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The important commercial and industrial city [El-Mansoura](http://www.mansouracity.com/art'dle-180.html) ([Mansoura](http://www.mansouracity.com/art'dle-180.html)),

chief town of the Governorate of [Daqahl'ya](http://www.mansouracity.com) and the seat of university associated with the

university of Cairo and of college of technology, lies in eastern half of the Nile Delta on the right bank of Damietta arm (in classical times known as the Phatnic arm)

of the Nile, from which the bahr el-Sughyyar branches off here to flow into Lake Manzala. It is located 55Km (34 miles) north of Zagazig.

Though the city " [Mansoura](http://www.mansouracity.com/art'dle-180.html) " is one of the largest in Egypt, as well as being beautiful, clean, and really very friendly, it receives few tourists.

The City " Mansoura " has an entirely European aspect, with modern buildings in western style in addition to many mosques of little architectural interest. It is a market and processing center for agricultural produce of the Delta, with several large cotton factories, and also has metalworking industries. The inhabitants are light-skinned and

fair-haired (supposedly because Mansoura's Women are the most beautiful in Egypt and so were violated by

crusaders who could not contain their lust!)

and the city is regarded as the Queen of the Delta.

Mansoura's History

El-Mansoura (the Victorious) Was founded by Sultan Malik el-kamil in 1221

to replace Damietta which had fallen to the Crusaders. In 1249 a Crusading army led by Louis IX of France succeeded, after hard fighting, in crossing the Ushmum canal (now the bahr el-Sughyyar) to El-Mansoura, but ere then surrounded and defeated by the young Sultan

El-Moazzam

Turan Shah. Their fleet was destroyed, their supplies were cut off and finally, after great slaughter, Louis himself was taken prisoner in April

1250, and was released (on May 6, 1250) in return for a heavy ransom and the surrender of Damietta.

Sightseeing

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Visitors are still shown a small house near the Mosque of El-Muwaf which is said to be Louis IX's prison,

and spot near the point where the Bahr el-Sugayyar branches off the Nile is reputed to be the site of the Crusaders camp.

Another interesting sight is the [Shinnaw' Place](http://www.mansouracity.com/art'dle-180.html). It was built by an Italian architect in 1928

and is considered the most magnificent of its style outside Italy, for more

luxury villas, head to the Tourist area.

For lively markets the [Al-Khawagat market](http://www.mansouracity.com/art'dle-180.html) is place to go. In earlier times it was run by Greeks, Jews and Lebanese, today's traders are Egyptian and their products include flashy-colored

galab yas , under wear , tex les , socks , shoes , brass and alum num pots.

some 6m /10km southeast of El-Mansoura, at the village of El-Baqly'a ,s

tell el-Naqus.

on which are the scanty remains of Hermapol's Parva, the ancient

Egypt on Bah, capital of the 15th nome of lower Egypt in the

Graeco-Roman Period.

In the same area as EL-Baqly'a, 6m /10km northeast of the modern town of

El-Smb'llawein, are two rubble mound separated by the village of

Tme'el-amd'd and acanal, Tell el-Rub, the site of ancient Mendes, to the

north and Tell el-Tme', with the remains of ancient Thmu's two cities

which

were successively capital of the 16th nome of lower Egypt's

Graeco-Roman Period.

The remains of temple dating from the reign of Amasis and the massive

sarcophag' of the sacred rams which were venerated here can still be

seen.

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