

# Dendera and Abydos Excursion from Luxor

**Price Starting From : \$70**

Day Trip  
Egypt  
Luxor

Through a full-day excursion, you will enjoy one of the most impressive adventures that form a very important part of Egypt's history. From Luxor, you will have the opportunity to explore Abydos is a city located west of Balina Sohag that was one of the ancient cities of Upper Egypt. Most archaeologists agree that it was the first capital of Egypt at the end of the Predynastic period and the first four dynasties, dating from 5,000 years ago. It is located between Assiut and Luxor, near Qena. Nowadays it receives the name of Araba buried (Balina) and is located about 11 kilometers from the Nile. The temple of Seti I and the temple of Ramses II are characterized by ancient Egyptian bas reliefs. This city was the main center of worship of the god Osiris. Ancient Egyptians made pilgrimages to the city to worship Osiris, guardian of eternal life and god of the West. The oldest vessels in history were discovered in the ancient tombs located west of the temple of Seti I, father of Ramses II, founder of the XIX Egyptian dynasty, famous for naming many of its kings until Ramses 11 with the name of the founder of the family.

We also take you on another adventure to Dendera. It is a Ptolemaic-Roman temple complex located in the village of Dendera, about 5 km northwest of Qena and 60 km north of Luxor. It is considered one of the best preserved temples in Egypt. Dendera was part of the sixth Egyptian province of Upper Egypt, south of Abydos, known as the Province of the Crocodiles.

During our tour, you will learn more about the history of the Light of Dendera, inscribed on the wall of the temple that gave it its name. It is the subject of many legends, one of which is that the Egyptians had light technology and discovered electricity. The image shows a lotus flower (neolof) revealing a snake on the wall, the interpretation of which differs among archaeologists.

Do not miss the opportunity and book one of Cairo Top Tours' fun excursions.

## [Overview](#)

### Inclusion

- Meet and greet services from your Nile cruise or hotel in Luxor by Cairo Top Tours and back.
- Transportation is in an exclusive air-conditioned vehicle.
- Admissions to Dendera and Abydos.
- Lunch is included during the tour to Dendera and Abydos.
- A licensed guide during the day tours to Egypt.
- Complimentary bottled water during Luxor day tours and Luxor excursions.
- All taxes and service charges during Dendera and Abydos Luxor Tour.

### Exclusion

- Anything not listed in the itinerary above.
- Tipping is not included on tours to Dendera and Abydos from Luxor.
- Rates also apply during Christmas and New Year tours in Egypt or Easter tours in Egypt.

## [Itinerary](#)

### **Trip to Dendera and Abydos from Luxor**

Your impressive day begins with a smooth pick-up from your hotel in Luxor, where one of our expert guides will accompany you on your tour and transfer you in a private air-conditioned car.

Your day begins with an unforgettable visit to Abydos, was Egypt's first capital at the end of the prehistoric era (about 5,000 years ago) and remains of the city, temple and burial grounds have been found. It is where history began and where the earliest tombs of the pharaohs were found.

The original façade of the temple has recently been uncovered and reconstructed, revealing the two large edifices of the temple, while the space beyond is the location of the first courtyard and the second courtyard of the temple. They end with the facade of the temple and its current entrance with its square columns and walls, on which some of Ramses II's war events and his victories in Asia were painted in engraving. It was completed by Ramses II, but the part that was built during the reign of Seti was technically much greater than the part completed by Ramses II, and the temple of Abydos is different from the design of other Egyptian temples.

After that, you will have the opportunity to explore Dendera, Situated in the village of Dendera, approximately 5 km northwest of Qena and 60 km north of Luxor, is a complex of Ptolemaic-Roman temples. In Egypt, it is regarded as one of the best-preserved temples. Situated south of Abydos, Dendera was a component of the Province of the Crocodiles, the sixth province of Upper Egypt.

The history of the Light of Dendera, which is written on the temple wall and gave it its name, will be further explained to you throughout our tour. There are numerous myths about it, one of which being that the Egyptians invented electricity and had light technology. Different archaeologists have different interpretations of the picture, which depicts a snake on the wall that is revealed by a lotus blossom (neolofer).

After finishing your day tour, we will return you back to your hotel in Luxor.