

Desert Safari Trip to El Gilf El Kebir

Price Starting From : \$0

8 Days
Egypt
Western Desert

These [Egypt Tours](#) are meant to appeal to both adventurous spirits and history buffs, as you travel the same roads used by past civilizations. The first Europeans to view it referred to it as the Gilf Kebir (The Great Barrier), a 7,770 square kilometer plateau of limestone and sandstone that rises 1,000 meters above the desert and is larger than the Great Sand Sea.

Early explorers only made their way along its edges, and it was not until 1930 that they penetrated its valleys and discovered that Gilf is composed of two masses of rock. Discover the hidden valleys and get a glimpse of the prehistoric civilization that used to inhabit this remote place 10,000 years ago through our [Egypt Desert Safari tours](#) to El Gilf El Kebir.

If you're looking for an exciting and unforgettable vacation, your carefully crafted [Egypt Travel Packages](#) offer you the opportunity to experience the wonders of the desert like never before. Look no further than an [Egypt Shore Excursions](#). These tours offer a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to explore the amazing desert landscapes of Egypt and see some of the most iconic historical sites in the world.

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[Inclusion](#)

Assistance by Cairo Top Tours representatives during all our Egypt Travel Packages.

Transportations are organized by private air-conditioned vehicles.

Accommodation for 1 night in Dakhla Oasis including breakfast and dinner.

Accommodation for 6 nights camping in the desert including 3 meals.

All necessary camping equipment.

Entrance to all the sites mentioned in the itinerary.

All transports inside the desert are arranged by a jeep 4x4 vehicle.

All Egypt tours are private.

Stops for snacks or rest upon request.

All meals as mentioned in the itinerary.

Bottled water aboard the vehicle during all Egypt safari trips.

All service charges and taxes are included.

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[Exclusion](#)

International flight tickets.

Entry visa to Egypt.

Beverage during meals.

Tipping is not included in our Desert Safari Trip to El Gilf El Kebir.

[Itinerary](#)

Day 1: Cairo to Dakhla Oasis

You will be met by our representative to be transferred to [the Dakhla Oasis](#) by a Jeep vehicle, and visit the Roman Temple of Deir El Hagar which is one of the smallest temples in Egypt. It is located about 15 km from Al Qasr and 47 km from the city of Mut.

Then visit some of Egypt's most beautiful rock-cut tombs at the Roman burial ground Muzzawaqa. Have lunch then visit the old Islamic Village of Al Qasr.

Now it is time for relaxation.

In the afternoon, relax by the pool, then visit the lush Dakhla to enjoy its clear blue sky and golden sand dunes, then enjoy the sunset on the Edge of [the Great Sand Sea](#) while having a tasty Bedouin tea. Spend your night in Dakhla at the Desert Lodge atop the cliff, viewing the verdant village embraced by the dunes and the beautiful pink rose mountains that Dakhla Oasis is famous for. Check into your hotel in Dakhla and overnight

we recommended you wear white and cotton clothes to avoid the rays of the sun in the desert and to feel more comfortable during this tour.

Included Meals: Lunch, Dinner.

Day 2: Sugar Loaf, Mud Lions

After a nice breakfast, we will get prepared for the Gilf El Kebir visits. Millions of years ago, at the end of the Tertiary period, Gilf was a watershed from which water spread in all directions. Its wadis have been eaten away by water and then by wind and sand for over 100,000 years. The highest cliffs are located on the south and southwest sides.

Our 1st pause is at the Sugar Loaf area, the sugar loaf hill and arch is a landmark spot in El Gilf El Kebir. We will then stop by the area known as Mud Lions, used to be an extensive lake during ancient time, but now is dried. Atmosphere changes had created figures from the rocks, that's why it is known as the mud lions area.

Enjoy the night stargazing and taste the delicious dinner meal and overnight in the camp.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3: Gilf El Kebir Safari Adventure

After you wake up and have breakfast, we will take the 4x4 car to start the adventurous safari trip in El Gilf El Kebir by cruising on the sand dunes, passing by the Wadi Mashi, We will continue till we arrive at the Central Gilf Kebir area where the hill is split into 2 sections with an amazing view of sand dunes and rock structures.

We will proceed with our journey till we arrive at Wadi Assib, finally, we can set up our camp in the desert to enjoy the enchanting atmosphere of the area, stargazing, have a tasty dinner meal, and spend the night at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4: Aqaba Path, Swimmer's Cave, and Wadi Sura

We will resume our trip as we arrive at the Aqaba path to see the western hills of the Gilf El Kebir!

Our initial visit is at the Swimmer's Cave, which is actually located in Wadi Sura (Valley of Pictures), where Almasi discovered it in October 1933. Frobenius's expedition searched for rock art in Uweinat and in the western valleys of Gilf, which Patrick Clayton had explored two years earlier. Clayton's son believes that his father found the wadi and its other caves first, but it fell to Almashi to open the Swimmer's Cave and name the valley.

It is actually a small depression at the beginning of the wadi, completely open to the forces of nature. Inside the Swimmer's Cave, there are over a thousand figures of various styles. Famous swimmers are 10 centimeters long and are painted red with small, round heads on stem-like and tadpole-like bodies and spider-like arms and legs.

Our following station will be at the Mestekawi Cave which was found in 2002 by an Egyptian-Italian tourist group which was commanded by Massimo Foggini (an Italian tourist) and Ahmed Mistikaoui (An Egyptian Tourist).

This cave is spectacular hosting a large number of ancient rock drawings that are perfectly well preserved. Later that day, we get our camp ready in Wadi Sura to enjoy the enchanting mood of the place, stargazing, have an astounding dinner meal, and spend the night in our cozy camp.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5: Wadi Abd El Malik

Daily breakfast will be prepared and served at the camp, then we will start moving aboard the jeep to the area known as Wadi Abd El Malik which Al Masi discovered as well, see the beautiful acacia forest and take amazing photos.

Finally, we will start camping in Wadi Abd El Malik and spend the rest of the day with the local Bedouins drinking tea and eating dinner in the serenity of the desert.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6: Silica Glass Area

After having breakfast at the camp, now it's time to continue our wonderful Desert Safari Trip to El Gilf El Kebir. Our primary stop is to see the Silica Glass Area, created 26 million years ago. It comprises a large area receiving great pieces of gorgeously clear yellow and green Silica Glass spread all over the place making a mysterious picture that is unlikely amazing.

Finally, we will start camping in the Silica Glass area and spend the rest of the day with the local Bedouins drinking tea and eating dinner in the serenity of the desert.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7: Ain Dalla

Have your breakfast set at the camp and continue the beautiful safari towards Ain Dalla water spring, one of the most beautiful and soothing natural water springs in Egypt that are encircled by palm trees from all directions, enjoy a dip in the warm water or some meditation.

Then, we will start camping in the same area and spend the rest of the day with the local Bedouins drinking tea and eating dinner in the serenity of the desert.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8: Back to Cairo

Today, after having our early morning breakfast, we will start the drive to Cairo after we enjoyed 7 amazing days during our safari trip to El Gilf El Kebir.

Meals: Breakfast