

# Conservation of the old city of Cairo

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## Cairo

The project Urban Regeneration for Historic Cairo URHC has been working with local authorities since 2010 with the aim of preparing planning and management tools necessary for the conservation of the aforementioned heritage values in addition to the socio-economic revitalisation and environmental upgrading of the World Heritage Site as a whole. Doing so would require the unattractive proposition of moving the inhabitants to state-built apartments or forcing the creation of alternate slums.

## The Conservation of the Old City of Cairo

Today, the monuments and structures within Historic Cairo are in serious threat. It is the focal point of Coptic Christianity, which broke from the Eastern Orthodox and Western churches in the fifth century. In the early years of Arab rule, the Copts were allowed to build several churches within the old fortress area of Old Cairo.

## Old Cairo

A satellite campus of Southwest Georgia Technical College later opened in Cairo in 2006.

## Cairo's 'City of the Dead' brought back to life

Nearby the streets are so full of vendors that the Mosque-Madrassa of Al-Ghuri can hardly be seen, and the tour then follows Sharia Al Muizz through the Khan el-Khalili district past the floodlit mosque of al-Aqmar to the northern city walls and imposing gates of Bab al-Futuh and Bab al-Nasr. URHC intends to foster and develop a consequent urban conservation policy whose main prerequisites are: a the definition of clear and shared concepts on heritage conservation, to be implemented through new urban planning tools, special projects and building regulations; b the creation of adequate institutional capacities and technical skills; and c an increasing and spread awareness of heritage issues amongst the authorities and the larger public.

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