

Tour Code (ALX 02)

F/D Fortress , Montazah Garden , Mosque & Alexandria Library

Fort Qaitbey was built in 1480 AD by the **Marmeluke Sultan Qaitbey** to protect the city against crusaders from the sea. Located at the far end of the Corniche on what was **once the site of the famous ancient lighthouse of Alexandria**, the fort overlooks the Mediterranean Sea and offers an excellent view of the sea and the city. It is an imposing structure that has stood the test of time and the constant battering from the sea for so long. It now **houses a naval museum** and there are plans to build an underwater museum to showcase the many archaeological discoveries made in recent times.

The fort is open to visitors from 9 am to 6 pm, except in winter when it closes earlier.



Qaitbey Citadel

Abu al-Abbas al-Mursi Mosque Built in 1775 over the tomb of the saint Ahmed Abu al-Abbas al-Mursi, the **Abu al-Abbas al-Mursi Mosque** is a beautiful structure. The many major renovations it has undergone over the years have made it even more ornate. It now has walls covered with artificial stones, huge granite pillars, a 73 m tall minaret, beautiful carved wooden doors and windows, coloured glass skylights and marble floors.



Abu al-Abbas al-Mursi Mosque

Alexandria Library – Bibliotheca Alexandrina: Bibliotheca Alexandrina is a **modern library and research centre** constructed in 2002 on the site of the famous **ancient library of Alexandria**. It has 8000 ancient manuscripts and rare books in its collection. Built with UNESCO cooperation, the beautiful library complex faces the sea and has a big conference centre and a **planetarium**. It is open on all days except Tuesdays.



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Al-Montazah Palace: Built in 1892 as a summer residence for the king of Egypt, the Al-Montazah Palace is beautiful and is surrounded by wonderful gardens. Located along the coastline, the palace is built in Moorish **style architecture**, has a beautiful tower and a small bridge that leads to the sea. Now used by the president of Egypt, the palace itself is off-limits to the public but the gardens are available for public use. One of **the few green spaces in Alexandria**, the palace gardens are beautifully maintained, has lots of exotic flowers, palms and other plants, and a gazebo right in the centre. It is a great picnic spot and offers a great view of the sea.

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Al Montaza Palace

Highlights:

- Stroll the ramparts of the 15th-century Qaitbay Citadel.
- See the new Library and Abbas Al Mursi Mosque of Alexandria.
- Benefit from informative and professional Egyptologist guides.

Inclusions

- Pick up service from your hotel in Alexandria and return.
- Entrance fees to the mentioned historical places
- Qualified Egyptologist Guide.
- All transfers by a modern air conditioned vehicle
- All service charges & taxes

Exclusions

- Any extras not mentioned in the program
- Tipping Kitty

Pickup & Duration:

09:00 am for Approximately 6 hours

Location

Tour begins & ends at the Hotel

Policies

- Children less than 03 Years old free of charge
- Please be ready before the tour time within 15 minutes
- Cancellation made within 24 hours of service date will be charged In full