



Alexandria Extension
3 Days / 2 Nights



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ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Catacombs of Kom El Shuqqafa, Pompey's Pillar and Fort of Qaitbay.
- National Museum, Alexandria Bibliotheca and Roman Amphitheatre.
- Wadi El Natrun Monasteries.

ACCOMMODATION

City:	Alexandria
Number of Nights:	2
Hotels:	http://www.egitalloyd.com/Hotels/Alexandria

INCLUDES

- Meeting, greeting and assistance upon arrival & departure.
- All tours indicated in our program are provided by a private deluxe van A/C with English speaking guide.
- Private English-speaking guide in Alexandria.
- **2** Nights at Alexandria hotels including daily buffet breakfast.
- All taxes & service charges.

EXCLUDES

- Cost of optional tours; items not specifically mentioned as included.
- Excess baggage charges.
- Meals not shown as included in the itinerary.
- Items of personal nature such as Room service; laundry; phone calls, bottled water & beverages with meals etc.
- Tipping and Gratuities.

'AT A GLANCE' ITINERARY

DATE	DAY DESCRIPTION	MEALS
Day 01	Catacombs of Kom El Shuqqafa, Pompey's Pillar and Fort of Qaitbay.	B
Day 02	National Museum, Alexandria Bibliotheca and Roman Amphitheatre.	B
Day 03	Wadi El Natrun Monasteries.	B

*B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

ITINERARY

Day 1 | Drive to Alexandria.

Meals Included: Breakfast.

Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Meet your guide at the lobby, leave the hotel and drive to Alexandria to start your tour with the **Catacombs of Kom Shuqqafa**, which are the largest known Roman burial site in Egypt; they consist of three tiers of burial tombs, chambers and hallways.

Continue to **Pompey's Pillar**, which is a massive 25-metre-high pink granite pillar that measures 9 meters around its girth. When the Christian Crusaders came to Egypt, they credited this to Pompei, however the pillar is in fact all that remains of the very grand Serapeum. The pillar was erected in 297 AD in the center of the Serapeum for Diocletian, and when the Crusaders came around 100 years later, they destroyed the Serapeum and Cleopatra's library leaving only the pillar standing.

Free time for lunch "on your own".

Then to **Fort of Qaitbay**, erected on the northern tip of the Eastern Port on the site of the ancient Pharos of Alexandria, the fort design is influenced by both medieval architecture and by the lighthouse original layout. The fort also houses the Naval Museum.

Transfer to your hotel to check-in.

Enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.

Dinner on your own.

Overnight in Alexandria.

Day 2 | National Museum / Alexandria Bibliotheca / Roman Amphitheatre.

Meals Included: Breakfast.

Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Meet your guide at the lobby and start your sightseeing by visiting the **New National Museum**, which contains statues, bas reliefs, pottery, jewelry, marble pieces and other artifacts, all of which give you a picture of the grandeur of Alexandria in its Greek and Roman days, also contains some of the Pharaonic statues.

Continue to The **Library of Alexandria**, which was reborn in October 2002 to reclaim the mantle of its ancient namesake. It is not just an extraordinarily beautiful building; it is also a vast complex where the arts, history, philosophy, and science come together. Moreover, the myriad activities it offers have made it a place for open discussion, dialogue, and understanding.

Free time for lunch "on your own".

Then to The **Roman Amphitheatre**, which was only rediscovered recently and it is the only amphitheatre that the Romans built in Egypt. There are 13 white-marble terraces

that are arranged around the arena, and they are in excellent condition. Excavation work is still under way, although the dig has shifted a little to the north of the theatre. Continue to Villa of the Birds to see stunning mosaics of birds that adorn the walls and the floor. Located next to the Roman Amphitheatre of Kom El- Dikka, the villa is one the newest discoveries in Alexandria.

Enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.

Dinner on your own.

Overnight in Alexandria.

Day 3| Drive back to Cairo.

Meals Included: Breakfast.

Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Check out after breakfast.

Meet your guide in the lobby and drive to Cairo, visit **Wadi El Natrun Monasteries** enroute. Begin your tour with The **Monastery of Baramus** which is very probably the first monastery established in Wadi El-Natrun. The modern name of the monastery, **al-Baramus**, is Arabic and is derived from the **Coptic christian Pa-Rameos**, which means "that of the Romans" in the honor of Maximus and Domidus, two sons of the Roman Emperor Valentinus who died from excessive fasting. Their bodies were buried in a crypt below the Church of the Virgin, then to The **Monastery of El Suryan**, which was built to be dedicated to Virgin Mary. The monastery consists of the enclosure wall, the tower, The Church of the Holy Virgin, the Church of St. Honnos and Marutha, the Church of St. John the Little, The Refectory, a rich library with hundreds of manuscripts and a museum.

Upon arrival in Cairo, you will be transferred to your hotel for check-in.

Free time for lunch "on your own".

Enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.

Dinner on your own.

Overnight in Cairo.