



# CLASSICAL AFRICA EDUCATIONAL TOUR XV Ancient Egypt (Kemet)

*Personally Escorted by*  
**Prof. Manu Ampim**



**June 10 - 24, 2023**  
**\$4,999.00 FROM NEW YORK**  
*(All inclusive of tips, visa fee, and taxes)*



**MANU AMPIM** is an historian and primary (first-hand) researcher specializing in Africana Studies. He earned a Masters of Arts degree in History & African American Studies from Morgan State University in 1989. He is the Director of Advancing The Research in Oakland, CA.

**Teaching Career:**

He has taught in the Department of History at Morgan State University (Baltimore, MD), and at San Francisco State University in the Department of Ethnic Studies. Also, Ampim has studied at Oxford University in England, and collaborated on a NASA-sponsored research project, which examined the ancient climate and migration patterns in Africa. Since 2006, Prof. Ampim has taught History and Africana Studies at Contra Costa College (San Pablo, CA). He also teaches a pioneering 7-Step Primary Research Methodology Course at Advancing The Research.

**Pioneering Field Research:**

For the past 36 years, Prof. Ampim has taken educational tours to North Africa and Central America. In addition, in 1989-1990 he conducted an extensive 13-country research tour to all of the major museums, institutes and libraries throughout America, Europe and Canada, which house ancient Egyptian, Nubian, and Kushite artifacts. Since the 1990s, he has completed various field research projects in Egypt, Nubia, Ethiopia, Sudan, and South Sudan to continue his primary research at dozens of indigenous communities and field sites to study ancient African social organization and spiritual culture, observe cultural retentions, document modern forgeries, and to record the vanishing evidence of classical African civilizations in the Nile Valley. His latest mission since 2011 has been to organize the Save Nubia Project (SNP) to help preserve the archaeological sites of ancient Kush and Nubia in the Sudan, which are threatened by the ongoing construction of a series of dams. The SNP collective has helped lead this effort in saving the remains of the classical Kushite and Nubian civilizations in Sudan, and other areas of northeast Africa. Ampim's body of work for more than three decades has earned him the recognition as one of the leading scholars on ancient African culture and contributions to the world.

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**READING LIST:**

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TOUR HOST NAME: Prof. Manu Ampim

TOUR NUMBER: 101-1288

Yes, definitely arrange for the following inclusions. It is understood an invoice is to be sent to me and is to be paid in full sixty (60) days prior to departure. The \$300.00 per person deposit is attached to confirm participation and as credit to the total cost of the tour.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Single Room on Tour \$975.00 \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE READ THE TOUR CONDITIONS CAREFULLY, SINCE ENROLLMENT IN AND PAYMENT FOR THE TOUR CONSTITUTES ACCEPTANCE OF THE TOUR CONDITIONS.

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## ANCIENT EGYPT (KEMET)

**JUN 10: THE BEGINNING OF OUR EDUCATIONAL TOUR** Depart New York International Airport via EgyptAir jet service to KMT (Egypt). Meals will be served on board before your arrival in Cairo the next day.

**JUN 11: INTO THE LAND OF THE PHARAOHS** Upon your arrival in Cairo, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. *Evening orientation.*

**JUN 12: MEMPHIS / SAKKARA / GIZA** Morning tour to Hi-Ku-Ptah (Memphis) and Sakkara. Located twenty miles southwest of Cairo, Memphis was one of the most important cities through the history of ancient KMT and was once the ancient capital of KMT. Sakkara's Step Pyramid is the oldest in existence and is the world's first stone monument. Visit the tombs of Mereruka, Kagemni, and Ptah Hotep, who is the author of the oldest surviving book in the world, circa 2440 BCE. Proceed to Giza. Visit one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Khufu, Khafre, and Menkaura Pyramids, and Heru-em-Akhet (commonly called the Great Sphinx). See the 140 foot long ship of Pharaoh Khufu, one of the oldest surviving ships in the world. Return to your hotel. *Evening lecture.*

**JUN 13: OLD CAIRO / THE EGYPTIAN MUSEUM** Morning visit to the Citadel of Salah El-Din, and the Alabaster Mosque. Continue to Old Cairo: Coptic museums and churches. This afternoon, tour the Egyptian Museum with its renowned collection of well-preserved Pharaonic antiquities. The museum contains the world's most important collection of Egyptian antiquities, dating from the earliest times to about 6th century CE. The collection also includes some of the artistic masterpieces of the world, including the treasures of Tut-Ankh-Amen. Return to your hotel. *Evening lecture.*

