

A large pyramid in Egypt, likely the Great Pyramid of Giza, with a stone wall in the foreground. The pyramid is made of light-colored stone blocks and is set against a clear blue sky. The foreground shows a wall made of larger, darker stone blocks.

KEMET STUDY TOUR

JOURNEY BACK TO THE NILE VALLEY— OUR ANCESTRAL HOMELAND

A 15-day learning experience to the “deep well” of knowledge with
Dr. Greg Kimathi Carr and Dr. Mario Beatty.

AUGUST 1-15, 2024

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welcome from the hosts

Ankh, Udja, Seneb (We wish you life, prosperity, and health!),

Welcome to the beginning of this Kemet Study Tour that promises to be a very profound intellectual and spiritual journey. In the Instruction for Merikare, a prominent sebayet “wisdom instruction” transmitted from a Ruler to his son and successor, the cultural imperative to link generations in recovering and restoring ancestral memories through deep study is self-evident: “Maat (Truth, Justice, and Divine Order) comes to one distilled, shaped in the sayings of the ancestors.

Copy your fathers, your ancestors... see their words endure in books. Open, read them and copy in order to know. He who is taught becomes skilled.” For the Kemites, the goddess Maat was the fundamental concept that was the foundation of their civilization. Maat gave direction to both cosmic and social order. Maat was the norm and ideal that should govern all actions, the standard by which all deeds should be measured and judged against. There was an inextricable relationship between the Kemetic spiritual universe and cultural/social universe.

This study tour seeks to bring together scholars, thinkers, planners, artists, students, cultural workers, and Africans from all walks of life to learn about and understand many of the truths embedded in the wisdom of our African ancestors in the Nile Valley and to self-consciously utilize what we know and have learned in order to live meaningful lives and to improve the life of our communities.

In terms of site visits, the tour is modeled after the regular Kemet tours led by one of our most powerful and cherished educators and co-founder of the Association for the Study of Classical African Civilizations (ASCAC), Dr. Asa G. Hilliard (maa kheru “true of voice”). Over the course of two weeks, we plan to visit more than 50 sites, including major pyramid complexes, temple complexes, tombs, museums, a major mosque, and a Coptic Church. One of the greatest highlights of our tour occurs at the end when we visit a Nubian village on Elephantine Island and we commune with the community and provide them with a collective voluntary donation of money and school supplies.

A significant part of the intellectual preparation for the tour has already begun on the Knubia platform through the teaching of the Medu Netcher language course by Mario Beatty. These language lessons are archived to view at your leisure, and they will tremendously assist you in going to the Nile Valley as a deeply informed visitor. In addition to the language course, we will also provide participants with further detailed readings to support the study of various sites.

After the beginning of the new year in January 2024, we will provide periodic general orientation sessions for participants in order to provide more detailed experiences and advice on traveling to Egypt and to field any questions that may have not been answered or addressed by Consolidated Tours Organization, Inc., the travel agent managing the details of the tour.

It is our hope that this study tour will be a historic convening that both inspires and nourishes all of us from the “deep well” of the best of our African worldview and humanity.

Building for Eternity,

Dr. Greg Kimathi Carr

Dr. Mario Beatty

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TOUR HOST NAME: **Dr. Greg Carr and Dr. Mario Beatty** **TOUR NUMBER:** **101-1315**

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 by June 1, 2024. The \$500.00 per person deposit is attached to confirm participation and as credit to the total cost of the tour.

- NEW YORK DEPARTURE - \$5,399.00
- WASHINGTON DEPARTURE - \$5,499.00
- SINGLE ROOM ON TOUR - \$975.00

Signature _____

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



Biography of Greg Kimathi Carr:

An Associate Professor of Afro-American Studies, Greg Carr is the only holder of a Ph.D. in Africana Studies among Howard University's tenured faculty. The Howard University Student Association and the College of Arts and Sciences Student Council named him its 2005-06 Professor of the Year, and the College of Arts and Sciences' Honors Student Association named him its 2007 Co-Professor of the Year. In 2004 and 2007, he accompanied Howard students in the College of Arts and Sciences summer study abroad in Cape Town and Johannesburg, South Africa.

