

Full-Day Memphis, Saqqara & Dahshur Pyramids Tour

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About

Discover the origins of ancient Egyptian civilization on a full-day tour to Memphis, Saqqara, and Dahshur. Explore the remains of Egypt's ancient capital, admire the Step Pyramid of Djoser, and uncover the fascinating story behind the early experiments that led to the construction of Egypt's iconic pyramids.

Travel beyond Cairo to explore three remarkable archaeological sites that reveal how ancient Egyptian architects developed their extraordinary pyramid-building techniques. From colossal royal statues to the earliest monumental stone pyramid complex and the distinctive Bent Pyramid, this journey offers a deeper understanding of Egypt's ancient history and architectural achievements.

Why book with Journey To Egypt?

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Why You'll Love This

- Explore Ancient Memphis: Discover the remains of Egypt's ancient capital and see the impressive colossal statue of Ramses II.
- Visit the Step Pyramid of Djoser: Stand before one of the earliest monumental stone pyramid complexes in history at Saqqara.
- Discover the Bent Pyramid: Learn how ancient Egyptian architects experimented with pyramid design at Dahshur.
- See the Red Pyramid: Admire one of the earliest successful smooth-sided pyramids in Egypt.
- Uncover Egypt's Ancient History: Explore three extraordinary archaeological sites that reveal the evolution of royal tombs and pyramid construction.

Important to Know

Not Suitable For:

- Travelers with claustrophobia or anxiety in enclosed spaces, if they plan to enter the interior chambers of the pyramids. Visiting the archaeological sites and viewing the pyramids from the outside does not require entering enclosed spaces.

Optional On-Site Fees:

- Inside the Pyramids: Entrance to the interior chambers of the Step Pyramid of Djoser, the Bent Pyramid, or the Red Pyramid may require separate tickets, depending on current access arrangements. These tickets are not included in the tour price unless explicitly stated in your booking.
- Availability: Entry is subject to site opening schedules, ticket availability, and local regulations. Access cannot be guaranteed in advance.

Know Before You Go:

- Seamless Hotel Pickup: Round-trip transportation from your hotel in Cairo or Giza is included. Please provide your hotel name and address when booking.

What to Pack:

- Bring a bottle of water, a sun hat, sunscreen, and cash for personal expenses and tipping.
- Comfortable walking shoes and lightweight, breathable clothing are recommended.
- Walking Conditions: The tour involves walking through archaeological sites, where some paths and surfaces may be uneven.
- Full-Day Excursion: The itinerary covers Memphis, Saqqara, and Dahshur. The order of visits may vary depending on local conditions and site accessibility.

Related Cities



Cairo

Egypt

Included

- Entrance fees to the mentioned sites.
- Hotel pickup and drop-off.
- Delicious local lunch
- Professional, licensed tour guide
- Air-conditioned vehicle transportation

Excluded

- Drinks during lunch
- Tickets to go inside the pyramids
- Personal shopping & tips

Day By Day Itinerary

Day 1

Your day begins with hotel pickup in Cairo or Giza, followed by a drive south to explore three of Egypt's most important archaeological destinations.

Memphis – The Ancient Capital of Egypt

Begin your journey in Memphis, the ancient capital of Egypt and one of the most influential cities of the Old Kingdom. Located south of modern Cairo, Memphis was once a major political and religious center of ancient Egyptian civilization.

Explore the open-air museum and see remarkable archaeological remains, including the colossal limestone statue of Ramses II. Discover the historical significance of this once-great city and learn how it played a central role in the development of ancient Egypt.

Saqqara – Home of the Step Pyramid of Djoser

Continue to Saqqara, an extensive ancient burial ground that served the nearby capital of Memphis for thousands of years. The highlight of your visit is the Step Pyramid of Djoser, widely recognized as the earliest monumental stone pyramid in Egypt and a landmark in the evolution of pyramid construction.

Explore the surrounding funerary complex and discover the architectural innovations that transformed royal tombs into monumental stone structures. Saqqara remains one of Egypt's richest archaeological sites, with ongoing excavations continuing to reveal tombs, coffins, statues, and other remarkable discoveries that shed new light on ancient Egyptian burial traditions.

Dahshur – The Bent Pyramid and the Red Pyramid

Your final stop is Dahshur, a royal necropolis renowned for its remarkable pyramids and its importance in the development of ancient Egyptian architecture.

Discover the Bent Pyramid, one of Egypt's most distinctive pyramids, famous for its unusual change in slope. Its shape reflects an important stage in the evolution of pyramid construction, as ancient builders refined their techniques to create smooth-sided pyramids.

You will also see the Red Pyramid, one of the earliest successful smooth-sided pyramids in Egypt and a major architectural achievement of Pharaoh Sneferu. Together, these monuments provide a fascinating glimpse into the experimentation, engineering, and ambition that paved the way for the great pyramids of Giza.

After exploring Dahshur, return to Cairo or Giza, where your tour concludes with a drop-off at your hotel.

Prices

Explore our plans and start your journey.

Persons (From)	Journey price	general.old_price
Per person from 6 Persons	\$185	-
Per person from 5 Persons	\$195	-
Per person from 4 Persons	\$205	-
Per person from 3 Persons	\$215	-
Per person from 2 Persons	\$245	-
One Person Traveling Alone	\$350	-

Location & Meeting Point

Meeting point: Hotel pick-up and drop-off from your accommodation or hotel lobby are included.

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