

# Amarna, El-Minia, Egypt

Abandoned by pharaohs and forgotten by time, Akhenaten's short-lived capital rises from the desert cliffs of Middle Egypt — its painted tombs and boundary stelae intact after 3,300 years. Nile river cruise ships moor directly at the riverside for one of Egypt's most haunting shore days.

- River moorage / Nile bank
- Typical call: 6-8 hrs
- Egyptian Pound (EGP)
- Arabic
- Archaeological site

## MY DAY IN PORT

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

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Nile river cruise ships moor along the east bank at El-Till; no tender required

**Best For:** Egyptology enthusiasts, off-the-beaten-path history, Amarna art and Akhenaten's story

**Walk to centre:** Visitor Centre is steps from the mooring; ruins span 12+ km — a vehicle is essential

**Don't Miss:** North Tombs reliefs, the Royal Tomb in the Royal Wadi, and the Visitor Centre replica house

Getting around: **Taxi** Negotiable

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- North Tombs of Amarna** — Six richly decorated rock-cut tombs of Akhenaten's senior courtiers — including Huy, Meryra and Ahmose — preserving vivid relief scenes of daily...
- Royal Tomb & Royal Wadi** — A 30-minute desert drive up the Royal Wadi leads to Akhenaten's own tomb (TA26) — where his daughter Princess Mekhetaten was also buried, her death...
- Amarna Visitor Centre & Small Aten Temple** — The riverside Visitor Centre gives context for the site before you explore.
- South Tombs & Kom el-Nana** — The southern cluster of noble tombs (including the tomb of Ay) and the enclosure of Kom el-Nana — believed to be a sun temple or royal rest house...
- North Palace & North City** — The North Palace was likely a residence for the royal family — its painted 'Green Room' frieze of birds in a papyrus marsh is one of the masterpieces...

## BEST WALKS

- Riverside Walk — El-Till to Visitor Centre** 1.5 km · 20 min · Easy · Flat — A short, flat stroll along the Nile corniche from the ship mooring through the village of El-Till to the Amarna Visitor Centre.
- North City Ground Walk** 2 km · 30 min · Easy · Unpaved desert — From the Visitor Centre, walk south along the edge of the ancient North City — the outlines of grand mansion compounds are visible as low mudbrick walls.

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

| CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS) |      |     |      | DAYLIGHT & MONEY                                                                                  |  |
|-------------------------------|------|-----|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Mon                           | High | Low | Rain | Apr 5:31AM–6:21PM · Jun 6:00AM–7:53PM · Aug 6:27AM–7:34PM · Sep 6:41AM–7:00PM · Oct 6:56AM–6:27PM |  |
| Apr                           | 88°  | 62° | 0d   |                                                                                                   |  |
| Jun                           | 100° | 75° | 0d   |                                                                                                   |  |
| Aug                           | 101° | 78° | 0d   |                                                                                                   |  |
| Sep                           | 97°  | 74° | 0d   |                                                                                                   |  |
| Oct                           | 89°  | 67° | 0d   |                                                                                                   |  |