Dr. Carr wrote the course design and curriculum and co-authored the curriculum module for the mandatory African-American History course required for public high school students in Philadelphia, where he also helped found the Philadelphia Freedom Schools. In May, 2006, he was invited to present his curriculum work to over 400 educators in Salvador, Bahia gathered to discuss infusing Africana history and culture in public education, and has traveled and lectured across the U.S. and in Ghana, Egypt, France and England, among other places. He is a former member of the board of the National Council for Black Studies and currently serves as the Second Vice President of the Association for the Study of Classical African Civilizations.

Biography of Mario Beatty:

Mario Beatty received his B.A. degree in Black World Studies/History at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, his M.A. degree in Black Studies at The Ohio State University, and his Ph.D. degree in African-American Studies at Temple University. Before recently accepting a position at Howard University as an Associate Professor in the Department of Afro-American Studies, he served as Chairperson of the Department of African-American Studies at Chicago State University from 2007 to 2010. From 2004 to 2007, he served as an educational consultant for the School District of Philadelphia where he helped to write curriculum and to train teachers in the novel, district-wide mandatory course in African-American history. In May 2008, he became the first African American to present a paper at the Tenth International Congress of Egyptologists in Rhodes, Greece. He is a former recipient of the UNCF/Henry C. McBay Fellowship and also has been a Scholar-In-Residence at New York University. In 2010, he received the Carter G. Woodson Award from the National Council for Black Studies (NCBS). In December 2010, he was formally invited to deliver a conference paper at the Third World Festival of Black Arts and Cultures held in Dakar, Senegal. In September 21, 2011, he delivered the Keynote address at the 2nd Nile Valley Conference, held in the Atlanta University Center. He currently serves as President of The Association for the Study of Classical African Civilizations (ASCAC). His research interests include the Ancient Egyptian language, history, wisdom literature, astronomy in Ancient Egyptian religious texts, comparative analyses of African cultures, the image and use of ancient Africa in the African-American historical imagination, the theory and practice of African-American Studies, and Pan-Africanism.

tour schedule

DAY 01: THE BEGINNING OF OUR STUDY TOUR Depart New York, JFK or Washington, Dulles International Airport via EgyptAir jet service to KMT (Egypt). Meals will be served on board before your arrival in Cairo the next day.

DAY 02: INTO THE LAND OF THE PHARAOHS Upon your arrival in Cairo, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Dinner at your hotel. *Introduction of members.*

DAY 03: MEMPHIS/ SAKKARA/ GIZA Morning tour to Hut-ka-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. Sacker's step pyramids are the oldest in existence and are the world's first stone tombs. Visit the Tomb of Ptahotep, author of the oldest surviving book in the world, circa 2350 BC. Proceed to Giza. Visit one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Khufu, Khafre, and Men-ka-ra Pyramids, and Hor-em-Aket (commonly called the Sphinx). See the 140-foot-long ship of Pharaoh Khufu, the oldest surviving ship in the world. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight. *Evening lecture.*

DAY 04: THE EGYPTIAN MUSEUM/OLD CAIRO / Morning visit to the Grand Egyptian Museum (if open) 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 AD. The collection also includes some of the artistic masterpieces of the world, including the treasures of Tut-Ankh-Amon. This afternoon, visit the Egyptian Museum in Cairo and tour Old Cairo: Coptic museums. Continue to the Mosques of Sultan Hassan built in the 14th century, the Citadel of Salah El-Din, and the Alabaster Mosque. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight. *Evening lecture.*

