



Baharia oasis Egypt
Sandrose Baharia Hotel

Expedition around the Gilf El Kebir
14 nights, 15 days

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Day 1 | Arrival in Cairo

Welcome to Cairo!

Your amazing holiday will start upon arrival in Cairo. Then a direct transfer to Bahariaya Oasis, at which point your journey into the mysteries of Egypt begins.

Arrive to our hotel sandrose for dinner and an overnight stay in the hotel.



Day 2 | western desert

Early morning breakfast before travelling onwards into the Black Desert surrounding Bahariya Oasis, where the iron in the desert is one of the reasons for the black rocks. You will walk and explore Gabal el Marsos (Divided Mountain), our way to the western desert and camp there overnight.

Day 3 | Great Sand Sea Adventure

The Great Sand Sea is composed of dunes that run in parallel lines for hundreds of kilometers from the Siwa Depression to the Gifl Kebir in the south camp and stay there overnight.

Day 4 | ammonite valley and Regenfeld



Day 5 | Abu Ballas

An hour`s drive will bring us to the Abu Balas area. You will see rock inscriptions from the Neolithic age as well as the remains of old clay potteries. Ever since the discovery of Abu Ballas "Pottery Hill" by Lieut. More and J. Ball in 1917, scientists have wondered by whom, how and when some of the 400 big earthenware jars were transported to the site of the hill which is situated in the middle of nowhere!!!!



Day 6 | Fish valley and Craters , overnight Craters



Day 7 | Old aqaba pass and El aqaba

Day 8 | Cave of Foggine

Today we will visit the newly discovered cave of paintings at Foggine valley. And have the overnight camp near to the cave. Crossing the dunes to Wadi Sura. Exploring sand-filled Wadi, whilst enjoying the simple but increasingly rare experience of utter isolation. At Wadi Sura you will admire the rock paintings from different epochs which have partially been on top of each other.

Pay a visit to the monument "Caver of Swimmers" which the famous Count Almashi (from the movie "The English Patient") had erected for his friend Prince Kamal el Din who first discovered the Gilf El Kebir. Overnight stay in Foggine Cave



Day 9 | El hadaba and wadi hamra



Day 10 | Silica Glas Valley

Today the expedition goes into the heart of the world's only known field of silica glass. The strange phenomenon believed to have been created when a huge meteorite hit the earth and heated the sand with such intensity that it turned to glass , overnight stay.

Day 11 | Great sand sea camp and overnight stay

The expedition continues by weaving its way through the Great Sand Sea. The majestic dormant dunes, that witness the passage of time and hidden mysteries in their silence and solitude.



Day 12 | Great sand sea camp and overnight.

Day 13 | Siwa

Siwa Oasis, the largest and most remote Egyptian Oasis with its 23000 habitants and lying some 17m below sea level. Relaxing sunset scene in Fitnas Island 4 km to the west of Siwa, which is covered completely by palm trees, except for the circular, tiled pool. Overnightstay in hotel.

Day 14 : Siwa

Following visits to Cleopatra Spring, Amun temple (Om Obayda) dating back to the 30th dynasty, and the Oracle Temple where Alexander the Great consulted the oracle to validate his status as the son of Zeus and thus the legitimate ruler of the country.

Spend today's late afternoon at Bir Wahed as we set, out 12 km southwest of Siwa. A hot spring at the edge of Great Sand Sea with water right in the middle of the sand dunes.

Overnight in hotel , and end the tour or

Day 15 : Back to baharia oasis

PROGRAM INCLUDES:

Military permissions
Safari trips with Jeep 4X4
Entrance fees
Expert guides in all over the Egyptian deserts
Experienced Safari gear for expedition.

Excluded in this Program

Transfer from Cairo to Bahariya and back
Visa Entry for Egypt
Tipping
Drinks
Personal expenses (Laundry, Sauna, telephones...etc)
Any meals not mentioned in the program
Any Optional tours
International airfare

Please note:

Passport copies MUST be sent to us at least 2 month before your arrival otherwise we might not be able to get the permits on time

Camping facilities:

Thuraya Phone 008821633360338
Transfers through 4X4 Toyota Land Cruisers
Single and double dome-shaped tents
Tents have mattresses and pillows
Three meals a day
3 bottles of mineral water a day
Special meals for vegetarians are served upon request (Should be requested prior to arrival)
All food preparation and cooking is done by the camp staff
Cooling box for cold drinks
All camping fees and permits
Expert desert guides

Safety Measure:

Medical first-aid kit in each car
Recovery equipment and tools
Maintenance for cars
Staff are trained to help in any emergency including CPR assistance
Expert guides in all over the Egyptian deserts

Rate:

150 Euro per person per day (minimum 4 persons)
200 Euro per person per day (minimum 2 persons)

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