

# Half Day Tour to Monastery of St Simon

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## tour.duration Tour Type Tour Runs

4 hrs                      Private Tour    Every Day

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## tour.overview

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Journey to Elephantine Island on camelback.

Explore the Monastery of St Simeon, first dedicated to the local saint Anba Hedra.

Personal Egyptologist and hotel transfer included.

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## tour.itinerary

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### Day 1

#### Itinerary

Today you will join Your [Egypt Tours](#) on a camel ride to the southern tip of Elephantine Island where you will find St Simeon's Monastery, an ancient, abandoned fortress-monastery mostly built during the 7th century and located near Aswan. The monastery was given the name St Simeon by archaeologists and travelers, but earlier Arabic and Coptic sources called it Anba Hedra, after an anchorite who was

consecrated a bishop of Syene (now Aswan) by Patriarch Theophilus (385-412 AD).

Anba Hatred married at the age of eighteen. Tradition says that just after the wedding, he encountered a funeral procession which inspired him to preserve his chastity and later become a disciple of Saint Baiman. After eight years of ascetic practices under the supervision of his teacher, he retired to the desert and applied himself to the study of the life of Saint Antony. He died during the time of Theodosius I.

## **tour.included**

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Camel ride

Entrance fees

Qualified Egyptologist guide

Hotel/port pickup and drop off

## **Exclusion**

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Gratuities (recommended)

Food and drinks, unless specified



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**121\$** /Per Person