

Asyut, Upper Egypt, Egypt

A lesser-visited gem of the Nile Valley, Asyut blends ancient pharaonic tombs, fortress-like Coptic monasteries sacred to the Holy Family, and the buzz of a real Egyptian city untouched by mass tourism.

Docked (Nile riverbank pier)

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

Egyptian Pound (EGP)

Arabic

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Nile riverbank pier near city center; most ships moor on the Corniche

Walk to center: 5-10 min on foot from the Corniche pier to the old market

Best For: Coptic Christian heritage, pharaonic tombs, off-the-beaten-path Egypt

Don't Miss: Deir Dronka monastery and the Asyut Barrage (completed 1902)

Getting around: Taxi \$2–5 USD · Rideshare Careem

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Deir Dronka — Monastery of the Virgin Mary** — Perched on a cliffside 10 km southwest of Asyut, this sprawling Coptic complex is built around a cave where the Holy Family is said to have sheltered...
- Al-Muharraq Monastery** — One of the oldest and holiest Christian monasteries in Egypt, Al-Muharraq is a fortress-like complex 50 km north where tradition holds the Holy...
- Asyut Barrage** — This early-20th-century engineering marvel, completed in 1902, spans the full width of the Nile and was originally built to regulate Nile flood...
- Tombs of the Nomarchs & Necropolis of Meir** — Carved into Gebel Asyut al-Gharbi, the rock-cut Tombs of the Nomarchs (the Siut tombs of Khety and Iti-ibi) date to the First Intermediate Period and...
- Asyut Old Market & Corniche Walk** — The bustling souq along the Nile riverbank is one of Upper Egypt's liveliest.

BEST WALKS

- Corniche & Old Market Walk** 1.5 km · 30-40 min · Flat & easy — From the ship's berth on the Corniche, head north along the riverfront promenade to the old souq.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		90°	62°	0d
Jun		102°	76°	0d
Aug		103°	78°	0d
Sep		99°	74°	0d
Oct		91°	67°	0d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:31AM–6:19PM · Jun 6:00AM–7:51PM · Aug 6:26AM–7:32PM · Sep 6:40AM–6:59PM · Oct 6:55AM–6:26PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Dress modestly throughout. Asyut is one of Egypt's more conservative cities. Cover shoulders and knees everywhere — not just at religious sites.
- Fix taxi fares before you get in. There are no meters. Agree on a price upfront, or ask your ship's crew for current going rates to key sites.
- Carry Egyptian Pounds. Card acceptance is limited outside hotels. ATMs are available on the Corniche near the city center.
- Avoid midday heat in summer. June-August temperatures regularly exceed 40°C (104°F). Schedule outdoor sightseeing for morning and carry water.
- Ask before photographing people and mosques. Always seek permission; photography is restricted at some military and government buildings near the barrage.
- Plan for Deir Dronka early. The monastery gets crowded and the drive takes 20-30 minutes each way — go first thing to leave time for the market on your return.

Asyut, 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** Alexan Pasha Palace, Asyut

A grand early 20th-century palace with impressive architecture.
- 2** ميدان أسماء الله الحسنى

A modern public square displaying the 99 beautiful names of Allah.
- P** Cruise port / terminal