DAY 05: THE PYRAMIDS OF MEIDUM AND DAHSUR/CAIRO LUXOR 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 Ra-Hotep and Nofret mastaba, the site of the famous statues. Continue to visit the Dahsur pyramids and the remains of subsidiary tombs and temples. Visit the Northern stone or Red pyramid, the Northern Brick or Black pyramid, the White pyramid the Southern Brick pyramid and the Bent pyramid. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Luxor. Upon arrival in Luxor, you will be met and transferred to your hotel for dinner and overnight. *Evening lecture.*

DAY 06: WASET (LUXOR OR THEBES)/IPET ISUT (KARNAK) & SOUTHERN IPET (LUXOR) TEMPLES Visit the Avenue of the Sphinxes at Ipet Isut (Karnak). View the gorgeous Hypostyle Hall, the Tekenu (obelisks) of Queen Hatshepsut, and the Sacred Lake. Continue to the Southern Ipet (Temple of Luxor). Visit the White Chapel, Temple of Khonsu and Mout and the Temple of Amon. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight. *Evening lecture.*

DAY 07: WASET (THEBES)/VALLEY OF THE KINGS, QUEENS, AND NOBLES/ MEDINET HABU/ COLOSSI OF MEMNON This morning drive to the West Bank of the Nile to visit the Necropolis of Waset (Thebes); drive to the Valley of the Kings; visit the three tombs of your choice, Seti I, Ramses II etc. Continue to the Valley of the Kings to visit the tomb of Thutmosis III, and proceed to visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, the two Noble Tombs, and return to the hotel via the "Colossi of Memnon." Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight. *Evening lecture.*

DAY 08: TANTERA (DENDERA) (THE TEMPLE OF HT HR)/ABDU (ABYDOS) Leave Waset early in the morning by bus to visit Tantera (the Temple of Ht Hr [Hathor]), drive to the ancient city of Abdu (Abydos), and visit the Temple of Seti, the site of the grave of the head of Asar (Osiris). Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight. *Evening lecture.*

DAY 09: WASET (LUXOR)/ EDFU (THE TEMPLE OF HERU [HORUS])/ KOM OMBO (THE TEMPLE OF SOBEK)/ ASWAN Leave Waset Aswan and journey towards Edfu on the Left Bank. Visit the Temple of Heru (Horus) which was excavated by Mariette and is one of the

best preserved in KMT. Continue to Kom Ombo. On the hill, which you see long before you arrive in Kom Ombo, is the Temple, with a double dedication to the Crocodile-head 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. Resume your journey to Aswan to your hotel for dinner and overnight. *Evening lecture.*

DAY 10: THE HIGH DAM/PILAK (PHILAE) TEMPLE & UNFINISHED TEKENU (OBELISK) OF HATSHEPSUT Morning visit Pilak (Philae). After the completion of the lower Aswan Dam, the Temple of Aset on the Island of Philae was covered by the waters of the Nile for most of the year. When the flood gates of the dam were opened from July to November, the resulting drop in water level was such that the temple rose up out of the waters. In the recent past, 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 4th century BC. Ptolemies and Romans added to the Temple over the years until the 2nd century AD. Other buildings are Het Heru (Hathor Temple), Hadrian's Pylon, Horendotes Temple, the remains of the Temple of Augustus, and the lovely and famous Kiosk of Trajan. Continue to the High Dam which rises up on a colossal scale. The Pyramid of Khufu could be lost 17 times over in this modern marvel. Visit the Red Granite Quarries where the ancients obtained their fine reddish granite. See the unfinished tekenu (obelisk) of Queen Hatshepsut, had it been completed, it would have been the largest ever hewn. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight. *Evening lecture.*

DAY 11: ABU SIMBEL (THE TEMPLE OF RAMSES II) This morning drive 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 the King in front of the entrance. It was dedicated to Amun-Ra, the Horakheti and Ramses II. The figures are 65 ½ feet high and wear the double crown. Nearby, to the north, is a second temple, also built by Ramses II, and dedicated to Nefertari, the King's wife. 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 your hotel for dinner and overnight. *Evening lecture.*