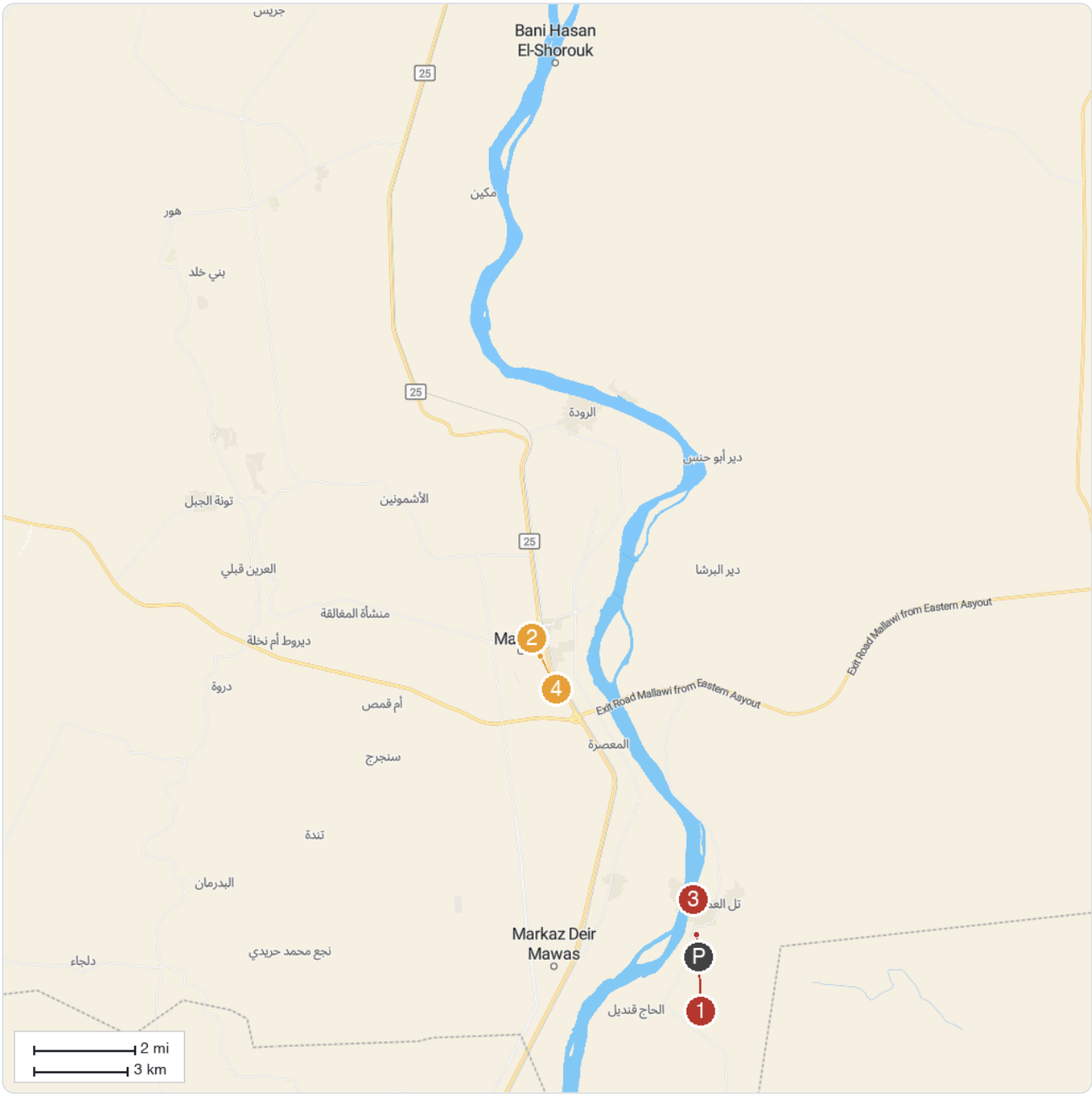
## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Rent a vehicle through your cruise line. The site spans 12+ km — trying to walk between the North Tombs, the Royal Wadi and the South Tombs on foot is impossible in a single shore day. Microbuses and horse carts available near the Visitor Centre.
- Cash only on site. Bring Egyptian Pounds — there are no card readers at the ticket office or souvenir stalls. ATMs are in Mallawi, about 15 km north.
- Start early. The site opens at 8 am and closes at 4 pm. Desert heat is brutal by midday — the best light and temperatures are in the early morning.
- Cover up for tomb entry. Shoulders and knees should be covered to enter the rock-cut tombs. Bring a light scarf or layer.
- Bring your own water and snacks. There are minimal food vendors on the site itself. Stock up from your ship before disembarking.
- Photography fees vary. Some tombs charge a separate camera fee — ask at the ticket office. Tripods may require additional permits.

# Amarna, El-Minia, 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

**Great Aten Temple**

Ruins of Akhenaten's main temple to the sun god Aten.
- 2

**Mallawi Museum**

Regional museum displaying ancient Egyptian artifacts, including Amarna finds.
- 3

**Tell el Amarna Visitor Center**

مركز زوار تل العمارنة Information center for the ancient city of Amarna archaeological site.
- 4

**مسجد اليوسفي**

A local mosque in El-Minia for daily prayers.
- P

**Cruise port / terminal**