

## The Grand Egyptian Museum - (GEM)



Your Itinerary, maps and weather



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## An Amazing World Class Museum

The Egyptian government's objective was to offer its citizens and visitors a place where they could see and learn everything about the Pharaonic civilization. Its foundation stone was laid by the former President Hosni Mubarak in 2002. It is being built as part of a new master plan for the Giza Plateau, known as "Giza 2030". And whilst it has taken years to fruition, the wait was certainly worth it. It is the largest archaeological museum devoted to a single civilisation in the world. Its outstanding design is awe inspiring with views of the neighbouring Giza Plateau (2 kilometres away) and pyramids ever present as you wander its enormous expanse. It occupies a site of over 50 hectares (123 acres).

### What Can You Expect to See at the Great Egyptian Museum?

- The Museum will display around 100,000 ancient artifacts spanning 7,000 years of Egyptian history. The main galleries are divided along four eras: predynastic and Old Kingdom, Middle Kingdom, New Kingdom, and Greco-Roman.
- The main attraction is the full tomb collection of King Tutankhamun. The collection includes about 5,000 items in total and was relocated from the Egyptian Museum in Cairo.
- In August 2021 the reconstructed Khufu ship, a solar barque, was relocated to the Grand Egyptian Museum from the Giza Solar boat museum beside the Great Pyramid.
- The Statue of Ramesses II occupies the largest central atrium in the museum. In 2006, the 3,200 years old Statue of Ramesses II was relocated from Ramses Square in Cairo to the Museum. It was moved to the atrium of the museum in January 2018. It weighs 83 tons
- The building's north and south walls line up directly with the Great Pyramid of Khufu and the Pyramid of Menkaure.
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- The Grand Staircase consisting of long stairs lined with 87 statues of kings and gods in Egyptian civilization.
- The Grand Egyptian Museum hosts a children's museum, conference center, training center, and workshops designed similarly to the old Pharaonic places.

This half day tour can be combined with other tours for a full day's activities. The other tours include Khan El Khalili Bazaar, Old Cairo (Coptic and Islamic History), the National Museum of Egyptian Civilisation, Stairways to Eternity (The Pyramids of Giza) and many others. Please enquire at One Horizon for your options.



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#### **About Lunch**

We enjoy taking our guess out for lunch because it's another way to experience Egyptian culture. We just want to make the following points. We only take our guests to the best restaurants. We place good hygiene and cleanliness as the number 1 priority. The restaurants offer both vegetarian and non-vegetarian options. If you choose to pass on lunch, we won't take it personally. But please be assured, your health and safety is our overriding priority.



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### Or Perhaps a Great Shopping and Cultural Experience

The Khan El-Khalili Bazaar in Cairo is a bustling, vibrant market and dates to the 14th century. Located in the heart of Islamic Cairo, this colourful bazaar is filled with shops, stalls, restaurants, and cafes selling everything from spices to jewellery to souvenirs.

It's your time to wander through the alleyways and engage with the humour of the store holders and comments like "I don't know what you are looking for, but I can sell it to you".



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### **Inclusions**

- Pick up at 9.30
- Water
- Lunch
- Services of an English-speaking guide
- (Optional) Membership of the Ancient Egyptian Research Association (AERA) which supports the training of young Egyptian archaeologists and field work excavations in Egypt

#### **Exclusions**

- Personal expenditure of any kind
- Tips
- Alcoholic Drinks and extra meals (other than those stated in the itinerary)

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