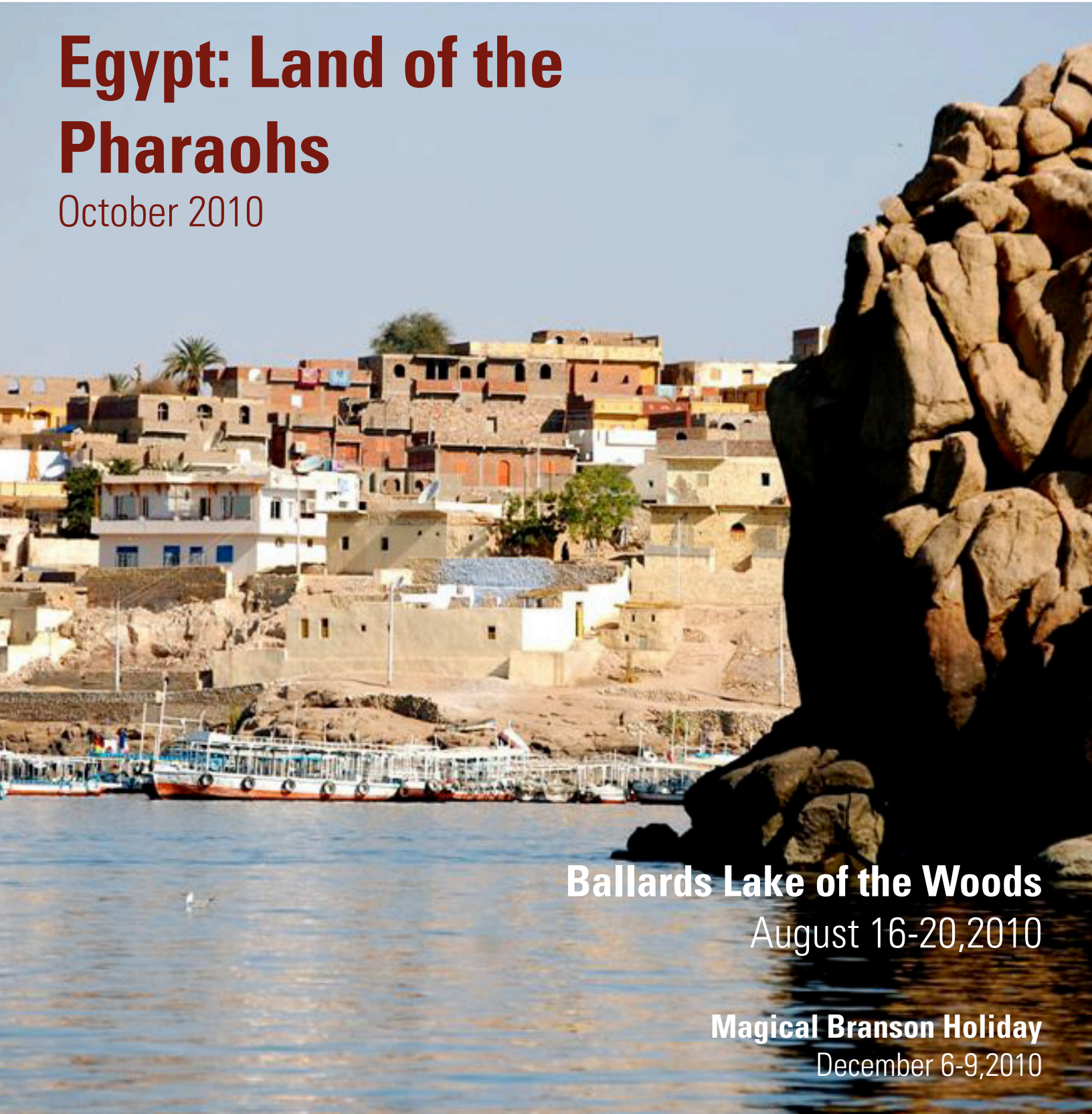


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Egypt: Land of the Pharaohs

October 2010



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I was looking at a recent travel survey, "Why Travel?" The top reasons included:

