



TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

Coptic Cairo Tour National Museum & Citadel Day Trip

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20

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5 / 5



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Trip Overview

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Description

Coptic Cairo tour with Bastet Travel. Explore the Hanging Church, the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization Royal Mummies, and the Citadel.



Why You Will Love This Trip

The ancient stone alleys, echoing church bells, and towering fortress walls of the capital whisper secrets of a multi-layered past where pharaohs, early Christian saints, and Islamic caliphs left their indelible marks. Our premium **Coptic Cairo Tour** offers discerning travelers an elite, comprehensive day trip through the deep spiritual and cultural evolution of Egypt. By seamlessly combining the sacred Christian sanctuaries of Old Cairo with the breathtaking Pharaonic treasures of the National Museum and the monumental medieval defenses of the Citadel, this high-authority itinerary ensures you experience Cairo's diverse heritage in absolute private comfort, accompanied by an expert Egyptologist guide.

Discover the Coptic Cairo Tour & Outstanding Landmarks

Introduction

Embarking on this specialized **Coptic Cairo Tour** delivers an uncompromising dive into the true cultural heart of Egypt. Securing this curated private itinerary ensures that you effortlessly bridge the massive historical timelines of the city, transitioning smoothly from the 4,500-year-old royal mummies of the Pharaonic dynasties to the tranquil, defensive quarters of early Eastern Christianity. Every logistical milestone from your prompt morning hotel pickup to your afternoon sit-down lunch is managed with surgical precision, leaving you free to absorb the deep spiritual energy, beautiful architecture, and vibrant marketplace traditions that define Old Cairo.

Experience the profound artistic and religious contrasts of the capital on this targeted **Coptic Cairo Tour** holiday. This comprehensive excursion provides complete historical and structural tracking, guiding you through the Roman-fortified walls of Babylon, beneath the towering alabaster domes of the Citadel, and straight into the state-of-the-art galleries of Egypt's newest cultural institutions. Traveling under the continuous care of **Bastet Travel** guarantees a smooth, highly scannable, and deeply rewarding journey through the city's most awe-inspiring historical sanctuaries.

Deep Dive into the Landmarks of Your Comprehensive Cairo Tour

Coptic Cairo Landmarks & The Christian Quarter

The tranquil, pedestrianized streets of Old Cairo serve as a living monument to early religious history. On this **Coptic Cairo Tour**, you will explore the iconic **Hanging Church** (Al-Muallaqa), a 3rd-century basilica suspended uniquely over the gatehouses of the Roman Babylon Fortress. You will walk the historic stone corridors of the **Church of St. Barbara**, a masterpiece of early Coptic architecture, and descend into the sacred crypt of the **Church of Abu Serga** (Sts. Sergius and



Bacchus), recognized by tradition as the exact resting place of the Holy Family during their flight into Egypt. Nearby, you will visit the beautifully restored **Ben Ezra Synagogue**, the oldest Jewish temple in Cairo, standing as a testament to the area's deep interfaith heritage.

The National Museum of Egyptian Civilization (NMEC)

Located in the historic city of Fustat, this world-class architectural marvel houses an unparalleled collection of 50,000 artifacts tracing the development of Egyptian culture from prehistoric times to the modern era. The crown jewel of the museum is the specially designed **Royal Mummies Hall**, a subterranean sanctuary engineered to mirror the atmospheric solemnity of the Valley of the Kings. Here, you will stand face-to-face with the perfectly preserved, 3,000-year-old royal mummies of 22 legendary pharaohs and queens, including King Ramesses II, King Thutmose III, and the great Queen Hatshepsut.

Islamic Cairo Landmarks & Medieval Fortresses

Perched high on the Muqattam hills, the monumental **Salah el-Din Citadel** stands as a breathtaking medieval fortress constructed between 1176 and 1182 to protect the city from Crusader invasions. Inside its massive defensive walls, you will tour the majestic **Mohamed Ali Mosque** (The Alabaster Mosque). Built in the mid-19th century as a striking replica of Istanbul's Blue Mosque, its soaring minarets dominates the city's skyline, featuring interior and exterior walls lined with thick slabs of pure, luxurious alabaster stone.

Spectacular Highlights of Your Full-Day Cairo Journey

- **The Royal Mummies Hall:** Experience the awe-inspiring, low-lit subterranean gallery housing 22 ancient pharaohs and queens at NMEC.
- **The Floating Basilica:** Look through the glass floor sections of the Hanging Church to see the ancient Roman fortress towers directly beneath your feet.
- **The Holy Family Crypt:** Stand inside the sacred underground sanctuary of Abu Serga where the Infant Jesus, Mary, and Joseph sought refuge.
- **Alabaster Mosque Panoramas:** Take in breathtaking, panoramic views of the entire sprawling city landscape from the high terraces of the Citadel.
- **Medieval Fortress Architecture:** Walk among the massive stone bulwarks, towers, and gates engineered by Sultan Salah ad-Din.
- **Khan El-Khalili Bazaar:** Conclude your day navigating the vibrant, colorful labyrinth of Cairo's oldest, world-famous historic marketplace.

