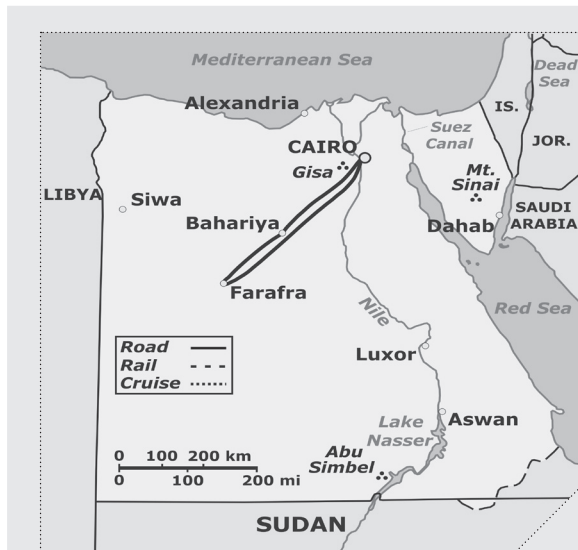


Egyptian Desert Safari



7 DAYS / SMALL GROUP OR PRIVATE TOUR / DESERT SAFARI /

Ideal for a second visit to Egypt, this tour visits several different desert regions including the Wadi Rayan Protected Area with its freshwater desert lake, and the Valley of the Whales World Heritage Site where numerous fossilised whales litter the beautiful desert scenery. We also enjoy a jeep safari into Western Deserts to visit the Baharya & Farafra Oases and spend a night camping under the starry desert sky amidst the weird rock formations in the White Desert.



FLIGHT BOOKINGS AVAILABLE
See below for details

Regular small-group departures run all year round. Call or check the website for dates and prices. Private and tailor-made options are also available on request.

Please see notes below or our website for details

FLIGHTS INCLUDED:* ✗	LOCAL PAYMENT: ✗	ENTRANCE FEES: ✗	AIRPORT TRANSFERS: ✓
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TOUR FACTS

Tour Code:	ADEGED
Group Size & Age:	Min. 2 Max. 18 / Min. age - 12 (group deps only)
Travel Idea:	Desert Safari
Activity Level:	Moderate
Comfort Rating:	Basic
Accommodation:	2 nights in hotels (mainly, 4-star), 2 nights basic desert hotels, 2 night desert camping
Transport:	A/C bus/minibus/car, 4x4 jeep

YOUR 8 DAY TOUR ITINERARY

- Day 1:** Arrive in Cairo. Transfer from airport to hotel.
- Day 2:** Drive to Meidum pyramid, Fayoum oasis tour. Overnight Wadi Hitan Camp.
- Day 3:** Wadi Rayan & the Valley of the Whales. Drive to Baharya.
- Day 4:** Baharya oasis tour. White Desert jeep safari. Overnight camp.
- Day 5:** Jeep safari. Farafra oasis. Return to Baharya.
- Day 6:** Baharya. Drive to Cairo.
- Day 7:** Cairo - Free time. Transfer to airport for departure.

"Would you like to visit the Red Sea and mountains of the Sinai Peninsula? ...then check out our Sinai Safari tour"

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DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY 1 / ARRIVE IN CAIRO

You arrive at Cairo airport where we greet and transfer you to your hotel. Our Egypt Uncovered rep. welcomes you, helps you settle into the hotel, and outlines the plan for the next few days.

Overnight at a hotel in Cairo.

DAY 2 / FAYOUM TOUR, MEIDUM PYRAMID

After arriving into Cairo by train, we head out to the Fayoum region. This extensively irrigated area is the most fertile region in Egypt and for centuries has supplied Egypt with wheat and numerous other crops. We stop to see the water wheels which have powered the irrigation for centuries, visit a natural spring, and see the Birket Qarn salt lake, home to many different birds including flamingos on one of the islands. En-route to Fayoum we visit the Meidum Pyramid, one of the very first attempts in Egypt at building a true pyramid. We drive by jeep to Wadi Hitan where we will stay overnight at a basic but comfortable camp surrounded by spectacular cliffs with great views over the valley.

Overnight at Wadi Hitan Camp (B D).

