

Getting around in Aswan

Located about 899 km south from Cairo, Aswan is a serene Nile Valley destination where the Nile is more majestic than anywhere else, flowing through granite rocks, and round emerald islands covered in palm groves and tropical plants. It is considered as an all-time favorite's winter destination. Moreover, you'll be surprised to see how many monuments and sites this small city has to offer.



Recommended Hotels

Sorted according to distance from venue by a car

Hotel Name	Distance- ETA	Google Rate
- Helnan Aswan Hotel https://goo.gl/maps/9t2gGzHwqDr	0 km -0 time	5 ★★★★★
- Pyramisa Isis Island Resort Aswan https://goo.gl/maps/kUMeNMT3svC2	4.6km -11 Min	4.0 ★★★★★
- City Max Hotel https://goo.gl/maps/3MJTBosFyo	2.3 km – 8 Min	4.0 ★★★★★
- Marhaba https://goo.gl/maps/1s75QoRGde42	1.5 km – 4 Min	3.0 ★★★★★
- Nile Hotel https://goo.gl/maps/waHtHPqtTyj	1.4 km – 5 Min	0.2 ★★

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Transportation

Nile River Valley Transport Corporation

In the shopping arcade next to the Marhaba Palace Hotel, Every Sunday and Wednesday there is a 3pm sailing from Aswan High Dam to Wadi Halfa in Sudan, and it's advised to be there around 10am. The trip takes 18 hour.

Aswan Bus Station

The bus station is 3.5km north of Aswan train station. There are buses to the Red Sea, and along the Nile to Luxor and Cairo. There are also buses to Abu Simbel and several companies run buses to Sudan.

Aswan Airport

Aswan International Airport is located 16km southwest of Aswan. There is no public transport into town, and a taxi will cost LE100 to LE150.

Aswan Train Station

The railway station is in the center of town, at the entrance of Sharia As Souq. There are daily trains to Cairo and Luxor.

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Basic taxi talk

I want to go to ... = ana ayiz aruuh ...

Do you know...? = inta arif ...?

Straight = ala tuul

Turn/go left = khosh shemalak

Turn/go right = khosh yemeenak

Stop here (here is fine) = hena kwayyis

Please = min fadlak

Thank-you = shukran

To the Airport = lil mataaar

OK = Mashi



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Egyptian National Railways

Egypt has a good rail network. Egyptian trains offer six classes of accommodation:



Turbine Train Carriage



Turbine First Class Seats



Turbine Second Class Seats



Spanish Train Carriage



Spanish Train Seats/Path



French Train Carriage



French Train Seats/Path

Express	Air-conditioned 1'st & 2'nd classes. Sometimes called French (pronounced -faransawi- in Arabic).
Speed	Air-conditioned 1'st & 2'nd classes. Sometimes called Spanish (pronounced -asbani- in Arabic).
Turbine	Air-conditioned 1'st and 2'nd class. Pronounced -turbine- in Arabic
Nefertiti	Luxurious carriages that may be appended to a train. It has compartments, each has 6 comfortable seats. Its fare is higher Than the first three types.
Sleeping	Luxurious trains that runs only between Cairo and Luxor/Aswan. The ENR sleeping trains are operated by a private company Called ABELA.
Ordinary	Only 2'nd and 3'rd classes (not air-conditioned). Stops at villages and centers. Tickets are issued directly at the station with No prior reservation.

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Sleeping Trains (Best for Traveling along the River Nile):

Regarding the segment Cairo-Luxor-Aswan, this site covers the Express, Fast and Turbine trains but the sleeping trains are operated by ERNST Egypt or Watania Sleeping Trains.



2-beds folded

Sleeping Trains is a comfortable and a secured way with excellent service to travel between Cairo and the cities in the Nile valley, Luxor and Aswan. There are day-time trains for country-side enjoyment and over-night trains to save the time by traveling at night. All trains stop at El Giza station before arriving at Cairo Ramses station. It is better to plan your journey from Cairo Ramses station since it is the main hub of trains and maintains better communication and food services. The sleeper trains run between Cairo and Aswan. Leaving from Rameses Station in Cairo, this train makes few stops: Giza Station, Assyuit, Luxor, and Aswan. Cabins are either single or double. There are 2-berth compartments and higher price single-berth compartments. The traveller can share 2-berth compartments with another passenger of the same sex. The sleeper train has an added attraction, the club car, a comfortable Dining/drink car with entertainment facilities It is decorated with wood paneling and brass lights. The fare includes two meals available, dinner and breakfast. Alexandria-Cairo railway has no sleeping trains due to the short distance.

