

Giza Pyramids and Sphinx Half Day Tour

Price Starting From : \$45

4 Hours
Cairo
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Every day

If you are looking for a tour that satisfies your desire to explore and learn more about the history of the land of the Pharaohs. In that case, Cairo Top Tours offers you a breathtaking tour to Cairo to see the Pyramids of Giza, which allows you to plunge into the deep civilization of Egypt.

On your excursion, you will see that the Great Pyramid and the Pyramid of Khafre are two of the largest pyramids built in ancient Egypt and have become famous symbols of ancient Egypt in the Western imagination. The Great Pyramid became especially renowned during the Hellenistic era, when the Greek poet Antipater the Sidonian listed it as one of the Seven Wonders of the World. The Great Pyramid is the oldest of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and the only one still standing.

The three pyramids of Giza are considered royal tombs, each bearing the name of the king who built and was buried in them. The pyramid building is considered a stage in the development of tomb architecture in ancient Egypt, beginning with a small subway pit that later developed into a chamber and then into several rooms topped by a mastaba.

The Menkaure pyramid complex consists of a valley temple, a corridor, a funerary temple, and the king's pyramid. The valley temple previously housed several statues of King Menkaure, and during the Fifth Dynasty a smaller frontal temple was added to it. The funerary temple also yielded a number of statues of Menkaure. The King's Pyramid, completed around 2510 BC, contains three sub-pyramids known as the Pyramids of the Queens.

Of the four main monuments in the Giza Pyramids complex, the Pyramid of Menkaure today is the only one that retains none of its original polished limestone shell.

Our tour will also allow you to see the Sphinx statue. The original name given to the Sphinx by the ancient Egyptians at the time of the Old Kingdom is unknown, as the Sphinx temple, its surroundings, and possibly the statue itself were not completed in that period, leaving much ambiguity about its cultural context. In the New Kingdom, the Sphinx was considered the personification of the sun god Hor-em-Akht (meaning "Horus of the Horizon" in English, "Hermachis" in Greek). Pharaoh Thutmose IV (1401-1391 or 1397-1388 BC) explicitly referred to it in his famous painting Hilm.

Through our half-day tour, we take you back to the era of the Pharaohs, leaving you with a series of unforgettable memories.

[Overview](#)

Inclusion

- Cairo Top Tours representatives will accompany you during your excursion.
- Private, non-smoking, air-conditioned car transfers are provided.
- All entrance fees to all sites as mentioned in the tour itinerary.
- Expert English-speaking guide on this half-day tour to visit the Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx.
- Complimentary bottled mineral water on board the vehicle during all our Cairo day tours.
- You can enjoy shopping tours in Cairo during your Cairo tours (on request).
- Full service charges and taxes of Egypt Day Tours are included.

Exclusion

- Additional costs are not mentioned in Cairo Day Tours itineraries.
- A camel ride at the Pyramids of Giza for about the panorama of the pyramids.
- Tipping or thanks for the staff is not covered within the prices of our Egypt tours.
- Ramadan in Egypt, tourist sites close at 15:00, so tours usually start one hour in advance.
- Rates apply during peak seasons, such as Christmas and New Year tours in Egypt or Easter tours in Egypt.

[Itinerary](#)

Giza Pyramids and Sphinx Half Day Tour

In a modern air-conditioned car, we will pick you up from your hotel in Cairo or El Giza accompanied by one of our representatives with a professional guide to start your adventure exploring Cairo in a half-day tour.

Your tour starts with the Pyramids of Giza, where you will see two of the biggest pyramids constructed in ancient Egypt, the Great Pyramid and the Pyramid of Khafre, which are now well-known representations of ancient Egypt in the minds of Westerners. When the Greek poet Antipater the Sidonian named the Great Pyramid one of the Seven Wonders of the World, it gained particular notoriety throughout the Hellenistic period. Of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Great Pyramid is the oldest and only one that remains intact.

Also, The pyramid building is regarded as a stage in the evolution of tomb architecture in ancient Egypt, starting with a small subway pit that changed into a room and then into several rooms topped by a mastaba. The three pyramids of Giza are regarded as royal tombs, each bearing the name of the king who constructed and was buried in them.

After that, you will explore the Menkaure pyramid complex, which includes the king's pyramid, a corridor, a funerary temple, and a valley temple. During the Fifth Dynasty, a smaller frontal temple was added to the valley temple, which originally housed several statues of King Menkaure. The king's pyramid, which was finished around 2510 BC, has three sub-pyramids called the Pyramids of the Queens. Of the four main monuments in the Giza Pyramids complex, the Pyramid of Menkaure is the only one that has lost all of its original polished limestone shell.

You will also be able to see the statue of the Sphinx during our tour. Since the Sphinx temple, its environs, and probably the statue itself were not finished during the Old Kingdom, there is considerable uncertainty regarding the Sphinx's cultural setting and its original name given by the ancient Egyptians. The sun deity Hor-em-Akht, which translates to "Horus of the Horizon" in English and "Hermachis" in Greek, was thought

to be personified in the Sphinx under the New Kingdom. It was specifically mentioned by Pharaoh Thutmose IV (1401–1391, or 1397–1388 BC) in his well-known artwork *Hilm*.

After a half day full of exploration we will take you back to your hotel.