

El Gilf El Kebir, Bahariya Oasis, and White Desert Trip Package

Price Starting From : \$0

10 Days

Egypt

Bahariya Oasis, White Desert, Dakhla Oasis, Gilf Kebir

Every day

Explore one of Egypt's most renowned deserts, known as Gilf El Kebir (Great Barrier), named by early Europeans. This 7,770-square-kilometre plateau, composed of limestone and sandstone, rises 1,000 meters above the desert, even surpassing the Great Sand Sea. After enjoying our White Desert tour and Bahariya Oasis Desert Safari, which includes a visit to the stunning Dakhla Oasis as part of our Egypt travel packages, you'll experience the key sites of this vast, remote desert during our desert safari in Egypt.

We're also happy to tailor tours to meet the needs of any group size and can create customised programmes to suit your preferences.

Overview

Inclusion

- Assistance from Cairo Top Tours representatives throughout all Egypt travel packages.
- Transfers arranged in private air-conditioned vehicles.
- One night's accommodation in Dakhla Oasis with breakfast and dinner.
- Six nights of desert camping with three meals a day.
- One night of camping in the White Desert with three meals per day.
- One night's accommodation in Bahariya on a half-board basis.
- All necessary camping equipment provided.
- Entrance fees to all sites listed in the itinerary.
- Desert transfers conducted in 4x4 jeeps.
- All tours in Egypt are private.
- Snack and rest stops available upon request.
- All meals as specified in the itinerary.
- Bottled water provided on board during all Egypt safaris.
- All service charges and taxes included.
- Shopping tours in Cairo.

Exclusion

- International flight tickets.
- Entry visa for Egypt.
- Drinks with meals.
- Tipping is not included in the El Gilf El Kebir, Bahariya Oasis, and White Desert tour package.
- Tour price is valid during peak seasons, including Christmas, New Year, and Easter tours to Egypt.

Itinerary

Day 1: Cairo to Bahariya Oasis

Check out from your Cairo hotel at 06:00 AM after breakfast. You'll then meet your professional guide and embark on your Egypt desert safari trip in a deluxe vehicle to Bahariya Oasis, which takes approximately 4 hours from Cairo.

First, visit the Valley of the Golden Mummies, where the mummies are adorned in gold, and explore the Tombs of the Nobles, including those of the administrator of Bahariya Oasis from the 26th dynasty.

Next, see the Temple of Alexander the Great, built by Alexander during his visit to Egypt. The temple's walls depict Alexander presenting offerings to Amun-Re, one of the key deities worshipped in Bahariya Oasis during the Greco-Roman era. This temple may also commemorate Alexander's journey through Bahariya on his way to the Temple of the Oracle in the Siwa Oasis.

Then, visit the Temple of Ain El Muftella, named for its proximity to the Ain al-Muftla water spring.

Enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by the Bedouins in a traditional Bedouin house. Afterward, relax at your hotel or take a 4WD Jeep ride up the Black Mountain before sunset. From the top, you'll have stunning panoramic views of Bahariya Oasis and see the ruins known as "the English House."

Overnight stay in Bahariya.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 2: White Desert - Black Desert

White and Black Desert Tour

After breakfast, we'll visit the Salt Lake and sand dunes, enjoying the lush palm trees and fruit fields. Next, we'll travel south to the White Desert, located 170 km from Bahariya. Named for its predominantly white landscape, the White Desert is renowned for its striking chalky rock formations, shaped by occasional sandstorms.

We'll pass through the Black Desert, known for its volcanic hills formed by ancient eruptions, and the Valley of El Haize, the southernmost village of Bahariya, famous for its refreshing breeze.

We'll make a stop to admire the quartz crystals at Crystal Mountain, a captivating spot in Farafra Oasis with its unique crystal rocks.

Our journey continues to the enchanting Valley of Agabat, known for its magical beauty. We'll then set up camp in the White Desert and take in the stunning white limestone formations, including shapes resembling rabbits and mushrooms. Enjoy a traditional Bedouin-style dinner in the desert.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3: Farafra Oasis - Dakhla Oasis

Enjoy a new and exciting day in the desert. After breakfast at your camp, you'll head to Farafra Oasis.

Take a refreshing dip in the hot waters of Bir Setah hot spring and visit the unique mud brick museum of local artist Badr, which showcases modern art artifacts.

