

Half Day Tour to Saqqara from Cairo

Price Starting From : \$45

4 Hours

Egypt

Cairo

On this half-day tour to one of Egypt's most important necropolises, you will see at Saqqara the ancient Egyptian royal tombs of the dynasties that ruled ancient Egypt from the capital city of Memphis. It also contains several pyramids, including the Step Pyramid of Djoser, dating from the time of the third Egyptian dynasty, which is the oldest historically known complete stone structure, as well as several archaeological mastabas.

It is also so important to know that sixteen other Egyptian kings built pyramids in Saqqara, in addition to some funerary monuments built by some high officials of ancient Egypt, and the area from the pyramids of Giza to Dahshur, passing through Saqqara, was designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1979.

Through the expert guide of Cairo Top Tours, you can know all the information you want about this valuable necropolis, which is that during the First and Second Egyptian Dynasties, some Egyptian nobles began to build their tombs in Saqqara. One of the first royal structures built at Saqqara was a mastaba built during the reign of King Kha-Sakhmoy, the last king of the Second Dynasty, which is known today as the Director's Bridge. The construction of mastabas and pyramids at Saqqara continued during the reign of the following dynasties, including the following monuments:

- Tomb of King Htab Sekhmet Wei O Ra Nab
- Tomb of King Ni Netjer
- The buried pyramid, the funerary complex of King Sekhem Khet
- Akhtaritep mastaba
- Pyramid of Bibi I
- Meriner's pyramid
- The pyramid complex of King Pepe II Nefer Ka-Ra

Enjoy your time and savor every moment of your vacation with us.

Overview

Inclusion

- Round-trip transportation services to and from your hotel in Cairo.
- Tickets to the Necropolis of Saqqara during your half-day tour in Cairo.
- The transfer is provided privately in a modern, air-conditioned car.
- A knowledgeable English-speaking tour guide will accompany you during your day tours in Cairo.
- Complimentary bottled water and a soft drink during Egypt Day Tours.
- Shopping excursions in Cairo.
- Any taxes and service charges for Egypt tours are included.

Exclusion

- Additional costs are not mentioned in the detailed itinerary.
- Tipping is not included during your Day Trip to the Necropolis of Saqqara.

Itinerary

Half Day Trip to Saqqara Necropolis

Enjoy an incredible experience in Cairo through an unforgettable adventure to the necropolis of Saqqara. In the morning, one of our representatives with an expert guide will be waiting for you to start your excursion so you can enjoy every moment.

Your adventure will begin with an impressive visit to the Imhotep Museum. It is an archaeological museum located at the foot of the Saqqara necropolis complex near Memphis in Lower Egypt, and this museum was created in honor and memory of the ancient Egyptian architect Imhotep, the executor of King Djoser's pyramid collection, as the first to erect a pyramid building and the first to use stone in the execution of huge buildings. The museum exhibit includes a model of Djoser's funerary collection, and one of the museum rooms is designed in the form of a tomb complete with a mummy and a wooden coffin and several pottery and alabaster vessels.

The museum also includes the library of French engineer Jean-Philippe Loire, who dedicated his life to restoring King Djoser's pyramid collection.

Saqqara houses the royal tombs of the dynasties that ruled ancient Egypt from the capital, Minaf. Therefore, our next step will be to one of the pyramids so famous among visitors, the Step Pyramid of Djoser. It is an archaeological monument in the Saqqara necropolis northwest of the ancient city of Memphis, Egypt. It was built during the 27th century BC for the burial of Pharaoh Djoser; it was built for him by his vizier Imhotep. The engineer and physician Imhotep was the primary architect of the extensive funerary complex in the pyramid's courtyard and surrounding ceremonial structures.

The first Egyptian pyramid consisted of six mastabas built on top of each other, a huge advancement in the design of tombs of that era, which was limited to a single mastaba. Djoser's stepped pyramid was 62 meters (203 feet) high, with a base measuring 109 m x 125 m (358 ft x 410 ft), and was covered in polished white limestone. The Step Pyramid is considered the first stone structure of its time, although the monument known as the Director's Bridge appears to have preceded the construction of the pyramid.

We will conclude our excursion with an amazing visit to the Pyramid of Pharaoh Teti, founder of the Sixth Dynasty. Teti ruled Egypt after Pharaoh Onas, who was the last king of the Fifth Dynasty. It is also rumored that Onas built a pyramid at Saqqara, near the pyramid of Djoser, and inscribed on its inner walls pyramidal texts that give us an idea of the ancient Egyptians' perception of the afterlife and the journey of the deceased pharaoh into it.

After finishing your half-day excursion in Saqqara we will accompany you back to your hotel.