

Dendera (Qena), Upper Egypt, Egypt

Ships dock at Qena on the Nile, then a short bus transfer lands you at the Temple of Hathor — one of ancient Egypt's most intact and colorful temple complexes. Vivid 2,000-year-old paint still blazes across the ceilings.

- Docked at Qena pier
- Typical call: 4–6 hrs
- Egyptian Pound (EGP)
- Arabic
- Hot & dry — shade scarce

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Docked at Qena — bus transfer to Dendera (~5 km)

Best For: Ancient temples, hieroglyphics, original painted ceilings

Temple entry: ~140 EGP (~\$3 USD) adults; students ~70 EGP

Don't Miss: Astronomical ceiling, rooftop chapels, underground crypts

Getting around: **Taxi** \$5–\$15 USD

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Temple of Hathor, Dendera** — The headline attraction: a Ptolemaic-era temple dedicated to Hathor, goddess of love and music.
- **Dendera & Abydos Combined Day** — Pair Dendera with the Temple of Seti I at Abydos (~90 km north) — one of Egypt's holiest sites featuring the famous...
- **Qena Local Market Walk** — If time allows after the temple, Qena's street market near the corniche offers spices, pottery, and local produce.
- **Hathor Temple Roof at Sunrise** — For passengers on early-docking itineraries, reaching the rooftop chapels in morning light reveals spectacular Nile...

BEST WALKS

- **Dendera Temple Complex Loop** ~1 km inside complex | Easy | 1.5–2.5 hrs — Enter the main pylon, cross the courtyard to the Great Hypostyle Hall, work through the inner sanctuary, then ascend the staircase to...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:03AM–7:21PM · Jun 5:10AM–8:14PM · Aug 5:52AM–7:39PM · Sep 6:22AM–6:50PM · Oct 6:53AM–6:01PM	
Apr	67°	48°	11d		
Jun	84°	65°	8d		
Aug	90°	70°	5d		
Sep	82°	63°	9d		
Oct	73°	55°	9d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring a flashlight or torch app. The underground crypts are very dark; your phone light will illuminate carvings the overhead lighting misses.
- Hat, water, and sunscreen are essential. The outer courtyard has almost no shade, and Upper Egypt is brutally hot — even in winter mornings can reach 30°C.
- Keep small EGP notes (10–20 EGP) handy. Temple guards often point out hidden Cleopatra reliefs or famous 'lightbulb' carvings and expect a small tip. Bathroom attendants too.