

16 Day Egypt Desert Itinerary

Туре	Run	Duration	Pick up
Private	Every day	14 Days/13 nights	05:00

16 Days Egypt Desert Tour, Visit Cairo, The Pyramids of Giza, old Cairo Visit the Egyptian oases includes Siwa oasis wadi el Hitan in Fayoum, The white desert in Farafara, Baharyia oasis, Dakhala, Kharga and Visit the amazing sites between Luxor and Aswan.

Inclusions:

- Pick up service at Cairo Airport.
- 4 nights at Cairo bed and breakfast basis.
- 1-night camping in the white desert (Full board)
- 1-night at Ecolodge in Baharyia oasis(Full board)
- 2-nights In Kharga (Full board)
- 4 nights at Luxor bed and breakfast basis.
- 2 nights at Aswan bed and breakfast basis
- 1 night in the Camp in Siwa on Full board basis
- 1-night hotel accommodations on Full board basis.
- An escorted knowledgeable tour guide all over the tour.
- All your transportation during the tour with a private A.C car
- Lunch at Local restaurant or Picnic Lunch
- Water and Snacks
- Taxes and Services
- Entering fees to all the mentioned sightseeing on the itinerary.
- Private transfer from Aswan to Luxor.
- All Service Charges and taxes
- Tipping

Exclusions:

- International Airfare.
- Egypt entry visa.
- Tipping
- Optional Tours

Itinerary:



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Days Table

First Day: Day 1- Arrival to Cairo

Egypt Tour Packages representative will meet & assist you at Cairo International Airport, Transfer to hotel by private airconditioned vehicle Depends on your arrival. If you have an early flight to Cairo you can contact us to make a tour suggestion.

Free evening Overnight in the Hotel-Welcome Dinner



Second Day: Day 2- Giza Pyramids and The Egyptian Musuem

You will be picked up from your hotel in <u>Cairo</u> by our tour guide to enjoy a great excursion to The Pyramids of Giza (Cheops Chephren,and Mykerinus)Then proceed to visit the Great <u>Sphinx</u> and visit the Valley Temple.

Lunch will be served during the Pyramids at the local restaurant in Giza



Then visit the Egyptian Museum:

The Museum of Egyptian Antiquities in Tahir: It exhibits a rare collection of over 250,000 genuine artifacts that date as far back as 5000 years, including an exclusive exhibit dedicated to the Tutankhamen - A collection of treasures, gold, and jewelry that were buried in his tomb for over 3,500 years before they were discovered in 1920 when his tomb was excavated.

If you wish to visit the mummies royal hall, where you will have the feeling of stroling down the vally of the kings where most of these mummies where originaly resting then ask your tour guide to take you to the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization . You can contact us to add it with extra charge

The Grand Egyptian Museum:

is not officially open yet. But if you wish to visit it we offer limited tours to test site readiness and the visitor experience ahead of the official opening. Access is scurrently limited to the Grand Hall, commercial area, and exterior gardens. All other interior paces,



including access to the galleries and collections, are restricted until the official opening.

Optional trip to the sound and the light show at Giza Pyramids and it costs 40 \$ Per person

With the Sound Light Show at the Giza pyramids, the pharaonic history is being re-told by the sphinx, unraveling the ancient secrets and mysterious tales. The Sound and Light show at the pyramids narrates the history of those great kings; Khufu, Khafre, and Menkaure.

Overnight in the Hotel Cairo

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Third Day: Day 3-Old Cairo

Pick Up time from your hotel in Giza at 08:00 am with your Egyptologist tour guide, Enjoy a fantastic orientation tour of Cairo on an 8-hour excursion that takes in the major monuments of Old Cairo and the maze of streets and stalls of the historic Khan El Khalili Bazaar.

Saladin Citadel:

you will drive up to the Saladin Citadel, constructed by Salah al-Din on the Moqattam Hills in 1183 AD as a defense against Crusader armies. Known for its fresh air and sweeping views of Cairo, it is now a preserved historic site of mosques and museums, including the Mosque of Muhammad Ali Pasha

Mosque of Muhammad Ali Pasha:

Designed by the Turkish architect Yousif Boushnaq, who came to Cairo especially from Istanbul to build the great building, the mosque's alabaster structure stands in beautiful contrast to the sandstone city.

