

Al-Minya, Upper Egypt, Egypt

The 'Bride of Upper Egypt' sits halfway between Cairo and Luxor, where limestone cliffs cradle Middle Kingdom tombs and the ruins of Akhenaten's heretic capital wait across the river.

- Nile riverbank mooring
- Typical call: 6-8 hrs
- Egyptian Pound (EGP)
- Arabic (guides speak English)

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River moorings along the Nile corniche; ships tie up alongside the bank or a floating dock

Best For: Ancient Egypt — Beni Hasan tombs, Tell el-Amarna, Tuna el-Gabel necropolis

Walk to center: City center and corniche promenade are steps from the mooring

Don't Miss: Beni Hasan rock-cut tombs — vivid Middle Kingdom paintings 20 km south

Getting around: **Taxi** EGP 20–50 in-city; EGP 300–400 for day trips to sites

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Beni Hasan Rock-Cut Tombs** — Thirty-nine cliff tombs carved by Middle Kingdom provincial governors feature remarkably preserved painted scenes of wrestling, hunting, and daily...
- Tell el-Amarna — Akhenaten's Lost Capital** — Cross the Nile to explore the ruins of Akhetaten, the short-lived city built by pharaoh Akhenaten for his monotheistic sun cult.
- Tuna el-Gabel Necropolis** — A vast underground catacomb housing mummified ibises and baboons sacred to Thoth, plus the ornate tomb of Petosiris — one of Egypt's finest...
- El-Ashmounein (Hermopolis Magna)** — Ruins of the ancient city of Hermopolis, cult center of Thoth.
- Al-Minya Corniche & City Walk** — The city's broad Nile promenade is lively and walkable, lined with cafes, gardens, and river views.

BEST WALKS

- Nile Corniche Promenade** 1.5 km · Easy · 20 min one-way — Walk north or south along the corniche from the mooring.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:10AM–7:07PM · Jun 5:33AM–7:45PM · Aug 6:04AM–7:22PM · Sep 6:23AM–6:44PM · Oct 6:42AM–6:06PM	
Apr	88°	61°	0d		
Jun	100°	75°	0d		
Aug	101°	77°	0d		
Sep	97°	74°	0d		
Oct	89°	68°	0d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry Egyptian Pounds. Cards are rarely accepted at archaeological site entrances, taxis, or local markets. Exchange money on board or at a bank on the corniche.
- Visit outside summer. October–April is the comfortable window for Upper Egypt. Summer temperatures regularly exceed 40°C — site climbs become punishing.
- Dress modestly. Al-Minya is a conservative city. Cover shoulders and knees; women should carry a scarf. You'll attract less attention and show respect.
- Negotiate taxi fares upfront. Agree on a price before you get in — meters are rarely used. Your ship can arrange guided transfers if you prefer the certainty.
- Amarna requires a ferry crossing. The Tell el-Amarna site is on the east bank. A short public ferry or private boat ride is needed — factor in extra time.
- Beni Hasan has low crowds. Unlike Luxor's Valley of the Kings, these tombs rarely get mobbed by tour groups — you may have the painted chambers nearly to yourself.

Al-Minya, Upper Egypt, Egypt — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Al-Minya Corniche

Nile-side promenade through this Upper Egyptian provincial capital.

P Cruise port / terminal