# **Camel Market of Birqash Day Tour**

**Price Starting From: \$45** 

4 Hours

Cairo

Egypt

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Everyday

If an authentic slice of Egyptian culture is your thing, perhaps consider taking a camel market day tour in Birqash for an interesting journey into one of the most fascinating and traditional trading centers in the country. Located on the outskirts of Cairo in the village of Birqash, this market is bustling with thousands of camels and is the largest camel trading center in Egypt, where merchants come from Sudan, Libya, and all across the places to buy and sell camels. Once you walk in, you'll experience the fast pace of bargaining, hear the loud calls of traders, and see camels stored for sale, allowing you to have a close encounter with centuries-old cultures.

Your tour guide will walk you around the market, sharing the history, customs, and economic relevance of camel trading in Egypt. Watch merchants as they spend time inspecting and negotiating prices for camels; know different breed types and their uses going into the desert to perform an agricultural job. It will be fun to take an amazing picture of this vibrant scene, where camels get branded, paraded, and auctioned in a dynamic and oftentimes dramatic-process. It is a very rare opportunity to see a face of Egypt that few tourists ever experience, thereby giving insight into the country's deep-rooted trading heritage.

After the market visit, you can enjoy a cup of traditional Egyptian tea in a local café and reflect on this amazing experience. If time allows, you may even visit a nearby village to see rural life in the Egyptian countryside. The tour ends with a cozy ride back to Cairo, leaving behind a spectacular memory of the Camel Market in Birqash, a place where tradition, commerce, and culture live an unforgettable spectacle.

#### Overview

#### Inclusion

- Cairo Top Tours offers transfers from any hotel in Cairo or Giza.
- Taking a private, air-conditioned van from Cairo to the camel market.
- When you visit the Birqash Camel Market in Cairo, a certified tour guide will accompany you.
- All of our day trips to Cairo include complimentary bottled water.
- When you get back, take a shopping trip to Cairo. (as requested).
- In your Egypt day tours, the cost of the day trip to the Camel Market of Birqash includes taxes and service fees.

#### **Exclusion**

- Anything we didn't include in the itinerary for your trip to Egypt.
- Tipping is only meant as a gesture, and not all of our trips in Cairo include it.
- Prices are available for Egypt Easter tours and Egypt Christmas and New Year tours.

### Itinerary

## **Camel Market Cairo**

You will begin your Camel Market of Birqash Tour with a pick-up from your hotel in Cairo by a professional guide from Cairo Top Tours. After meeting your expert guide and private driver, you set off in a comfortable air-conditioned vehicle towards Birqash, which is approximately 60 kilometers away from Cairo. You will go out early in the morning so that you can arrive at the market when it is most busy, and merchants and buyers are very much negotiating deals.

When you get there, you will enter one of the largest and most interesting camel markets in Africa where hundreds of camels are bought and sold daily. The camels that come from Sudan, Eritrea, and Somalia are represented at the market because they follow vast desert bringing them across the historic Darb al-Arba'in, the legendary 40-day caravan path. At the market, you will see traders checking the physical strength and endurance of camels and listen to their interesting bargaining between the two sides, aside from that, you will learn the special customs of Egypt's camel trade.

After reveling in the unique atmosphere of the Birqash Camel Market, you will get the chance to savor a glass of traditional Egyptian tea at one of the local cafes, and, there, discuss the experience with your guide. Thereafter, you will be comfortably transferred back to your hotel in Cairo, thus winding up an unforgettable day of discovery in one of the most authentic and off-the-beaten-path attractions all across Egypt.