

## 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 2011 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:** Four Star Hotels in Addis Ababa and Three Star hotels in all other cities, two persons sharing a twin bedroom with private bath.

A limited number of single rooms are available at \$385.00 supplemental cost. Confirmation required before departure.

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

**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 \$75.00 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 \$400.00 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 includes:

- CD on "Documenting Your Travel Experiences"
- On-site and evening presentations by Prof. Ampim
- Field research training
- Optional college credit

**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 \$100.00 per person administrative fee. 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. **NO SHOW NO REFUND.** Cancellation charges with medical reasons certified by a hospital and accepted by the airlines and suppliers will only be made based on refunds from suppliers and less \$300.00 per person administrative fee. **CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.** No refunds for services or sightseeing rendered and not used by tour members. In the event departure does not reach the minimum required number prior to departure, Consolidated Tours Org. Inc. **RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL**, withdraw or change the tour in whole or in part at any time in the event a change is deemed necessary by CTO, Inc. The sole obligation of CTO, Inc. is to refund payments received in connection herewith if not acceptable to tour members.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Consolidated Tours Org. Inc. (CTO) and their Agents assume no liability or responsibility for any injuries or loss of property, accident, delay, changes in schedule or itinerary or incidental damages, occasioned by circumstances beyond the control of CTO, Inc. or by any person or reason whatsoever, including but not limited to default or omission of and by any third party providing services or facilities related to or included in this tour or any part thereof or in arranging for same. The IATA carriers, steamship firms and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their respective conveyance. The passage contract in use by these companies, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchaser of these tours and/or passenger and CTO, Inc. assumes no liability or responsibility in connection therewith.

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Classical Africa Educational Tour

# ETHIOPIA

## The Land of Ancient Kush

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

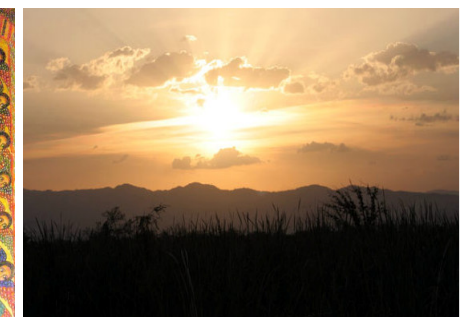
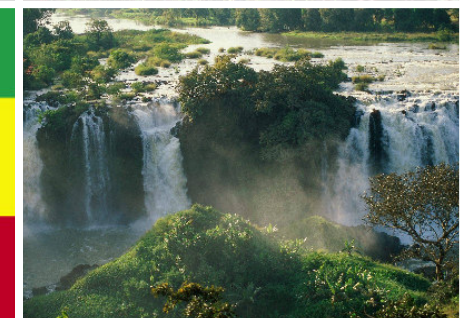
**May 31-June 13, 2012**

(14 days)

**\$3,999.00**

**FROM WASHINGTON, DC**

*(All taxes and tips are included)*



**PROF. MANU AMPIM**  
(historian & primary researcher)

Professor Manu Ampim is currently teaching a unique course on "Classical African Civilizations in the Department of African American Studies at Merritt College (Oakland, CA), and is a full-time Professor of History at Contra Costa College (San Pablo, CA). He is also teaching a 7-Step Primary Research Methodology Course at Advancing The Research. He is the host of the popular international internet radio program, "Africana Studies," on the BlakeRadio.com network. Ampim has also collaborated on a NASA-sponsored research project, which examined the ancient climate and migration patterns in Africa.

He has taken work/study tours to Egypt, northeast Africa, and Central America since 1987. In addition, from 1989-1991 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 and Nubian artifacts. Throughout the 1990s, he completed several field research projects in Egypt and Nubia to continue his primary research at 42 archaeological sites to study ancient African social organization and spiritual culture, document modern forgeries, and to record the vanishing evidence of classical African civilizations in the Nile Valley. In 2007-2008, he continued his primary research and began pioneering field work in the Sudan to document the artifacts and evidence of the ancient Kushite civilization before the 4<sup>th</sup> Cataract region was eventually flooded with the completion of the Merowe Dam. Prof. Ampim's 2012 field research involves two projects: (1) the "Save Nubia" campaign to help protect ancient Kushite and Nubian archaeological sites in Sudan from being flooded by a series of new dams; and (2) work in southern Ethiopia to investigate the origins of ancient Nile Valley civilizations.

Prof. Ampim's most influential work is his groundbreaking book, Modern Fraud, which is the documentation of the Rahotep and Nofret statues in the Cairo Museum as among the greatest forgeries in the history of ancient Egyptian archaeology.

[www.ManuAmpim.com](http://www.ManuAmpim.com)  
[www.savenubia.org](http://www.savenubia.org)

"Primary research is the greatest weapon against the distortion of African & African American history & culture." - MA

**"The Classics" Reading List**

- Ampim, Manu, **The Merowe Dam & the Flooding of Ancient Kush** (2008).  
Ben- Jochannan, Yosef, **We the Black Jews** (1993).  
Ben-Jochannan, Yosef, **The African Origin of the Major Western Religions** (1970).  
Houston, Druscilla D., **The Wonderful Ethiopians of the Ancient Kushite Empire** (1926).  
Jackson, John G., **Ethiopia and the Origin of Civilization** (1939).  
Jackson, John G., **Man, God, and Civilization** (1972).  
Means, Sterling, **Ethiopia and the Missing Link to African History** (1945).  
UNESCO, *General History of Africa*, vol. II: **Ancient Civilizations of Africa** (1981).  
Van Sertima, Ivan, **Black Women in Antiquity** (1988).  
*William Leo Hansberry African History Notebook* (edited by Joseph Harris), vol. I: **Pillars in Ethiopian History** (1974).  
*William Leo Hansberry African History Notebook* (edited by Joseph Harris), vol. II: **Africa & Africans As Seen by Classical Writers** (1977).  
Williams, Chancellor, **The Destruction of Black Civilization** (1971).