- Meet new people
- Strengthen bonds between family and friends
- Exotic and new destinations are romantic and inspiring
- To engage the mind and try new things
- Passion for learning
- Experience dream destinations
- Lift the soul and spirit
- To get a cultural education

Many of these I experience myself when traveling with our Experiences Group. All of those represent the travelers we have on our trips. Meeting new people is easier for single travelers when you travel in a group setting. Whether we are square dancing or trying miniature golf for the first time it engages our mind, lifts our soul and raises our spirit!

We have a busy summer of in-bank events such as "Titling Your Assets" or picnics in the park, plus many day trips where we go to events, shows and mysterious destinations! In Fall of 2010 the bank is presenting a great travel opportunity to see the pyramids of Egypt! Don't miss your chance to cross it off your bucket list! It is a great destination to go with a group and I will make sure you have the trip of a lifetime.

Thank you for being a special customer and a member of our Experiences Group. If you have friends or family that you want to refer to us we always greatly appreciate it. Enjoy your summer!

We want to hear from You!

joanie.coates@bankfirstamerican.com or visit us at www.bankfirstamerican.com

Not a Member? Join Today!

For your local Experiences Group coordinator's name and phone number see page 3.

Do you have to be a member to go on a trip?

Absolutely not. Family and friends are always welcome to join members on their adventures. Trip sign ups are on a first come, first served basis until the trip is full. We will take names for a waiting list.

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Experiences Group Coordinators

Each coordinator's name, phone number and location are listed below. If you have any questions about an event or to make reservations please call or stop in and see them at your local First American Bank.

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Heart, Soul and Helping Hands

Voluntourism Tour
May 10, 2011 | 5 nights/4 days



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calendar of events

One Day Adventures

July 11,13,22 Jersey Boys, Des Moines Civic Center
We have 3 available dates for this show. Des Moines and Waukee join us July 11. Webster City, Jewell, Roland, Ames, and Ankeny join us July 13. And Fort Dodge join us on July 22.

July 18 Minnesota Twins Game
SOLD OUT!

July 28 Mysterious Adventure
Join us for a vintage trip where we hop on a motor coach and just go! Interested? Here are a few hints... aviation, opera, rock, and square. More interested? This is a day trip where lunch, dinner, transportation and surprises are all included for the low price of \$88.00.

August 7 Des Moines Downtown Farmers Market
Hop on the motor coach early and enjoy your morning at the farmers market. Your cost is only \$35 which includes motor coach and surprises. Lunch on your own.

August 18 Iowa State Fair
Summer's here and the State Fair is just around the corner. This generations trip is open to all ages!

November 9 Veterans Day Trip
Fort Des Moines Museum, Gold Star Museum at Camp Dodge, and Memorial Park. Lunch and a day of honoring those that have served our country. Good for all genders and ages.

October 12 9 to 5 the musical
It's a story of friendship and revenge in the rolodex era. This trip includes transportation, ticket to show, and dinner. Price TBA.

December 12 Mary Poppins the musical
It's a roof raising, hi-flying, toe tapping extravaganza! Bring the family to a wonderful holiday show! This trip includes transportation, ticket to show, and dinner. Price TBA.

Regional Adventures

August 16-20 Ballards Fishing Trip, Minnesota
This is a fantastic generations trip if you would like to share it with your kids, grand kids or other family members. All your meals, lodging and local fishing guide are included. Don't miss a great catch; cost is only \$699.00 per person for 4 nights/3 days of fun.

Oct. 23-Nov. 1 Egypt Land of Pharaoh's
This is a 10 day/8 night trip with a 5 day cruise on the Nile river. Some of the highlights are Cairo, Memphis, Giza, Valley of the Kings, Valley of the Queens and much more! Price is only \$4,398.00 per person for a double room.