DAY 12: YEBU (ELEPHANTINE ISLAND)/ NUBIAN/ / ROCK TOMBS OF THE NOBLES Board a felucca and sail to Yebu (Elephantine Island) to visit the site of the Temple of Khnum, God of the Aswan Nome, founded in the Old Kingdom but entirely rebuilt during the XXX Dynasty. To the east lies a Temple of Satet built by Queen Hatshepsut around 1490 BC dedicated to the goddess who incarnated the fertile aspect of the inundation. At the Nubian Village visit a School and homes. Some tour members may want to swim in the Hapi before we return to the hotel. In the afternoon, visit the Rock Tombs of the Nobles which date from the Middle Kingdom. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight. *Evening lecture.*

DAY 13: ASWAN Summation. In the afternoon visit the Nubian Museum. Balance of the day at leisure for your personal exploration or shopping. This evening, enjoy a special Farewell Dinner with Nubian entertainment.

DAY 14: ASWAN/CAIRO Morning at leisure. In time transfer to the airport for your flight to Cairo, upon arrival in Cairo you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Balance of the day at leisure. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 15: CAIRO/ NEW YORK/ WASHINGTON Transfer to the airport for your flight departure Cairo to New York, JFK or Washington, Dulles. Your return flight will arrive in the afternoon local time.

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 **September 2023** rates 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: Deluxe and 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 dinner daily. Lunch box for the excursion Abu Simbel.

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

TIPS: Tips associated with portering at the hotels, meal gratuities, GUIDES and DRIVERS rendering services **TOTALING \$150.00** 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. Visa fee **\$40.00** is included.

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 **\$500.00** per person is required at the time of booking. Final payment must be made no later than **June 1, 2024**.

Payments received after the deadline date will be subject to **\$50.00** administrative fee, CTO reserves the right to cancel any passenger NOT paid in full 90 days prior to departure. Reinstatement of a passenger is considered a last-minute booking.

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Suggested Reading List

The books cited below supply important background material for this tour. It will be very helpful to each participant to read at least one book on this list which can be found in bookstores specializing in African-American topics.

Ben—Jochannan, Yosef, **BLACK MAN OF THE NILE**.
Browder, Anthony T., **NILE VALLEY CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIVILIZATIONS**.
Carruthers, Jacob H. MDW NTR: **DIVINE SPEECH**.
Carruthers, Jacob H. and Leon Harris (Eds.), **AFRICAN WORLD HISTORY PROJECT: THE PRELIMINARY CHALLENGE**.
Diop, Cheik Anta, **CIVILIZATION OR BARBARISM**.
Diop, Cheik Anta, **THE AFRICAN ORIGIN OF CIVILIZATION**.
Diop, Cheik Anta, **THE CULTURAL UNITY OF BLACK AFRICA**.
Finch, Charles S., III (MD) **THE STAR OF DEEP BEGINNINGS: THE GENESIS OF AFRICAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**.
Hansberry, William Leo, **AFRICA AND AFRICANS AS SEEN BY CLASSICAL WRITERS**.
Harris, Joseph E. (Ed), **PILLARS IN ETHIOPIAN HISTORY**.
Hilliard, Asa G. (Ed), **THE TEACHINGS OF PTAHHOTEP**.
Hilliard, Asa G. (Ed), **SBA: THE REAWAKENING OF THE AFRICAN MIND**.
Jackson, John G., **MAN, GOD AND CIVILIZATION**.
James, George G.M., **STOLEN LEGACY**.
Moktar, G. (Ed), **UNESCO GENERAL HISTORY OF AFRICA**. Volumes I & II
Obenga, Theophile, **ANCIENT EGYPT AND BLACK AFRICA**.
Obenga, Theophile, **AFRICAN PHILOSOPHY: THE PHARAONIC PERIOD 2780-330 BC**.
Van Sertima, Ivan (Ed), **EGYPT REVISITED**.
Van Sertima, Ivan (1985), **EGYPT CHILD OF AFRICA**.
Williams Chancellor, **THE DESTRUCTION OF BLACK CIVILIZATION**.

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