# 9 Days Cairo and Siwa Desert Safari

**Price Starting From: \$950** 

9 Days/ 8 Nights Egypt Cairo, Alexandria, Siwa Oasis

Start on a thrilling 9-day journey with our Cairo and Siwa Desert Safari package, meticulously crafted to offer the finest of Egypt Trips. Your adventure kicks off in the heart of Egypt, Cairo, where you can marvel at the timeless spectacle of the Pyramids of Giza and immerse yourself in the rich history showcased at the Egyptian Museum.

As part of our <u>Egypt Day Tours</u>, we also offer an incredible excursion to Alexandria from Cairo. Here, you will visit the grand Citadel of Qaitbay, delve into the underground world of the Catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa, and bask in the knowledge housed in the Alexandria Library.

Further, our <u>Egypt Tours Packages</u> extend to the serene Marsa Matrouh, where you can unwind before heading to the enchanting Siwa Oasis. This Egypt desert safari trip lets you explore the ancient village of Shali, experience the unparalleled beauty of the Great Sand Sea tour, and refresh yourself at Cleopatra's spring among other captivating sights!

Our <u>Egypt Tour packages</u> are designed to deliver a seamless and memorable travel experience to our American guests. We understand the unique needs and interests of our American clientele and ensure that our tours cater to these details.

As part of our <u>American Classic Tours</u>, we take pride in offering you an immersive experience that stretches beyond the usual to include the timeless beauty of Egypt's deserts and oases, in addition to its historical cities and ancient monuments. Join us on this unforgettable journey and make memories that last a lifetime with the best of Egypt's sights and experiences."

### Overview

## Inclusion

Cairo Top Tours tour leaders will assist you with all the Airport's procedures.

Transports are by a private nonsmoking air-conditioned vehicle.

Your accommodation in Cairo Pyramids Hotel for 4 nights on a bed and breakfast basis.

Accommodation for 1 night in Alexandria including breakfast.

Accommodation for 3 nights in Siwa including breakfast.

Entrance fees to all the mentioned sites during your trip.

An English-speaking tour guide will accompany you during all the tours.

Meals will be served as shown in the 9 Days Cairo and Siwa Desert Safari itinerary.

Bottled water and soft drinks during Egypt Day Tours.

Stops for snacks upon request during your Egypt desert safari trips.

Try local tea mint or coffee in one of the most famous cafes in Cairo, such as El-Fishawy or Layali El-Hussein.

Shopping Tours in Cairo. (if you are interested).

All taxes and service charges are included in your trip price.

#### **Exclusion**

International airfare.

Any extras not mentioned in the itinerary.

Tipping.

**Itinerary** 

# Day 1: Arrival in Cairo, Check-in

Once your flight arrives at <u>Cairo International Airport</u>, you will be met by Cairo Top Tours representative who will transfer you to the hotel in Cairo and assist you with the check-in procedures before your 9 Days Cairo and Siwa <u>Desert Safari</u> itinerary will be revised to confirm all the pick-up times and if you would like to add any optional excursions in Egypt during your Cairo and Egypt desert safari trip.

Welcome Drink

# Day 2: Giza Pyramids Tour, Saqqara Necropolis, Memphis City

Enjoy your first delightful breakfast at the hotel then our representative will meet you at the hotel lobby to guide you through your <u>Cairo day tours</u>, start with the exciting tour to the Giza Pyramids where you will be surprised by the hugeness of these gigantic buildings constructed during the old kingdom of Egypt's ancient history by the greatest kings and rulers of ancient Egypt to be the evidence of the achievements they did 4500 years ago, by the credits of the Nile River which provided with the fundamental life essentials to produce such a great civilization that furthermore confuses history seekers throughout history.

Visit the Great Pyramid of <u>Cheops</u>, who was influenced by his father's challenging attempts to create extensive burial tombs, King Snefru who was the founder of the 4th dynasty and the owner of four great pyramids, King Cheops (Khufu in the ancient Egyptian language) built his pyramid using more than 2.3 million limestone blocks to be his eternal house from which he can rise to the sky, the pyramid reached 146 meters height and 230 meters long.

