



## The Great Gallery Art Tour - 4 Days



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## An Experience for Art Lovers

This is an experience for lovers of art. And it will come as no surprise that the most prolific works of artistic endeavours in the world belong to Egyptians. In every museum of the world, you will find art that Egyptians have created over the centuries. 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.

But this tour explores much more than the influence of the era of the pharaohs. It takes on a much broader perspective and delves into the expanse of Islamic art whether it be in architectural design and building, to ornate wall and ceiling decorations, to weaves, sculptors and so much more. And from the very breath and intensity of Islamic form, it looks through the ages and to the present. And we then delve into contemporary art forms of modern day artisans.

These artists embrace the challenges and highs of Egyptian life. Egyptian artists are taking their place on the world stage. The world is appreciating the creativeness, the intensity and the brilliance of these new artisans. And they confront the present and the past with moving, emotional and penetrating insight. And this experience will take you to galleries whose focus, amongst other things, has been to nurture the talents of those that are emerging. Of those who are interpreting life and pushing the boundaries much like their ancestors.

This tour focusses on a number of art centres, museums and contemporary art galleries including:

- The Islamic Art Centre
- The Adam Henein Museum and Gallery
- Ramses Wissa Wassef Art Center
- Wael Shawky Studio
- A Gallery tour of Zamalek including
  - Picasso Al Zamalek
  - Ubuntu Art Gallery
  - Misr Art Gallery

And along the way we will enjoy lunch at:

- The Rotating Restaurant (The Hilton Tower)
- El-Fishawy Café (Khan El Khalili Bazaar)



## **And Dinner**

- Nile River Cruise (Day 3)

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## **The Essentials of this Itinerary Are**

### **5 Stars All The Way**

- 5 Star Hotels in Cairo

### **Concierge Service in Cairo**

- Your concierge will meet you as you disembark your flight and/or in the Customs Halls.
- You will be ushered with priority through Customs and Immigration - no more waiting in long queues.
- All transfers will be accompanied by our staff and in air-conditioned comfort.

### **An App Which Keeps You in Contact with Love Ones**

- We can provide a personal Travel App for your phone, laptop or tablet that enables you to keep in direct contact with your friends and family and which gives you updates about any changes to your flights. The ultimate travelling companion!





### Day 1: Arrival into Cairo

Our representative will be on hand to facilitate you through Customs and Immigration

#### Transfers and Free Time

Our representative will then transfer you to your hotel. **The first of 3 nights at the Cairo Marriott (Nile River) 5 Star Hotel or equivalent.** Dinner at Own Expense.

**Optional Tours:** Depending on your arrival time into Cairo you may like to do some shopping at [Khan El Khalili Bazaar](#) or a Giza Pyramids excursion



### Day 2: An Experience for Art Lovers

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### 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.





### **An Incredible Collection**

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



### **Adam Henein Museum**

Adam 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.



### **Sought After the World Over**

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.







### Over 3 Floors and An Outside Garden

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.



### Lunch - The Revolving Restaurant

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.



### 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.





### A Visionary To the World of Expression

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 handcraft to succeeding generations in a rapidly industrialising country.



### A Unique Experiment

The [Ramses Wissa Wassef Art Center](#) was the home of a unique experiment in tapestry weaving that has produced extraordinary works admired and collected by museums and galleries around the world. And is ceramic creations was also a passion that drove him in his life.

**Overnight** – the second of 3 nights at the Cairo Marriott (Nile River) 5 Star Hotel. **B L included – Dinner at Own Expense.**



### Day 3 - Wael Shawky Studio

**Breakfast at your hotel before a pick up and off to our first venue for the day.**

Shawky gained international recognition for his works that trace the history of the Crusades through a Middle Eastern lens. Wael Shawky's work tackles notions of national, religious and artistic identity through film, performance and storytelling. Shawky frames contemporary culture through the lens of historical tradition and vice versa.







### Sure to Leave You Spell Bound

Mixing truth and fiction, childlike wonder and spiritual doctrine, Shawky has staged [epic recreations](#) of the medieval clashes between Muslims and Christians in his trilogy of puppets and marionettes. In 2024, Shawky was selected to represent Egypt at the 60th Venice Biennale.



### Gallery Tour of Zamalek

We undertake a gallery tour of Zamalek, a district known for its vibrant cultural scene and art venues. The tour includes visits to:

1. Picasso Al Zamalek,
2. Ubuntu Art Gallery and;
3. Misr Art Gallery.



### You can explore a range...

You can explore a range of contemporary and traditional artworks at each location. And in a care free way, you can pursue your interests at any 3 of these contemporary art galleries. They will inspire and motive you in various ways and introduce to many new and upcoming artists





### Lunch at El Fishawy Cafe

Khan El Khalili is the oldest bazaar in Egypt and has been operating 24 hours a day for 600 years. El-Fishawy café hosted many renowned figures like the French Military leader Napoléon Bonaparte, the famous German leader Rommel, Jean-Paul Sartre, Simone de Beauvoir in addition to Arab princes and Empress Eugenie who visited Egypt during Suez Canal inauguration in 1869. The Café also hosted former president Gamal Abdul Nasser.



### Free Time To Explore

The Khan El-Khalili Bazaar is a bustling, vibrant market that has been operating 24 hours a day for over 600 years. For travellers to Cairo, it's a must-see for visitors who want to experience the heartbeat of Egypt. Located in the heart of Islamic Cairo, the bazaar is lined with shops, restaurants and cafes selling everything from spices to jewellery to souvenirs.



### A Night Time Dinner Cruise

**In** late afternoon we will return to your hotel.

### Evening Nile Cruise & Dinner

Enjoy your last night with a dinner cruise which features traditional belly dancing and singers. You are picked up and returned to the hotel at the end of the evening.

**Overnight – the third of 3 nights at the Cairo Marriott (Nile River) 5 Star Hotel.**





#### **Day 4 Your Last Day**

**Breakfast:** Enjoy breakfast prior to your departure.

**Checkout** times can be arranged with the hotel and depending on your departure time you have the options of additional tour. Please consult One Horizon for your options

**Transfers** You will be transferred to Cairo International Airport for your ongoing journey at a prearranged time and also facilitate your movement through Immigration

**End of Tour**







## Inclusions

This tour can be combined with other tours for a great Egyptian experience. Please enquire at One Horizon for your options.

- Small Group Tour (8 Maximum)
- Pick up and return in airconditioned comfort
- All entrance fees, service charge, current taxes, and vat.
- Lunch as per itinerary on Days 2 and 3.
- Dinner on Day 3
- 2 Hours free time shopping in Khan El Khalili Bazaar
- Services of an English-speaking guide

## Exclusions

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