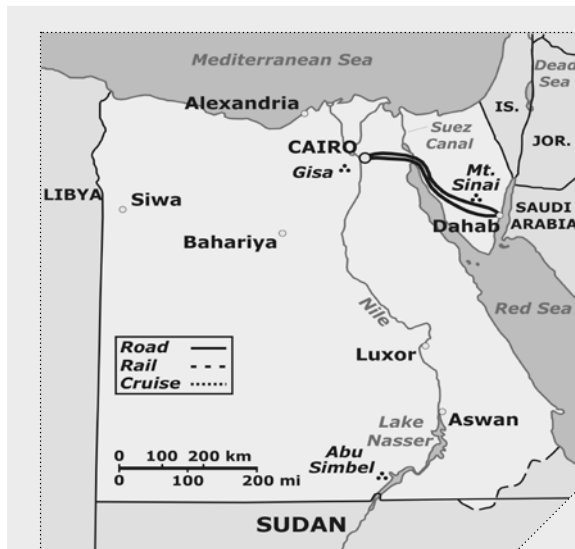


Sinai Safari from only £340pp*

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Sinai is a region of immense natural beauty connecting the Middle East and Africa. From its mountainous interior to its lovely white sand beaches and stunning coral reefs, Sinai has much to offer the potential visitor. This week long tour is centred in the laid back beach resort of Dahab and offers a great chance to combine the fantastic diving potential of the Red Sea with the beautiful deserts and mountains of the Sinai.



FLIGHT BOOKINGS AVAILABLE
See page 4 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 refer to page 3 or website for details.

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

Tour Code & Class:	MAEGSS / Standard
Group Size & Age:	Min. - 2 Max. - 18 / Min. age - 12
Activity - Multi:	Sightseeing, snorkelling, camel ride, jeep safari
Activity Level:	Low
Accommodation:	7 nights in hotels (from 2 to 4-star)
Transport:	A/C bus/minibus/car/jeep
Meals:	3 Breakfasts (B) and 1 Lunch (L)

YOUR 8 DAY TOUR ITINERARY

- Day 1:** Arrive in Cairo. Transfer from airport to hotel.
- Day 2:** Cairo - Pyramids, Sphinx & Museum tour.
- Day 3:** Coach trip to Dahab, free time.
- Day 4:** Dahab - Snorkelling at the Blue Hole, sunset camel ride.
- Day 5:** Dahab - Jeep safari.
- Day 6:** Dahab - Free day.
- Day 7:** Dahab - Free morning. Coach to Cairo.
- Day 8:** Cairo - Free time. Transfer to airport for departure.

"Looking for more adventure? Interested in visiting deserts and oases? ...then check out our Egyptian Desert Safari tour. Or, if you want to add some more sightseeing in Luxor, check out our Kings & Mountains 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 3-star hotel. Our Egypt Uncovered rep. welcomes you, helps you settle into the hotel, and outlines the plan for the next few days.

Overnight at hotel in Cairo.

DAY 2 / CAIRO. PYRAMIDS, SPHINX & MUSEUM TOUR

After breakfast we have a short pre-tour briefing before we take you on a tour of the pyramids & sphinx at Giza. Giza was built around 4600 years ago as a necropolis (cemetery) for the pharaoh Khufu (Cheops). The successor of Sneferu, Khufu was known as a tyrant and in his arrogance decided to have built a tomb that was bigger and better than all others. Standing 500 feet high and 750 feet at its base, the Pyramid of Khufu is an awesome man-made structure constructed of giant blocks of stone covered in a hard limestone casing. The casing has, over the years, been stripped away to leave exposed the inner block structure. Together with the smaller pyramids of Khafre (Chephren) and Menkaure (Mycerinus), the majestic sight of these enormous structures rising out of the desert is a breathtaking spectacle. Here you have the chance to climb inside one of the pyramids (there are a limited number of tickets available, so we cannot guarantee this), and also to take a camel ride (approx. £2-5 p/p for around 30mins). Close by, the mysterious Sphinx stands guard, as it has done so for thousands of years. You have another guided tour around the sphinx and some free time to walk around and take photos.

From here we take you back to the centre of Cairo to visit the Egyptian Museum, one of the world's most famous museums. The museum houses a vast collection of artefacts from Egypt's past, including the famous King Tutunkhamun display.

For this, and all of your sightseeing tours, a local English-speaking Egyptologist guide will accompany you.

From here we head back to the hotel where you will have a free evening and a chance to try one of the city's many excellent restaurants.

Overnight at hotel in Cairo (B).

DAY 3 / DRIVE TO DAHAB, FREE TIME

We leave Cairo early this morning for the drive to Dahab (approx. 7 hours by public tourist coach). The afternoon is free to relax by the hotel pool or to find a beach, and enjoy the unique feel of this friendly village. We spend the next 4 days here, and while some activities and excursions are included, there is plenty of free time for you to relax, try an introductory scuba-dive, or do a diving course (Dahab has some of the finest coral reefs in Egypt).

