

9 Days Cairo and Siwa Desert Safari

Price Starting From: \$950

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

Some of Egypt Tours' premier journeys are arranged by us. Starting your adventure with the Siwa Oasis From Cairo tour, recommended places include the Farafra Oasis, Dakhla Oasis, and Kharga. Another highly recommended safari vacation in Egypt is the White Desert Egypt Tour, where you can witness the vast White Desert and Bahariya Oasis.

9-Day Cairo and Siwa Desert Safari

Experience our 9-Day Cairo and Siwa Desert Safari to discover Cairo, exploring the Pyramids of Giza and the Egyptian Museum. Additionally, the tour includes a visit to Alexandria from Cairo and El Alamein.

Egypt Desert Safari Trips

Travel to Marsa Matrouh and enjoy a safari trip to Siwa Oasis. Explore the Citadel of Qaitbay, the Catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa, and the Alexandria Library during your Alexandria tours from Cairo. Then, delve into the stunning Siwa Oasis, where you can visit the ancient village of Shali, explore the Great Sand Sea, Cleopatra's spring, and more during this exhilarating Egypt desert safari trip!

Overview

Inclusion

Cairo Top Tours provides full assistance with airport procedures through their tour leaders.

You will travel in a private air-conditioned vehicle, designated as non-smoking.

Your accommodation includes 4 nights at Cairo Pyramids Hotel with breakfast provided.

In Alexandria, accommodation for 1 night is included, also with breakfast.

Enjoy 3 nights in Siwa with breakfast provided daily.

Entrance fees to all specified sites are covered throughout your trip.

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

Meals are as scheduled in the 9-day Cairo and Siwa Desert Safari itinerary.

During Egypt Day Tours, bottled water and soft drinks are provided.

Snack stops are available upon request during your Egypt desert safari adventures.

Experience local mint tea or coffee at renowned Cairo cafes like El-Fishawy or Layali El-Hussein.

Optional shopping tours in Cairo are available for those interested.

All taxes and service charges are incorporated into the trip price.

Exclusion

International flights are not included.

Additional expenses not specified in the itinerary are not covered.

Tipping is not included.

<u>Itinerary</u>

Day 1: Arrival in Cairo, Check-in

Upon arrival at Cairo International Airport, you will be greeted by a representative from Cairo Top Tours. They will transfer you to your hotel in Cairo, assist you with the check-in process, and review the 9-day Cairo and Siwa Desert Safari itinerary to confirm all pick-up times. Additionally, you can discuss adding any optional excursions during your Cairo and Egypt desert safari adventure.

welcome drink

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

Enjoy a delightful breakfast at the hotel before our representative meets you in the lobby to start your Cairo day tours. Begin with an exhilarating visit to the Giza Pyramids, marveling at these colossal structures built over 4500 years ago during Egypt's ancient history. The Great Pyramid of Cheops, constructed with 2.3 million limestone blocks, stands as a testament to the achievements of ancient Egyptian kings. Experience the panoramic view from the high plateau, which includes the pyramids of Chephren and Mycerinus.

Optionally, enjoy a camel ride on the Giza Pyramids plateau before visiting the Great Sphinx, believed to be part of King Chephren's funerary complex. Explore the Valley Temple where the king's mummification process took place.

Next, venture to Saqqara to see the Step Pyramid of Djoser, the first pyramid built entirely of stone, marking a significant evolution in pyramid architecture. Enter the pyramid of King Teti from the sixth dynasty and visit the tomb of Kagemni, a nobleman and vizier during Teti's reign.

Continue your Cairo tours with a visit to Memphis, the ancient capital of Egypt, now Mit Rahina.

Explore the open-air museum featuring the alabaster sphinx and the colossal statue of King Ramses II, who ruled during the New Kingdom.

Enjoy a delicious lunch at a quality restaurant overlooking the pyramids and Sphinx before returning to your hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

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

Enjoy a delicious early morning breakfast before starting your Cairo excursions. Today's itinerary includes a fascinating 2-hour tour of the Egyptian Museum, followed by exploring Old Cairo and concluding with a visit to Islamic Cairo's oldest bazaar.

Travel in your private air-conditioned car to downtown Cairo, specifically Tahrir Square, where you'll encounter the renowned Egyptian Museum. This museum houses an impressive collection of over 120,000 ancient Egyptian artifacts spanning different periods of Egypt's rich history. Highlights include the extraordinary exhibits of King Tutankhamen and the funerary collection of his great-grandparents, Yuya and Tuya.

Next on your Cairo itinerary is a visit to Coptic Cairo. Explore the Hanging Church, built suspended over two towers of the Roman fortress of Babylon. Visit the Cavern Church of St. Sergius, historically associated with the refuge of the Virgin Mary and her son for nearly three months. Lastly, see the Synagogue of Ben Ezra, believed to be where Moses' basket was found by the pharaoh's family.

