

## Safari Tour to Gara Cave and Bahariya Oasis

**Price Starting From: \$650** 

5 Days / 4 Nights Egypt Oases

Enjoy an incredible 5-day Egypt Desert Safari adventure, departing from Cairo. This tour offers the opportunity to explore the stunning Bahariya Oasis, where you'll discover the date palm groves and learn about fascinating historical sites, such as the ancient Valley of the Golden Mummies and the Temple of Alexander the Great.

After your excursion in the Bahariya Oasis, you'll venture off the beaten path and spend three nights camping in the captivating White Desert. This unique experience will allow you to fully immerse yourself in the natural splendor of the region, as you pass through the Gara Cave, Ain Khadra, the Valley of Agabat, the Black Desert, and the Crystal Mountains.

The Temple of Alexander the Great, one of the most beautiful and oldest temples in the area, stands as a testament to the great achievements of the legendary Alexander the Great in this region. This historical site will be a highlight of your journey.

For those seeking a more luxurious experience, the company also offers a range of Egypt Luxury Tours, allowing you to enjoy the best of what Egypt has to offer, tailored to your comfort and preferences.

The Egypt travel packages organized by the team cater to a variety of interests and durations, ensuring that you can find the perfect tour to suit your needs. For those who wish to spend more time immersed in the enchanting western desert environment, the company also offers special programs that delve deeper into the region's splendor and unique experiences.

This 5-day Desert Safari Trip to Gara Cave promises to be a captivating and unforgettable adventure, allowing you to discover the hidden gems and natural wonders of Egypt's desert landscapes.

# Overview Inclusion

- Meet and greet Cairo Top Tours representatives from your Cairo hotel.
- 3 nights of fully equipped camping with all meals provided.
- 1 night's accommodation in Bahariya Oasis hotel, including breakfast.
- Entry tickets to all mentioned sites.
- Transfers and tours from Cairo to Bahariya Oasis by air-conditioned vehicle.
- Tours and transfers in Bahariya Oasis and the White Desert by 4×4 Jeep.
- Daily bottled water and soft drinks during the safari.
- Snack stops available upon request.

- English-speaking Egyptologist guide included.
- Private desert safari experience.
- All meals as outlined in the itinerary included.
- All service charges and taxes are included in the tour price.

#### **Exclusion**

- Drinks during meals are not included.
- Visa for Egypt is required for the safari trip from Cairo.
- Additional activities or items not listed in the Gara Cave Tours itinerary are not included.
- Tipping is not part of the Desert Safari Trip to Gara Cave price.
- Prices apply during peak seasons, such as Christmas, New Year, and Easter tours in Egypt

#### <u>Itinerary</u>

### Day 1: Cairo to Bahariya Oasis Tour

Your adventure begins with an early morning pickup from your hotel in Cairo or Giza at 6:00 AM. Your private vehicle will then whisk you away to the captivating Bahariya Oasis, about a 4-hour drive from the city.

Upon arrival, you'll dive right into your desert safari tours, starting with a visit to the Valley of the Golden Mummies. This Greco-Roman-era site contains a fascinating mixture of mummies, including those of ancient Egyptian rulers.

Next, you'll explore the well-preserved rock-cut Tombs of Zed-Amun-Ef-Ankh and Bannentiu, which date back to the 26th Dynasty and offer a glimpse into the rich history of the Bahariya Oasis.

Your tour will also take you to the majestic Temple of Ain El-Meftella, located at the heart of the Bahariya Oasis. This impressive ancient structure is a testament to the region's cultural heritage.

Another highlight of the day will be a visit to the Temple of Alexander the Great, a monument to the renowned ruler who conquered Egypt in his early 30s and left an indelible mark on the country.

After a pleasant lunch, you'll check in to your hotel and have the opportunity to enjoy the rejuvenating hot springs on the property, allowing you to relax and unwind.

As the day draws to a close, you'll embark on a 4WD Jeep adventure to climb the Black Mountain, where you'll witness a breathtaking sunset over the Bahariya Oasis. This vantage point, known as the English House, will offer stunning panoramic views of the surrounding landscape.

