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### Day1- Cairo to the white desert

At 7:00 am, your tour guide and driver will pick you up from your hotel in Cairo or Giza, beginning a 350-kilometer journey eastward to <u>Bahariya Oasis</u>, which takes approximately four hours. Along the way, you'll traverse the Black Desert, known for its dunes with distinctive black tops. Lunch will be served in this oasis near El Haize.

Next, you'll venture into the mesmerizing Valley of Agabat, nestled deep within the White Desert. To truly grasp its surreal beauty, one must witness it firsthand. This area, submerged in water millions of years ago, has gradually evolved into a striking landscape resembling the surface of the moon, with chalk-white stones dotting the terrain. As the sky transitions from pink to a vibrant orange, enveloped in serene silence, the unique rock formations seem to vanish. In this magical setting, you'll enjoy a delicious meal of chicken, rice, and vegetables around a small campfire, savoring the most delightful flavors. Spending the night in the White Desert camp under the starry sky will be an unforgettable experience.

### Day 2- Bahariya Oasis tour

After breakfast in the desert, you'll journey to Bahariya Oasis. On your way back, a stop at <u>Crystal Mountain</u>, also known as <u>Gebel al-Izzaz</u>, is in store. This hill earned its nickname, "the Jewel of the Desert," due to the striking appearance created by the quartzite crystals that form the hill and catch the sunlight beautifully. This natural wonder was discovered a few decades ago. Bir Sigam, a hot spring known for its therapeutic properties for rheumatism, offers a soothing soak. You'll return to your hotel in Bahariya by car and spend the night there.

## Day3 - Tour to Fayoum Oasis & Wadi Al Rian

After breakfast, our tour guide will pick you up from Bahariya hotel to Fayoum and take you in a private, air-conditioned car to Lake Qarun as you see the city transform into orchards and verdant fields. Learn about some of the stunning animals, such as flamingos, ibis, and black-necked grebes, who call this saltwater lake's edge home. View breathtaking examples of Fayoum's mummy portraits and cloth panel paintings with a strong Greco-Roman influence by visiting the local museum. Learn more about the local history and culture as you explore the museum with your tour guide. Also, don't miss the stunning collection of statues from neighboring ancient ruins.

Before visiting Wadi El-Rayan to see the artificial waterfalls in the middle of the desert, be aware that these waterfalls were created using extra agricultural water. Stop at a local restaurant for a noon meal served in the style of Egypt (in the odd event that the Wadi Rayan waterfalls are closed owing to unexpected reasons, a trip to the Fayoum water wheels will be taken). Then set off on a lovely journey on a felucca, a stylish gaff-rigged wooden sailing craft. To complete the day, transportation back to your accommodation in Cairo is provided.