Dec. 6-9 Magical Branson Holiday
Travel to Branson with Cindy Farley from the Webster City office. If you've never been to Branson before it's a must see experience! If you've been there before you know what we are talking about. Shows, shops, and friendly people who will make your trip memorable. Price is only \$545.00 per person for a double room.

Without new experiences, something inside of us sleeps. - Frank Herbert

Chipotle Chicken with Pineapple Salsa

Chipotle chili powder, made with dried smoked jalapeño chile peppers and other spices, gives this chicken a rich, smoky flavor that blends deliciously with the pineapple salsa.

Prep: 20 minutes
Makes: 4 servings

INGREDIENTS

- 1 (15 1/4-ounce) can pineapple tidbits drained
- 1/4 cup finely chopped red sweet peppers
- 1/2 of a fresh jalapeño chile pepper (seeded and finely chopped)
- 2 green onions, bias-sliced
- 1 tablespoon coarsely chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar
- 1/2 to 1 teaspoon chipotle chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon dried sage, crushed
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
- Nonstick cooking spray
- Fresh cilantro sprigs (optional)

DIRECTIONS

Step 1 Pineapple salsa

In a medium bowl stir together drained pineapple, sweet pepper, jalapeño pepper, green onions, and the chopped cilantro. Set aside.

Step 2 Chicken

In a small bowl stir together brown sugar, chipotle chili powder, sage, garlic powder, onion powder, and salt.

Step 3 Lightly coat chicken with nonstick cooking spray. Sprinkle spice mixture evenly over chicken; rub in with your fingers.



Step 4 Place chicken on the grill rack of an uncovered grill directly over medium coals.

Step 5 Grill for 12 to 15 minutes or until tender and no longer pink (170°F), turning once.

Step 6 Serve with pineapple salsa. If desired, garnish with cilantro sprigs.

Experiences Group Policies

In order to offer our members the best and most cost effective trips possible, we need to make early commitments for meals, tours, tickets, and transportation. Many of these costs are nonrefundable because our tour costs are often prepaid and based on a certain number of participants. If you are unable to attend a local or regional event that you have paid for and find your own replacement, a full refund can usually be arranged. We may also try to help you find a replacement for your seat (certain trips may have waiting lists), but if that is NOT possible your payment may not be refundable, depending on the specific arrangements. We reserve the right to accept, decline or to retain any traveler who may infringe on the rights, safety or enjoyment of others.

Payment Policy

Our regional, national, and international trips require a deposit and a final payment by a

specified date. We ask that you pay for in-state trips and local events at time of reservation. If reservation is made by phone, please drop payment off at bank or mail in within 5 days of your phoned in reservation, or you can authorize your bank coordinator to debit your checking account when you phone in.

Trip Insurance

Trip insurance is an additional option available on many overnight trips. Rarely will it be priced in due to the additional cost. If it is included in the price of trip, it will be noted on the registration form. If you have any questions about the above information please feel free to contact Joanie Coates or your local coordinator.

Pick Up Policy

Bank location with minimum of 6 travelers will have a pick up. If there are less than 6 travelers your pick up site may be combined with another close bank location.

Photo Policy

Part of the fun of participating in Experiences events and activities is capturing the spirit of the day for our future enjoyment, and that of absent friends. Although Experiences Members have always been willing representatives, we don't want to take that for granted. When you participate in Experiences events and activities, your photo may be taken by First American Bank and published in the newsletter, advertising, web site or any other lawful purposes. You waive any rights and claims regarding the taking or publishing of such photos, including right to inspect or approve the finished product. Should you wish to opt out, please call (515) 271-5816 and leave a message. All photos shall remain the property of First American Experiences Group.

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Experiences on the move

Hawaii: Tranquil Rare Beauty!

"Hawaii was absolutely beautiful, the ship was fun and the company superb. I took lots of pictures, ate too much food and soaked up as much history as I could." Sarah Thill, Experiences Group Member.



