

CAIRO PRIVATE MUSEUM TOUR GUIDE



Egyptian Museum & National Museum of Egyptian Civilization

A private, Egyptologist-guided Cairo tour through
7,000 years of history — from the treasures of Tahrir
Square to the Royal Mummies Hall in Old Cairo.

Downtown Cairo & Fustat, Old Cairo

Private Tour · English-Speaking Egyptologist Guide

PRIVATE TOUR

SKIP-THE-LINE

HOTEL PICKUP

1 Tour Overview

This private Cairo museum tour combines two of Egypt's most important collections in a single, comfortable day: the historic Egyptian Museum in Tahrir Square, home to Tutankhamun's original galleries and over a century of archaeological history, and the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization (NMEC) in Fustat, famous for its Royal Mummies Hall. Traveling with a private Egyptologist guide and dedicated vehicle, you'll move between both museums at your own pace, with skip-the-line access and hotel pickup included.

Together, these two museums tell the full story of ancient Egypt — from early royal dynasties and the golden age of the pharaohs to the mummification rituals, daily life, and cultural continuity that shaped modern Egypt. It's an ideal complement for travelers who have already visited, or plan to visit, the Grand Egyptian Museum on the Giza Plateau.

2 Museums

Tahrir Square & Fustat, Old Cairo

Full / Half Day

Flexible private itinerary

Private Guide

Licensed Egyptologist, English-speaking

Hotel Pickup

Door-to-door private transport

Why Book This Cairo Museum Tour

Both museums are located within easy reach of Downtown Cairo, but they cover different eras and collections. Visiting them together — with a private guide who explains what connects the pharaonic treasures of Tahrir to the Royal Mummies of Fustat — gives first-time visitors to Cairo a complete, chronological introduction to ancient Egyptian civilization in one well-organized day.

2 The Egyptian Museum, Tahrir Square

Opened in 1902 in the heart of Downtown Cairo, the Egyptian Museum is one of the world's oldest and most iconic archaeological museums, housing more than 100 halls of statues, jewelry, sarcophagi, and royal artifacts spanning thousands of years of pharaonic history.

Tutankhamun's Original Galleries

The museum still displays a significant part of the young pharaoh's funerary collection, including iconic pieces discovered in 1922, alongside the story of the tomb's excavation.

Historic Neoclassical Building

Designed by French architect Marcel Dourgnon, the museum's salmon-pink building is itself a landmark of Downtown Cairo, overlooking Tahrir Square.

Royal Statues, Jewelry & Sarcophagi

Over 100 halls hold pieces from the Old, Middle, and New Kingdoms through the Greco-Roman period — from colossal royal statues to intricate gold jewelry and inscribed sarcophagi.

Note: since the opening of the Grand Egyptian Museum, some collections have been relocated to GEM, but the Tahrir Square museum continues to operate as a major historic institution and remains a highlight of any Cairo private tour.

3 National Museum of Egyptian Civilization

Located in Fustat, Old Cairo, overlooking Ain el-Sira Lake, the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization (NMEC) tells the continuous story of Egypt — from prehistoric times through the Pharaonic, Greco-Roman, Coptic, and Islamic eras, all the way to the modern day.

The Royal Mummies Hall

The museum's signature attraction: 22 royal mummies — 18 kings and 4 queens, including Ramses II, Thutmose III, and Hatshepsut — displayed in a dramatic, climate-controlled hall designed to feel like an undisturbed royal tomb. Photography is not permitted inside this hall.

A Chronological Journey Through Egyptian History

Thematic galleries trace daily life, writing, craftsmanship, and belief systems across every era of Egyptian civilization, making NMEC especially accessible for first-time visitors.

Modern, Purpose-Built Museum

Inaugurated in 2021, NMEC is a state-of-the-art facility with spacious, well-lit halls, bilingual signage, and some of the most advanced conservation labs in the Middle East.

4 Practical Information & FAQ

Museum	Location	Approx. Foreign Adult Ticket*
Egyptian Museum	Tahrir Square, Downtown Cairo	~\$11 (approx. EGP 550)
National Museum of Egyptian Civilization	Fustat, Old Cairo	~\$11 (approx. EGP 550)

* Prices are approximate, set by Egypt's Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, and subject to change. Tour prices for this private package typically include entry tickets, private transport, and a licensed guide — always confirm current inclusions and rates when booking.



Can I visit both museums in one day?

Yes. This is the main advantage of booking a private tour: your guide and driver manage the route between Tahrir Square and Fustat efficiently, so you can comfortably see both museums in a single full-day itinerary.

Are the Royal Mummies at the Egyptian Museum or NMEC?

The Royal Mummies Hall is at the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization (NMEC) in Fustat — not at the Egyptian Museum in Tahrir Square, and not at the Grand Egyptian Museum in Giza.

Is this tour suitable for first-time visitors to Cairo?

Yes. Together, the two museums offer a clear, chronological overview of ancient Egyptian history, making this an ideal starting point before visiting the Pyramids or the Grand Egyptian Museum.

Is photography allowed?

Photography is generally allowed in most galleries at both museums, but it is strictly prohibited inside the Royal Mummies Hall at NMEC.

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This booklet is a general introductory guide to the Egyptian Museum (Tahrir Square) and the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization (NMEC). For final, up-to-date information on hours, prices, and booking conditions, always refer to official museum channels before your visit.

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