The word Dahab in Arabic means gold and refers to the fine yellow sand that colours the beaches either side of the main bay. The Bedouin village of Assalah lies along the shore of Ghazala Bay and is a collection of campsites, hotels, restaurants, shops, dive-centres and bars, dotted with palm trees. It is here that you'll experience the Bohemian feel that makes Dahab so special. The evenings provide a perfect opportunity to try out some of the many wonderful restaurants and seafood.

Overnight at hotel in Dahab (B).

DAY 4 / DAHAB, SNORKELLING AT THE BLUE HOLE, SUNSET CAMEL RIDE

Today we travel a short way out of Dahab, and go snorkelling at the famous Blue Hole, an 80m-deep, reef lined pool (equipment included). Here we spend time relaxing and exploring the wonders of the Red Sea. The clear blue waters are home to myriad marine life including many varieties of colourful fish and corals. After freshening up we climb aboard camels and watch the sun slowly setting as we head towards the Blue Lagoon. Here we take in the awesome views and colours of Dahab as the sun sets over the

mountains. Returning to Dahab by early evening you have the rest of the evening free.

Overnight at hotel in Dahab.

DAY 5 / DAHAB, JEEP SAFARI

After breakfast you will depart from Dahab and embark on a 4X4 jeep adventure. Firstly we take you to visit the impressive Coloured Canyon where we walk for around 2-3km and admire the many coloured rocks, and worn rock formations. We then continue to the bright green Ain Khudra Oasis where you can relax among the many palm and date trees, and enjoy a traditional Bedouin cooked lunch. Our next stop is the White Canyon, which also has strange rock formations but looks completely different to the coloured canyon. There is a ladder and steep path with a rope handrail at the end of the canyon so you need to be relatively fit for this trip. Finally we take you back to Dahab to relax for the evening.

Overnight at hotel in Dahab (L).

DAY 6 / DAHAB, FREE DAY

You have these next two days free to explore the many delights that Dahab, and its surroundings have to offer. You can do more snorkelling, try an introductory scuba-dive, or do a full course (both bookable in advance if required) Alternatively you can relax at one of the numerous beachside restaurants or do a spot of sunbathing on the beach. If you wish, you can also arrange to visit Mt. Sinai & St Catherine's monastery while you are in Dahab. A full day tour to Petra in Jordan is also available (this is run by a local operator, so may not be booked in advance, but can be arranged through our local rep while you are in Dahab).

Overnight at hotel in Dahab.

DAY 6 EXTRA OPTIONS

Scuba diving options

See pages 3-4 for details

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DAY 7 / DAHAB. DRIVE TO CAIRO

After a free morning for some last snorkelling or diving, we take the midday coach back through the Sinai desert, under the Suez Canal, and on to Cairo (approx. 7-8 hours). We arrive in the evening and check into our hotel.

Overnight at hotel in Cairo.

DAY 8 / 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).

DAY 8 EXTRA OPTIONS

Al Fayoum & Valley of the Whales option

See pages 3-4 for details

SMALL GROUP, PRIVATE AND TAILOR-MADE TOURS

SMALL GROUP DEPARTURES:

We have regular small group departures on this tour 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 two types

A - Those that must be booked in advance (mainly accommodation based). Prices for these are set in GB Pounds and must be booked and paid for in advance of your arrival.

B - Those that may be arranged in Egypt (eg. hot air balloon flights, extra city tours, sound & light shows etc.). Prices for these are set in Egyptian Pounds, and they are paid for while you are in Egypt. This 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.

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 - Price: £100

If you have any single travellers in your party, then if you want to guarantee them a single room, then you can add this single supplement option to cover all the hotels used in the tour.

Triple rooms or extra beds are available for children to share their parents room if required. Please contact us if you have any questions about room allocations and prices for your family.

Extra days - Price: subject to 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 in Aswan, Luxor, or Hurghada we can arrange this, but please request a tailor-made tour. The price includes a night in the 4 or 5-star hotel, breakfast, all taxes and transfers (single room supplements apply).

Al Fayoum & Valley of the Whales - Price: see Options sheet

This option leaves Cairo in the morning of Day 8, and takes a private car/minibus or 4WD jeep to the Fayoum area, about 90 minutes drive from Cairo.

After passing through some extensively irrigated farmland, we head for the Wadi Rayan Protected Area, which 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, and host to 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 Hitán (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.

You have the choice this evening of either returning to Cairo to have a night in the hotel there, and fly home the following day (Day 13), or of spending a night in a hotel by the lake in Fayoum (normally the Helnan Auberge), and having another day touring 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 system for generations, visit a natural spring, and see the Birket Qarn salt lake, home to many different birds including flamingos on one of the islands. We then return to Cairo via the Meidum Pyramid, one of the very first attempts at building a true pyramid. The tour would then finish on Day 10 with a transfer to the airport for your departure.