Group photo aboard NCL "Pride of America" Cruise ship.

"My first thought of Hawaii is flying over the island of Kauri in a helicopter!" Bob Freed, Experiences Group Member.

"Hawaii is beautiful! It's hard not to be touched by the spirit and warmth of the people who live there. Aloha!" Pat Nemitz, Experiences Group Coordinator, Waukee.

New England Coasts and Mountains

The trip to Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire last fall was an array of scenic beauty! We could feel the breezes of the ocean on our faces and the sand between our toes on the coasts of Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard.

From there the drive up through the White Mountains and picturesque villages was a portrait of color as the fall leaves were at their peak during our stay.



Getting ready to board the ferry.

Sweet Southern Charm

We had to have a wonderful group of people that wanted to travel to the southeast US for our Southern Charm trip on April 15. Our first sightseeing destination was Asheville, NC; what a beautiful scenic city.

The foothills of the Smoky Mountains is the backdrop for The Biltmore Estate, where we took an audio tour and walk through the gardens and sampled wine at their very own winery.

Our next stop was Myrtle Beach, SC, and our home for the next two nights was a condo on the beach! What a fun destination. Miniature golf, the Alabama Theater, Greg Norman's Restaurant and RIOS Brazilian Grill where 15 meats were served and sliced in front of you.

Then we were off to Charleston, SC and Savannah where we found the stately historic



Brooke Green Gardens, South Carolina

antebellum homes. The history, military presence, literary and movie making in this area was absolutely amazing. On our way back to Iowa we stayed overnight in Clarksville, TN and had a special dinner with entertainment in a restored tea room, a perfect ending to a "gorgeous" experience.



Arline Snell, Nola and Arnie Lovelace and Warren Snell enjoying dinner.

START CHRISTMAS OFF IN GRAND STYLE!

December 6 - 9, 2010

Branson transforms into a holiday wonderland featuring spectacular lighting displays and world class shows celebrating Christmas — all served up with that Ozark Mountain hospitality!

That unique warm Branson welcome draws visitors back time and again to the charming live-music-show capital of the world.

Highlights of this year's holiday tour include:

- Sightseeing motor coach tour with expert local guide
- Shopping at Branson *Winter WonderLanding* (promenade of trendy specialty shops)
- Dining at Lamberts Café and Shorty Small's restaurant

Four world class shows:

Twelve Irish Tenors: This hugely talented group of Ireland's finest singers offer favorites from opera to pop, jazz to classical.

Miracle of Christmas: Opportunity to interact



with characters and animals from the Nativity story. Theatre decorated with lights, greenery, Nativity scenes and spectacular 30-foot tree.

Doug Gabriel: Ever heard a "mufftar"? This guitar, crafted from a '69 Thunderbird muffler, steals the show voted 'best morning show' six years in a row. Seven-time "male vocalist of the year"; Doug's voice, guitar and piano dexterity will keep you highly entertained.

Spirit of Christmas: High energy, Christmas spectacular featuring high stepping kick lines and amazing singers and dancers.

\$545.00 per person double occupancy; call for single rates.

Trip includes

Motor coach, hotel accommodations, four shows, three breakfasts, two dinners, and gratuities.

Branson is a special gift for everyone in your family during this special time of year. This is a great generations trip! Bring your children and grandchildren.



Group leader on trip:

Cindy Farley | Webster City, IA
Experiences Group Coordinator

EXPERIENCE THE WONDERS OF EGYPT...

OCTOBER 23-NOVEMBER 1, 2010

Here is your opportunity to float serenely down the River Nile, just as the pharaohs did thousands of years ago. Of course you will be sailing on an air-conditioned luxury ship which features all the modern amenities, including a swimming pool and entertainment!

The city of Cairo lies on the Nile River in northern Egypt. With 6.8 million inhabitants Cairo is the largest city of Egypt and it's capital. Cairo's history dates back to 2200 BC, when Memphis, the capital of Lower Egypt, was founded there. Near Cairo are the famous pyramids of Giza and Saqqara.