**JUN 14: THE PYRAMIDS OF MEIDUM AND DAHSHUR** This morning visit the remains of the pyramid at Meidum, It is believed to have been begun by Huni, the last king of the 3rd Dynasty and completed by Sneferu founder of the 4th Dynasty and the immediate predecessor of Khufu, but probably never used as a burial place. Also, visit the Rahotep and Nofret mastaba, the site of the famous statues written about by Prof. Ampim in his groundbreaking book, *Modern Fraud*. Continue to visit the Dahshur pyramids. Visit the Northern stone or Red pyramid, the Mud- Brick or Black pyramid, and the Southern or Bent pyramid. Return to your hotel. *Evening lecture.*

**JUN 15: CAIRO / WASET (LUXOR OR THEBES) / IPET SUT (KARNAK) & SOUTHERN IPET (LUXOR) TEMPLES** Transfer to the airport for your flight to Waset (Luxor). Upon your arrival, continue to visit the Avenue of the Sphinxes at Ipet Sut (Karnak). View the White Chapel, the gorgeous Hypostyle Hall, the Tekhenu (obelisks) of Queen Hatshepsut and King Thutmose I, and the Sacred Lake. Continue to the Southern Ipet (Temple of Luxor). View the colossal statues and tekhen of Ramses II and the divine birth scene of Amenhotep III. Transfer to your hotel. *Evening lecture.*

**JUN 16: WASET (LUXOR OR THEBES) (THE VALLEY OF THE KINGS, QUEENS AND NOBLES; HATSHEPSUT TEMPLE, AND THE COLOSSI OF MEMNON)** This morning cross the Hapi (Nile) by motorlaunch to the West Bank of the Nile to visit the Necropolis of Waset (Thebes) via the "Colossi of Memnon"; drive to the Valley of the Kings and visit the tombs of Tut-Ankh-Amen, Thutmose III, Merneptah, and Queen Tawosret Continue to the Workmen's Village at Deir el Medina, the Ramesseum, and proceed to visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. Return to your hotel. Evening tour of the Luxor Museum.

**JUN 17: IUNET (DENDERA) (THE TEMPLE OF HET HERU) / ABDJU (ABYDOS)** Leave Waset early in the morning by bus to visit Iunet (the Temple of Het Heru [Hathor]). Drive to the ancient city of Abdu and visit the spectacular Temple of Seti I with its seven sanctuaries, and the site of the grave of the head of Asar (Osiris). Return to Waset in the late afternoon. *Evening lecture.*

**JUN 18: WASET / EDFU (THE TEMPLE OF HERU/HORUS) / KOM OMBO (THE TEMPLE OF SOBEK) / ASWAN** Leave Waset and journey towards Edfu on the West bank of the Hapi. Visit the Temple of Heru (Horus) which was rebuilt during the Greco-Roman foreign period, and is one of the well-preserved temples.

Resume your journey to Kom Ombo, 103 miles. The Temple has a double dedication to the crocodile-headed Sobek and the sparrow-headed Haroeris. In the middle of the temple area, a sanctuary was built for each of these divinities. Double entrances lead through the pylons to the court, vestibule, pillared hall and the three antechambers to the sanctuaries of the gods. Continue your journey towards Aswan arriving in the afternoon. Drive alongside the Hapi to your hotel. *Evening lecture.*

**JUN 19: THE HIGH DAM / PILAK (PHILAE) TEMPLE & UNFINISHED TEKHEN (OBELISK) OF HATSHEPSUT** Morning visit to the High Dam. Some 4 1/2 miles south of the earlier Dam, the High Dam rises up on a colossal scale. The Pyramid of Khufu could be lost 17 times over in this modern structure. The inland lake created by the Dam is more than 340 miles long, penetrating some 155 miles into the Sudan, and it submerged 39 Nubian villages and countless archaeological sites. Proceed to Pilak (Philae). When the Aswan Dam was opened from July to November, the resulting drop in water level was such that the Temple of Isis on the Island of Philae rose up out of the waters. During the remaining months of the year, only pylons and the upper sections of the building could be seen. In the 1960s, all monuments on the Island of Philae were transferred to the small island of Agilkia nearby and rebuilt there. Visit the Temple, the oldest parts of which date from the 4<sup>th</sup> century BCE. Ptolemies and Romans added to the Temple over the years until the 2<sup>nd</sup> century CE. Return to the hotel via the Pink Granite Quarry where the ancient Africans obtained their fine pinkish granite. See the unfinished tekhen (obelisk) of Queen Hatshepsut, had it been completed, it would have been the largest ever hewn. It was abandoned when a flaw was discovered in the stone. Return to your hotel. *Evening lecture.*