Next, explore the ancient town of Al Qasr, located north of the Dakhla Oasis, one of Egypt's oldest archaeological cities and a historic transport hub.

Drive to Dakhla, about a 3-hour journey, to visit the Roman Temple of Deir El Hagar, one of Egypt's smallest temples, located around 15 km from Al Qasr.

Continue your visit with a tour of the stunning rock-cut tombs at Al-Mazouka Tombs in Dakhla Oasis. Enjoy lunch, then explore the old Islamic village of Al Qasr, which was built from Roman ruins. The town features narrow, covered streets dating back to the 12th century, with old houses, an oil press, wheat grinder, court, prison, school, and an Ayyubid mosque.

In the afternoon, relax by the pool before visiting the lush Dakhla Oasis to enjoy its clear blue skies and golden sand dunes. Watch the sunset on the edge of the Great Sand Sea while sipping tasty Bedouin tea.

You'll spend the night in Dakhla at the Desert Lodge, perched atop a cliff with views of the verdant village, golden dunes, and the beautiful pink rose mountains that Dakhla Oasis is renowned for.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 4: Sugar Loaf, Mud Lions

After a tasty breakfast, we'll get ready for the El Gilf El Kebir tour. Once a water source from which water spread in all directions, the area has been shaped by water, wind, and sand for over 100,000 years. The highest cliffs are found on the south and southwest sides.

Our first stop will be the Sugar Loaf area, featuring the iconic Sugar Loaf hill and arch, a notable landmark in El Gilf El Kebir. Next, we'll visit the Mud Lions area, once a large lake in ancient times but now dry. Erosion and atmospheric changes have created rock formations resembling lions, giving the area its name.

In the evening, enjoy stargazing, savour a delicious dinner, and spend the night at the camp.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5: Gilf El Kebir Safari Adventure

After breakfast, we'll set off in a 4x4 vehicle for an adventurous safari in El Gilf El Kebir. We'll cruise over sand dunes and pass through Wadi Mashi, continuing until we reach the Central Gilf El Kebir area, where the hill splits into two sections, offering stunning views of sand dunes and rock formations.

Our journey will then take us to Wadi Assib, where we'll set up camp in the desert. Enjoy the captivating atmosphere, go stargazing, savour a delicious dinner, and relax for the night.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6: Aqaba Path, Swimmer's Cave, and Wadi Sura

We'll continue our journey as we reach the Aqaba path to explore the western hills of Gilf El Kebir.

Our first stop will be The Cave of Swimmers, located in Wadi Sura (Valley of Pictures). Inside, you'll find over a thousand figures in various styles.

Next, we'll visit Mestekawi Cave, discovered in 2002 by an Egyptian-Italian tourist group led by Massimo Foggini (an Italian tourist) and Ahmed Mistikaoui (an Egyptian tourist).

We'll then set up camp in Wadi Sura, where you can soak in the enchanting atmosphere, enjoy stargazing, have a delicious dinner, and spend the night in our comfortable camp.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7: Wadi Abd El Malik

Each day, breakfast will be prepared and served at the camp. We'll then head out in the jeep to Wadi Abd El Malik, also discovered by Al Masi. Enjoy the stunning acacia forest and capture some amazing photos.

We'll set up camp in Wadi Abd El Malik and spend the rest of the day with the local Bedouins, sipping tea and having dinner in the peaceful desert environment.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8: Silica Glass Area

After breakfast at the camp, we'll resume our incredible desert safari in El Gilf El Kebir. Our first stop is the Silica Glass Area, formed 26 million years ago. This vast region is scattered with striking pieces of clear yellow and green silica glass, creating a stunning and enigmatic landscape.

We'll then set up camp in the Silica Glass area and spend the rest of the day with the local Bedouins, enjoying tea and dinner in the tranquil desert setting.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9: Ain Dalla

After enjoying breakfast at the camp, we'll continue our scenic safari to Ain Dalla Water Spring, one of Egypt's most beautiful and tranquil natural springs, surrounded by palm trees. You can take a refreshing dip in the warm water or spend some time meditating.

We'll then set up camp in the same area and spend the rest of the day with the local Bedouins, sipping tea and having dinner in the peaceful desert setting.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10: Back to Cairo

After an early breakfast today, we'll begin our drive to Cairo, following 7 wonderful days spent on our El Gilf El Kebir, Bahariya Oasis, and White Desert Tour Package.

Meals: Breakfast