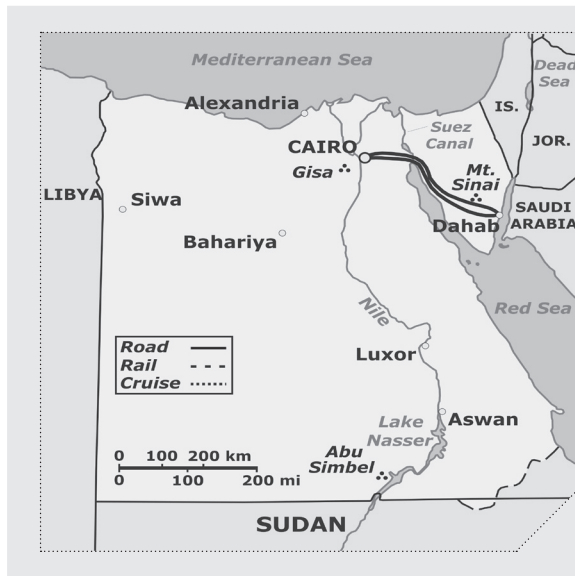


Sinai Safari



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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 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:	MAEGSS
Group Size & Age:	Min. - 2 Max. - 18 / Min. age - 12
Travel Idea:	Cultural Adventure
Activity Level:	Moderate
Comfort Rating:	Standard
Accommodation:	7 nights in hotels (mainly 4-star)
Transport:	A/C bus/minibus/car/jeep

YOUR 8 DAY TOUR ITINERARY

- Day 1:** Arrive in Cairo. Transfer from airport to hotel.
- Day 2:** Cairo - Pyramids, Sphinx & Museum tour.
- Day 3:** Drive 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 (various snorkelling, scuba-diving, quad-biking and other options are available)
- Day 7:** Dahab - Free morning. Drive to Cairo.
- Day 8:** Cairo - Free time. Transfer to airport for flight.

"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 you and transfer you to your hotel. Our rep will help you settle into the hotel and its surroundings, and outline 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 full-day tour of Giza and the Egyptian Museum.

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. At 500 feet high and 750 feet wide at its base the Pyramid of Khufu is an awesome man-made structure constructed of giant stone blocks with 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 (Chephern) 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 in the Great Pyramid, so we cannot guarantee entry), and also to take a camel ride.

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.

After a break for lunch, our next stop is the famous Egyptian Museum which houses a vast collection of artefacts from Egypt's past, including the famous King Tutankhamun display. At the end of your day in Cairo there is a little free time and an option to visit the orphanage that we support in Cairo.

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. 7-10 hours depending on the traffic and how many stops we make). The afternoon is free to relax by the hotel pool or beach, or head into Assalah to enjoy the unique feel of this friendly village.

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 (most hotels provide shuttle buses and taxis to and fro are cheap as well). The evenings provide a perfect opportunity to try out some of the many restaurants and excellent local 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 (B).

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 (B,L).

DAY 6 / DAHAB, FREE DAY

Today is 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. A full day tour to Petra in Jordan is also available, though it is a very long day with not much time in Petra itself.

Overnight at hotel in Dahab (B)

DAY 6 EXTRA OPTIONS

Blue Hole snorkelling, Sunset camel-ride, Introductory scuba-dives, PADI diving courses, Desert jeep or quad bike safaris,

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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 hours). We arrive in the evening and check into our hotel.

Overnight at hotel in Cairo (B)

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

Extra nights in Cairo

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 'Standard' 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 pre-tour - 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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are given below.

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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)

Cairo Night-time tour

Sunset Felucca sailboat trip on the Nile in Cairo

Overnight Mt. Sinai climb with St. Katherine's Monastery (Dahab)

Desert Quad Biking (Dahab)

Introductory Scuba-dive (Dahab)

Various PADI scuba-diving courses (Dahab) - please check with our UK office first that you will have enough days in Dahab to do the course you're interested in)

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
- Entrance fees to all sites mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel insurance

- Any other items not mentioned above

ACCOMMODATION:

Tours set at our 'Standard' comfort rating use good quality hotels at around the 4-star level. All rooms are air-conditioned with en-suite bathrooms. Most hotels have swimming pools and a choice of restaurants and bars.

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 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.

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.

GROUP SIZE/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 (min age 12).

For this tour we provide a fully trained, local English-speaking Egyptologist to act as your tour guide. He/she will be with you for all of the sightseeing tours in Cairo. 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.

We have a permanent rep in Dahab who will look after everything there for you.

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£20 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

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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 guide is 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.

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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