded, and this refund will be the limit of ZE/OI's liability. ZE/OI is not responsible for any expenses incurred by trip members in preparing for the trip, including nonrefundable or penalty-carrying airline tickets, special clothing, visa or passport fees, or other trip-related expenses.

**11. Participation:** ZE/OI reserves the right to decline to accept any individual as a trip member for any reason whatsoever.

**12. Limitations of Liability:** This section defines ZE/OI's responsibility with respect to all of our trips, including extensions and independent arrangements. Please read it carefully.

ZE/OI, its Owners, Agents, and Employees give notice that they act only as the agent for any transportation carrier, hotel, ground operator, or other suppliers of services connected with this expedition ("other providers"), and the other providers are solely responsible and liable for providing their respective services. The passenger tickets in use by the carriers shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the passenger; the carriers are not responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time tour participants are not aboard their conveyance. ZE/OI shall not be held liable for (A) any damage to, or loss of, property or injury to, or death of, persons occasioned directly or indirectly by an act or omission of any other provider, including but not limited to any defect in any aircraft, watercraft, or vehicle operated or provided by such other provider, and (B) any loss or damage due to delay, cancellation, or disruption in any manner caused by the laws, regulations, acts or failures to act, demands, orders, or interpositions of any government or any subdivision or agent thereof, or by acts of God, strikes, fire, flood, war, rebellion, terrorism, insurrection, sickness, quarantine, epidemics, theft, or any other cause(s) beyond their control. The participant waives any claim against ZE/OI for any such loss, damage, injury, or death. By registering for the expedition, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical, or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants. ZE/OI shall not be liable for any air carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket to or from the departure city of the expedition. Baggage and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the traveler. Reasonable changes in the itinerary may be made where deemed advisable for the comfort and well-being of the passengers.

As described in item 8 above, all prices are subject to change.

As described in item 10 above, in the event that an expedition must be cancelled, ZE/OI is not responsible for any personal expenses incurred by trip members in preparing for the program.

Certain ship owners require use of preprinted ticket forms that limit the ship owner's and operator's liability. When such tickets are used, you are generally bound by the terms of these tickets with respect to your legal relationship to the owner and operators of the ship, their agent ZE/OI, and the ship's crew.

On advancement of deposit to ZE/OI, the depositor acknowledges that he/she has read and understands the above recited terms and conditions, and agrees to be bound by them.

**Disclaimer:** For most activities, a relatively low level of exertion is required. You must be able to walk moderate distances over uneven surfaces and sometimes rough terrain. Travel to this part of the world requires sensitivity to local cultures and customs—during our time in Saudi Arabia, women will be provided with an abaya, a robe-like garment that covers from shoulder to foot and will be expected to cover their heads. In the rest of the countries on this itinerary, women will not be expected to cover their heads, though they should be prepared to wear long sleeves and long pants or skirts, and all participants may be asked to remove their shoes when visiting religious sites.