

Edfu, Upper Egypt, Egypt

Rising from the sands between Luxor and Aswan, Edfu's towering Temple of Horus is the most completely preserved ancient Egyptian temple — buried for centuries, rediscovered intact, and every bit as awe-inspiring as Karnak.

- River dock (no tender)
- Typical call: 2–3 hrs
- EGP / USD accepted
- Arabic
- Hot & dry year-round

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Riverboats moor on the Nile Corniche (West Bank); boats often raft 2–3 deep

Best For: Ancient Egypt lovers, history buffs, photography

Walk to Temple: ~1.5 miles (2.4 km) — take a caleche, not your feet

Don't Miss: The black granite Horus falcon statues flanking the hypostyle hall entrance

Getting around: Taxi LE 100–200 per trip (negotiate) · Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Temple of Horus Deep Dive** — Built between 237–57 BC, the Ptolemaic Temple of Horus is the best-preserved ancient temple in Egypt.
- Caleche Ride Through Edfu** — The horse-drawn carriage ride is itself part of the experience — rattling through dusty backstreets past daily Egyptian life before emerging at the...
- Tell Edfu Archaeological Mound** — Immediately beside the temple, the mound of Tell Edfu preserves ruins of the ancient city dating to the Old Kingdom — viewable from the temple...
- Edfu Souvenir Bazaar** — The exit path from the temple winds through a covered market selling spices, alabaster statues, scarabs, and cotton gallabeyas.

BEST WALKS

- Inside the Temple of Horus** Easy | ~60–90 min | 0.5 km of pathways — From the massive pylons at the entrance, move through the open Court of Offerings, into the Great Hypostyle Hall, the smaller inner hall (look for the perfume recipe...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:26AM–6:10PM · Jun 5:58AM–7:39PM · Aug 6:22AM–7:22PM · Sep 6:34AM–6:52PM · Oct 6:46AM–6:21PM EGP / USD accepted	
Apr	95°	67°	0d		
Jun	107°	80°	0d		
Aug	108°	83°	0d		
Sep	104°	79°	0d		
Oct	97°	72°	0d		

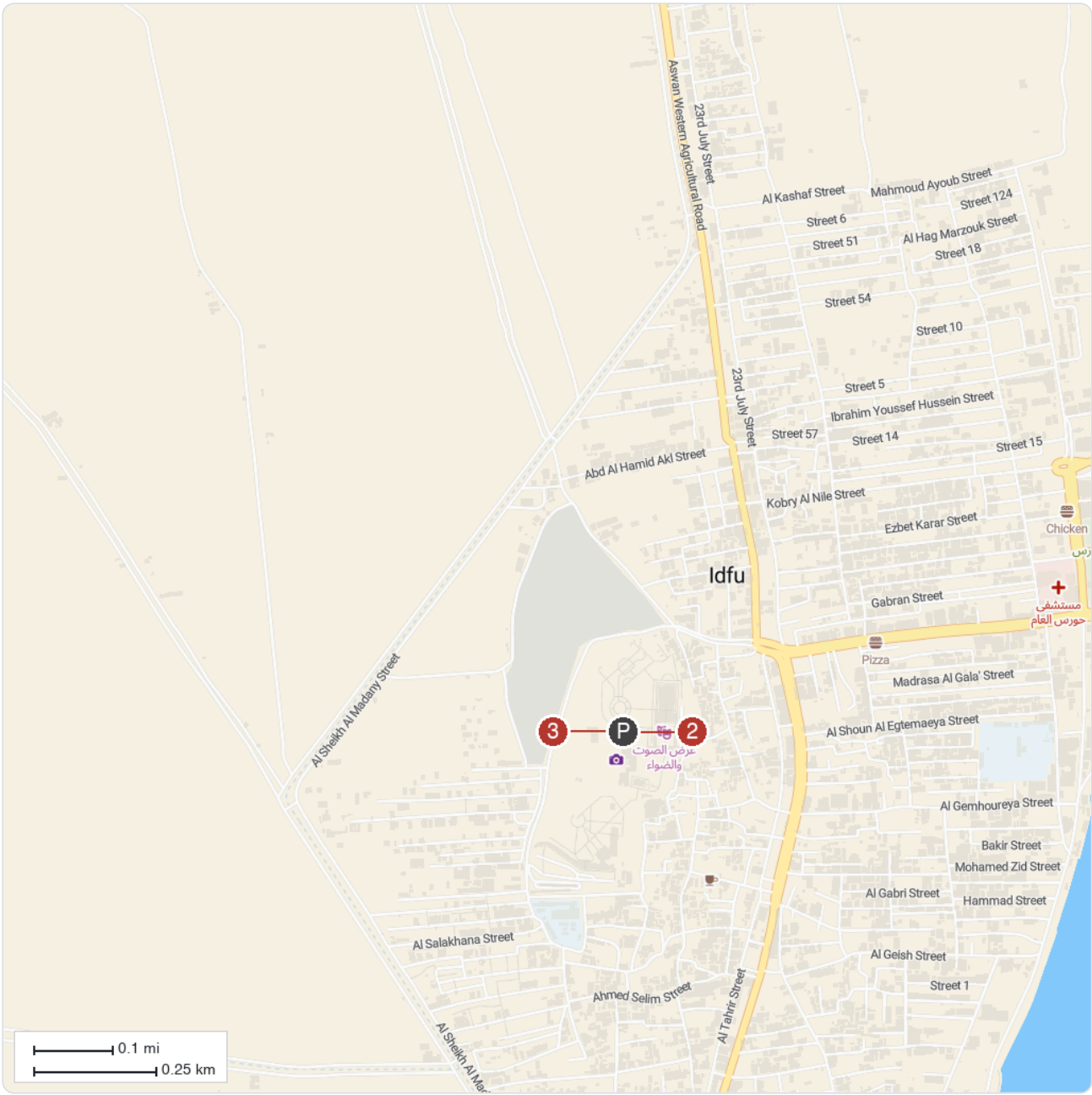
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Negotiate the caleche before you board. Independent travellers should agree on a round-trip price (~\$10–15 USD or 500–750 EGP) and only pay on return. Drivers will start much higher.
- Temple entry is cashless. Bring a credit or debit card for the ~450 EGP (~\$9–10 USD) entrance fee. Most cruise packages include the ticket — confirm before you go.
- Carry small bills for baksheesh. Carriage drivers, guards, and touts will request tips. Keep \$1–2 bills or 50–100 EGP notes in a front pocket — not your main wallet.
- Dress for heat and dust. Edfu is hot year-round. Sunglasses, a wide-brim hat, sunscreen, and a scarf to cover your nose during the carriage ride will make a real difference.
- The temple exit goes through the bazaar. There is no other way out. Avoid eye contact with vendors if you don't want to buy, say "La, Shukran" (No, thank you), and keep moving.
- Calls are short — usually 2–3 hours. Almost everyone eats onboard. Don't count on time for a restaurant; focus on the temple and head back before the ship horn sounds.

Edfu, 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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Temple of Edfu (Temple of Horus)

One of the best-preserved temples in Egypt, dedicated to the falcon god Horus.
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Edfu Corniche, West Bank

Riverside promenade along the Nile lined with horse-drawn caleche carriages for hire.
- 3

Edfu Souk

Small local market street near the temple selling spices, textiles, and household goods.
- P

Cruise port / terminal