

# Half-Day Tour to Old Coptic Cairo

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## tour.duration

4 hrs

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## tour.overview

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Stroll through Coptic Cairo as you visit the Hanging Church and Babylon Fortress.

Visit the Cavern Church, where Jesus and the Virgin Mary were hiding.

Explore the Synagogue and learn the history of the Jewish people.

## tour.itinerary

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### Day 1

#### Itinerary

Feel the relaxation of your soul when you go to Old Coptic Cairo. Be blessed when you step into the place where Virgin Mary and baby Jesus were hiding away from King Herod.

It is a very sacred and holy area as it contains 14 churches and a Jewish synagogue. The tour starts with the ruins of the Babylon Fortress. The fort dates back to the 1st century A.D and it consists of three main towers. One of them is still in situ. Go for a visit to the Hanging Church, one of the most beautiful churches that were built in

the 5th century. Consecrated to Virgin Mary, The church was built above one of the towers of the fort of Babylon. It has 110 beautiful icons and once was the seat of the Patriarch in the 14th century. Your guide will explain to you all about the church and its beautiful ceiling, screens of the altars, pulpit, and all of its basic components.

After this impressive visit, move to the Cavern church or the church of St Sergius and Bacchus. Thousands of visitors come annually to this church to visit the cave where Jesus the baby and Virgin Mary were hiding for 3 months. They stayed there during the journey of escape in Egypt. Go downstairs and make your wishes in the same place where the baby used to sleep and the mother used to stay and pray.

Upstairs, look at the water well from which the holy family drank. The religious tolerance in Egypt is embodied by your visit to the oldest Jewish temple in [Cairo](#). Ben Ezra temple is one among the other 11 synagogues in Egypt and is named after a merchant from Jerusalem called Ben Ezra. You will be given a full history of the synagogue and the history, customs, and traditions of the Jewish community in Egypt. When the tour is over, you will be transferred to your hotel.

## **tour.included**

English-speaking Egyptologist guide.

Entrance fees.

Hotel pick-up and drop-off

Transport on air -conditioned vehicle

Bottled water

# Exclusion

Gratuities(recommended)

Food and drinks, unless specified

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## tour.price

99\$ /Per Person