

# Siwa, Bahariya Oasis, and White Desert Trip Package

#### Price Starting From : \$799

7 Days /6 Nights Egypt Oases

Discover one of our premier Egypt travel packages featuring the awe-inspiring Siwa, Bahariya, and White Desert. Our Egypt Desert Safari offers unparalleled adventures from Cairo, showcasing the breathtaking natural wonders of these iconic oases. Enjoy the serene beauty of Siwa Oasis, marvel at the stunning landscapes of the White Desert, and experience the magic of these protected regions.

Explore our diverse Egypt day tours from Cairo Airport, and benefit from our expert team's dedication to crafting unforgettable summer or winter vacations. Whether you're seeking luxurious accommodations or exceptional itineraries, our Egypt Luxury Vacations are designed to make your dream holiday come true. Share unforgettable experiences with your loved ones as you immerse yourself in the tranquil beauty of Egypt's deserts.

For relaxation and wonder, the Siwa, Bahariya, and White Deserts are top destinations. Experience the enchantment of Egypt's deserts, with stargazing and campfire relaxation as highlights of our western desert tours.

### <u>Overview</u>

#### Inclusion

- Collection and return from your Cairo hotel will be managed by Cairo Top Tours.
- Enjoy a 4-night stay at the Siwa Oasis Ecolodge.
- 1-night accommodation at the Cairo Pyramids Hotel or a comparable hotel with breakfast included.
- 1 night of full-board camping in the White Desert.
- Entrance fees for all specified sites are covered.
- All required camping equipment is provided, including sleeping bags, camel blankets, and large, well-ventilated tents.
- All transfers and tours from Cairo to Bahariya Oasis are in a private air-conditioned vehicle.
- Tours and transfers in Bahariya Oasis and the White Desert are conducted in a 4x4 Jeep.
- A qualified Egyptologist will guide you throughout your Classic Egypt Tours.
- Desert safaris are tailored as private tours.
- All meals as outlined in the itinerary are included.
- Snack stops are available upon request.
- Complimentary bottled water and soft drinks are provided during the desert safari tours.
- All service charges and taxes are included in the tour price.

#### Exclusion

- Personal costs during the Egypt day tours are not included.
- Any extras not listed in the itinerary will be at your own expense.
- Beverages during meals are not covered.
- Gratuities are not part of the Siwa Oasis tour package price.
- The tour price excludes peak seasons like Christmas, New Year, and Easter.

#### **Itinerary**

### Day 1: Cairo - Alamein WWII Cemetery and Museum - Siwa

Your Egypt desert safari tour begins bright and early, with a Cairo Top Tours representative meeting you at your hotel around 6 AM. You'll then be transported to El Alamein on the northern coast, which is about a 3-hour drive including a coffee break.

Once you arrive in El Alamein, you'll visit the World War II Museum and learn all about the two major battles that took place here. You'll get a detailed account of the armies involved, as well as the staggering numbers of casualties on both sides. It's a sobering but important part of history.

After the museum, you'll visit the Commonwealth Cemetery to pay your respects to the fallen soldiers. You'll also have the chance to see the memorial cemeteries for Australian, Italian, and German troops.

Following the El Alamein portion of the tour, you'll drive for another 2 hours to Marsa Matrouh, where you'll stop for an authentic Egyptian lunch at a quality restaurant. Then it's on to Siwa Oasis, where you'll check into your eco-lodge accommodations and have time to rest.

If there's enough time, you may even be able to take a relaxing dip in one of Siwa's natural hot springs to soothe your muscles after the long drive. You'll overnight in Siwa.

The only included meal today is lunch.

# Day 2: Siwa Sightseeing Trip

After enjoying a hearty Egyptian breakfast at your hotel, you'll begin your exploration of the Siwa Oasis. Your first stop will be the old town of Shali, located right in the center of the city. Here, you'll see the remarkable Shali Fortress, which was built using a unique local construction method involving salt, mud, and clay. This innovative technique helped keep the buildings cool, though unfortunately, parts of the 13th-century fortress did melt down after heavy rains in the 1930s.

Next, you'll visit the most significant site in Siwa - the Temple of Alexander the Great, also known as the Oracle of Amun. This ancient temple gained fame after Alexander the Great himself came here and asked the oracle to confirm that he was the son of the Greek god Zeus (or Amun-Ra in Egyptian mythology). The temple dates back to the 26th Dynasty.

You'll also see the ruins of the Temple of Amun at Um Ubayda, which was dedicated to the triad of Amun, Mut, and Khonsu. Sadly, this temple was destroyed in 1869 when the governor of Siwa ordered it to be blown up in order to build a palace and presidential retreat.

After exploring these archaeological wonders, you'll have the chance to learn more about traditional Siwan culture by visiting a local Siwan house. Here, you can see the daily tools and accessories used by the people, helping to preserve their rich heritage.

Enjoy a local lunch, then head to the famous Cleopatra Spring, also known as Ein Guba. Take a relaxing dip in the warm, mineral-rich waters before being transferred back to your hotel for the night.

Meals included today are breakfast and lunch.

# Day 3: Great Siwa Mountain - Great Sand Sea Safari - Bir Wahed Hot Spring

After enjoying breakfast at your eco-lodge, you'll set out to explore the wonders of the Siwa Oasis desert. Your first stop will be the Maraki Village, where you'll visit an incredible archaeological site at the base of the Great Siwa Mountain. This is the location of the oldest human footprint ever discovered, dating back to prehistoric times.

