

Course details

Course title

Art Appreciation: Egyptian Treasures of the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford (In-Person Gallery Tour)

Course code

Q00015234

Course date

Start: 19/06/24

End: 19/06/24

Number of classes

1 sessions

Timetable

Wed 19th Jun, 14:00 to 16:00

Tutor

John Billman

Fee range

Free to £8.40

How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes at the venue indicated. Some materials may be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

In venue

Venue

Meeting Point: Left Of Gallery 21 Door

Ashmolean Museum
Beaumont St
Oxford
Oxford
OX1 2PH

Qualification name & awarding organisation

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Level of study

Beginners

Course overview

This course is an in-person gallery tour exploring the ancient Egyptian collection of the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford. In 2 hours we will tour both famous pieces including the Scorpion Macehead and Taharqa Shrine, alongside many lesser known gems of the Egyptian collection. On arrival please come to the main museum entrance on Beaumont Street. We will meet to the left of the front door in Gallery 21 by the sculptures where there is seating. If you are late please proceed directly to the Egyptian Gallery also on the Ground Floor at the other end of Room 21.

Course description

The Ashmolean Museum one of the most significant ancient Egyptian displays in the UK. In particular it includes an early Egypt collection without parallel outside of Egypt itself with many pieces from the important Predynastic and Early Dynastic site of Hierakonpolis. Other highlights include the Coptos colossi (the earliest monumental sculpture from Egypt), an intact shrine of the Nubian pharaoh Taharqa and a display from the Amarna period.

In this tour we will visit all of the ancient Egyptian galleries of the museum, proceeding broadly chronologically. Our visit will start with the amazing early Egypt collection, followed by Nubia (the area south of Egypt in modern Sudan). We then tour through displays of dynastic Egypt including the Amarna pieces from the time of the Hieratic pharaoh Akhenaten. We will contextualize the artefacts we see in ancient Egyptian history as well as discussing their specific features.

The tour will be suitable both for those new to the subject and participants with some Egyptological experience. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the pieces as we make our way round.

What financial support is available?

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

What other support is available?

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