After a satisfying lunch, continue your Cairo tour to Khan El Khalili Bazaar, the oldest market in Cairo during medieval times. Stroll through its narrow alleys for an enriching Cairo walking tour and shopping experience amidst monumental Islamic architecture.

Return to your hotel after concluding your Cairo tours.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 4: Cairo to Alexandria Day Trip

After enjoying a delicious breakfast at the hotel, prepare to meet your knowledgeable English-speaking Egyptologist for your day tour to Alexandria from Cairo, part of our esteemed Egypt classic tours. You'll travel to Alexandria in a comfortable air-conditioned car, with the journey taking approximately 2.5 hours, including a brief stop along the way.

Upon arrival in Alexandria, founded by Alexander the Great in 332 B.C., your tour begins with a visit to Pompey's Pillar, erected to commemorate the victory of the Roman Emperor Diocletian. Next, explore the Catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa, significant Roman burial sites. Drive along the coastline to reach the Citadel of Qaitbay, built on the site of the ancient Pharos Lighthouse, once counted among the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

Visit the Bibliotheca of Alexandria, a modern reconstruction of the ancient library originally established by Ptolemy I in the 3rd century B.C., known as a center of learning and knowledge in its time.

Savor a delightful seafood lunch at a top-quality restaurant overlooking the harbour before transferring to your hotel in Alexandria for check-in and overnight.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 5: Alexandria to Alamein, Siwa Oasis

After breakfast and checking out of the hotel, we will embark on a scenic 7-hour journey to Siwa Oasis. En route, we will stop at Alamein to visit the Military Museum and the Commonwealth Alamein Cemetery, which commemorates the World War II battle. Continuing our journey, we'll pause in the charming city of Marsa Matrouh for a delicious lunch at a delightful restaurant before proceeding to Siwa Oasis.

Upon arrival, we will drop off our luggage at the eco-lodge and head to one of Egypt's most soothing natural hot springs for a relaxing bath to ease our muscles after the long drive. Later, we will return to the hotel for overnight stay.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 6: Siwa Sightseeing Sightseeing

Enjoy a traditional Egyptian breakfast at the Eco-lodge before beginning our Siwa Oasis tours. Explore the ruins of the Shali Fortress, where ancient Siwan people sought refuge during foreign raids. Next, visit the Temple of the Oracle in Aghurmi Village, dating back to the 26th dynasty, and the mostly ruined Temple of Um Ubeyda, originally dedicated to the worship of God Amun Ra.

Experience the rich heritage of Siwa with a visit to the Siwa House Museum, followed by lunch at one of the Oasis's picturesque restaurants. Spend a leisurely afternoon at Cleopatra Spring, a famous hot spring believed to have been used by Queen Cleopatra herself. Enjoy swimming and relaxing in its sparkling waters before heading to Fitnas Island to witness a stunning sunset.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

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

Enjoy a delightful breakfast at the hotel before continuing your Siwa Oasis Desert Safari. On the second day, your expert Egyptologist will guide you in a 4x4 vehicle to explore the Great Sand Sea.

Embark on an exhilarating Egypt Desert Safari adventure by visiting the Mountain of the Dead, where you'll discover numerous tombs of oasis rulers. Then, journey through beautiful sand dunes until reaching the Cambrian-era fossils, showcasing ancient corals. Experience one of the highlights of the Great Sand Sea—a stunning lake nestled in the desert, where you may even spot flamingo birds gracefully swimming in its cool waters, offering a serene and relaxing atmosphere.

Pass by Dakrour Mountain and indulge in sandboarding, sliding down the dunes for an adrenaline rush akin to snowboarding. Afterward, refresh yourself in the renowned hot spring known as Bir Wahid to

relax and soothe your muscles. Conclude this remarkable day with another breathtaking sunset amidst the dunes, accompanied by Bedouin tea.

Return to Siwa for overnight accommodation at the eco-lodge.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 8: Back to Cairo

You will receive a breakfast box early in the morning to begin your journey from Siwa Oasis to Cairo via Marsa Matrouh. Upon arrival in Cairo, you will be transferred to the hotel for an overnight stay. If we arrive in Cairo earlier than expected, you may have the opportunity to book an evening activity such as a Nile cruise dinner, where you can enjoy dinner and entertainment aboard a boat cruising the Nile River.

Meal included: Breakfast

Day 9: Final Departure

Today marks the conclusion of your Egypt desert safari adventure. We trust you've had a wonderful experience with our Egypt Day Tours and that the itinerary of your 9-day Cairo and Siwa Desert Safari has met your expectations. You will be transferred to Cairo International Airport for your return flight home at the end of your memorable Egypt Desert Safari Trips.

Meal included: Breakfast