DAY 3 / WADI RAYAN, VALLEY OF THE WHALES

After breakfast we begin our tours of Wadi Rayan Protected Area. Wadi Rayan surrounds a fresh-water lake in the middle of the desert, which is filled by the remaining irrigation water from the Fayoum area. There are several waterfalls here, and a bird hide which gives good views of the lakes birdlife, particularly in the winter months when the lake is an important stop for migrating water-birds. We also visit the Springs Oasis area, a rare example of an uninhabited Saharan oasis, which hosts many different plants and animals, including Dorcas Gazelle, Ruppell's Sand Fox and Fennec Fox. After a stop for a packed lunch, we then drive into the stunning desert &

mountain scenery of Wadi Hitan (Valley of the Whales). This World Heritage Site is accepted as the most significant site in the world to demonstrate the evolution of whales, and we take a 2-3km walk here to see several specimens of fossilised whales of different types sitting on the surface of the sand, as well as fossilised mangroves and the remains of crab holes.

Later in the afternoon we drive to the Baharya oasis. Situated in a depression covering some 2000 sq km Baharya is divided between 4 villages, the largest of which is Bawiti. Famous for its dates, wine and hot springs, it is a peaceful and picturesque setting amid the harsh, barren landscape of the desert. Here we stay in a simple but comfortable hotel.

Overnight at a hotel, Baharya (B L D).

DAY 4 / WHITE DESERT, JEEP SAFARI

After breakfast, we take a tour around the Baharya oasis. This will include a visit to the English House, which is the ruined remains of a WW1 fort perched atop a nearby hill, and The Black Mountain. Next, we head heading into the White Desert using 4X4 jeeps. The White Desert is named after its white mica ground cover, and white rocks, shaped into curious toadstool, castles, and pillar like formations. On the way we stop to visit huge golden sand dunes and the dazzling Crystal Mountain, a rocky outcrop consisting of quartz crystals that lie strewn across the sand. At the foot of the hill a natural rock arch stands defying gravity. From here we head to our campsite in the White Desert and along the way collect wood for the campfire.

Our guide will prepare our meal and then you can relax, reflect on the stunning desert scenery you've seen today, and appreciate the silence and bright starry night sky that can only be found in such a vast uninhabited place.

Overnight in White Desert (B L D).

DAY 5 / FINISH SAFARI, FARAFRA OASIS

After breakfast in the White Desert we finish our safari in the Farafra Oasis, stopping on our way at the Black Desert to see the "flowers of the desert". These spiky chunks of black rock are formed by the rapid crystallization of volcanic eruptions under the sea, and are scattered all across the barren landscape.

At Farafra we take a short tour of the oasis and break for lunch. This is the smallest and most peaceful of the Western Desert oases, and many of the inhabitants are Bedouins who adhere to some of their ancient traditions. You'll see small mud-brick houses in the old area of town, many painted with verses of the Koran and paintings depicting their journeys to Mecca, and can stop to see the sand paintings, and sculptures of the world famous local artist, Badr Abd El Moghny. After a final stop in the oasis for a dip in one of the springs, we drive back through the desert to Baharya and our hotel.

Overnight at hotel in Baharya (B L D).

DAY 6 / BAHARYA OASIS TO CAIRO

We checkout of the hotel, and set off into the desert again, to arrive back in Cairo soon after midday. We check in at our hotel and have the rest of the day free to do some shopping in the bazaar, take an evening dinner cruise on the Nile, or go back to the pyramids for a memorable sound & light show.

Overnight at a hotel in Cairo (B).

DAY 7 / TOUR ENDS

Our tour ends after breakfast and your day is free until we transfer you to the airport in time for your flight home. (B).

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SMALL GROUP, PRIVATE AND TAILOR-MADE TOURS

SMALL GROUP DEPARTURES:

We have regular small group departures on this tour starting on Saturdays throughout the year. Departure dates are given on our website and on request.

PRIVATE DEPARTURES:

You can also choose to do the tour privately, following the itinerary above, but on any other date. We add a small supplement for these departures. Please contact us first to check availability.

TAILOR-MADE TOURS:

This tour can also be used as a base for a private tailor-made itinerary, to be run on any dates. You can make adjustments as per your own requirements (for example, adding extra days, slightly shortening the tour, adding a scuba-diving course etc.).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OPTIONS:

Booking and paying for options:

Options are split into three types

A - Those that must be booked and paid for in advance (mainly accommodation based).