Continue to the high plateau to have a spectacular panorama of the three pyramids including the pyramid of Chephren who was the son of Cheops and the successor of King Djedefre, made his pyramid

somewhat smaller than his father's, with a height of 136 meters, and Mycerinus, owner of the third and the smallest among the Pyramids in Giza.

After having the chance to enjoy an optional camel ride in Giza Pyramids plateau, you will now see the Great Sphinx in Giza which is a statue of a man with a body of a lion that is believed to be made for King Chephren himself for being within his funerary complex, enter the Valley Temple where the mummification process of the king took place as part of the burial process.

Saqqara tours now are your next station to see the Step Pyramid, the 1st pyramid built by King Djoser entirely out of stone, Djoser was the second king of the third dynasty, the pyramid is located in the Saqqara Necropolis and is considered a significant phase of the evolution of pyramids as it consists of 6 mastabas or steps with the burial chamber underneath. You will also enter one of the pyramids within the site, the pyramid of King Teti from the sixth dynasty, and visit one of the tombs of the nobles built for the king's son-in-law, the tomb of Kagemni who was the husband of Nebtynubkhet and was the vizier of justice during king Teti' reign.

Continue your tours in Cairo by transferring to the place where the 1st capital of Egypt was, the ancient city of Memphis, now recognized as Mit Rahina and you will see the open-air museum with the alabaster sphinx and the huge statue of King Ramses II whose mummy was discovered in 1981, he ruled Egypt during the new kingdom.

You will have a tasty lunch in a good quality restaurant overlooking the pyramids and the Sphinx before being transferred back to the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

# Day 3: Egyptian Museum, Coptic Cairo Tour, Khan El-Khaliki

You will have your tasty breakfast in the early morning before beginning your Cairo excursions, today we will have an astonishing Egyptian Museum tour for 2 hours before discovering the area of Old Cairo and lastly, we will experience the Islamic Cairo trips to the oldest bazaar in Cairo.

Transfer by your special air-conditioned car to Cairo downtown, exactly the popular Tahrir Square to see the most fabulous collection of ancient Egyptian antiquities all over the world, the Egyptian Museum includes more than 120,000 artifacts outside and inside the 2 floors building which exhibits many kinds of monuments from different periods of Egypt rich history. Take your time to explore the extraordinary collection of King Tutankhamen and the funerary collection of his great grandparents Yuya and Tuya is among the most impressive exhibits inside the museum.

Now we will transfer during our Cairo tours to start the exciting Coptic Cairo tour, you will visit the Hanging Church that was built suspended over two towers of the Roman fortress of Babylon, the cavern Church of St. Sergius, where the Virgin Mary and her son took refuge for almost 3 months according to some historians, finally, you will get to see the Synagogue of Ben Ezra, the place that is thought to be where the basket of Moses the prophet had been taken by the pharaoh's family.

Continue Cairo trips after having a lunch meal to the oldest area in Cairo during the Medieval time, Khan El Khalili Bazaar, you will walk in the small alleys for the best Cairo walking tours and shopping experience to see the monumental Islamic buildings. Transfer back to the hotel after finishing your tours in Cairo.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

# Day 4: Cairo to Alexandria Day Trip

After your delicious breakfast at the hotel is served, get prepared to meet your qualified English speaking Egyptologist to begin your day tour to Alexandria from Cairo through our best Egypt classic tours. you will be transferred to Alexandria by an air-conditioned car. The trip is approximately 2.5 hours drive including a stop on the way as a break.

Upon arrival at Alexandria, the city that was built by the Macedonian-origin ruler Alexander the Great in 332 B.C, you will start your tour to the site known as the Pompey's Pillar, built to celebrate the triumph of the Roman Emperor Diocletian, then you will be escorted to the Catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa, which are regarded as one of the enormous burial Roman places, then, you will drive by the seaside to reach the Citadel of Qaitbay that was built upon the ruins of the ancient Lighthouse Pharos of Alexandria, one of the ancient seven wonders of the world.

