

Detailed Tour of Islamic Cairo

Price Starting From : \$65

8 Hours

Cairo

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Everyday

Enter the heart of Egypt's spirituality and architecture with an In-Depth Tour of Islamic Cairo, a walking tour of one of the city's oldest, most atmospheric districts. Begin by exploring the Citadel of Saladin, a medieval Islamic fortification perched atop a high promontory overlooking Cairo, with panoramic views of the city below. Inside, visit the stunning Mosque of Muhammad Ali, also known as the Alabaster Mosque, renowned for its massive Ottoman-style domes, elaborate decorations, and wide courtyards. Your guide will explain the Citadel's strategic importance and its role in Egypt's military and religious history.

Continue your tour through the busy and narrow streets of Al-Muizz Street, one of the oldest streets in Cairo, which dates back to the Fatimid period. On this street is a grouping of Islamic monuments without equal in the world—ornate mosques, medieval schools (madrasas), sabils (public water fountains), and well-preserved houses. The standouts are the Qalawun Complex, Al-Hakim Mosque, and Beit El-Suhaymi, a traditional Ottoman-era house that showcases Cairo's residential architecture. Your guide will highlight the tales of the sultans, scholars, and artisans who built this urban masterpiece in the past as you stroll.

The tour concludes with a visit to the vibrant Khan El Khalili Bazaar, a centuries-old market filled with a kaleidoscope of colors, scents, and sounds. Wander through narrow alleys lined with shops selling spices, perfumes, handmade jewelry, and traditional crafts. You'll have time to relax in a historic café like El-Fishawy, one of Cairo's oldest, while sipping mint tea and soaking in the timeless ambiance. If you're an enthusiast of history, art, or culture, this comprehensive tour of Islamic Cairo gives you a deep and lasting connection to the heart of Egypt.

[Overview](#)

Inclusion

- The day tour includes transportation from the hotel or airport to the location.
- We offer secure, clean, and air-conditioned vehicles for your traveling needs.
- An English-speaking consultant will accompany you on your Egypt Day Tours.
- Have a pleasant time browsing and seeing the stuff.
- During your day trip, you will be greeted with a cool water bottle and a soft drink.
- Admission tickets cost to the aforementioned historical sites.
- If you're interested, we can set up shopping trips in Cairo. You'll also be able to enjoy local tea, mint, or coffee at well-known cafés like El-Fishawy and Layali El-Hussein.
- All costs and expenses for the day tour are included in the itinerary.

Exclusion

- Extra costs not specified in the trip plan.
- Provide tips to personnel throughout Egypt Tours and Cairo Trips.
- During Ramadan, historical buildings close at 3:00 pm, thus excursions often start an hour earlier.
- The trip fee applies to Egypt's Christmas and New Year trips, as well as Easter tours.

Islamic Cairo day Tour

Begin your walking tour of Islamic Cairo with a morning visit to the legendary Citadel of Salah El-Din, perched high above the city. Stop at the beautiful Mosque of Muhammad Ali, or the Alabaster Mosque, and enjoy the panoramic views of Cairo from the citadel terrace. Then walk through the Mosque of Sultan Hassan and the Al-Rifa'i Mosque, two architectural masterpieces that attest to the power and elegance of Mamluk and Ottoman design. Your guide will provide deep historical context, sharing tales about sultans, scholars, and the Islamic dynasties that once ruled from this medieval quarter.

Finish your tour by walking along the old and atmospheric Al-Muizz Street, one of the oldest and most significant streets in Cairo. Along the way, pause at restored treasures such as the Qalawun Complex, Sabil-Kuttab of Katkhuda, and Beit El-Suhaymi, a traditional Ottoman-style house showcasing home life in old Cairo. Break for lunch at a local eatery to enjoy Egyptian staples like falafel, hawawshi, or molokhia. Afterwards, visit the Khan El Khalili Bazaar, a lively marketplace where you can shop for handmade goods, spices, and souvenirs. End the day with a relaxed drink at El-Fishawy Café, Cairo's oldest café, surrounded by centuries of tradition and the vibrant pulse of Islamic Cairo.