

Cairo Citadel and Khan El Khalili Bazaar Trip from Airport

Price Starting From : \$60

5 Hours
Egypt
Cairo

Enjoy a breathtaking stay in Cairo through our transit tour that allows you to explore an important part of Egypt's history with the visit of Saladin Citadel, which is one of the most important landmarks of Islamic Cairo and one of the oldest military castles built in the Middle Ages. Its strategic location atop Mount Muqattam provided a magnificent view of all the landmarks of historic Cairo, and the impregnable walls that surrounded the Islamic capitals of Egypt with the citadel offered additional protection against any attack.

The castle witnessed many historical events from the Ayyubid era to the end of the Muhammad Ali dynasty, which ruled Egypt from the 19th century until the July Revolution of 1952. Over time, many facilities have been added to the castle, the most important of which are the Muhammad Ali Mosque, the Al-Nasser Muhammad ibn Qala Qala Mosque, and the Suleiman Pasha Al-Khadem Mosque, in addition to several others, including Qasr al-Jawhara, the Po Museum, and the Warr Museum.

You will also enjoy an impressive visit to one of the most famous markets in the world, the market of Khan El Khalili, one of the sheikhdoms of Downtown Cairo in the western district of Cairo Governorate, and a great tourist attraction for visitors to Cairo and Egypt in general. It is characterized by the presence of popular markets, bazaars, stores, and restaurants, as well as the large number of tourists and the habituation of its residents to them, and Khan El Khalili is located in the neighborhood of Hussein, in the Gamaleya section, and enjoys a great tourist attraction for visitors to Cairo. Khan El Khalili is a famous market that is more than 600 years old and is named after its founder, Prince "Kharkas Al-Khalili" from the city of Hebron, Palestine, one of the princes of Sultan Barguq, and this market is one of the 38 markets distributed during the Mamluks in the axes of Cairo.

Join us to discover the wonders of Egypt, Enjoy your trip immersing yourself in the history with one of our tours that gives you the opportunity to explore historical sites with a knowledgeable tour guide to make the most of every minute of your trip.

[Overview](#) [Inclusion](#)

- Pick-up and drop-off services to and from Cairo International Airport.
- Tickets to all the above-mentioned sites in Cairo.
- Private air-conditioned car transportation during all our excursions.
- Expert English-speaking Egyptologist guide during your stopover tour to Cairo Citadel and Khan El Khalili Bazaar.
- A complimentary bottle of mineral water is included during day tours to Egypt.
- Refreshment stops on request.
- Enjoy local mint tea or coffee at one of Cairo's most famous cafes, such as El-Fishawy or Layali El-Hussein
- Take a shopping tour of Cairo if you have enough time.
- Any taxes and service charges are included in the price of our Egypt tours.

Exclusion

- Anything not mentioned in the Cairo Day Tours program.
- Tipping is not included in our Cairo City Tour prices.
- Rates are applicable during Christmas and New Year tours in Egypt or Easter tours in Egypt.

[Itinerary](#)

Cairo Citadel and Khan El Khalili Bazaar Transit Tour

When you arrive at Cairo International Airport, an authorized tour guide from Cairo Top Tours will assist and greet you there and then will accompany you through your layover trip to Khan El Khalili Bazaar and Cairo Citadel in a private air-conditioned car.

Your day begins with an unforgettable visit to the Citadel of Saladin, one of the most important landmarks of Islamic Cairo and one of the most luxurious military castles built in the Middle Ages. Its strategic location atop Mokattam Mountain offered a magnificent view of all the landmarks of historic Cairo, and the impregnable walls that surrounded the capitals of Islamic Egypt with the castle provided further protection against siege. The history of the castle dates back to 572-579 AH / 1171-1193 AD, when Saladin began to build it on a site that was known as the aerial dome but did not complete it in his lifetime, and Sultan Al-Kamil ibn Al-Adel (604 / 1207 AD), who was the first sultan of the castle. C.), who was the first to live in it and took it as the king's house, and it remained the seat of the government of Egypt until the time of Khedive Ismail, who moved the seat of government to Abdeen Palace in the Khedive area of Cairo in the middle of the 19th century.

After that we will conclude our excursion with an impressive visit exploring Khan El Khalili Market. The site of Khan El Khalili today is located between Mashhad, Hussein Mosque and Al-Moez Street, and between the square and the street of Al-Azhar Mosque and the most prominent monuments of the Fatimid and Mamluk eras. It was located on the floor of the eastern palace of the Fatimid caliph al-Mu'izz Billah, where the tombs of the Fatimid caliphs are buried, known as "the saffron floor". Prince Jaharkas al-Khalili destroyed these tombs and built in their place this khan in 1382 AD, which is still known by his name today.

After you have seen some of the major attractions in Cairo, your Egyptologist and private driver will transport you back to the airport to catch your departure.