



New Cairo Mega Project - A City Emerging From the Desert



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New Cairo - A City Rising from The Desert

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This project was partly in response to the growth in Cairo's population since 1980 from 8 million to over 22 million over that time. The population size of Cairo is estimated to now be 25 million. And the high levels of congestion and pollution were taking its toll on the liveability of Cairo and the productivity and health of the workforce.

The government took a bold step in formulating its mega plan for the relocation of the public service to a new city and also in terms of developing the infrastructure and services needed to support a city and its population. As with any project of this size, it has its supporters and detractors. It is an enormous engineering challenges on many fronts. But the project has continued at pace. And a city is arising in the desert.

The location of the new capital (currently known by the name the New Administrative Capital) is 28 miles from Cairo. The New Administrative Capital (NAC) will replace Cairo as the centre of Egyptian power, becoming home to the country's governmental offices and major financial districts.

It will, when completed, house a population of 6-7 million people. The new capital has been in construction since 2017 and some of the proposed facilities have been completed. As of 5 May 2023, 14 ministries and government entities have relocated to the New Administrative Capital. Currently 1,500 families had moved to the city as of March 2024 although the population is expected to reach 10,000 by the end of 2024.

This tour is amazing in that you are witnessing a city being born. And whilst it will take years to fully complete, it does mirror the size, ingenuity and inventiveness of their ancestors Egyptians. It's simply an amazing project.



An Extraordinary Project

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Egypt's Vision 2030

The capital city is considered one of the major projects for economic development and is part of a larger initiative called Egypt Vision 2030. When completed the new city will have a central park with artificial lakes, 2,000 educational institutions, 18 hospitals, 11,250 mosques and churches, a 93,440-seat stadium, 40,000 hotel rooms, a major theme park, 90 square kilometres of solar energy farms and electric railway link with Cairo., 21 Residential Districts



Its Underway and the Move is On

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Skyscrapers and Parklands

Iconic Tower (COMPLETED) and Green Park

Over 30 skyscrapers are under construction, including the Iconic Tower, which is currently Egypt and Africa's largest skyscraper. With a total height of 1,300 ft, it is the tallest building in Africa. It has 77 floors and is one of 20 skyscrapers being built in the CBD.



The Green River Park is an urban park planned to extend along the entirety of the new capital, representing the Nile River. It will be

Mosques and Coptic Cathedrals

Grand Mosque & Al-Fattah al-Aleem Mosque(Completed)

The cultural centre and Grand Mosque is a religious and architectural landmark located in the NAC. The center covers an area of 250,000 square metres and can accommodate 130,000 worshippers. It is the largest mosque in Africa and the third largest in the Middle East. Al-Fattah al-Aleem is a Sunni mosque with indoor and outdoor space for 17,000 worshippers. It is considered the second biggest mosque in Egypt after the Islamic



Sport Stadiums

Misir Stadium (Completed) and International Olympic City

The Misr Stadium (also known as Sports City Stadium) opened in 2024 with a capacity of over 93,900 people. It is the largest stadium in Egypt. The stadium is expected to replace the Cairo International Stadium as the new national stadium.



A whole mini city is being built as an sports complex and Olympic City for the country's bids for international sporting events,



International Airport (In Progress) and The Octagon (completed)

The Capital International Airport is the airport for Egypt's new capital, intended to relieve pressure on Cairo International Airport and the Sphinx International Airport, near the Giza Pyramids.

The Octagon is Egypt's new Ministry of Defence headquarters. The complex is considered the largest of its kind in the Middle East and one of the largest in the world. That the entire



About Lunch

We enjoy taking our guests 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 within those establishments 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.

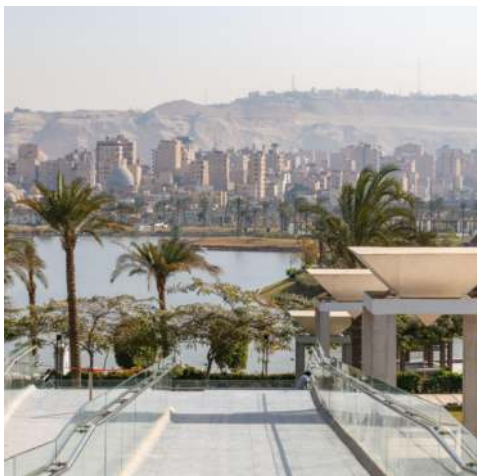


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Inclusions

This half day tour can be combined with other tours for a full day's activities and we particularly recommend combining it with the Mall of Egypt excursion. Please enquire at One Horizon for your options.

- Pick up at 9.30 am
- Air conditioned vehicle for your private tour
- Water
- All entrance fees, service charge, current taxes, and vat.
- 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
- Tips
- Alcoholic, soda or fruit juice drinks