To check for schedules: Regular Railways <https://enr.gov.eg/ticketing/public/smartSearch.jsf>

ERNST Sleeper Trains <http://watania.sleepingtrains.com>



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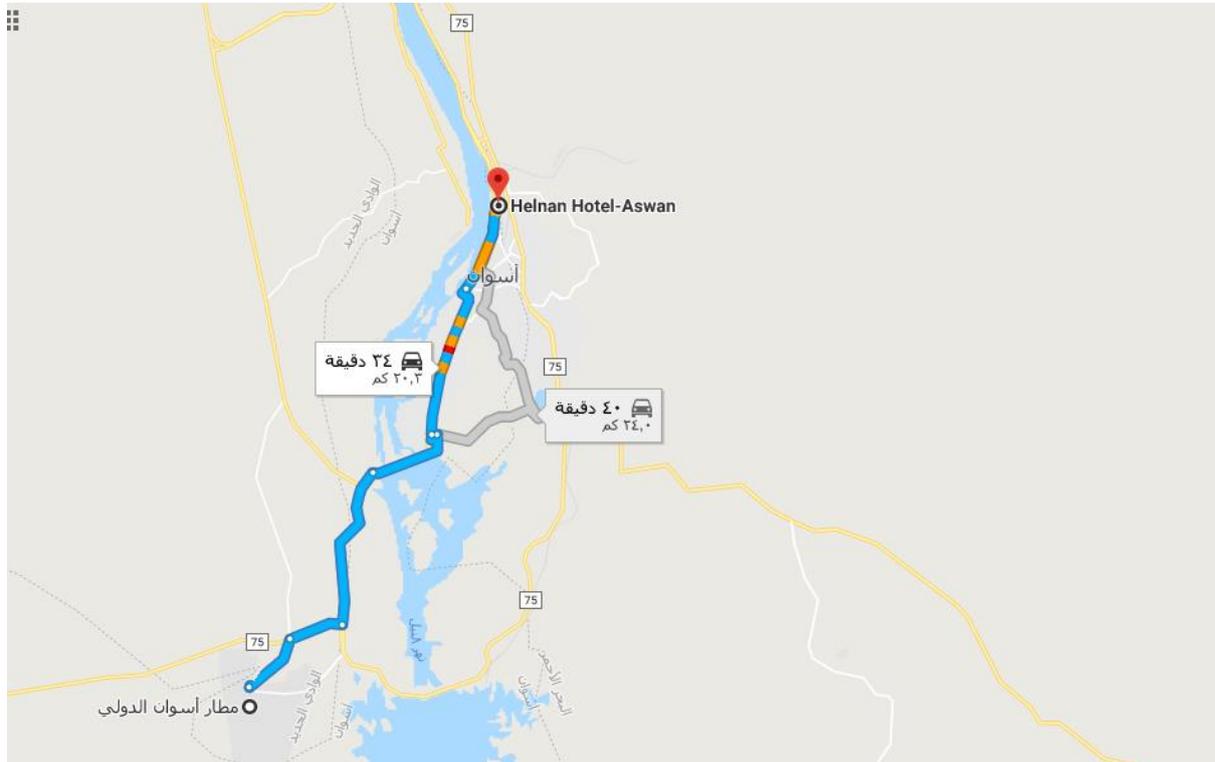
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Getting to Your Hotel from the Airport



There are a lot of ways you can get to your hotel from the airport, after all “all the roads leads to Rome” or Aswan in this case, you can catch a bus from the airport to get you to the hotel. It’s almost takes 34 mints or less.

Or you get a Private Limousine (available by the bunch in the Airport) but if something went wrong you won’t have a reliable customer support to go to. (7 persons Van) for a number of reasons that includes reliability, comfort, cost and more. This would be most efficient if you are going to split the fare with 6 others in case you are a group with the Aswan Airport Shuttle.

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In case you arrive to Cairo International Airport (CAI)



There are 4 ways to arrive Aswan from Cairo International Airport (CAI):

Flight trap: it'll take 1 hour and 25 mints

Cost: 2754 L.E

Bus trap: it'll take 23 hours

Cost: 1600 L.E

Car Trap: it'll take 23 hours and 30 mints

Cost: 1806 L.E

Train trap: it'll take 18 hours

Cost: 800 L.E

Please schedule your trip in advance as these cross city trips needs preparations with the captain, as it's not common for this type of travel to be done on the fly.

Remember to give yourself a leg room after the arrival of your flight to Cairo at least half an hour or more if you need to. Your ETA will be around 3 Hours so plan on a 20min rest midway with the captain.

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