

Amarna, El-Minia, Egypt

Abandoned by pharaohs and forgotten by time, Akhenaten's short-lived capital rises from the desert cliffs of Middle Egypt — its painted tombs and boundary stelae intact after 3,300 years. Nile river cruise ships moor directly at the riverside for one of Egypt's most haunting shore days.

 River moorage / Nile bank  Typical call: 6-8 hrs  Egyptian Pound (EGP)  Arabic  Archaeological site

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Nile river cruise ships moor along the east bank at El-Till; no tender required

Best For: Egyptology enthusiasts, off-the-beaten-path history, Amarna art and Akhenaten's story

Walk to centre: Visitor Centre is steps from the mooring; ruins span 12+ km — a vehicle is essential

Don't Miss: North Tombs reliefs, the Royal Tomb in the Royal Wadi, and the Visitor Centre replica house

 Getting around:  Taxi  Negotiable

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **North Tombs of Amarna** — Six richly decorated rock-cut tombs of Akhenaten's senior courtiers — including Huya, Meryra and Ahmose — preserving...
- **Royal Tomb & Royal Wadi** — A 30-minute desert drive up the Royal Wadi leads to Akhenaten's own tomb (TA26) — where his daughter Princess Meketaten...
- **Amarna Visitor Centre & Small Aten Temple** — The riverside Visitor Centre gives context for the site before you explore.
- **South Tombs & Kom el-Nana** — The southern cluster of noble tombs (including the tomb of Ay) and the enclosure of Kom el-Nana — believed to be a sun...
- **North Palace & North City** — The North Palace was likely a residence for the royal family — its painted 'Green Room' frieze of birds in a papyrus...

BEST WALKS

- **Riverside Walk — El-Till to Visitor Centre** 1.5 km · 20 min · Easy · Flat — A short, flat stroll along the Nile corniche from the ship mooring through the village of El-Till to the Amarna Visitor Centre.
- **North City Ground Walk** 2 km · 30 min · Easy · Unpaved desert — From the Visitor Centre, walk south along the edge of the ancient North City — the outlines of grand mansion compounds are visible as...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	88°	62°	0d
Jun	100°	75°	0d
Aug	101°	78°	0d
Sep	97°	74°	0d
Oct	89°	67°	0d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:31AM–6:21PM · Jun 6:00AM–7:53PM · Aug 6:27AM–7:34PM ·
Sep 6:41AM–7:00PM · Oct 6:56AM–6:27PM

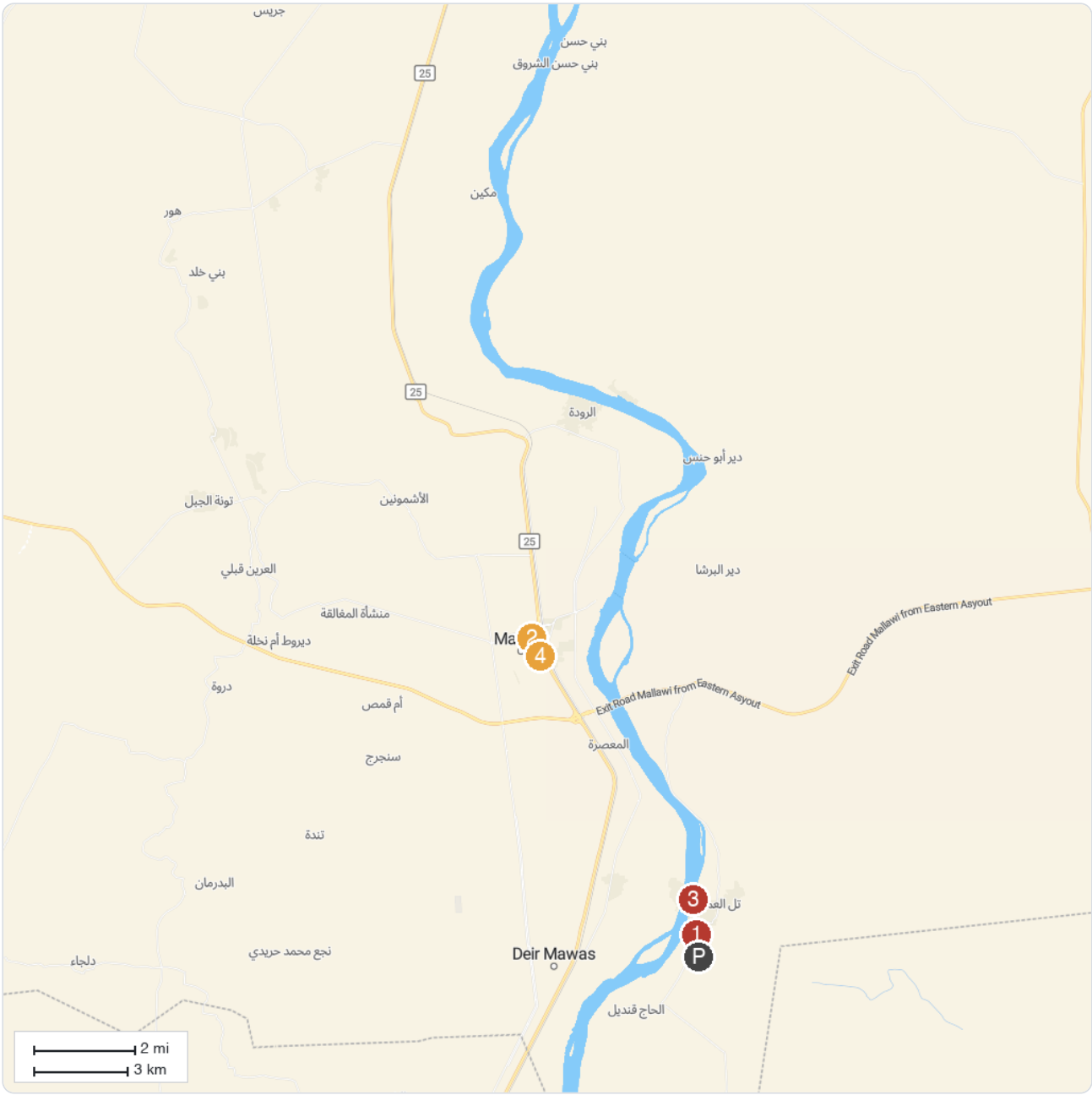
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Rent a vehicle through your cruise line. The site spans 12+ km — trying to walk between the North Tombs, the Royal Wadi and the South Tombs on foot is impossible in a single shore

Amarna, El-Minia, Egypt — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1

Great Aten Temple
Ruins of Akhenaten's main temple to the sun god Aten.
- 2

Mallawi Museum
Regional museum displaying ancient Egyptian artifacts, including Amarna finds.
- 3

Tell el Amarna Visitor Center
مركز زوار تل العمارنة
Information center for the ancient city of Amarna archaeological site.
- 4

مسجد اليوسفي
A local mosque in El-Minia for daily prayers.
- P

Cruise port / terminal