

# Abu Simbel Temples Day Tour from Aswan by Private Van

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## tour.duration

10 hrs

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## tour.overview

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Journey to Abu Simbel and visit the world heritage monuments.

Explore the great Temple of Ramses II with its massive statues and vibrant wall paintings.

Explore the Temple of Hathor and learn about the fascinating history of Ramses II's queen.

Private Egyptologist guide and transport included.

## tour.itinerary

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### Day 1

#### Itinerary

The village of Abu Simbel is famous for its two great temples. The name always refers to two massive rock temples (the Great Temple of Ramses II and the smaller Temple of Hathor) in Abu Simbel in Nubia, southern Egypt, on the western bank of Lake Nasser, about 230 km southwest of Aswan. The complex is part of the UNESCO World

Heritage Site known as the "Nubian Monuments," which runs from Abu Simbel downriver to Philae (near Aswan). The twin temples were initially carved out of the mountainside during the reign of Pharaoh Ramesses II in the 13th century BC as a lasting monument to himself and his queen Nefertari, to commemorate his alleged victory at the Battle of Kadesh, and to intimidate his Nubian neighbors.

However, the complex was relocated in 1968 to an artificial hill made from a domed structure high above the Aswan High Dam reservoir. The relocation of the temples was necessary to avoid their being submerged during the creation of Lake Nasser, the massive artificial water reservoir formed after the building of the Aswan High Dam on the Nile River. Abu Simbel remains one of Egypt's top tourist attractions. With a qualified Egyptologist as your guide, you will enjoy a personalized visit to the temples of Abu Simbel, with its four rock-hewn pharaohs. Driving to the site in air-conditioned only for you and your travel companion, your guide will explain the history behind this magnificent site, including how the temples were discovered by accident in 1813. Due to the large number of visitors to Abu Simbel, guides are not permitted inside the two temples you will visit. After the conclusion of your tour, you will return to your hotel for drop-off.

## **tour.included**

English-speaking Egyptologist guide

Entrance fees to the sites

Hotel/port pick-up and drop-off services

Bottled water

Transport on air-conditioned private van

# Exclusion

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Gratuities/Tipping (recommended)

Food and drinks, unless specified

1 Person

**450\$** Per Person

2-4 Persons

**250\$** Per Person

5-8 Persons

**199\$** Per Person

9-16 Persons

**150\$** Per Person

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**150\$** /Per Person