What You Will Love About This Private Coptic Cairo Tour

Booking this elite itinerary allows you to experience the deep cultural roots of the capital without sacrificing an ounce of personal comfort. You will absolutely love the smooth efficiency of traveling



in a private, air-conditioned vehicle with a dedicated local expert who ensures you bypass the chaotic crowds and tourist traps. Relaxing over a delicious, authentic lunch at a quality local restaurant provides the perfect midday break to recharge your batteries before diving into the bustling alleys of the medieval bazaar. It is a flawless, deeply immersive journey that balances profound spiritual discovery with stress-free luxury.

Everything Included in Your Experience with Bastet Travel

Our premium itinerary for this comprehensive day tour features an all-inclusive, completely transparent pricing model with absolutely no hidden fees or unexpected surprises:

- Reliable morning pickup directly from your hotel lobby in Cairo and seamless return drop-off.
- Complete ground transportation operating smoothly via a private, modern air-conditioned vehicle.
- All standard entrance tickets and priority fees to the National Museum (NMEC), the Citadel, and Coptic Cairo sights.
- The continuous, dedicated services of a highly knowledgeable, private English-speaking Egyptologist guide.
- A fresh, delicious lunch serving authentic local cuisine at a quality restaurant in Cairo.
- Complimentary chilled bottled mineral water provided on board your private vehicle throughout the day.
- All local taxes, service charges, ground management fees, and toll roads.

Conclusion

Choosing this definitive **Coptic Cairo Tour** with **Bastet Travel** guarantees an elite, perfectly coordinated holiday through the absolute pinnacle of Egypt's spiritual, pharaonic, and medieval wonders. Our professional team handles every travel detail with total pride and care including private transport, expert guiding, and premium ticket management ensuring an uncompromised, deeply educational vacation from start to finish. Don't leave your bucket-list tour to chance; click our direct **WhatsApp** contact button right now to check real-time availability, speak with our dedicated planning experts, and secure your private **Coptic Cairo Tour** reservations today!



Included & Excluded

Included

Everything included in this trip package.

Egyptologist guide

Air-conditioned transportation

Bottled water

Entrance fees

Lunch at a local restaurant

Excluded

Additional expenses not included in the package price.

Any Extras not mentioned in the itinerary

Entrance fees churches in Coptic Cairo

Tipping



Tour Itinerary

Morning: Pharaonic Royalty at NMEC and Medieval Might at the Citadel

Your high-authority tour begins promptly at 08:00 AM with a smooth pickup from your hotel by your private driver and expert Egyptologist guide. Your first destination is the **National Museum of Egyptian Civilization (NMEC)** in Fustat. Your guide will walk you through the magnificent main hall, decoding artifacts from the Pharaonic, Greco-Roman, Coptic, and Islamic eras. Descend into the spectacular **Royal Mummies Hall** to stand before the perfectly preserved bodies of ancient kings and queens, learning about the advanced mummification techniques that have kept their features intact for thousands of years.

Next, drive up to the high hills to enter the magnificent **Salah el-Din Citadel**. Explore the sweeping courtyards of this 12th-century fortress, which served as the official seat of Egyptian government for centuries. Step inside the breathtaking **Mohamed Ali Mosque** to admire its massive hanging chandeliers, towering twin minarets, and the beautiful pure alabaster stone cladding that gives the sanctuary its famous nickname. Take a moment on the outer terrace to enjoy an unmatched panoramic view stretching across the city all the way to the Giza Pyramids.

Afternoon: Spiritual Sanctuary in Old Cairo and Shopping at Khan El-Khalili

Break for a delicious lunch at a carefully selected quality restaurant in Old Cairo, savoring fresh authentic dishes before your afternoon walking tour. Step next into the quiet, historic refuge of the **Coptic Cairo** quarter. Your guide will lead you up the steps of the legendary **Hanging Church** to view its historic wood-panel ceiling shaped like Noah's Ark. Continue through the narrow stone walkways to explore the pristine architecture of the **Church of St. Barbara** and look into the ancient bedrock crypt of **Abu Serga**, absorbing the profound spiritual history of the Holy Family's journey. Complete your historical circuit by viewing the unique architecture of the **Ben Ezra Synagogue**.

Conclude your unforgettable day trip with a visit to the world-famous **Khan El-Khalili Bazaar**, one of the oldest and most atmospheric marketplaces in the Middle East. Enjoy a fun, guided walk through the vibrant, spice-scented alleys, filled with gleaming brass lanterns, authentic perfumes, and handmade local crafts—offering the perfect opportunity to purchase genuine Egyptian gifts. After a thoroughly enriching exploration of the capital, step back into your private air-conditioned vehicle for a smooth transfer back to your hotel.





Pricing

FROM PER PERSON

\$80

