



BLOOMSBURY SUMMER SCHOOL

BSS IN EGYPT 2016

Nubia: a journey through a drowned land

A course in Egypt taught by Dr Robert Morkot

4 – 12 November 2016

A NEW course taught in Aswan and on a Lake Nasser cruise by one of THE experts on Nubia, with daily lectures and exploration of relevant ancient sites.

Combining lectures and site visits in Aswan and on the shores of Lake Nasser, we bring you a vivid exploration of the complex relationship between Egypt and Nubia throughout ancient times, but particularly during the New Kingdom and Ptolemaic-Roman periods. We will find that the Nubian temples reveal much about the development of Egyptian theology during the New Kingdom, as well as the changing political situation and Egyptian imperialism. This course will consider the importance of Nubia to Egypt, and the influence of Egypt on Nubia. This will be the first time BSS has included a cruise on Lake Nasser in a 'BSS in Egypt' course. We will consider what Nubia - both ancient and pre-High Dam - looked like. Fortunately we have many travel narratives, extending from the straightforward observations of John Lewis Burckhardt to the purple prose of Amelia Edwards. These narratives are supplemented by the numerous graffiti left by travellers - again spanning ancient and modern worlds: we can see the Greek inscriptions on the colossi of Abu Simbel from the time of Psamtik II's campaign (593 BC), and the graffiti of 19th century scholars and tourists, and the military expeditions to the 'Soodan'. This course will draw together a wide range of sources to create a picture of Nubia, ancient and more modern. Our Course Director, **Dr Robert Morkot** is author of *The Black Pharaohs, Egypt's Nubian Rulers* and *Nubia: a journey through a drowned land* (forthcoming). Our Course Coordinator accompanying the group will be BSS Co-Director **Lucia Gahlin**. Our Tour Coordinator in Egypt will be **Galal Alsenusy** who has arranged all our BSS in Egypt courses to date.

Course fee: £3250 (Single Supplement: £350).

To secure your place, please send us a deposit of £400 (non-returnable unless the tour is cancelled by Egypt Archaeological Tours due to circumstances beyond their control) & the booking form on reverse.

- Day 1: Fly from Heathrow to Aswan via Cairo. Check in to 5* Movenpick Hotel for 3 nights.
- Day 2: Visit the **Nubian Museum**; the Old and Middle Kingdom tombs of the nobles at **Qubbet el-Hawa**.
Group Lunch.
Lecture 1: *Introduction: A Drowned Land*.
Welcome Dinner.
- Day 3: Visit the multi-period, ancient temple and town remains on **Elephantine** Island; the inscriptions (including the 'Famine Stela') on **Sehel Island**.
Group Lunch.
Lecture 2: *On the Edge of Empire - Isis and her Cult*.
Lecture 3: *Egypt in Nubia*.
- Day 4: Visit the '**Unfinished Obelisk**' in the ancient granite quarry; the Ptolemaic-Roman **Philae** temple.
Packed Lunch.
Check in to the 5* M/S Prince Abbas (Movenpick's Lake Nasser cruise boat) for 4 nights (full board).
Lecture 4: *Travellers in a Drowned Land*.
- Day 5: Visit the temples relocated on New Kalabsha Island, including **Kalabsha**, **Beit el-Wali**, remains of **Gerf Hussein** & the **Kertassi Kiosque**.
Lecture 5: *Ruling Nubia*.
Lecture 6: *Meroe in Nubia*.
- Day 6: Visit the temples of **Wadi el-Sebua**; **Dakka**; **Maharraqa**; **Amada**; **Derr**; the **tomb of Penout**.
Lecture 7: *Ballana and Qustul*.
Lecture 8: *Egyptian Towns and Temples in Nubia*.
- Day 7: Visit the temples of Ramesses II at **Abu Simbel**.
Lecture 9: *The King as God in Nubia*.
- Day 8: Drive from Abu Simbel to Aswan. Packed lunch. Check in to 5* Movenpick Hotel for 1 night.
Free afternoon (optional bird-watching excursion, or return to Nubian Museum recommended).
Lecture 10: *Graffiti, Graffiti*.
Farewell Dinner.
- Day 9: Fly from Aswan to Heathrow via Cairo.

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I would like to secure place(s) on this tour.

Single Twin Double

I will be sharing with

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Please give their name if there is someone you would like to sit next to on the plane

I enclose a cheque for made payable to Egypt Archaeological Tours Ltd.

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Name(s) you like to be known by (if different)

Address.....

Date of Birth (of all travellers)

Tel.....

Mobile number (of all travellers)

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Please indicate if you require a special meal on the plane or have any other dietary requirements

Please indicate if you have any health problems of which we should be aware

The price of this tour includes: international flights from Heathrow with EgyptAir in economy class; all transport in Egypt; 5* accommodation (with breakfasts in hotel, full board on cruise boat); all lectures and guided tours; entrance to all sites; in addition to cruise meals: 2 group dinners, 4 group lunches (2 of which will be packed lunches); refreshments between lectures; water with included meals, 2 small bottles of water on site visit days; services of an Egyptian tour guide; tipping including drivers (*except guide*).

The price of this tour DOES NOT include: travel insurance (essential); Egyptian visa (obtainable on arrival in Egypt for £15-20); meals & drinks other than those mentioned in itinerary; tips for local Egyptian guide.

Please send this completed booking form, together with a cheque for **£400** per person made payable to **Egypt Archaeological Tours Ltd.**, to Lucia Gahlin, Bloomsbury Summer School, c/o Dept. of History, UCL, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT. For details of alternative methods of payment please contact Lucia Gahlin.

Full payment of the balance due by **4/9/16**.

All travellers must be covered by their own travel insurance. Passengers must not travel against medical advice.

Any enquiries please direct to Lucia Gahlin:
 Email: bloomsbury@egyptology-uk.com
 Call: 020 7679 3622
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