

Kom Ombo, Upper Egypt, Egypt

Perched on a dramatic bend of the Nile 48 km north of Aswan, Kom Ombo is one of Egypt's most photogenic temple stops — and your ship ties up close enough to walk straight to the ancient stones.

Moored (Nile riverbank pier)

Typical call: 2–3 hrs

Egyptian Pound (EGP); temple ticket cashless card only

Arabic; English widely spoken at sites

UNESCO-listed Ptolemaic temple

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships moor alongside the Nile promenade; gangway direct to shore

Walk to Temple: 2–5 min up a paved incline from the gangway

Best For: Ancient history, Egyptology, sunset photography

Don't Miss: The Crocodile Museum and the surgical-instrument reliefs on the rear temple wall

Getting around: **Taxi** ~LE 20–50 · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Temple of Kom Ombo** — The only double temple in Egypt, built by Ptolemaic pharaohs between 180–47 BC.
- Crocodile Museum** — Housed inside the temple complex and included with your entry ticket.
- Ancient Nilometer & Medical Reliefs** — Inside the temple precinct, spot the ancient Nilometer — a stone-lined well priests used to measure the Nile flood and calculate annual taxes.
- Nile Sunset from the Temple Terrace** — Many ships dock in the late afternoon.
- Kom Ombo Souk** — The bazaar between the temple and the pier sells alabaster statues, papyrus, scarabs, and spices.

BEST WALKS

- Promenade to Temple Loop** 0.3 km · 5 min one-way · Easy — Walk off the gangway, cross the promenade, and follow the paved incline up to the temple entrance.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		96°	67°	0d
Jun		108°	80°	0d
Aug		108°	82°	0d
Sep		105°	79°	0d
Oct		98°	71°	0d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:26AM–6:10PM · Jun 5:59AM–7:37PM · Aug 6:23AM–7:21PM · Sep 6:34AM–6:51PM · Oct 6:46AM–6:21PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Cashless temple entry:** The ticket office accepts credit/debit cards only — no Egyptian pounds. Bring a card. Small bills in EGP are still useful for tipping guards or buying souvenirs in the souk.
- Night calls are magical:** If your ship docks after sunset, the temple is floodlit in warm gold. Don't stay onboard — it's one of Egypt's most atmospheric night experiences.
- Raft-walking:** When multiple ships are moored side-by-side, you may need to walk through another ship's interior to reach shore. Completely normal on the Nile — follow the crew's directions.
- Souk gauntlet:** The bazaar on the return path to the ship has persistent vendors. A firm 'La, Shukran' (No, thank you) and steady walking pace is your best strategy. Only pause if you want to bargain.
- Upper Egypt heat:** Kom Ombo is deep in the desert. From April–October expect 35–45 °C. A hat, sunglasses, and water from your ship are essential even for the short walk to the temple.
- Local drink to try:** The cafes just outside the temple exit serve karkadeh — sweet iced hibiscus tea that's both refreshing and uniquely Egyptian. Safe to drink if served in a sealed bottle or freshly brewed.

Kom Ombo, 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 Kom Ombo Temple

A unique double temple dedicated to Sobek and Horus.

P Cruise port / terminal