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Day 8 - Arrive in Cairo on the sleeper train. Morning drive to visit Wadi Rayan & Valley of the Whales.
Overnight at 4-star hotel in Fayoum (B L).

Day 9 - Tour the Fayoum area. Drive back to Cairo via Meidum pyramid.
Overnight at 3-star hotel in Cairo (B).

Day 10 - Cairo. Free time. Transfer to airport for departure. (B).
Book in advance. Pay in advance.

B - OPTIONS AVAILABLE 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).

Jeep Safari in Dahab - Price: see Options sheet

One on of your free days in Dahab, you can head into the desert for a 4X4 jeep adventure. Firstly we take you to visit the impressive Coloured Canyon where we walk for around 2-3km and admire the many coloured rocks, and worn rock formations. We then continue the bright green Ain Khudra Oasis where you can relax among the many palm and date trees, and enjoy a traditional Bedouin cooked lunch. Our next stop is the White Canyon, which also has strange rock formations but looks completely different to the coloured canyon. There is a ladder and steep path with a rope handrail at the end of the canyon so you need to be relatively fit for this trip. Finally we take you back to Dahab to relax for the evening.

Book & pay in advance OR in Dahab.

Scuba diving - Price: see Options sheet

We offer a wide range of PADI diving courses for divers of all levels of experience to do during your time in Dahab (some activities may need to be missed out if you do a diving course). The tour is designed to allow you time to fit in the PADI Open Water Course if you wish. Alternatively if you don't want to do a full course, you can just try an introductory dive or two. Experienced divers can arrange dives to a wide range of excellent dive sites, and discuss exactly where and when they want to dive with the dive centre. All this diving can be arranged in advance or with our representatives in Dahab. Further information on diving with us in Dahab is available on request.

Book & pay in advance OR in Dahab.

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

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE TOUR:

- International airfares
- Visa costs
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Drinks, snacks, tips, and other personal expenses
- Entrance fees to all sites mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel insurance
- Any other items not mentioned above

ACCOMMODATION:

Our Standard tours use good quality hotels (approx. 3-star) in which all rooms have air-conditioning and en-suite bathrooms. In Cairo, subject to availability, we like to use a pyramids area hotel with a pool in the summer months, and a city centre hotel when it is cooler in the winter months.

The hotel in Dahab has a swimming pool. Breakfasts are not included in Dahab because we have found over the years that people prefer to use one of the beachfront cafes, which are famous for their big, hearty and cheap breakfasts.

Hotels used on this tour (subject to availability):

Cairo:

- 1st stay - Oasis Hotel (4-star)
- 2nd stay - Zayed Hotel (3-star)

Dahab (3-star):

- Oricana Hotel, Dyarna Hotel.

At certain times of the year or where circumstances & availability dictate we may need to use a different hotel from the one listed above. In this event alternative hotels will always be of a similar standard.

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

TRANSPORT:

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This tour aims at bringing you as close to the real Egypt as possible and not cocooning you from it. To this end we use public transport wherever we feel that it meets our high

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standards, this includes air-conditioned coaches between Cairo and Dahab. We also use private air-conditioned minibuses for all the sightseeing tours and transfers, and a 4x4 jeep for the desert safari out of Dahab. All coaches and minibuses are fitted with speed limiters.

TRANSFERS:

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

Our representative will meet you in the immigration hall of Cairo airport, before you go through passport control. He will help you obtain your visas if required, and then take you through passport control, assist with collecting your luggage, and then take you directly to your hotel.

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 2 people. You can join our group departures as an individual, couple, group of friends, or family.

For this tour we provide a fully trained, local English-speaking

Egyptologist to act as your tour guide whilst you are in Cairo. Our local reps in Cairo and Dahab 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 and for more details on our reasons for this please visit the 'Tour Type' page 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 £15 per person or £8 for minors or students with an ISIC card, to cover all of the sites mentioned in the itinerary. 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.

Camera Fees are applied at some of the sites, and these are not included in the price.

COUNTRY GUIDE:

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

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:

British, European, and many other nationalities can obtain their Egyptian visa on arrival in Cairo airport (cost £10). All African nationals will need to arrange their visa in advance. For further information on your visa requirements, please contact us, or checkout the visa pages on our website.

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. If you would like to visit or support either of these projects while you are in Egypt, please let your guide or our Cairo representatives know. Full details of our responsible travel policy are given on our website.

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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.

Further information is also available in the County & Travel guides on our website.

YOUR SPACE @ UNCOVER THE WORLD:

We have launched a community space for use by past, present and future travellers with us. Here you can make contact with fellow travellers in your group before you travel, or share photos and stay in contact with them after you return home. You can also ask questions of our staff and read updates on itineraries and destination news etc. For further details, please check...

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