Lunch will be served in a local restaurant in Old Cairo

Coptic Cairo:

Then, visit Old Cairo to see major attractions such as the Hanging Church, the Ben Ezra Synagogue, the Church of St. Barbara, and the Church of Abu Serga, one of the oldest Coptic churches in Cairo





Khan el-Khalili Bazaar:

Continue to the Khan el-Khalili Bazaar, one of the oldest bazaars in the Middle East. Discover a maze of alleys that have been at the center of Cairo's trading activities since the 16th century.

Overnight in Cairo

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

4Th Day: Day 4-Cairo El Alemin Matrouh-Siwa

Pick-up time from your hotel in <u>Cairo</u> or Giza at 05:00 am. We do recommend ordering a breakfast box from your hotel because of the early departure and driving to Siiwa

Light lunch will be served on the way.

Enjoy the sunset at Fatnas Lake

Fatnass is a Small island in Birket Siwa, you can reach it by walking or by bike, It is a wonderful place to sit and enjoy the sunset, You will get a spectacular view of the lake with Gebel Bayda and Hamra forming the backdrop to the west, A walk in the Garden show a variety of trees including Banana, dates, and olive. sunset-Siwa

Dinner will be served in a restaurant in Siwa,

Overnight in Ghaliet Ecolodge

Ghaliet is a unique SPA Ecolodge just located near Amoun Temple and Alexander the greatest oracle in Siwa Oasis. It has been built by nature and designed among palm trees. you can feel the history and the great ancient stories of Alexander the Great while you are in Ghaliet. Enjoy nature, organic design, organic food, and different health programs. The eco-lodge includes 12 cosy rooms; each room has its special personality and feeling. You can enjoy staying in the upper rooms with the transparent glass ceiling opening and you feel like you are sleeping in heaven. Also, you can experience the unique outdoor privacy in the lower rooms with their private backyard.

Have an amazing night in Siwa

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner





5th Day: Day 5- Siwa and Camping in the desert

Breakfast at the hotel. Pick up at 07:00 am from the hotel. You will visit today's Siwa attractions, we will start with Alexander the Great Temple also known as the Temple of the Oracle. It is believed that Alexander the Great wished to consult the Siwan oracle to seek confirmation that he was the son of Zeus. The Greek god of gods, when he and his entourage arrived at Siwa oasis after a long trip through the desert.



Then drive to the salty lake. The salty water takes you above the water and makes you float., You don't need to be a good swimmer. Take care when you go swimming and don't let the water reach your eyes. as it is really painful. Choose Crystal Lake and there are many of them. But keep looking for the purest one, when you see the bottom. Take a bottle of Mineral water to shower with after swimming in the lake, The salt lakes have similar hyper-salinity properties to those of Jordan's Dead Sea. This also means that the lakes hold great healing properties, much stronger than regular seawater. In all cases, You will make for a wonderful swim!

at 11:00 Then proceed to (Cleopatra's bath)The spring of the sun. It has been mentioned by travellers to Siwa, The legend maintains that Cleopatra swam here,

Then Proceed to the temple of Umm Ubaydah or Amun temple, Just 200 m further from the Temple of the Oracle, the temple was erected by the pharaoh Nectanebo of the 30th Dynasty,

This structure was almost completely destroyed, owing to its dynamiting in 1896 by an Ottoman governor eager to acquire building material. An inscribed wall represents all that remains to be seen. Based on earlier drawings by pioneer explorers, however, scholars have deduced that the temple was erected by the pharaoh Nectanebo of the 30th Dynasty.

12:00(Taste the Siwan lunch) in a Siwan restaurant at Abdo restaurant.

Then you will adventure the desert by discovering the Great Sand Sea. by Jeep 4x4 and Enjoy sandboarding -The best sand dunes for sand boarding in Egypt are here in the Great Sand Sea near Siwa Oasis

Visit the hot and Cold spring Bir Waheed Later, we enjoy some



traditional Bedouin Tea by sunset& Overnight in the desert Camp and Enjoy a BBQ dinner.

