# An in-depth Islamic Cairo tour

**Price Starting From: \$65** 

8 hours Egypt Cairo

### **Islamic Cairo Tour**

Embark on a captivating journey through the ancient streets and historic mosques of Islamic Cairo with Egypt Day Tours. This exploration offers a unique encounter with the rich blend of Islamic and Pharaonic influences that define the character of this vibrant area.

During the tour, a knowledgeable guide will accompany you to admire the stunning architecture and intricate decorations of the historic mosques. You'll also enjoy a walking tour through the charming streets of old Cairo.

You'll have the chance to explore local bazaars, ancient medieval gates, domes, minarets, quaint cobblestone streets, and cozy cafes. This exciting tour of Islamic Cairo provides a deeper understanding of Egypt's Islamic history and showcases the key landmarks of the capital.

Visiting these attractions is essential for anyone looking to appreciate Cairo's incredible history and vibrant culture. Whether you're in Cairo for a stopover or an extended stay, be sure to book one of our Cairo Day Tours from the Airport for an unforgettable experience.

# Overview Inclusion

- Enjoy transportation service from your hotel or the airport to the tour site.
- Travel in clean, secure, and air-conditioned vehicles.
- Be guided by an English-speaking expert throughout your tour.
- Take advantage of shopping opportunities and explore local products.
- Receive a complimentary cold water bottle and soft drink as a welcome gesture.
- Admission tickets to all included historical sites are covered.
- Optional shopping tours and a chance to savor local tea, mint, or coffee at iconic cafes like El-Fishawy or Layali El-Hussein.
- All tour-related charges are included in the itinerary.

#### **Exclusion**

- Additional costs not specified in the itinerary are not included.
- Gratuities for the staff are appreciated and can be given during your Egypt Tours and Cairo Trips.
- During Ramadan, historical sites close at 3:00 pm, so tours typically start one hour earlier.
- The price of the tour is applicable for Christmas and New Year holidays in Egypt, as well as Easter tours.

### **Itinerary**

## **Islamic Cairo Trip**

Embark on a unique journey to witness the stunning architecture that has stood the test of time for centuries. Your adventure begins with a meet-and-greet at your hotel by your guide from Cairo Top Tours, who will lead you to the Citadel of Salah El-Din and the Mohammed Ali Mosque.

The Citadel, built by Sultan Salah El-Din in 1176 A.D., was designed to protect the city from Crusader attacks led by King Richard the Lionhearted. Situated on a high plateau, it offers breathtaking panoramic views of Cairo. Be prepared for an informative and exciting tour!

Historically, the Citadel served as both a military fortress and the administrative center of Egypt until the 1950s. One of Cairo's top attractions, the Mohammed Ali Mosque, was constructed in the early 1800s and is notable for its twin pointed minarets atop the Citadel.

Next, you'll visit the renowned Sultan Hassan Mosque, often called the "Pyramid of Islamic Architecture," built in the 13th century. This mosque is a symbol of Islamic art and architecture, featuring a complex that housed four madrasas for the education of Sunni students and accommodations for those from outside the city.

Before heading to the Ibn Tulun Mosque, explore the Rifai Mosque and the tombs of King Farouk and Mohammed Bahalawi, the last Shah of Iran. At Ibn Tulun Mosque, you can climb the minarets for stunning views of the city.

Afterward, enjoy a delicious lunch at a fine restaurant, then continue your exploration of Cairo's ancient gates, starting with Bab Zuweila and El Moez Street, known as the world's largest open-air museum of Islamic art.

Conclude your tour at Khan el-Khalili, a bustling bazaar with a maze of narrow passageways. This vibrant market is one of the largest in the world and offers an authentic shopping experience. Don't miss trying Egyptian tea or coffee at a historic café like Fishawy.

At the end of your Cairo adventure, transportation will be provided to take you back to your accommodation in either Giza or Cairo.