



## The Art of Egypt - Mesmerizing and Unforgettable



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## The World of Egyptian Art

This will be an amazing day for those who seek to experience the interpretation of life and culture in a dynamic society that has made incredible contributions to the world. We will visit 3 Galleries and Museums which, at each, displays the artistic journeys and contributions of artists from across the Egyptian spectrum.

And along the way, we will stop for lunch at one of Cairo's leading restaurants that reveals another dimension of creativeness and achievement.

### The Pharaonic Influence

It will come as no surprise that the most prolific works of artistic endeavours in the world belong to the Egyptians. In every museum of the world, you will find art that belongs to the Egyptians. It's an impressive accomplishment. And a stroll around Cairo and a cruise along the Nile River is a testament to many things. Most notably the monuments, sculptures and tomb adornments of the first 3 dynastic periods. Their creative genius was embedded in their faith and ritual practices.

### Egyptian Museum of Islamic Art

But beyond the dynasties of the pharaohs, art in Egypt paralleled its political, social and economic history. Islamic art has emerged and gained prominence in the art world and its creators are rightly taking their place in forging a new relationship with a wider audience.

Islamic art with its myriad interpretations and applications has been spawned by a combination of the old generations of artists and the new young artists emerging from this amazing society

This tour will tantalise your interests and when you experience probably the greatest collection of Islamic art in the world, at the internationally renowned Egyptian Museum of Islamic Art, you will be on a quest to know and see more. An amazing day of revelation and passion that drives the artistic life of Egyptians

### The Museum of Islamic Art

The Museum of Islamic Art in Cairo is acknowledged as the largest museum specialising in Islamic Art in the world. Currently it houses over 100,000 artifacts covering all the different forms of Islamic Art from the various periods of Islamic history.



Its collection is comprehensive in quantity and quality of its coverage. This has made it a beacon of Islamic art and civilization throughout its history. It also became the 'go to' organisation and library for researchers and historians. It attracts visitors from all walks of life, who are interested in delving into the intricacies of Islamic sciences and disciplines such as medicine, engineering and astronomy.

Its collection includes metallic, glass and porcelain utensils, as well as jewellery, weapons, wood and ivory objects, textiles, carpets. The museum also has a large library that has a rich collection of specialized books and references covering a wide variety of topics like Islamic history, antiquities, art and architecture.

### **David Hussein Gallery**

Henein was renowned as a sculptor since the 1950s and rose to fame for the inspiration his art drew from ancient Egypt. He was awarded the Luxor Studio Scholarship for Distinguished Artists in the West Bank and Qurna in 1954 and 1955 and led the restoration of the Great Sphinx of Giza from 1989 to 1998.

After living in Paris, he returned to Egypt and started the International Sculpture Symposium in Aswan. He received many awards, including Egypt's State Medal and the Mubarak Award. Henein's art has been shown worldwide, from Alexandria to Rome, and displayed in world-class platforms like New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The main museum building consists of 3 floors, spread across the space of 700 meters, displaying an array of Adam's work, featuring sculptures, drawings, paintings, prints, and even textiles. In addition to the main building, the museum's garden is where Adam's pieces blend in with nature. This open space is where the museum's public audience get to sit down on the fresh grass and have a cup of coffee while having the chance to admire more of Adam's artworks.

Since Adam himself oversaw and supervised the process of establishing and equipping the museum, you walk around the space knowing that the artist himself chose every tiny detail around the museum.

### **Ramses Wissa Wassef Art Center**

Near the pyramids at Giza, the centre was founded in the early 1950s by the late architect Ramses Wissa Wassef as a weaving school. It has since evolved to comprise workshops and showrooms, a pottery and sculpture museum, houses and farm buildings, constructed entirely of mud brick.



For Wissa Wassef, vaulted and domed mud brick structures represented something quintessentially Egyptian as these forms had been adopted in turn by Paranoiac, Coptic and Islamic civilisations. The choice of this traditional technology also reflected his desire to transmit the values of handicraft to succeeding generations in a rapidly industrialising country.

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## The Museums and Galleries You Visit

**Egyptian Museum of Islamic Art** - the largest and most famous of Islamic Art Centres in the world

**David Hussein Gallery** - The David Hussein gallery and a museum dedicated to his sculptors and painting.

**Ramses Wissa Wassef Art Center** - The collection of tapestries and ceramics provide another dimension to artistic life in Egypt.



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### The Revolving Restaurant - Grand Nile Tower

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. The restaurant that is part of this experience is the revolving restaurant atop the Hilton Hotel. This is one of the top restaurants in Cairo and a chance to not only take in the stunning view of Cairo, but as a great interlude to captivating day





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## Inclusions

***This tour can be combined with other tours for a 2-3 day adventure in Cairo Please enquire at One Horizon for your options.***

- Private Tour
- Pick up and return in airconditioned comfort
- All entrance fees, service charge, current taxes, and vat.
- Lunch at one of Cairo's 5 star restaurants
- Services of an English-speaking guide

## Exclusions

- Personal expenditure
- Tips
- Alcoholic, soda or fruit juice drinks