

St. Simeon Monastery Day Tour

Price Starting From : \$55

3 Hours

Aswan

Egypt

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Everyday

Travel to St. Simeon Monastery through a day tour which is located at this ancient site in the desert near Aswan. Founded in the 7th century this early Christian monastery lets visitors understand the daily existence of Coptic monks who lived behind the monastery's defensive walls. When you arrive near the site look at its large mudbrick structure which integrates naturally with the environment to generate a peaceful timelessness.

You can enter the monastery to examine its protected courtyard combination with sanctuaries and residential areas where monks secluded themselves while practicing their religion. Your guide will show you historic accounts about the monastery while discussing how it acted as a sanctuary for Christians and a harbor for traveling believers. The faded religious art covering some of the monastery walls gives silent witness to the powerful spiritual practices that were once common in these holy chambers.

From your walking tour, you will enjoy sweeping desert vistas that clash remarkably with the distant Nile River because these two elements show the separation between the monastery's remote standing and the sustaining waters that exist below. The path to St. Simeon Monastery can be traveled by camel or on foot allowing visitors to enjoy the historical atmosphere that surrounded this former Christian religious center.

[Overview](#)

[Inclusion](#)

Transport service to and from your hotel in Aswan.

Egypt Top Tours arranged the tour guide with English-speaking skill.

Tickets and entry fees to the aforementioned historical sites.

All transport is in modern air-conditioned vehicles.

Bottled water is available for you during your day trips in Egypt.

All taxes and service charges are included in the St Simeon Aswan Monastery day trip.

Camel ride during the trip.

[Exclusion](#)

Whatever we didn't cover in the schedule for our travels to Egypt.

Personal expenses while on the day trip to Aswan's St. Simeon Monastery.

Tipping is not included while traveling to Egypt.

[Itinerary](#)

St. Simeon Aswan Monastery

A great day starts with the pick-up from your hotel in Aswan, where you will meet your guide. Journey through the golden desert or take a relaxing boat ride on the Nile River before hiking to the monastery, not far from Elephantine Island. The 6th-century monastery, which was formerly known as Anba Hatre Monastery, provides a glimpse into the early Christian monasticism and beautiful views of the extended scenery.

Admire the vast stone walls, ancient frescoes, and remains of what was once a flourishing religious community as you roam the well-preserved ruins. Your guides will focus on the monastery's history, its relation to early Coptic Christianity, and the monks who lived inside the fortified walls in complete seclusion. Coptic writings existed within the church, chronicling some of the lives of its former residents inscribed onto stone slabs. Archaeologists believe that it was built over the remnants of a Roman fortress, based on standing defensive towers.

After an interesting time spent at St. Simeon Monastery, marvel at the beautiful desert views before heading back to Aswan. The day will end with a comfortable transport back to your hotel or chosen drop-off point, thanks to your guide.