

Aswan, Upper Egypt, Egypt

Where the Nile narrows between granite boulders and ancient Nubian temples rise from rescued islands, Aswan is the soul of Upper Egypt — unhurried, golden, and genuinely spectacular.

Docked (Nile riverbank quay) Typical call: 1–2 days Egyptian Pound (EGP) Arabic (English widely spoken in tourism)

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Riverside quay along the Nile, central Aswan — ships berth directly to the bank

Best For: Ancient temples, Nubian culture, felucca rides, Abu Simbel day trips

Walk to center: The Corniche promenade starts right at the quay; Aswan souk is a 10-min walk

Don't Miss: Philae Temple at golden hour — arrive by boat from Shellal dock for the best views

Getting around: **Taxi** ✓ \$2–\$5 local / \$20–\$25 port transfer · **Rideshare** ✓ inDrive

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Philae Temple & Motorboat Crossing** — Dedicated to the goddess Isis and relocated stone-by-stone to Agilkia Island after the High Dam flooded its original site, Philae is Aswan's crown...
- **Abu Simbel Temples Day Trip** — Ramses II carved these colossal temples into a Nubian cliff face around 1264 BC.
- **Aswan High Dam & Unfinished Obelisk** — The 1970 High Dam tamed the Nile and created Lake Nasser — a modern marvel worth seeing.
- **Nubian Village Visit** — Cross the Nile by motorboat to the west bank or Elephantine Island for a vivid Nubian village: brightly painted houses, crocodile souvenirs, mint tea...
- **Felucca Sail at Sunset** — Hire a traditional wooden felucca for a slow tack around Elephantine Island as the sun drops behind the dunes.

BEST WALKS

- **Corniche & Aswan Souk Walk** 2.5 km · 45 min · Easy · Flat paved promenade — From the cruise quay, follow the Corniche el-Nil north past the Ferial Gardens and the landmark Old Cataract Hotel.
- **Elephantine Island Stroll** 1.5 km on island · 1 hr · Easy · Public ferry or felucca — Take the public ferry (a few EGP) from the Corniche to Elephantine Island.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🌅 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:27AM–6:09PM · Jun 6:00AM–7:37PM · Aug 6:23AM–7:21PM · Sep 6:34AM–6:51PM · Oct 6:46AM–6:21PM	
Apr	95°	67°	0d		
Jun	106°	80°	0d		
Aug	107°	82°	0d		
Sep	104°	78°	0d		
Oct	97°	72°	0d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Dress for extreme heat. Aswan is one of the sunniest cities on earth — summer temps routinely exceed 40°C (104°F). Visit October–April when temperatures are manageable. Lightweight long sleeves protect against sun and are required at temples.
- Carry Egyptian Pounds (EGP) in cash. Temple entry fees, taxis, feluccas, and souk vendors are cash-only. ATMs are available on the Corniche and near the train station. USD/EUR sometimes accepted at inflated rates.
- Agree boat fares before boarding. Felucca and motorboat operators at the quay set their own prices — haggling is normal and expected. A 1-hour felucca ride should cost 100–200 EGP for the boat (not per person).
- Photography fees apply inside temples. Bring extra cash for camera tickets at Philae and the Nubian Museum. Mobile phones are generally permitted; video and professional cameras may require a separate permit.
- Abu Simbel road convoys depart at 4–5 AM. The police-escorted convoy across the desert is the cheapest option but requires an early start. Book the night before through your ship or a local agent. The flight is quicker and more flexible but costs significantly more.
- Respect local customs. Cover shoulders and knees when entering temples and mosques — most sites are genuinely sacred. The souk requires no special dress but modest clothing is appreciated throughout the city.

Aswan, 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.



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| 1 Fatimid Cemetery | Historic cemetery with unique domed Fatimid-era tombs. | 2 Nubian Museum | Museum showcasing Nubian history, culture, and heritage. |
| 3 Philae Temple | Beautiful island temple dedicated to goddess Isis. | 4 Aswan Museum | Museum on Elephantine Island displaying local artifacts. |
| 5 Monastery of St. Simeon | Desert ruins of an ancient Coptic Christian monastery. | P Cruise port / terminal | |