

Cairo, Cairo Governorate, Egypt

The only remaining Wonder of the Ancient World awaits. Cruise itineraries labeled 'Cairo' dock at Port Said or Ain Sokhna — both require a dedicated shore day to reach the Pyramids, but few destinations on earth deliver a bigger payoff.

Docked (Port Said or Ain Sokhna — long drive to Cairo)

Typical call: 10-12 hrs (full day required)

Egyptian Pound (USD/EUR widely accepted at tourist sites)

Arabic (English spoken at major tourist sites)

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Port Said (Mediterranean, ~200 km from Cairo, 3-4 hrs) or Ain Sokhna (Red Sea, ~120 km, 90 min)

Best For: The Pyramids of Giza and Great Sphinx; Grand Egyptian Museum; Khan el-Khalili bazaar

Walk to center: Cairo is a full-day drive — book a ship tour or private guide; no walk-off option

Don't Miss: Tutankhamun's treasures at the Grand Egyptian Museum (opened 2025 at the Giza Plateau)

Getting around: **Taxi** EGP 100–200 (~\$2–4 USD) within Cairo · **Rideshare** Uber, Careem, Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Pyramids of Giza & Great Sphinx** — The three great pyramids of Cheops, Chephren, and Mykerinus plus the iconic Great Sphinx dominate the plateau just outside Cairo.
- Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM)** — Opened in 2025, the GEM sits at the edge of the Giza Plateau and holds the complete Tutankhamun collection — over 5,000 artifacts — plus massive...
- Saqqara Step Pyramid** — Egypt's oldest large-scale stone monument, the Step Pyramid of Djoser at Saqqara is 4,700 years old and surrounded by tombs with vivid painted reliefs.
- Khan el-Khalili Bazaar & Islamic Cairo** — Cairo's 14th-century bazaar is a labyrinth of spice stalls, jewelry, textiles, and street food in the heart of Islamic Cairo.
- Coptic Cairo & Old Cairo District** — The Hanging Church, Cavern Church of Abu Serga, and the Ben Ezra Synagogue are clustered in this ancient enclave on the site of the Roman fortress of...

BEST WALKS

- Giza Plateau Self-Guided Loop** 2-3 km · 1-2 hrs · Flat sandy plateau — From the main entrance, walk the road past the Great Pyramid of Cheops south to Chephren and Mykerinus, then double back to the Sphinx enclosure and Valley Temple.
- Khan el-Khalili Wander** 1-1.5 km · 1-2 hrs · Flat pedestrian lanes — Enter from Al-Hussein Mosque square and zigzag through the covered lanes of the bazaar toward El-Fishawi Café, one of Cairo's oldest coffeehouses.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		85°	59°	0d
Jun		97°	71°	0d
Aug		99°	75°	0d
Sep		96°	72°	0d
Oct		88°	67°	1d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:28AM–6:22PM · Jun 5:53AM–7:57PM · Aug 6:22AM–7:35PM · Sep 6:39AM–7:00PM · Oct 6:57AM–6:23PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Commit the full day. From Port Said, Cairo is 6-8 hrs of driving round-trip. From Ain Sokhna it's 3-4 hrs. Either way, you will see nothing if you leave the ship late — board the earliest available tour.
- Carry Egyptian Pounds and USD. Site tickets are often priced in EGP; tipping guides, drivers, and photo vendors is expected and USD/EUR accepted. Bring small bills.
- Dress for extreme heat. Giza has zero shade. Lightweight long sleeves (sun + modesty at mosques), a hat, and 2+ liters of water are essential May–September. October–March is far more comfortable.
- No photography inside the pyramids — it's prohibited and enforced. Outside shooting is unlimited. Camel and horse handlers will approach aggressively; agree on price before getting on or decline firmly.
- Ship tours vs. private guides. Ship excursions guarantee return before departure. Reputable private operators (booked in advance) offer a better ratio at lower cost — but always confirm they monitor sailing times.
- Grand Egyptian Museum vs.

Cairo, Cairo Governorate, 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 Monument to the Unknown Soldier | A memorial for Egyptian soldiers, honoring their sacrifice. | 2 Great Sphinx of Giza | Ancient colossal limestone statue: lion's body, human head. |
| 3 Saladin Citadel | Medieval Islamic fortress housing mosques and museums. | 4 Coptic Museum | Museum of ancient Coptic Christian art and artifacts. |
| 5 Gayer-Anderson Museum | Historic house museum displaying Islamic art and furniture. | 6 Giza Necropolis | Ancient burial ground featuring pyramids and the Sphinx. |
| 7 The Great Pyramid of Giza | Largest and oldest of the Giza pyramids, an ancient wonder. | P Cruise port / terminal | |