Your day will culminate with an overnight stay in Bahariya.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

#### **Day 2: Bahariya Oasis - Gara Cave (Djara Cave)**

After a nourishing Egyptian breakfast, you'll set out on an exciting off-road journey to explore the legendary Gara Cave, located approximately 170 kilometers from your previous stop.

Along the way, you'll pass through the charming Baharian Harra Village, taking in the breathtaking

vistas of the surrounding desert landscape. This will be a chance to immerse yourself in the serene beauty of the remote and captivating Western Desert region.

As you continue your adventure, you'll stop for a tasty lunch at the base of the towering dunes, providing you with the sustenance you need to continue your exploration.

The true highlight of the day will be the opportunity to discover the ancient civilization that has left its mark on the Gara Cave. This mysterious and historically significant site promises to captivate your senses and ignite your imagination, as you uncover the secrets of the past.

As the sun begins to set, you'll return to your desert camp, where a delicious dinner will be served, allowing you to savor the flavors of the region while surrounded by the magical atmosphere of the desert.

Your day will culminate with an overnight camping experience, enabling you to fully immerse yourself in the tranquillity and beauty of the Western Desert.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **Day 3: Gara Cave - Agabat off Road Trip**

After a hearty breakfast, you'll set out accompanied by your licensed tour guide to visit the remarkable Gara Cave, also known as the Djara Cave. This stunning natural wonder was formed over 55 million years ago, the result of rain corrosion within the limestone. The cave boasts shimmering rocks and a spectacular display of stalactites and stalagmites, all created by the slow process of water melting down the limestone.

Intriguing artifacts and rock art have been discovered within the cave, providing tangible evidence of human presence during prehistoric times, likely dating back to the late Neolithic era. The Gara Cave offers a captivating glimpse into the ancient past, inviting you to step back in time and wonder at the wonders of this remarkable geological formation.

Following your exploration of the Gara Cave, you'll embark on an off-road adventure to the breathtaking Valley of Agabat. Here, you'll be awestruck by the contrast between the towering, impressive white rocks and the golden sand that surrounds them, creating a stunning and otherworldly landscape within the Egyptian White Desert.

As the day draws to a close, you'll settle in for an overnight camping experience in this captivating site, surrounded by the raw beauty of the desert environment.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 4: Ain Khudra - White Desert Camping

After a delicious breakfast, you'll continue your off-road adventure, driving towards the captivating Ain Khadra spring. This ancient water well, nestled near a solitary palm tree, is surrounded by ceramics from the Roman, Coptic, and medieval eras, offering a fascinating glimpse into the region's rich history.

At Ain Khadra, you'll have the opportunity to enjoy a yummy picnic lunch, refuelling for the next leg of your journey.

Continuing your exploration, you'll make your way to the remarkable Santa tree, also known as the Acacia tree, surrounded by the stunning limestone formations that characterize the White Desert. This unique and otherworldly landscape is considered one of the most beautiful deserts in the world.

As you drive through the White Desert, you'll be awestruck by the breathtaking cream-colored, chalklike limestone rocks, which have been sculpted into intriguing formations, including the figures of a sphinx, a whale, and a rabbit.

Your day will conclude with an overnight camping experience in the heart of this mesmerizing White Desert, surrounded by the vast expanse of pristine, white sand.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 5: Black Desert - Crystal Mountain - Back to Cairo

As your remarkable desert adventure comes to an end, you'll start your day with a delicious breakfast before embarking on the drive back to Cairo. However, your journey won't be a straightforward one, as you'll have the opportunity to witness more of the region's captivating natural wonders along the way.

Your route will take you through the Bahariya Oasis, where you'll encounter the stunning Crystal Mountains. These mountains, with their bright-colored rocks that shine like diamonds, are considered one of the most unusual and remarkable geological formations in the world. A visit to this unique landscape is a must-do on your return journey.

You'll also pass through the Black Desert, where the mountains have been eroding, covering the desert in a layer of dust and black rocks. This striking contrast with the previous day's white desert landscapes will leave a lasting impression.

Your final stop will be the Valley of El Haize Village, located to the south of the Bahariya Oasis. Here, you'll be able to refresh yourself at the rejuvenating natural water spring before continuing your drive back to Cairo.