B - Those that may be booked in advance or in Egypt (generally things you may know you definitely want to do. eg. day trips out of Cairo)

C - Those that are arranged while you are in Egypt (eg. extra city tours, dinner cruises, sound & light shows etc.). Leaving decisions about these until you get to Egypt gives you more flexibility and means you won't lose out if you were to book an option in advance

and then not do it.

Prices:

Prices for all of these options are given on our website and/or in a separate Option Price List provided on your arrival in Egypt and from our UK office.

A - ADVANCE BOOKING OPTIONS

These may be booked by selecting them on our online reservation form, and can also be added after you have made your booking, subject to availability at the time.

Single room supplement

If you are a single traveller joining tours like this at our 'Basic' comfort rating, then if you are happy to, you may share a twin room with another single traveller on the tour of the same sex. If there are no other single travellers available for you to pair up with at the time of your booking, then we will need to add the single supplement to your tour price, but will refund this if we are able to pair you up later on.

Note: Couples will always be given a private double room, and triple/family rooms are available on request.

Extra days - Price: subject to hotel & party make-up

These are available on request in Cairo before and after the main tour. If you want to add extra days into the time elsewhere, we can arrange this, but please request a tailor-made tour. If you wish, you may book a hotel at a higher or lower level than that used on the tour. In this case, we can offer a transfer to/from the group hotel for a small charge (paid locally). Prices include a night in the hotel, breakfast, all taxes and your airport transfer. Single room supplements apply.

B - OPTIONS BOOKABLE IN ADVANCE AND IN EGYPT

You will receive more information on all the options available to you while you are in Egypt in the Welcome Pack we provide on your arrival, together with information on how and when to book and pay for them with your guide or our local reps.

Prices are set in Egyptian Pounds but payments may also be made with hard currency (GB Pounds, Euros, US Dollars) at our local exchange rate at the time, which is set monthly. Credit card payments are also accepted in Cairo for these payments (3% fee).

Once booked and paid for, these options are not refundable if you choose not to do them while on the tour.

C - OPTIONS BOOKABLE IN EGYPT

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Once booked and paid for, options are generally not refundable if you choose not to do them for any reason later in the tour.

Sound & Light show at the Pyramids (Cairo)

Nile Dinner cruise (Cairo)

Cairo City Tour (Citadel, Coptic Cairo, Khan-el-Khalili bazaar)

Cairo Night-time tour

Sunset Felucca sailboat trip on the Nile in Cairo

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INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE TOUR:

- Accommodation
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- All transfers, including 24-hour airport transfer service
- Tours & guides as indicated on the itinerary
- All transport
- Tipping Kitty

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE TOUR:

- International airfares
- Visa costs
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Drinks, snacks, tips for your guide, and other personal expenses
- Sleeping bag (needed for the overnight desert camps)
- Entrance fees to all sites mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel insurance
- Any other items not mentioned above

ACCOMMODATION:

This tour is set at our 'Basic' comfort rating because it features several nights in the oases staying in fairly simple but comfortable hotels at around the 2-star level, as well as enjoying one night sleeping under the stars in the White Desert. The hotels in Cairo are of a higher standard, at around 4-star level, with en-suite AC rooms and swimming pools. The hotels in Baharya and Dakhla are normally en-suite but do not always have air-conditioning as the desert nights tend to be cooler than in the Nile Valley.

Please note that for the nights in the Western desert and at Wadi Hitan, mattresses and a blanket are provided, but you will need to bring a sleeping bag with you.

If you are joining one of our group tours, or booking a private departure on the normal tour itinerary, then we will confirm your hotels a couple of weeks before departure. If you want to guarantee a stay in a particular hotel, then please request a tailor-made tour.

Please see our website for more details of the hotels that may be used on the tour.

TRANSPORT:

This tour aims at balancing a comfortable and enjoyable travelling experience with seeing as much of Egypt and Egyptian life as possible. We therefore use private air-conditioned minibuses and coaches for all the sightseeing tours and transfers. Most vehicles used are fitted with speed limiters and all are inspected & checked daily.

A 4x4 jeep is used for the White desert safari section where we need to go off-road.

