

Beni Suef, Middle Egypt, Egypt

A quiet stop on longer Nile cruises, Beni Suef opens the door to Middle Egypt's overlooked wonders — including one of the oldest pyramids ever built and the ruins of an ancient capital that once rivalled Thebes.

 Docked (Nile riverbank)  Typical call: 4–6 hrs  Egyptian Pound (EGP)  Arabic

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Nile riverbank mooring; ships tie up near the city corniche

Walk to centre: 5–10 min to Kornish el-Nile promenade

Best For: Ancient pyramids, Coptic heritage, off-the-beaten-path Egypt

Don't Miss: Meidum Pyramid — Egypt's transitional step-to-true pyramid

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  E£100–200 for short trips ·  **Rideshare**  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Meidum Pyramid** — Dating to the reign of Pharaoh Sneferu (~2600 BC), the Meidum Pyramid is Egypt's earliest attempt at a true pyramid — a dramatic tower of stone...
- **Heracleopolis Magna (Ihnasya el-Medina)** — Once the capital of Egypt during the First Intermediate Period, Heracleopolis Magna lies ~15 km west of Beni Suef.
- **Beni Suef Museum** — A compact but well-curated regional museum covering Pharaonic, Greco-Roman, Coptic, and Islamic artefacts from the governorate.
- **Wadi Sannur Cave** — A rarely visited limestone cave system (karst) in the Eastern Desert, about 70 km southeast of Beni Suef, known for its alabaster and calcite...
- **Coptic Monasteries of Middle Egypt** — The region around Beni Suef is rich in early Christian heritage.

BEST WALKS

- **Kornish el-Nile Stroll** 1–2 km • Flat • 20–30 min — A pleasant walk along the Nile Corniche, Beni Suef's riverside promenade.
- **City Centre & Market Walk** 1.5 km • Flat • 30–40 min — From the corniche, walk inland toward the city centre and Al-Gawhara Market.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:29AM–6:21PM · Jun 5:56AM–7:55PM · Aug 6:24AM–7:35PM · Sep 6:40AM–7:00PM · Oct 6:56AM–6:25PM	
Apr	87°	61°	0d		
Jun	99°	73°	0d		
Aug	101°	76°	0d		
Sep	97°	73°	0d		
Oct	89°	68°	0d		

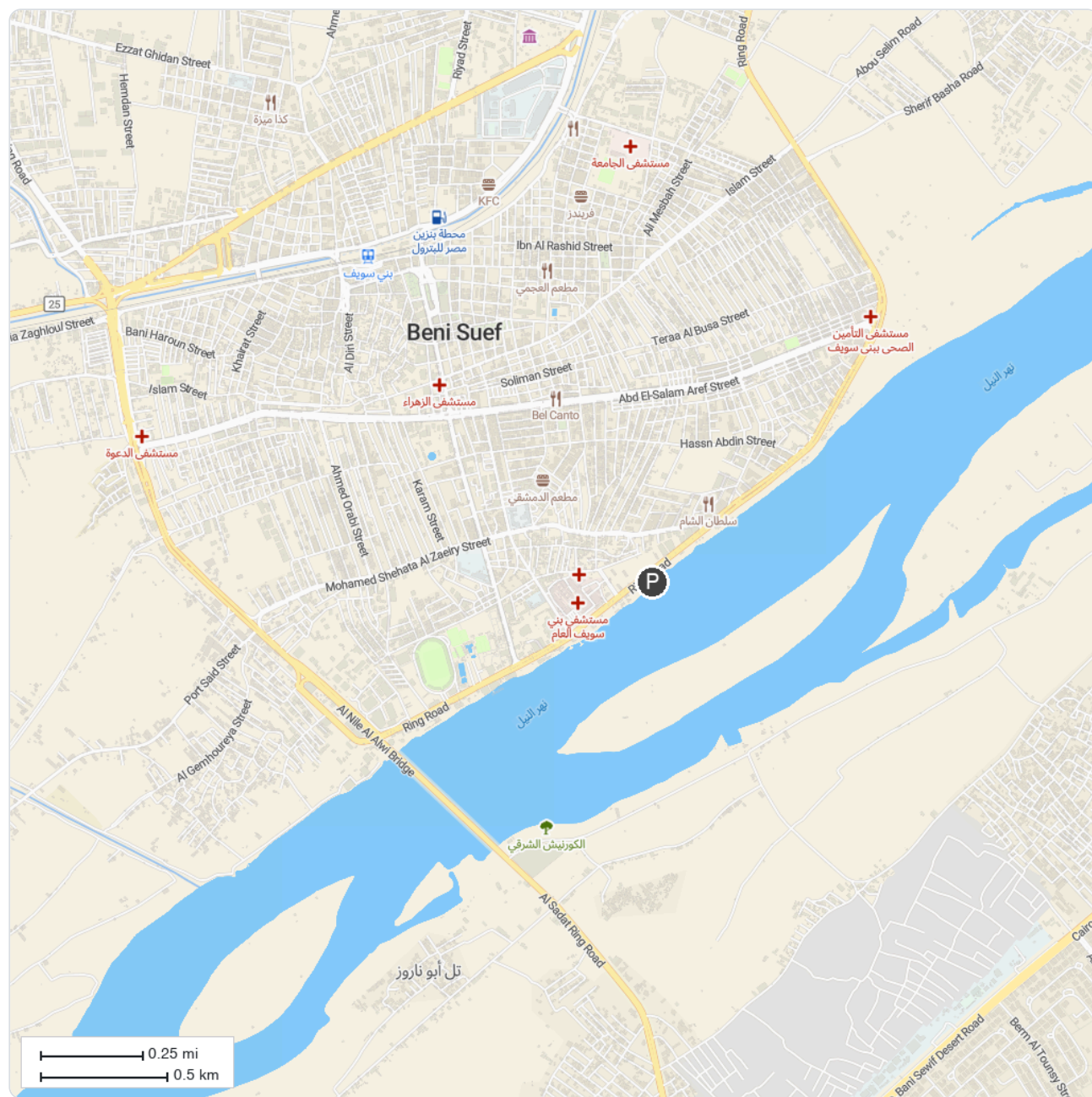
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry Egyptian Pounds (EGP). ATMs exist in the city centre but USD/EUR are not widely accepted outside hotels. Withdraw cash before heading to outlying sites.
- Negotiate taxis in advance. Fix a round-trip fare before you get in — agree on the price and waiting time at the site. Shared minibuses also run but routes are complex.
- Heat can be extreme. Beni Suef sits in the Nile Valley with little shade at archaeological sites. Bring water, sunscreen, and a hat — especially April through October.
- Photography fees apply at the Meidum Pyramid and museum. Small fees in EGP; ask at the entrance before shooting.
- Meidum is less visited than Giza — that's the appeal. Arrive early for near-solitude at one of Egypt's most historically significant pyramids. The internal chamber can be entered.
- Dress modestly. Beni Suef is a conservative Egyptian city. Covered shoulders and knees are respectful and expected, especially near mosques and monasteries.

Beni Suef, Middle 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.



P Cruise port / terminal