

# Affordable Overnight Trip to Alexandria from Cairo

**Price Starting From : \$75**

2 Days

Egypt

Alexandria

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Embark on a once-in-a-lifetime adventure without breaking the bank with our budget overnight tour to Alexandria from Cairo, departing daily by private vehicle with an expert Egyptologist guide.

Among our various budget-friendly Cairo day tours, this Alexandria overnight trip is perfect for those eager to explore the ruins of the ancient city of Alexandria, founded by the legendary Alexander the Great in the 4th century BCE.

Though much of its former glory has faded, what remains of this city, perched on the Mediterranean, is captivating. Alexandria's history bridges the Pharaonic era with the Greco-Roman period in Egypt, and even played a role in the Islamic conquest. Often regarded as Egypt's second capital after Cairo, its historical significance is undeniable.

### **Features:**

- Visit archaeological sites.
- Explore the renowned Library of Alexandria.
- One night's accommodation in an Alexandria hotel, including breakfast.

### Overview

#### **Inclusion**

- Transportation services from any hotel in Cairo or Giza during our Cairo budget tours.
- Travel to and from Alexandria will be in a private air-conditioned vehicle provided by Cairo Top Tours.
- Professional English-speaking tour guide will accompany you on your budget overnight tour to Alexandria from Cairo.
- Bottled water will be provided during your Alexandria overnight trip from Cairo.
- Shopping during Alexandria excursions is available upon request.
- Taxes and service charges for Egypt day tours are included.

#### **Exclusion**

- Any extras not listed in the itinerary of our overnight tour to Alexandria from Cairo are not included.
- Tipping is not included in the tour price.
- Entrance fees to all sites in Alexandria are not included.
- Accommodation for 1 night in the Alexandria hotel is not included.
- Additional extras not mentioned in the itinerary are not included.
- Beverages during meals are not included.
- Prices do not apply to Christmas, New Year, or Easter tours in Egypt.

## Day 1: Cairo to Alexandria - The Roman Ruins

Based on the agreed pick-up time with your tour operator, our accredited tour guide will meet you anywhere in Cairo and accompany you in a private air-conditioned vehicle for your budget overnight tour to Alexandria. The drive, which takes about 2.5 hours, includes a stop to stretch your legs. Along the way, your guide will provide a historical background of the region.

Upon arrival in Alexandria, your excursions will begin with a visit to Pompey's Pillar, a remarkable architectural feat located amidst the ruins of the Alexandrian Serapeum. This Serapeum was a grand temple from the Greek era in Egypt, built during the Ptolemaic period, and dedicated to the god Serapis, who was believed to protect Alexandria.

Next, you'll explore the Catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa, one of the largest Roman catacombs. Originally carved for Pharaonic purposes, these catacombs were later adapted by the Romans. They were in use until the late 4th century AD and are about 6 meters in diameter and 10 meters deep, with a staircase leading down to three levels of catacombs.

For lunch, you'll head to the main Corniche street overlooking the Mediterranean, where you can enjoy a delicious seafood meal (not included) at one of Alexandria's top restaurants, with views of the old harbour and a refreshing lemon mint juice. Afterward, you'll check into your hotel for the night.

If you're interested in exploring further in the evening, your private tour guide can meet you to take a walk and sample some of Alexandria's famous desserts.

Also, check out our budget Cairo day tours and affordable excursions, such as the Budget Tour to the Giza Pyramids and the Sphinx, among our Egypt excursions!

## Day 2: Qaitbay Citadel - Alexandria Bibliotheca - Back to Cairo

Enjoy lunch at the hotel before meeting your tour guide and personal driver for another exciting day trip in Alexandria. Today's experience will be quite different from yesterday's as you'll visit the Citadel of Qaitbay, built on the ruins of the ancient Lighthouse of Pharos, one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

Unfortunately, the lighthouse was destroyed by a severe earthquake in the 6th century, causing much of ancient Alexandria's monuments to be lost or submerged. While the exact appearance of the lighthouse remains unknown, the Mamluk Sultan Qaitbay used its solid foundations to build a coastal fortress against the Ottoman Empire.

On your way back to Cairo, you'll stop by the modern Library of Alexandria, which opened to the public in 1996 with the help of UNESCO. Although it cannot rival the original Library founded in the early 3rd century BCE by Ptolemy I and expanded by his successor Ptolemy II, it remains a significant cultural landmark.

You'll be transferred back to Cairo, with an optional stop for a hot drink at one of the rest stops during the 2-hour drive to the capital. We hope you enjoyed your overnight trip to Alexandria from Cairo.

Also, check out our Egypt honeymoon packages!