TRANSFERS:

The tour includes a 24-hour airport meet & assist service in Cairo airport, your arrival and departure airport transfers and all other transfers.

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS:

In order to keep our tours flexible, and to make them accessible to as many people as possible, we do not include your international flights in the set tour itinerary or price.

However, we do hold an ATOL (UK flight sales license) and are happy to book your flights for you. If you let us know your ideal dates and departure airport, then we will be happy to provide you with some flight options that we can arrange for you. You can then choose whether to book the flights through us, or make your own arrangements. Either way, your airport arrival & departure transfers are included.

TOUR LEADERS/GUIDES:

In order to provide the most personal service, and to make sure that you get as much out of our tours as possible, we like to keep

our groups small. We therefore set the maximum number at 18 and the minimum at 3 people. You can join our group departures as an individual, couple, group of friends, or family (min age 12).

One of our reps from Cairo will accompany you throughout the desert loop, together with a Bedouin driver & assistant who have good local knowledge of the desert and oases. Our local reps in all the towns and cities en-route are also at your service, and will be handling all the practical arrangements for the tour.

Our policy at Egypt Uncovered is to use only local guides and reps in Egypt. We feel this gives you the best experience of the country and the sites you are seeing. More details are given on our website.

ENTRANCE FEES:

The tour price does not include entrance fees to the tourist sites mentioned in the itinerary. You should allow around GB£15 per person (50% for minors or ISIC card holders), to cover all of the sites we visit in Egypt. Your guide will be happy to collect payment for all the entrance fees at the start of the tour, and pay them for you as you go along if you wish.

TIPPING:

Tipping is very much a part of Egyptian culture and customs. To make our prices more transparent and so it is easier for you to budget and less hassle while in Egypt, we include a 'Tipping Kitty' in your tour price. This provides tips for a wide range of people you'll meet along the tour including hotel porters, train and station staff, drivers, local reps etc.. Your Egyptologist and Bedouin guides are not included in this kitty and you may tip them at the end of your tour subject to your satisfaction with and appreciation of the service they have provided.

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DATES & PRICES:

We run regular small-group departures on this tour, normally every two weeks, throughout the year. These departure dates and prices are listed on our website and on a separate dates & prices sheet available on request. We can also run the set tour itinerary privately for you on other dates, or customise it to make a tailor-made tour to fit your personal requirements.

HEALTH:

For up to date health information & vaccination requirements for Egypt we recommend that you contact your GP or a travel clinic (1st Contact travel clinic gives free advice tel. 0800 0393073).

General vaccination recommendations for Egypt include Tetanus, Typhoid, Polio and Hepatitis A.

VISAS:

Many nationalities (including UK, USA, European, Australian, Canadian) can obtain their Egyptian visa on arrival in Cairo airport (cost US\$15 or equivalent).

All African nationals will need to arrange their Egypt visa in advance.

RESPONSIBLE TOURISM:

We take responsible travel seriously, and as well as taking this into consideration when we design our itineraries, and select the people and agents we work with, we also donate £2 for every person travelling on of our Egyptian tours. This is split between two projects - the Dar Al Rahman orphanage in Cairo, and a desert clean-up project in Wadi Rayan, near Al Fayoum. You will have the chance to visit the orphanage if you wish during your time in Cairo, and if you would like to support either of these projects while you are in Egypt, you would be very welcome.

Full details of our responsible travel policy are given on our website.

COUNTRY GUIDE:

For an in-depth overview of Egypt, please checkout the country guide pages on our website.

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION:

After booking, we will provide you with detailed information to help you prepare for the tour. This will include helpful advice on money, health, insurance, tipping, climate, clothing etc.

We also provide a Welcome Pack when you arrive in Egypt with more information including a tipping guide, local travel guide and an options information & booking sheet. Further information is also available in the County & Travel guides on our website.

FACEBOOK / TWITTER / UNCOVER THE WORLD COMMUNITY:

Uncover the World recently joined the Facebook community; it would be great if you joined us and shared some of your travel photos and stories. It's also a great way to stay in touch with your fellow travellers, share photos, and also keep updated with special offers and news about new tours and destinations from us - click on www.facebook.com/UncoverTheWorld and 'Like' us.

You can also follow us on Twitter - www.twitter.com/utworld

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