If you need to Sleep in a Hotel instead of the camp, This is also available. we have nice Ecolodges in Siwa

Meals:Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

6th Day: Day 6- Siwa, Marsa Matrouh, Cairo

Breakfast at the Camp at 07:00 then drive back to Siwa Oasis -

Visit Shali Fortress:

The Shali Fortress was built on a hill inside a Protective wall originally breached by a single gate, the maze of mud-brick buildings that Comprises the Fortress served the people of the oasis for nearly 8 centuries. The inhabitants had to live in the narrow quarters, sharing their animals, which were herded into the fortress each evening. The huge chunks of salt so prevalent in Siwa Oasis were used in the construction of the fortress, as they helped to strengthen the wall, Rain has unfortunately proved to be more destructive to the fortress than any human invaders, the fortress was built in the 13th century and served as the centre of Siwan life for over 800 years. The fortress' mosque is still in use today, with many of the homes restored, and some even turned into local guesthouses.

Siwa shali fortress

Then proceed to the Mountain of the Dead

Is a conical mountain a little over a kilometre to the north of Shali. Tombs from the twenty-sixth Dynasty, Ptolemaic, and Roman periods are cut into the side of the mountain, There are four tombs worth seeing at Gebel Al–Mawta. Si Amun Tomb is the most beautiful in Siwa Oasis. Si Amun appears to have been a wealthy Egyptian, Perhaps of Greek origin, but a follower of the ancient Egyptians belief, The tomb contains an Image from the Egyptian pantheon, including an Exquisite painting of the goddess nut standing beside a sycamore tree. Si Amun

Then drive to Cairo, passing by Marsa Matrouh for lunch. Discover Marsa Matrouh, Egypt's Mediterranean shore. With sandy white beaches and crystal clear waters, many believe that Cleopatra





herself bathed in the tranquil waters of Marsa Matrouh.

Lunch will be served in Marsa Matrouh in Magdy restaurant -Seafood restaurant or Bedouin restaurant

Then Drive back to Cairo Arrival in Cairo at 20:00

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

7th Day: Day 7- Wadi el Hitan tour from Cairo

At 07:00 Am pick up from your hotel in Giza by Jeep 4x4 to start your amazing adventure Wadi Al Hitan ' is a Protected area and a Natural Heritage Site added in 2005 by UNESCO as a world heritage site, WADI EL-HITAN is also known for scientists in the Zeuglodon Valley, have been discovered in 1936, it is located 35 KM west of the Wadi El-Ryan, right deep into the desert western desert, is It is an area of fossils; considered as an open museum, dates back to 45 million years and contains petrified primitive whales skeletons, shark teeth, shells and roots of Mangroves preserved in soft rocks. Everywhere you go here you find petrified seashells and corals.



Visit the Fossil & Climate Change Museum:

The museum hosts a variety of whale fossils, and skeletons that are displayed outdoors, as for the museum it has a variety of fossils, skeletons, fossilized mangroves, and ancient seashells exhibited indoors in glass boxes

At 12:00 Enjoy your lunch

Drive to The Magic lake and Gebel Al-Mudawara The Magic lake:

One of the most beautiful lakes in Egypt, overlooking sand dunes, is the Magic lake. Around the lake gives you the chance to witness one of the most eye-catching sunsets you will ever see.

Magic Lake is a beautiful lake located in Wadi El Rayan in Fayoum. It was named the Magic lake as it changes its colors several times a day depending on the time of year and the amount of sunlight it receives.

It is an amazingly beautiful place surrounded by desert. People spend their time hiking & sand-boarding beside Magic Lake or even swimming in the lake itself.

The lake contains minerals that are said to help treat patients with rheumatism.

It's simply a magical place for a magical trip.



Gebel Al Mudawara:

Seven Kilometres south of the waterfall, Along the left eastern side of the road, Is a picturesque Area known as Al Mudawara, The Lookout, There are three Mountain along the lakeshore, it is a favorite Picnic Area

Wadi El Rayan:

Wadi El Rayan is a depression 42 Meters below sea level and covers 673 K.m.In 1966 this depression became a water reservoir when it was connected with Qarun Lake by underground Pipe .then transfer to Bahariya to overnight in a hotel there

Meals: Breakfast.Lunch& Dinner

8th Day: Day 8 -the white desert

At 06:00 am Pick up time from your hotel in Baharyia by Our Jeep 4x4. Drive to the black desert This name stems from the fact that there is a layer of black powder covering its mountains, highlands, and sand. This powder covers the summits of some mountains The black desert

12:00 The Lunch will be served here in El Haize oasis which is located 37 k.m from Bawiti ,Some people refer to this oasis as a separate oasis, during the roman time area was very Prosperous, and many of the current families were originally from Libya., Before lunch, you can immerse yourself in a hot water spring which will almost instantly reduce stress. The heat naturally coaxes tense muscles to loosen up which in turn promotes feelings of calm, well-being, and tranquility.

