

Coptic Cairo Trip To Cave Church of Saint Simon

Price Starting From : \$50

4 Hours
Egypt
Cairo
Everyday

Enjoy a trip to Cairo's neighborhoods. Through your tour of the monastery of Samaan Al Kharaz, learn the most important information about religion and who Samaan Al Kharaz was. Through your tour of the monastery of Samaan Al Kharaz, learn the most important information about religion and who Samaan Al Kharaz was. The Church of St Simeon Al Kharaz is a living example of the transformation from suffering to faith, thanks to the efforts of the Zabaleen community, the church has become a tourist attraction for visitors from all over the world, witnessing an amazing story of faith and defiance.

The Coptic Orthodox Church is rich in many ancient monasteries, as they were established in the first centuries AD, and they occupy a great position in Egypt and the world.

An ancient monastery is considered to be one that was established a long time ago, and in Egyptian law, anything that is more than 100 years old is considered ancient, and of course, the oldest is the most ancient. Enjoy a trip from Cairo Coptic trips with Cairo Top Tours and discover the Christian history in Egypt.

Overview

Inclusion

- All fees and taxes
- Shopping excursions in Cairo
- Glasses of water during your Tours
- Pick-up services from the airport & return.
- A professional guide who speaks fluent English
- Delicious lunch in a good quality local restaurant.
- All sightseeing entrance costs are listed in the itinerary above.
- Cairo Top Tours provides all transportation in a private, air-conditioned car.

Exclusion

- Tipping
- Any additions
- Personal costs
- Prices apply for Egypt Easter trips and Egypt Christmas and New Year excursions.

Itinerary

Half Day Tour to the Cave Church and the Garbage City in Cairo

You will be met at the airport by Cairo Top Tours representatives and transferred to Mokattam. Mokattam Mountain in Egypt is associated with many stories, some religious and others historical. There are also stories that were formulated by the collective popular mind, both Muslim and Christian. Learn with our guide about the most important stories of Mokattam Mountain, a haven for monks and Sufis alike.

The monk explained that the church was officially established on April 13, 1974, after the Cairo governor decided in late 1969 to move Cairo's garbage collectors to a remote area on one of the peaks of Mokattam Mountain to live there. He points out that this area and its oddities caught the attention of a Polish tourist named Mario, who came to visit Egypt years ago and felt the desire to stay in the monastery.

During his stay, he was able to carve a wooden tablet of Saint Simon the Tanner. When Father Simon, the church's pastor and head of the monastery, admired him, he asked him to carve statues telling the lives of the saints inside the rocks, to serve as an exhibition telling their stories to visitors to the place. He settled in Egypt and lived inside the monastery, married an Egyptian woman from Upper Egypt, and devoted himself to carving the rocks of this mountain, which turned into a museum for statues of saints.

Farouk Sharaf, an international restoration expert, points out in his study on the history and architecture of the monastery that Samaan al-Dabbagh lived in the tenth century in Egypt during the rule of the Fatimid Caliph al-Mu'izz, and during the reign of the Coptic patriarch Abram the Syrian (975-979 AD). Little is known about the details of his life except that he is one of the saints of the Coptic Orthodox Church, where he is attributed, according to church tradition, with the miracle of moving or moving Mount Mokattam, through Coptic church sources.

Learn more about this monastery and after taking photos and enjoying its interior, you will be transferred back to the airport or to your hotel.