

# 2 Day trip to Sinai Mountain and St. Catherine

**Price Starting From : \$230**

2 Days

Egypt

Cairo, Saint Catherine

Hiking is undoubtedly one of the most exhilarating activities to enjoy on your Egypt day tours! With our Egypt shore excursions, you now have the opportunity to embark on a thrilling 2-day adventure to explore the iconic Mount Sinai and the renowned St. Catherine's Monastery.

This captivating tour will take you on a journey to the Sinai Peninsula, a region rich in religious and historical significance, revered by followers of the three Abrahamic faiths - Islam, Christianity, and Judaism. Your knowledgeable Cairo Top Tours guide will lead you on an expedition to climb Mount Sinai, one of the highest peaks in Egypt, offering breathtaking panoramic views of the surrounding highlands and the crystal-clear waters of the Red Sea.

During your adventure, you'll have the chance to visit the basilica and the renowned "Burning Bush," the very place where God spoke to Moses. Delve into the fascinating history of how Saint Catherine spread Christianity to the public, as you immerse yourself in the captivating cultural and historical heritage of this sacred region.

After your insightful exploration of St. Catherine's Monastery, you'll have a short break before concluding your tour. As you prepare to depart, consider extending the magic of your journey by relaxing at one of the luxurious Sharm El-Sheikh hotels, where you can fully savor the richness of your Egyptian adventure.

Egypt is a truly remarkable destination, offering an abundance of fascinating sights and experiences. From the iconic El-Husseini Mosque to the awe-inspiring Pyramids of Giza, this captivating country attracts visitors from across the globe, eager to immerse themselves in its captivating history and vibrant culture.

## [Overview](#)

### Inclusion

- Transportation from your hotel in Cairo to the South Sinai governorate and back.
- Transfers to the St. Catherine area in modern air-conditioned vehicles provided by Cairo Top Tours.
- One night's accommodation in Saint Catherine on a half-board basis.
- Tickets and entrance fees to all sites mentioned in the itinerary during your Overnight Trip to Sinai.
- An Egyptologist tour guide for your Egypt Day Tours.
- Bottled water and a soft drink for your 2-day trip to Mount Sinai.
- Local Bedouin guide to assist with the climb up Mount Sinai.
- All taxes applicable to your Cairo day tours are included.

### Exclusion

- Any extras not mentioned in our itinerary for the Mount Sinai Overnight trip to climb the mountain and visit St. Catherine's monastery.

- Tipping is not included in the Cairo tour prices but is appreciated by drivers and staff if you feel the service has been good.
- Prices are valid during Christmas, New Year tours, and Egypt Easter tours.

## [Itinerary](#)

### **Day 01 Itinerary: Cairo to St Catherine Tour**

Our knowledgeable Egyptologist guide will greet you in the morning and accompany you on a private tour with Cairo Top Tours, kicking off one of the most historically significant excursions from Cairo. Following in the footsteps of the Israelites during the biblical Exodus, you'll be transported by a modern vehicle from your hotel in Cairo. The journey to the amazing overnight destination of Mount Sinai is approximately 6 to 7 hours, taking you through the Ahmed Hamdi Tunnel in the Suez Governorate and under the Suez Canal.

Along the way, we'll make a stop for a toilet break, allowing you to stretch your legs, grab a refreshment, and take a brief respite. We'll also visit Moses' Wells, where, according to tradition, Moses split the rock to provide water for the Israelites. Your guide will discuss the probable routes the Israelites may have taken during the biblical Exodus when the sea parted for Moses and the Pharaoh (most likely Ramses II or Merenptah) drowned.

Upon arrival, we'll ensure a smooth check-in at your hotel in St. Catherine, where you can relax and enjoy the evening at your leisure. Dinner will be served at the hotel, after which you can prepare for the early morning ascent of Mount Sinai the following day.

Meals: Dinner

### **Day 02 Itinerary: Climb Mount Sinai and visit St Catherine Monastery to Cairo**

We'll start your day bright and early with a 1:00 AM pickup. Before heading out, the hotel will provide tea and coffee in the lobby to help you fuel up. From there, you'll be transferred to the starting point of your Mount Sinai ascent, accompanied by a local Bedouin guide. Get ready for an adventurous and spiritual journey as you climb the sacred mountain, following in the footsteps of countless hermits before you. Along the way, you'll find huts where you can purchase a hot beverage or rent a blanket if the weather turns chilly. As you reach the summit, you'll be rewarded with a breathtaking sunrise over the mountain.

After your descent, you'll return to the hotel for a well-deserved breakfast. Then, you'll meet your expert tour guide to explore the historical Monastery of Saint Catherine, the oldest Christian diocese in the world, dating back to the 6th century. Inside the monastery, you'll see the Burning Bush, surrounded by a chapel built by Queen Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine, as well as the Church of Transfiguration, constructed by Emperor Justinian.

The monastery also houses the second-largest Christian library in the world, after the Vatican's. Your guide will also show you the on-site mosque, which was never used, as it was not properly oriented towards the holy Kaaba in Mecca. Along the way, you'll stop to see the rock where the Israelites planted the golden calf, and the tomb of Aaron, the younger brother of Moses.

After this comprehensive tour, you'll be transferred back to Cairo, concluding your unforgettable overnight adventure at Mount Sinai.

Meals: Breakfast