Hotsprin in El Haz:

There is a museum here called the (water museum) which is built to show the people the importance of the underground water for the people of the desert and the instruments which were used by the Egyptians to raise the water for irrigation

13:00 Then drive to the valley of Agabat

16:00 Arrive at the Valley of Agabat is deep within the white desert white-desert Egypt 360. You have to be there to feel the out-worldly beauty of the place. Millions of years ago, the place used to be under the sea. Over the years, unique rock formations of limestone, chalk (and maybe sand) developed. Then you will adventure the desert by discovering the Wadi el Agabat by Jeep 4x4 and Enjoy sandboarding -





Then drive to the Crystal Mountain .Crystal Mountain, locally known as Gebel al-Izzaz. It's more of a crystal hill, seen on the right, which is often called the Jewel of the desert is formed by the quartzite crystals and looks amazing in the sun's rays. A few decades ago, that natural feature has been found by accident. 16: 30 explore the white desert white-desert Egypt 360 National Park, the most well-known desert destination in Egypt.

The white dessert 17:30 Make tents and Enjoy the sunset

18:30 As the sky turns pink then the deepest fiery orange, the rockshapes fade, and silence is all around. Sitting around a small fire and enjoying the simplest meal of chicken, rice, and vegetables, you will feel like nothing has ever tasted so good. Bedouin staff will arrange dinner and desert camping. (Vegetarian food is available

Note: at night temperatures can drop suddenly in the White Desert a proper jacket would be necessary to spend the night comfortably- But don't worry we provide all camping equipment like sleeping bags, tents and mattresses

Meals:Breakafst,Lunch and Dinner

9th Day: Day 9- White desert to Farafara

At 06:00 am Enjoy sunrise Pick up from the white desert then drive to Farafra oasis to Visit Badr's museum and Al Qasr in Farafra.

Badr's Museum:

Badr is a local artist and entrepreneur. He has an interesting museum which loated in the village of Qasr, It has been abandoned for wonderfull mudbriks structure that the artist built himself,inside is every thing from taxidemery to sculpture,and Paintings, are on display



The Fortress of Farafra dominates the top of the hills. Like its counterparts. in other oases. It was once a walled city used by the inhabitants as aprotection from the invaders. The villagers would hasten to the fortress for safty





Bir Sitta:

Bir Saba (Well 7), hot springs in the desert where you can soak in the evening .

If you wish to take more time in the white desert and skip visiting Farafra and go straight to Dakhala this is also possible

Drive to Dakha which is 300 K.m from Farafra

Meals:Breakast,Lunch and Dinner

10th Day: Day 10: Dakhala

Pick up from your hotel in Dakhala to visit Dakhala`s oasis attractions

AL-DAKHLA OASIS

The green oasis with sprawling agricultural lands

Necropolis of al-Muzawwaga

Located 37 km north of the village of Mut, which includes hundreds of Roman tombs, including two very well-preserved painted ones

Qila al-Dabba Necropolis and Ain Asil

In the village of Balat, the former Old Kingdom capital of Al-Dakhla and the oldest excavated village of Ancient Egypt. It contains the well-preserved remains of a settlement and a monumental necropolis of the 6th Dynasty.

Deir al-Hagar Temple:

Deir al-Hagar Temple,in Arabic the monastery of stones, alone roman temple located south of the cultivated area in the desert, is made of sandstone.erected during the reign of Nero (54-67) and during the time of vespasian(69.79) Titus (79-81) and domitian ,the temple was built in honor of the thebian triad (Amun, Mut and Khonsu) but is also dedicated to Seth, the god of the oaisis, the latter god is represented with falcon head, the cartouches of the roman emperors appear on the temples..

overight in Dakhala:

Meals:Breakfast,Lunch and Dinner





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