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**ETHIOPIA: THE LAND OF ANCIENT KUSH**

**MAY 31: BEGINNING OF OUR EDUCATIONAL TOUR** Depart Washington Dulles International Airport via Ethiopian Airlines. Meals will be served on board before your arrival in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia the next morning.

**JUNE 1: INTO THE LAND OF ANCIENT KUSH** Upon your arrival in the capital city of Addis Ababa, you will be met and transferred to your hotel for dinner and overnight. *Evening orientation.*

**JUNE 2: ADDIS ABABA** Morning sightseeing of modern Addis Ababa, visit Trinity Cathedral, Liberty Monument, Martyrs' Square, and the Ethnological Museum at Addis Ababa University. In the afternoon, enjoy a sightseeing tour of historic Addis Ababa, including the Mercato Market, Menelik II Square, St. George's Cathedral, and Mt. Entoto with its panoramic view of the city. Also visit the National Museum (where the ancient Sabeian and Ge'ez scripts, and the remains of "Lucy" are housed), and continue for a short visit to the Menelik Mausoleum and the Lion's Cage. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight. *Evening lecture.*

**JUNE 3: ADDIS ABABA / BAHIR DAR** Early morning transfer to the airport for your flight to Bahir Dar on the southern shore of Lake Tana. The Blue Nile originates in Lake Tana, just as the White Nile originates in Lake Nyanza ("Lake Victoria") in Tanzania, Uganda, and Kenya. The two rivers merge together to form the Nile River in Khartoum, Sudan. Visit the majestic Tis Isat Falls where the waters of the Blue Nile thunder some 200 feet into the valley below, creating clouds of midst that the local people call Tis Abay ("Smoke of the Nile"). At the Falls, climb down the base for an up-close look and climb back up from the other side. Proceed to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

**JUNE 4: BAHIR DAR / GONDAR** Explore the city of Bahir Dar, including the market and Bezawit Palace (formerly Palace of Selassie). Drive to the Woyito Village to see the production of papyrus boats (tankwas). Continue our drive to Gondar (former capital of the Empire of Ethiopia) along a new road, enjoy the nice scenery and visit the Amhara peoples villages. Upon your arrival you will transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day at leisure, dinner and overnight at your hotel. *Evening lecture.*

**JUNE 5: GONDAR** This morning, tour Gondar's 17th and 18th century castles and ancient monasteries built by various kings, and visit a village of the Beta Israel (called "Falashas" by others), a distinct ethnic group which has resisted Christianity over many centuries and practice an early form of Judaism. Return to your hotel in Gondar for dinner and overnight. *Evening lecture.*

**JUNE 6: GONDAR / LALIBELA** Fly eastward to Lalibela, named after King Gebre Lalibela who, in the 12th century, initiated construction of the eleven rock hewn churches which are still standing in excellent condition, and have been hailed a wonder of the world. Tour these fascinating monolith buildings in the afternoon, followed by dinner and overnight at your hotel. *Evening lecture.*

**JUNE 7: LALIBELA** Visit the 13th century Neakuto Léab monastery. Spend the balance of the day at leisure in Lalibela for your personal exploration, dinner and overnight at your hotel.

**JUNE 8: LALIBELA** Spend day with local villagers. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

**JUNE 9: LALIBELA / AXUM** Fly to Axum, once the fabled capital of the Queen of Sheba. Among the notable sights are the astounding array of towering granite obelisks or stelae; the stone Throne of the Judges; tombs of the kings; and the Church of St. Mary of Zion, containing crowns of past Emperors of Ethiopia. It is in Axum that the Ark of the Covenant is allegedly kept. The sanctuary chapel of the Ark of the Covenant stands in town, the visitor may approach, but never hope to enter. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight. *Evening lecture.*

**JUNE 10: AXUM / ADWA** drive to the Adwa Hills to visit the site where the Ethiopian army defeated the Italians in the historic Battle of Adwa in March 1896. Continue our drive to the Temple of Yeha (5th century BCE), which is the oldest standing structure in Ethiopia. Return to Axum, balance of the day at leisure to explore Axum on your own, dinner and overnight at your hotel.

**JUNE 11: AXUM / ADDIS ABABA** Transfer to the airport for your flight to Addis Ababa. Upon your arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure. *Cultural dinner and evening closing lecture.*

**JUNE 12: ADDIS ABABA / WASHINGTON** Full day at leisure for your last minute shopping and exploration. Transfer to the airport for your evening return flight to Washington.

**JUNE 13: WASHINGTON** Arrival in the morning local time.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAVEL**

**PASSPORT** – American citizens traveling abroad must have a valid passport. Apply at your nearest passport office or clerk of superior court immediately. Non-American citizens need to check with CTO for requirements.  
**VISA:** ETHIOPIA – Required. CTO will send you the application to obtain a visa. the cost is \$20.00 for US citizens.  
**VACCINATION:** None at this time.

**ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATION**

**PRINT LEGIBLY ALL DETAILS AND MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE AND MAIL TO:**  
**CONSOLIDATED TOURS ORGANIZATION, INC.**  
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TOUR HOST NAME: Prof. Manu Ampim \_\_\_\_\_ TOUR NUMBER: 101-951- \_\_\_\_\_

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 **\$385.00**

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