



Tour Name

Saqqara and Memphis

Tour City

Cairo

Tour Snapshot

Saqqara and Memphis have a lot going for them: less tourists, less traffic, and some pretty impressive credentials. Join this Cairo tour to see the oldest stone pyramid in the world and the ancient capital of Lower Egypt.

Highlights

- Explore the legendary pyramids of Saqqara, including the famous Step Pyramid
- Immerse yourself in ridiculously ancient history with a visit to Memphis, the ancient capital of Lower Egypt and the Old Kingdom of Egypt
- Engage with your local guide to get a unique insight into Egypt's history and customs.

Inclusions: Local English speaking guide, entrance fees to Saqqara and Memphis, transportation.

Exclusions: Food and drink, items of a personal nature, tips / gratuities for your guide.

Schedule details

- Duration: 4 hours
- Meeting point:
King Hotel Reception, 20 Abdel Rahim Sabry Street, Dokki, Cairo.
- Find the exact meeting point with what3words: [///plugged.trace.chestnuts](https://www.what3words.com/tracechestnuts)
- Starting time: 8.00 AM
- Ending point:
King Hotel.

Full Itinerary

Time for a time warp and some sweet pyramids. Ready?!

Located approximately 30 km south of modern-day Cairo, Saqqara is a vast, ancient burial ground in Egypt with the world's oldest standing step pyramid. It's the first stop on our day tour from Cairo, and certainly is an impressive way to start the day. Designed by Imhotep for King Djoser (c.2667-2648 BC), the Step Pyramid is the oldest complete stone-hewn building complex known in history, and is surrounded by other small pyramids dating back to the 5th and 6th Dynasties.

Although Saqqara was eclipsed as the burial ground of royalty by Giza and the Valley of the Kings in Thebes (near Luxor), it remained an important complex for burials and cult ceremonies for more than 3,000 years.

Next up, we're off to Memphis, which functioned as the ancient capital of Lower Egypt and of the Old Kingdom of Egypt from its foundation until around 2200 BC. The modern towns of Dahshur and Saqqara lie within the administrative borders of historical Memphis. Wander around, explore, and immerse yourself in the atmosphere of some really, really old cities. Careful not to stand in place for too long - you might mummify!

Just kidding.

Shake off the dust of the past, bid farewell to these decidedly less touristy pyramids, and conclude your Cairo pyramids tour by heading back to the big, modern city. It'll be a stark contrast to Saqqara and Memphis, but we're pretty sure you can handle it.

Following recent safety incidents we recommend that you check your government's advice for their latest information on travelling in Egypt before your departure and ensure that your travel insurance covers you for all areas of your itinerary. We have links to prominent government travel advisories and regular updates on issues affecting this trip on our Travel Alerts page - www.intrepidtravel.com/au/travel-alerts.

Additional information

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Dress standard: Please dress modestly, yet considering the heat. Shoulders and knees should be covered, and light fabrics like cotton are advisable.

Your Trip: This trip is offered on a "join-in" basis. Maximum group size is 12

Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at the start point. Get in touch if you have any concerns or require more information via the email address or phone number (business hours only) on your voucher.

Closure of sites: During Ramadan, the koshary restaurant may not be open. In that case, the koshary dish will be replaced by falafel sandwiches.

Child Policy: Children between the ages of 6 and 11 inclusively are permitted on this tour at the rate listed above. Please select 'child' above when booking. Children below the age of 6 are not permitted on this tour.

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