CITY CENTRE

On the east bank of the Nile, between Tahrir and Ataba Squares and Ramesses Station lies the centre of modern day Cairo.

The citizens of Cairo crowd the pavements of this window-shopper's paradise. There are fabric remnant shops, clothes and shoe shops as well as major department stores, such as City Star, excellent pastry shops, fashionable fast-food outlets and belly-dancing cabaret clubs. The crowds are a mix of tourists and students from American University.

THE RIVER NILE

On a genuine Nile cruise you will take a journey off through ancient wonders, cities and cultures. The first stop is Abu Simbel. Of all the pharaohs, Ramses II was the most prolific builder of monuments and temples. The Great Temple of Abu Simbel and the Temple of Hathor are here. Originally they sat some sixty meters below where you find them today. Once embedded into the mountain they had to be cut free from the rock, dismantled and rebuilt to save them from Lake Nasser's rising waters.

ASWAN

Next stop on the Nile Cruise is Aswan. Aswan seems to close the doors on the Middle East and to open those on Africa. Swirling and flowing strongly, the Nile snakes its way

between islands and black rocks which disturb its stately majesty. The feluccas with their great triangular sails travel lazily from bank to bank and island to island.

Here you will see Ramses II and his Nubian Queen Nefertari (along with their children) set in stone and over 33 feet high.

LUXOR

You will also sail through Luxor, which possesses undeniable charm. Here you will visit the West Bank which is the Valley of the Kings; here you will see over 60 tombs, making it the world's most magnificent burial ground. In the Valley of Queens over 75 tombs are the final resting places of for the wives and children of the kings.

We will also visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut (who was one of the few female pharaohs and ruled for over 20 years), and the magnificent Luxor Temple. The Luxor Temple is considered by many to be the crown jewel of Egypt. The most amazing statue in the Luxor collection is a life-sized statue of Amenhotep III, carved from red-gold quartzite.

EGYPTIAN MUSEUM OF ANTIQUITIES

We will visit the fantastic collection of antiquities at the Egyptian Museum, including King Tut's treasures. You will have the opportunity to view 3,000 years of history, including mummies and artifacts from royal tombs and palaces.

Also tour Old Cairo, including St. Sergius Church, considered the oldest of Cairo's Christian churches.

Total for this tour is only \$4,398.00 per person. The cruise/tour includes: round trip from Des Moines airfare, 4 nights deluxe hotel in Cairo, 4 breakfasts in Cairo, 5 days/4



nights aboard the Nabila Nile Cruise, all meals while on board cruiser, all sight seeing and admissions, English speaking guides and more!