Visit also the Bibliotheca of Alexandria. which is a restoration of the earlier library that is no longer survives. Ptomoly I constructed the library during the third-century B.C.to be the center of science and knowledge in the world.

Enjoy your tasty seafood lunch at one of the best quality restaurants in the city overlooking the harbor before being transferred to your hotel in Alexandria for check-in and overnight.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

# Day 5: Alexandria to Alamein, Siwa Oasis

We will travel to Siwa Oasis for roughly 7 hours drive after having breakfast and check-out of the hotel, on our way to the beautiful Siwa Oasis, we will stop at the Alamein area to experience El Alamein tours starting with the Military Museum and the Commonwealth Alamein Cemetery of World War II to see the army models and know the history of the main battle occurred during WWII in Alamein. We will now move to the charming city of Marsa Matrouh to have our lunch meal at a delightful restaurant before continuing our tour to Siwa Oasis. Upon arrival, we will leave our baggage in the eco-lodge and transfer to one of the most pleasant natural hot water springs in Egypt to take a bath that will calm our muscles after a long day's drive. Back to the hotel and overnight.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

# Day 6: Siwa Sightseeing Sightseeing

Enjoy your Egyptian cuisine breakfast in the Eco-lodge then you will start our Siwa Oasis tours, enjoy visiting the ruins of the Shali Fortress where the ancient Siwan people took refuge during the danger of foreigners raids. Then, you will be transferred to visit the Temple of The Oracle at the Aghurmi Village that dates back to the 26th dynasty, visit also the temple dedicated to the worship of God Amun Ra known as the Temple of Um Ubeyda, the temple is mostly ruined, as one of the mayors in the oasis tried to destroy it in order to use its stones in building a big mansion. then get introduced to the valuable Siwan heritage through

the visit to the Siwa House Museum and lunch will be served at one of the Oasis beautiful restaurants. You will enjoy a relaxing afternoon at Cleopatra Spring, one of the most famous hot water springs in Siwa Oasis that is believed to be used by the last pharaoh, Queen Cleopatra, enjoy swimming and dipping into the glittering water after that you will be transferred to Fitnas Island to enjoy the charming Sunset.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## Day 7: Egypt Desert Safari Tour to the Great Sand Sea

You will have a nice breakfast at the hotel before continuing your Siwa Oasis Desert Safari, on the 2nd day your accredited Egyptologist will take you in a 4x4 vehicle to explore to the Great Sand Sea.

We will begin our Egypt Desert Safari adventure to visit the Mountain of the Dead, see lots of the tombs of the rulers of the oasis before being transferred to the beautiful sand dunes until we reach the fossils of the Cambrian era to see the aged corals. Then we will take you to one of the incredible sites in the great sand sea a beautiful lake in the heart of the desert, and it may be you will be fortunate enough to see the flamingo birds swimming in the cold water of the lake appreciating the serenity of the desert and bathing in a very relaxing mood.

Passing by the Dakrour Mountain, now we will enjoy the sandboarding, the thrill of sliding down the sand dunes instead of snow, after snowboarding, it is time to wash up in the hot spring renowned as Bir Wahid for chilling and smoothing our muscles, enjoy another astonishing sunset at the end of the Great Sand Sea Tour in the middle of the dunes while having Bedouin tea.

Overnight in Siwa after being transferred back to the eco-lodge.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

# Day 8: Back to Cairo

You will have your breakfast box in the early morning to begging your trip to Cairo from Siwa Oasis through Marsa Matrouh. Upon arrival in Cairo, you will be transferred to the hotel for overnight. If you are lucky and we made it back to Cairo earlier than usual, you can book one of the things to do in Cairo by Night like having an entertaining Nile cruise dinner in Cairo while attending an entertainment show aboard a moving boat on the Nile River.

Meals: Breakfast

# **Day 9: Final Departure**

Today is the final day of your Egypt desert safari trip, we hope you enjoyed our Egypt Day Tours and that the itinerary of your 9 Days Cairo and Siwa Desert Safari matched your needs. You will be transferred to Cairo International Airport to take your flight back home at the end of your exciting Egypt Desert Safari Trips.

Meals: Breakfast