**JUN 20: ROCK TOMBS OF THE NOBLES / YEBU (ELEPHANTINE ISLAND)/NUBIAN DAY** This morning visit the Rock Tombs of the Nobles, which date from the Pyramid Age (Old Kingdom). Board a felucca and sail to Yebu (Elephantine Island) for a visit to the Nubian villages, the school, and for lunch. Return to your hotel. *Evening lecture.*

**JUN 21: ABU SIMBEL (TEMPLES OF RAMSES II & NEFERTARI)** Morning flight from Aswan to Abu Simbel which is situated on the West bank of the Hapi, 180 miles south of Aswan and some 27 miles north of Wadi Halfa. There lies the Great Temple, hewn in the rock, with the four colossal seated statues of King Ramses II in front of the entrance. It was dedicated to Amen-Ra, the Re-Horkhti, and Ramses II. The figures are 65 1/2 feet high and wear the double crown. Nearby, to the north, is a second temple, also built by Ramses II and dedicated to his wife Nefertari. The temples, which were threatened by the waters on the completion of the Aswan High Dam, have been preserved by international action organized by UNESCO. The most important parts of the temples (statues, inscribed slabs, etc) have been rebuilt on a plateau above the former site. Return to Aswan.

**JUN 22: ASWAN** Complete day at leisure for your personal exploration or shopping. Some tour members may want to visit the Nubian Museum. This evening enjoy a special Farewell Dinner with Nubian entertainment.

**JUN 23: ASWAN / CAIRO** After breakfast, the *morning closing lecture* will be held. Afternoon transfer to the airport to connect with your flight to Cairo. Evening at leisure or a Nubian cultural experience.

**JUN 24: CAIRO / NEW YORK** Depart Cairo for your return flight to New York. Arrival in New York in the early afternoon local time.

**(15 days)**

# TOUR CONDITIONS

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Economy class jet connecting IATA and ATC carriers. Airfare is based on SUPER APEX 6-21 days plus domestic add-on fares where applicable. Airfares are based on August 2022 and are subject to change without prior notice.

**BAGGAGE:** Limited to one normal size suitcase, the weight of which should not exceed 50 pounds. Flight bags, cosmetic bags, briefcases, and camera cases remain in the personal care of tour members and are not included in the 50 pounds.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:** Superior First Class Hotels, two persons sharing a twin bedroom with private bath.

A limited number of single rooms are available at \$975.00 supplemental cost. Confirmation required before departure.

**MEALS – TWO MEALS PER DAY:** Full breakfast and Table d’Hote for dinner daily in hotels. Lunch box on day 8.

**SIGHTSEEING:** As detailed in the itinerary, using comfortable and convenient transportation. English speaking Escort and local government licensed guide. All entrance fees are included when applicable to specified sites.

**TIPS:** Tips associated with portage at the hotels, meal gratuities, GUIDES and DRIVERS rendering services totaling \$150.00 per person are included.

**TAXES:** Service charges as imposed by lodging facilities, taxes by local administrations and government authorities on lodging are included on all services rendered to the group. Airport taxes and fuel surcharge totaling \$785.00 are included in the price of the tour and are subject to change without prior notice. Passengers will be billed or refunded for any differences.

**THE TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:** Expense of passports, laundry, wines, liquors, mineral water, lunches and after supper coffee or tea or items not found on the menu, excessive baggage expenses, and all items of a personal nature, plus those not listed as being included in the tour price.

**BOOKING AND CONDITIONS:** Deposit and payment. A deposit of \$300.00 per person is required at the time of booking. Final payment must be made no later than 60 days prior to departure.

**CANCELLATIONS:** Cancellations must be made in writing. Cancellations made up to 60 days prior to departure, refunds will be made less \$200.00 per person administrative fee and airline nonrefundable deposit. Cancellations made 59-36 days prior to departure will be subject to \$300.00 per person administrative fee. Cancellations received 35 days or less prior to departure have to pay a charge equivalent to 75% of the cost of the basic tour from the Gateway City.

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**VISA:** EGYPT – Required. CTO will obtain a group visa.

**VACCINATION:** None at this time.

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