Continuing your journey, you'll drive through the stunning dunes until you reach the fossil area. Here, you can marvel at the ancient rocky coral reefs that date back to the Cambrian era, millions of years ago.

Up next is an exhilarating Jeep safari into the Great Sand Sea, the third-largest sand accumulation in the world. During this adventure, you'll stop at a beautiful desert lake, where you'll have the chance to swim alongside the friendly Tilapia fish.

After the Jeep safari, get ready for an adrenaline-filled sandboarding experience! While not as fast as snowboarding, you can gain some impressive speed by waxing the bottom of the board and shooting down the towering dunes.

Once you've had your fill of sandboarding, it's time to unwind at the hot spring known as Bir Wahid (Well Number 1) - one of the must-do activities in Siwa for pure relaxation.

To cap off the day, you'll enjoy a mesmerizing sunset view over the Great Sand Sea, sipping on a refreshing Bedouin lemon-leaf tea.

Overnight, you'll return to your eco-lodge in Siwa.

Meals included today are breakfast and lunch.

# Day 4: Siwa Oasis Trip

After a tasty breakfast served at your eco-lodge, you'll begin the day by visiting the rock-cut tombs at the Mountain of the Dead (Gabal El Mauta). Here, you'll see the impressive final resting places of the rulers of the Siwa Oasis during the 26th Dynasty. You'll explore the tomb of Si Amon, as well as the intriguing "Crocodile Tomb," which features well-preserved paintings of crocodiles on the walls, though the tomb's original owner remains a mystery.

Next, you'll venture to the Bedouin village of Abu Ali to immerse yourself in the traditional Bedouin

way of life. As you wander through the canyon-like mountains, you can experience the incredible acoustics of the area, with your voice echoing through the serene silence.

Returning to Siwa, you'll make your way to the famous Dakrour Mountain, where the local people celebrate the annual Siwa Tourism Festival each October, around the first full moon.

To end the day on a high note, you'll head to the magical Fitnas Island to witness a captivating sunset. Sip on a hot local drink and try your hand at taking some creative timelapse photos of the breathtaking scenery.

Finally, you'll be transferred back to the city centre, where you'll spend the night at your eco-lodge.

Meals included today are breakfast and lunch.

### Day 5: Siwa - Cairo

After enjoying breakfast at your eco-lodge in Siwa, you'll transfer to Cairo. Upon arrival in Cairo, you'll check in to your hotel for an overnight stay.

The next morning, you'll embark on an early trip from Cairo to the Bahariya Oasis. This excursion will allow you to explore the incredible natural wonders of this oasis located in the Western Desert.

Meals included for this day are breakfast and lunch.

### Day 6: Cairo to Bahariya Oasis and White Desert

You'll start your day with a transfer from Cairo to the Bahariya Oasis, enjoying your lunch along the way.

As the sun begins to set, you'll climb Black Mountain by 4WD Jeep to visit the ruins of the English House. From this vantage point, you'll be treated to a scenic view overlooking the entire oasis and the shimmering Salt Lake, surrounded by lush date palm forests.

Next, you'll visit the Museum of the Golden Mummies, where you'll see remarkably preserved mummies from the Greco-Roman era in Egypt, many of which are adorned in gold.

Continuing your exploration, you'll head to the Tombs of Nobles at Qasr Sleem. Here, you'll marvel at the impressive rock-cut tombs of Zed-Amun-Ef-Ankh and Bannentiu, as well as the Temple of Ain El Muftella, dedicated to the ancient Egyptian god Bis, the god of joy and entertainment.

You'll also visit the Temple of Alexander the Great, though much of the original inscriptions and sculptures have been weathered by natural forces over time.

As you make your way to the White Desert, you'll first pass through the Black Desert, a region of striking volcano-shaped mountains dotted with small black stones. You'll also stop at the southernmost village of the Bahariya Oasis, El Haize, known for its delightful natural spring.

At Crystal Mountain, you'll have the chance to admire the stunning quartz crystals, and in the magnificent Valley of Agabat, you'll witness one of Egypt's most breathtaking natural wonders.

Finally, you'll set up camp in the White Desert, where you can enjoy an awe-inspiring sunset and savor a delicious dinner cooked by your guides before settling in for the night.

Meals included today are breakfast and lunch.

# Day 07: Back to Cairo

On your last day, you'll wake up at the peaceful campsite in the White Desert and enjoy a hearty breakfast.

After breakfast, you'll have the opportunity to visit a nearby hot spring. Here, you can take a refreshing dip, relax, and soak in the tranquil, beautiful waters.

Following your time at the hot spring, you'll drive back to the Bahariya Oasis, and then continue your journey onward to Cairo, marking the end of your Egypt tour package.

We hope you thoroughly enjoyed your adventure exploring the stunning Siwa Oasis and Bahariya Oasis during your time in our country. We sincerely appreciate you choosing Cairo Top Tours, and we hope this won't be the last time you visit Egypt.

If you have any additional time during your stay, we'd be happy to recommend some of our popular Cairo day tours for you to consider. There is so much more of this incredible country for you to discover.