Baron Empain Palace Day Tour

Price Starting From: \$50

4 Hours

Cairo

Egypt

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Everyday

Step into an enchanting slice of early twentieth-century glamour on our day trip to the Baron Empain Palace, one of Cairo's quirkiest and most photographable buildings. Erected in 1911 by Belgian tycoon Édouard Empain, the palace rises like a film set in Heliopolis, its Hindu-on-trim exterior folding Indo-Islamic arches around European balustrades, all dusted with just a hint of legend. With a knowledgeable local guide at your side, you will hear how the mansion helped shape modern Heliopolis and discover the ghostly stories that linger over this long-forgotten jewel.

You'll stroll down velvet-lined corridors and up twisting staircases, pausing to admire the intricate woodwork, jewel-toned stained glass, and cool slabs of Italian marble underfoot. The guide points out quirky innovations revolving around the sunroom, secret cellar tunnels, and spins you a yarn about the Baron's lavish parties and the enigma of his sudden passing. Thanks to careful restoration, the building now shimmers as it once did, marking it an essential stop for anyone hunting hidden corners of Cairo's early modern tale.

After the tour, stretch your legs on a relaxed walk through the broad, tree-shaded avenues Empain imagined for Cairo's elite, stopping on a bench to let the streetcars clatter by. You can order a cooling limonana or a piece of sweet kunafa at a nearby café while your guide fills you in on the neighborhood's gradual transformation from private estate to bustling suburb.

Overview Inclusion

- Cairo Top Tours provides private transportation from your accommodation to the Baron Empain Palace and back.
- Egypt Day Tours provides private transportation in air-conditioned vehicles.
- Our Cairo day trips include all applicable taxes and service costs.
- Enjoy complimentary bottled mineral water on your trip to the Baron Palace in Cairo.
- A certified tour guide will accompany you.
- After the tour of Baron Empain Palace in Cairo, guests will receive a bottle of mineral water and soft beverages.

Exclusion

- Any extras not listed on our itinerary.
- Tipping for workers on Cairo trips is not included in the costs.
- Prices are applicable for Christmas and New Year tours in Egypt, as well as Easter tours.

Itinerary

Baron Empain Palace tour in Cairo

Adventurers will begin with a comfortable hotel pickup service before proceeding with a scenic drive into historic Heliopolis. On arrival at the Baron Empain Palace, witness the majestic mansion housing Indo-European architectural styles and awe-inspiring design features, including the striking tower and beautiful stone carvings, under the guidance of your expert. Moving around the rooms and hallways, hear stories about the Belgian Baron who built the castle, as well as the rather strange mysteries that have surrounded the estate for so many years.

A second stroll will take you through Heliopolis, an elegant neighborhood where European charm is intermingled with Egyptian spirit. The wide boulevards lined with handsome period buildings will lure you into stopping for a moment to stop at a local cafe and sip on some traditional refreshments or enjoy some snacks. If time permits, the tour may also pass by the landmark Basilica of Notre Dame or a quick glance at the Korba area. Slowly, the day ends with architectural splendor, magnificence, and a sprinkle of hidden Cairo charm, and your driver will drop you off at the hotel.