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## PTOLEMAIC PERIOD

# Kom Ombo Temple

A double temple on the Nile bank, dedicated to the gods Sobek and Haroeris, known for its symmetrical design.

## Why it matters

Kom Ombo Temple stands on a rise above the Nile north of Aswan, about two and a half hours by car from Luxor. Construction began in the Ptolemaic period and was added to in later reigns. It is a double temple dedicated to Sobek, the crocodile-headed god, and Haroeris, meaning Horus the Elder.

**2**

gods, two entrances, two sanctuaries

**Sobek**

the crocodile god

**Calendar**

carved on the temple walls

**≈2 h 30**

by car from Luxor

## Plan your visit

**Hours**

Daily 07:00 – 21:00

**Ticket**

Foreign adult EGP 450  
Student EGP 225 (valid ID)

**Extra**

Crocodile Museum next door

**Photos**

Phone photography free

**Time**

About 1 hour

**Best time**

Just before sunset, over the Nile

**Where**

On the Nile, about 45 km north of Aswan

Prices and hours checked October 2026. Always confirm at the ticket office. Card payment only at most ticket offices.



## WALK IT IN THIS ORDER

# Your route through Kom Ombo

## The bigger picture

The temple has a symmetrical plan with two entrances and two side-by-side sanctuaries, each belonging to one of the two gods. Its walls carry reliefs, including scenes that show medical instruments, and a carved calendar. A small museum next door displays crocodile mummies that were offered to Sobek.

### 1 Double entrance

Two doorways side by side — one for Sobek, one for Haroeris.

### 3 Twin sanctuaries

Each god had his own sanctuary at the back.

### 5 Nilometer

A deep well used to measure the Nile flood and set the taxes.

### 2 Twin halls

Columns and reliefs mirrored along the temple's central axis.

### 4 Medical relief

A wall showing what look like surgical instruments.

### 6 Crocodile Museum

Mummified crocodiles once offered to Sobek.

## Good to know

- The best time to visit is just before sunset, when the stone turns golden and the view over the Nile is beautiful. Don't miss the crocodile museum next door.
- Beautiful after dark, when the temple is lit.
- Often visited from a Nile cruise between Luxor and Aswan.



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