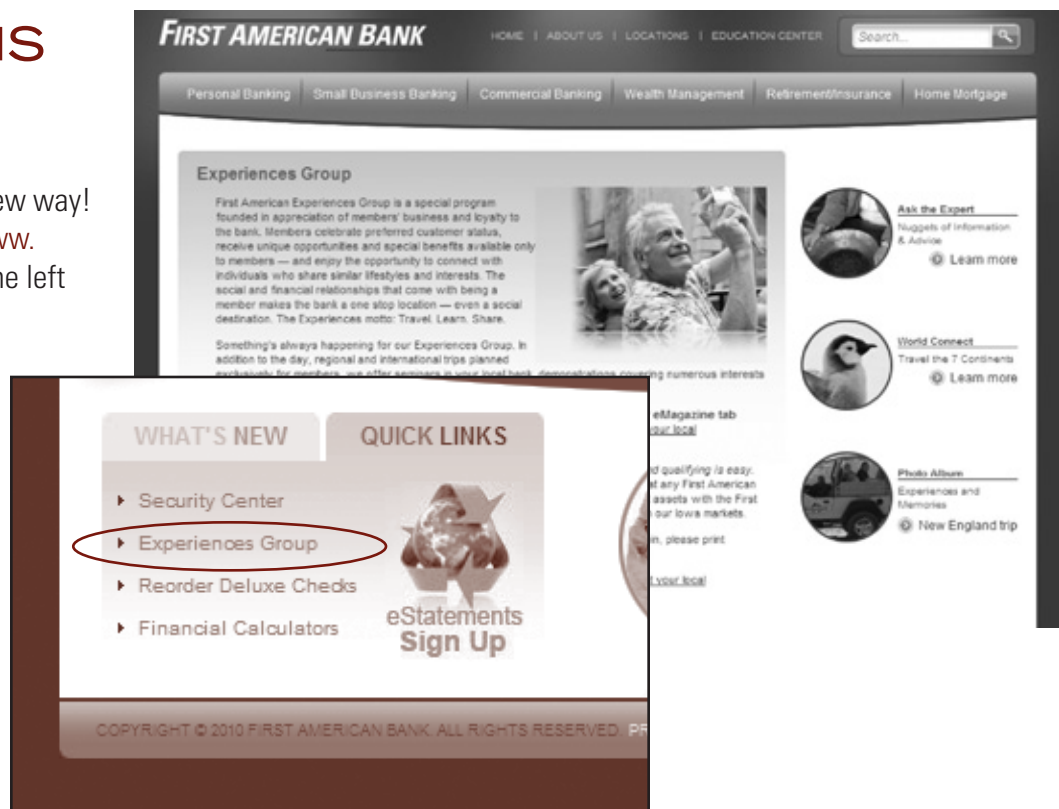
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What will I find? Membership perks, an enrollment form, a list of coordinators, travel & tour information, a calendar of events, a digital copy of our magazine, and more!



For almost 13 centuries Arabic has been the written and spoken language of Egypt.

SOME BASIC ARABIC TO LEARN

- I: ana, You (sg): inta/inti (m/f)
- He: huwa, She: hiya
- We: nahnu, You (pl): untum/inti (m/f)
- Hello: as-salam alaykum
- Goodbye: ma'a salama
- Good morning: sabaH ala-kheir
- Good night: tisbaH ala-kheir
- Yes: aiwa/na'am, No: la
- Please: min fadhlik
- Thank you: shukran
- Do you speak English?: titkallam inglizi?
- My name is: ismi
- Where is (the): wein (al-)
- Bus: bas
- You're welcome: afwan
- Excuse me: lo tismaH
- Exit: khuruj
- Toilets (men): Hammam Iirrijal
- Toilets (women): Hammam linnisa'a

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BALLARDS LAKE OF THE WOODS

August 16 - 20, 2010

When it comes to Midwest angling, the Lake of the Woods area is second to none. Ballards' resort destination offers not only outstanding fishing, but the ultimate in hiking, biking, wilderness drives, water sports, golf, miles of sandy beach and scenic seaplane flights.

Enjoy small town atmosphere and old-fashioned helpfulness, combined with all the amenities and services to make your stay comfortable and adventurous. Guided trips will show beginner and expert alike all the top spots.

\$699.00 per person double occupancy; call for single rates

Trip includes • Round-trip motor coach • Four nights lodging
• Three days guided fishing • Twelve meals • Angling equipment
• Fish processing • Gratuities

Fishing is by no means the sole attraction. The lake area itself is rich with natural scenic beauty. Events and destinations can be arranged as day programs or evening activities—many at minimal or no additional charge.



Unlimited activities within easy reach include:

- Birds of Lake of the Woods
- Wilderness Flying
- Historical Tour
- Windflower Route
- Cultural Tour
- Sandy Beaches
- Casino
- Antique Shopping
- Garden Tour
- Blueberry Pickers Drive
- Beltrami Island State Forest
- Zippel Bay State Park
- Canoeing the Rapid River
- Island Cruise
- Golf
- Biking
- Swimming



Your entire family is certain to have a good time!
This is a great generations trip! Treat your children and grandchildren.