



BLOOMSBURY SUMMER SCHOOL

BSS IN EGYPT 2014: *Pyramids of Egypt* a course in Egypt directed by Dr Stephen Harvey 4 – 12 October 2014

Following the sell-out success of Stephen Harvey's BSS in Egypt 2012 course, we bring you a NEW course taught mostly in Giza with daily lectures and exploration of relevant ancient sites

This course will trace the history of pyramid building from the step pyramids of the 3rd Dynasty, to the smooth-sided pyramids of the later Old Kingdom and Middle Kingdom, and on. This course is designed and taught by Dr **Stephen Harvey**, Director of the Ahmose and Tetisheri Project since 1993, excavating the early 18th Dynasty pyramid complex of King Ahmose at Abydos. He has also excavated at Giza and Memphis in Egypt. He is Research Assistant Professor in the Department of History, Stony Brook University, USA; and has previously taught at the University of Chicago and the University of Memphis, USA.

The Course Coordinator, accompanying the group throughout, will be BSS Deputy Director **Lucia Gahlin**. Our organiser in Egypt will be **Galal Aisenusy** who has been responsible for the successful organisation of all 5 of our BSS in Egypt courses/tours to date.

This tour is also special for including an unusually large number of visits to sites usually closed to visitors. We have applied for special openings to: inside Djoser's Step Pyramid, inside the Sphinx Enclosure at Giza, Abu Roash, Abusir, Abu Ghurab, South Saqqara, Mastabat el-Pharaon, Middle Kingdom pyramids at Dahshur, and Lisht.

Day 1: Fly from Heathrow to Cairo. Check in to 5* Le Méridien Pyramids Hotel in Giza for 6 nights.

Day 2: Visit Saqqara including Imhotep Museum, Serapeum, mastaba tombs of Ti and Ptahhotep, and inside Djoser's Step Pyramid. Lunch included.

Lecture 1: *Pyramid Origins: Stairway to Heaven, Rays of the Sun, Mound of Creation.*
Welcome dinner (included).

Day 3: Visit Sneferu's pyramid complex at Meidum including mastaba 17 and exteriors of mastabas of Rahotep and Nefermaat; Sneferu's pyramid complexes ('Bent' and 'Red') at Dahshur. Lunch included.

Lecture 2: *Upwards and Outwards: Imhotep and Changing Ideas of What a Royal Tomb Should Be.*
Lecture 3: *Creative Genius in the Reign of Sneferu: Dahshur and Meidum.*

Day 4: Visit Giza including all 3 pyramid complexes, Solar Boat Museum, inside Great Pyramid, mastaba of Meresankh, inside Sphinx Enclosure; Djedefra's pyramid complex at Abu Roash. Lunch included.

Lecture 4: *Metropolis of the Dead: Giza as a Mirror of Egyptian Society.*
Lecture 5: *Ships, Boats, and Transport in the Royal Mortuary Complexes.*

Day 5: Visit Saqqara again including exterior of pyramids of Userkaf and Unas, inside pyramid of Teti, mastaba tombs of Kagemni, Mereruka, the 'Two Brothers' Niankhkhnum & Khnumhotep, the 'Butcher' Irukaptah and the 'Birds' Neferherentpah, New Kingdom tombs of Horemheb, Maya and Tia. Lunch included.

Lecture 6: *Relief, Ritual, and Performance in the Old Kingdom Pyramid Complex.*
Lecture 7: *King Tut's Pyramids: Ancient Visitors, Lion Hunters, and Artists.*

Day 6: Visit the mastaba of Ptahshepses and 5th dynasty pyramid complexes at Abusir; Niuserra's sun temple at Abu Ghurab. Lunch included.

Lecture 8: *Abusir: The Construction and Organization of Royal Monuments for Eternity.*
Lecture 9: *Pyramid Traditions and Transformations in the Middle Kingdom.*

Day 7: Visit 6th dynasty pyramid complexes at South Saqqara and Shepseskaf's Mastabat el-Pharaon; Middle Kingdom pyramids of Amenhemhat III ('Black Pyramid') & Senwosret III at Dahshur. Lunch included.

Check in to 5* Helnan Auberge Faiyum Hotel on Lake Karoun for 1 night. Dinner included.
Lecture 10: *Everybody's Pyramids: The End of the Royal Tradition.*

Day 8: Visit 12th dynasty pyramid complexes at Lisht, Lahun and Hawara. Lunch included.

Check in to 5* Le Méridien Heliopolis Hotel for 1 night. Farewell Dinner (included)

Day 9: Fly from Cairo to Heathrow.