

# Tour of Cairo, the White and Black Deserts of Egypt

**Price Starting From: \$660** 

6 Days Cairo, the White and Black Deserts Egypt

An unforgettable adventure that combines the rich history of Cairo with the surreal landscapes of Egypt's tour packages White and Black Deserts. Start your journey in Cairo, where you will explore iconic landmarks such as the Pyramids of Giza, the Sphinx, and the Egyptian Museum, home to ancient treasures. Dive deep into this historic city's vibrant culture and bustling streets, experiencing its unique blend of old and new.

After soaking in the wonders of Cairo, venture into the heart of Egypt's desert wilderness. The White Desert, renowned for its chalk-white rock formations shaped by the wind, offers a breathtaking and otherworldly atmosphere. As the day unfolds, head to the Black Desert, where the volcanic hills and dark mountains contrast the surrounding landscape.

This <u>Egypt tour</u> provides a perfect blend of history, nature, and adventure. Spend nights camping under the stars in the desert, enjoying traditional Bedouin meals around the fire, and marveling at the beauty of <u>Egypt's day tour</u> of natural wonders. Whether you're an avid explorer or a history enthusiast, this tour promises a remarkable experience showcasing Egypt's ancient heritage and its mesmerizing desert landscapes.

## Overview Inclusion

- Airport transfers
- Accommodation in Cairo
- Guided tours of the Pyramids, Sphinx, and Egyptian Museum
- 4x4 desert safari to the White and Black Deserts
- Camping equipment and meals in the desert
- Professional English-speaking guide
- All transportation between destinations

#### **Exclusion**

- International airfare
- Visa fees
- Personal expenses
- Gratuities for guides and drivers
- Optional activities

#### **Day 1: Arrival in Cairo**

A trained representative from Cairo Top Tours will meet you at <u>Cairo International Airport</u> with a signboard bearing your name. A private car will transport you to your accommodation in Cairo or Giza. When you arrive, we'll help you quickly check in and go over your excursions schedule, ensuring that all of your pick-up times for the next excursions in Cairo and beyond are accurate.

Relax and get ready for the exciting days ahead on your first evening in Cairo.

At the hotel, take pleasure in a welcome drink.

# Day 2: Highlights of Cairo, the Sphinx, and the Giza Pyramids

Start your day with a delicious buffet breakfast at the hotel, featuring a mix of international and Egyptian cuisine. Your private, English-speaking guide will then take you to the Giza Plateau, where you'll experience one of the world's greatest wonders – the Great Pyramid of Giza, built by King Cheops. You'll also visit the pyramids of Chephren and Mycerinus, learning fascinating details about these ancient structures.

Next, visit the Great Sphinx, a massive statue with a human head and a lion's body, as well as the Valley Temple of King Chephren, where ancient mummification rituals took place.

Enjoy lunch at a top-quality Cairo restaurant before heading to Islamic Cairo. Immerse yourself in the lively markets and sample traditional mint tea at El Fishawy or Layaly Al-Hussein, two of Cairo's oldest cafés in Khan El Khalili.

Afterward, visit the <u>Egyptian Museum</u>, where your guide will explain the museum's most important artifacts, including treasures from the tomb of the boy king, Tutankhamun, discovered in 1922 in the Valley of the Kings.

Your tour continues in Coptic Cairo, where you'll explore the Roman fortress of Babylon, the <u>Hanging Church</u> built atop its ancient towers, and the Church of St. Sergius, home to the crypt where the Holy Family stayed. The tour concludes with a visit to the historic <u>Ben Ezra Synagogue</u>.

Meals Included: Breakfast

#### **Day 3: Journey to Bahariya Oasis**

After breakfast at the hotel, check out and meet your Cairo Top Tours guide for a journey to the Bahariya Oasis, a roughly four-hour drive from Cairo. Upon arrival, visit the Valley of the Golden Mummies, a fascinating site accidentally discovered by a donkey cart, revealing thousands of Romanera mummies covered in gold. You will also explore the Tombs of the Nobles, which house the remains of influential figures from the Pharaonic period, and the Temple of Alexander the Great,

discovered by Egyptian archaeologists, though partially damaged over time.

Following a lunch at the oasis, check into your hotel and spend the afternoon at leisure. Relax in the hotel's mineral-rich hot springs.

Before sunset, on a stroll through the oasis, meet residents, and learn about their unique customs and traditions. End the day with a hike up the Black Mountain to see the English House ruins and enjoy breathtaking panoramic views of the oasis at sunset.

Spend the night at Bahariya Oasis.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### **Day 4: The Deserts of White and Black**

Following a delightful breakfast, we will start the day with a visit to the golden dunes and the enormous salt lake in Bahariya. Following that, you will proceed on an excursion to see the palm trees and the local fruit orchards. Following a delicious lunch, we're heading to the desert to explore The Black Desert, an intriguing region of black-colored mountains with a large number of tiny black stones and volcanic compositions.

After a brief halt at the <u>Valley of El Haize</u>, proceed to the quartz <u>Crystal Mountain</u> and the Valley of Agabat. reaching the White Desert, a sizable area covered with chalk formations sculpted by the nation's yearly springtime sandstorms.

These formations produce strangely intriguing shapes, some of which appear to have been intentionally carved.

Your native Bedouin guides will prepare a fresh dinner while you camp in the White Desert, giving you an unmatched opportunity to watch the endangered eastern desert fox. You will also enjoy a breathtaking sunset view.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, and dinner

#### **Day 5: Return to Cairo**

Wake up to a freshly prepared breakfast made from the finest local ingredients. Afterward, take a dip in the hot springs and capture stunning photos of the <u>white desert</u> formations.

Once you've soaked in the morning's serenity, your guide and private driver will take you back to Cairo, where you'll spend your final night at a hotel.

Meals Included: Breakfast

#### Day 6: Your final day in Cairo and the adventure journey

### through the White Desert

After your final breakfast at the hotel, the tour guide from Cairo Top Tours will meet you and drive you to the Cairo International Airport, where he will help you board the plane that will take you out of Egypt.

Meals included: Breakfast