

# Aswan, Upper Egypt, Egypt

Where the Nile narrows between granite boulders and ancient Nubian temples rise from rescued islands, Aswan is the soul of Upper Egypt — unhurried, golden, and genuinely spectacular.

Docked (Nile riverbank quay)

Typical call: 1–2 days

Egyptian Pound (EGP)

Arabic (English widely spoken in tourism)

## 🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrive: \_\_\_\_\_

All aboard: \_\_\_\_\_

Excursion: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Riverside quay along the Nile, central Aswan — ships berth directly to the bank

**Best For:** Ancient temples, Nubian culture, felucca rides, Abu Simbel day trips

**Walk to center:** The Corniche promenade starts right at the quay; Aswan souk is a 10-min walk

**Don't Miss:** Philae Temple at golden hour — arrive by boat from Shellal dock for the best views

Getting around: **Taxi** \$2–\$5 local / \$20–\$25 port transfer · **Rideshare** inDrive

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Philae Temple & Motorboat Crossing** — Dedicated to the goddess Isis and relocated stone-by-stone to Agilkia Island after the High Dam flooded its original...
  - **Abu Simbel Temples Day Trip** — Ramses II carved these colossal temples into a Nubian cliff face around 1264 BC.
  - **Aswan High Dam & Unfinished Obelisk** — The 1970 High Dam tamed the Nile and created Lake Nasser — a modern
- marvel worth seeing.

  - **Nubian Village Visit** — Cross the Nile by motorboat to the west bank or Elephantine Island for a vivid Nubian village: brightly painted houses...
  - **Felucca Sail at Sunset** — Hire a traditional wooden felucca for a slow tack around Elephantine Island as the sun drops behind the dunes.

## BEST WALKS

- **Corniche & Aswan Souk Walk** 2.5 km · 45 min · Easy · Flat paved promenade — From the cruise quay, follow the Corniche el-Nil north past the Ferial Gardens and the landmark Old Cataract Hotel.
- **Elephantine Island Stroll** 1.5 km on island · 1 hr · Easy · Public ferry or felucca — Take the public ferry (a few EGP) from the Corniche to Elephantine Island.

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

**CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

| Mon | High | Low | Rain |
|-----|------|-----|------|
| Apr | 95°  | 67° | 0d   |
| Jun | 106° | 80° | 0d   |
| Aug | 107° | 82° | 0d   |
| Sep | 104° | 78° | 0d   |
| Oct | 97°  | 72° | 0d   |

**DAYLIGHT & MONEY**

Apr 5:27AM–6:09PM · Jun 6:00AM–7:37PM · Aug 6:23AM–7:21PM · Sep 6:34AM–6:51PM · Oct 6:46AM–6:21PM

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Dress for extreme heat. Aswan is one of the sunniest cities on earth — summer temps routinely exceed 40°C (104°F). Visit October–April when temperatures are manageable....
- Carry Egyptian Pounds (EGP) in cash. Temple entry fees, taxis, feluccas, and souk vendors are cash-only. ATMs are available on the Nile riverbank.

# Aswan, Upper Egypt, 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.



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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> Fatimid Cemetery        | Historic cemetery with unique domed Fatimid-era tombs. | <b>2</b> Nubian Museum          | Museum showcasing Nubian history, culture, and heritage. |
| <b>3</b> Philae Temple           | Beautiful island temple dedicated to goddess Isis.     | <b>4</b> Aswan Museum           | Museum on Elephantine Island displaying local artifacts. |
| <b>5</b> Monastery of St. Simeon | Desert ruins of an ancient Coptic Christian monastery. | <b>P</b> Cruise port / terminal |                                                          |