

Why Sticking in Cairo Doesn't Suck Anymore?

So, basically, we are stuck in a rut and stuck in Cairo. Whether it's because work is piling up and we are so overwhelmed with deadlines and due dates, or because we are bamboozled by the prices of Al Alamein hotel. We know you are probably burnt out and itching for a little vacay, but neither a weekend gateway, certainly nor a full-blown vacation seems to be on the horizon. A bummer, we know.

But just because you don't seem to be escaping for a vacation anytime soon doesn't mean you can't have fun! So, here's a suggestion, why not think of yourself as a tourist in your own city. We, Cairenes, don't know how lucky we are that we have some hidden gems just around the corner bringing us new rejuvenating experiences.

And look on the bright side you won't have to deal with sunburns and jam-packed beaches, right?

To help you unwind and make the most of your summer, we are sharing some of the best summertime activities- that don't involve El Sahel or Al Alamein.

1. Set out on a historical and cultural tour

Just like backpacking to Europe, has it ever crossed your mind to backpack and go on a free tour around Cairo to unravel the city's most remarkable historical and cultural highlights? Well, Cairo got plenty. All you have to do is build up a list of all the places that you haven't been to before. This includes exploring old Cairo and its galleries, museums, old churches, ancient mosques, and bazaars. The list goes on. You'll be amazed at how many places you've missed out, never getting the chance to take in the enigmatic city of Cairo and its head-turning attractions.

2. Enjoy a pool day-use gateway

Nothing like spending lazy hot summer days by the pool while enjoying a stunning view. This is recommended for those who just want to unplug and relax away from Cairo's hustling and bustling streets. You have plenty of hotels to choose from according to your preferred location and your budget; book a day-use and treat yourself because, after long weeks of work, you

deserve this. Chill and lounge, sip your favorite ice cold beverage, soak up the sun, and show off your perfect summer glow. See, you don't need a beach for that?

3. Forget the heat, summer snow is here

First Ski Egypt in 6th of October and now Snow City in City Stars Mall, stop making excuses and start having fun. The indoor ice skating cities in Cairo offer you a chilling haven where you can enjoy an entirely unique experience to escape Cairo's scorching summer heat. In these recreational centers, there's a lot more than just gliding through the snow; there's a bunch of activities that you can indulge in. So what's not to love?

4. Now is a good time for a picnic

Don't you just love these Instagram photos with a picnics hashtag? A summer picnic is the coolest feel-good summer activity. The idea itself is soothing to spend time outdoors sitting out in nature and enjoying peaceful and mesmerizing sunsets. Isn't that awesome? We know you are tempted now. Pack your picnic blanket, cushions, and food and go to Family Park in Al Rehab City or Maryland in Heliopolis– which is now ready to welcome back visitors. The breathtaking green views are definitely refreshing and will benefit your psychological and mental well-being. Exactly what you need!

5. Go for a Nile bike ride

A Nile bike ride is the new thing in town. The first water-bike activity in Egypt is exactly what the name suggests; you get to ride a bike, gliding over the glistening waters of the Nile. The one-of-a-kind experience is overwhelmingly impressive and exhilarating probably because you get to work out while feeling the magic of the Nile breeze. So, instead of gazing out at the sea, you can gaze all you want at the Nile and the sweeping views around. How cool is that?

We know you would rather just take off to go someplace where there are golden sandy beaches and turquoise pristine water but we figured that these fun stuff can be the closest thing to a great summer beach gateway.

