



## Mirage

### Cairo and Bahariya Oasis

#### Trip Dossier

#### Highlights

- Pyramids & Sphinx at Giza
- 4WD Jeep safari through the Western Desert
- Overnight in the White Desert

#### Fact Finder

**Style:** Adventure

**Staffing:** Service of Egyptologist guide at all the sites stated in the itinerary.

**Transport:** Air-conditioned mini van and 4x4 jeeps .

**Accommodation:** 4 nights hotel and 1 night desert camp.

**Meals:** 5 breakfasts, 3 lunch and 2 dinners

Please allow US\$8-15 per day for additional meals.

**Entrance fees:** Not included please refer to entrance fee list.

#### A NOTE ABOUT PRE DEPARTURE INFORMATION

This Trip Dossier is designed to be read in Conjunction with our Pre-Departure Information. You can download the Pre-departure information from the website ([www.experience-egypt.com](http://www.experience-egypt.com)) It is a good idea that you read this dossier & the pre departure information in full before you travel.



#### Itinerary (6 days / 5 nights)

##### DAY 1, CAIRO NO MEALS

Arrive at Cairo Airport where our representative will meet and assist you through customs and you claim your baggage. You will then be transferred to your selected hotel, for a free evening.  
Overnight at your Hotel.

##### ARRIVAL

For details of arrival procedure and transfers please refer to your Pre-Departure Information.

##### ARRIVAL TRANSFER IS INCLUDED!

##### TOUR BRIEFING

The representative will give you an overview of all the exciting things you will be seeing and doing during your tour upon your arrival and will answer any other questions or queries you may have.

##### CAIRO

Cairo was a grand city when many of the world's huge metropolises were but babes, yet she remains a city cloaked in excitement and mystery, dark secrets and bright celebrations. She is a city that often mixes both the many cultures of the world with the many ages of the world.

When you arrive in Cairo you are thrown headlong into the hustle and bustle of this wonderful city. As you wander the streets your senses will be assaulted on all levels by the endless cacophony of noise with cars tooting, donkeys braying and the muezzin calling the faithful to prayer; the mix of smells like the aroma from cooking pots bubbling with fowl (a local dish that you will certainly sample); the delicious taste of mint tea as you sit in a shaded cafe to relax; and the endless river of life that you can watch roll past you – women haggling in the bazaars, men talking whilst enjoying a traditional shisha pipe, cars vying for space on the crowded roads, camels ambling serenely along and children playing in the back streets.



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#### **DAY 2, CAIRO - GREAT PYRAMIDS, SPHINX & MUSEUM BREAKFAST**

Morning transfer to the Pyramids, Sphinx, Saqqara and Egyptian museum. Overnight at your hotel. Optional tours included dinner cruise, felucca cruise and the sound and light show (see optional tour price list on the web site).

#### **GREAT PYRAMIDS, SPHINX & SAQQARA**

Cairo is one of the most amazing places you will ever visit and after seeing pictures of the pyramids, tombs and sights millions of times on TV, in books, and in magazines they are still awe inspiring in person. To get there we weave our way through the manic Cairo traffic, out into the suburbs and then, suddenly, there they are. Huge majestic tombs rising out of the desert, towering above the modern city of Cairo and an incredible testament to the immense achievements of the Ancient Egyptians. Built over five thousand years ago the Pyramids are the only one of the seven wonders of the ancient world that is still standing.

We explore the Pyramids, Sphinx and the Step Pyramids of Saqqara with our Egyptologist guide who can explain all the mysteries surrounding their creation – were they built by aliens or are they aligned to the stars? You will also have the opportunity to climb inside one of the Pyramids and see for yourself the burial chamber inside (not for the claustrophobic) just to say that you have been there and done that!!!

Sakkara is best known for the Step Pyramid, the oldest known of Egypt's 97 pyramids. It was built for King Djoser of the 3rd Dynasty by the architect and genius Imhotep, who designed it and its surrounding complex to be as grand as it was unique and revolutionary.

#### **THE EGYPTIAN MUSEUM**

What a museum, what a collection! This museum houses the world's greatest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts including many of the treasures discovered in the tombs of Pharaohs, the amazing golden mask of Tutankhamen and a large number of mummies. To put this in perspective, if you spend just one minute at each exhibit it would take more than nine months to see everything.

You start this journey of a lifetime through Egypt with truly an amazing day.

#### **DAY 3, CAIRO – BAHARIYA OASIS BREAKFAST, DINNER**

This morning we drive through the western desert to arrive at Bahariya Oasis where you will have some free time to explore the Oasis or just relax. Overnight at your hotel.

#### **BAHARIYA OASIS**

Why pay 20 million dollars for a trip into space when you can go to the moon for so much less? OK, it's not really the moon, but the landscape is surreal; alien in every way, and it changes from one moment to the next. It is the type of place that creates wonder in adults, where such feelings were long ago thought lost. It is a land not yet fully explored, with twists and turns that reveal ever changing landscapes. This is the Bahariya Oasis and the nearby or rather encroaching western desert. It is quite different to any other part of Egypt; Bahariya Oasis has stopped history in its tracks. Here we find ancient streets and the mud brick houses that sheltered the oasis population of long ago. Yet one immediately feels the bonds between the modern city with this distant past. Here hot springs, palm trees, golden sand dunes, old 4WD vehicles, donkeys, golden mummies and the ruins of old temples and tombs all make Bahariya extraordinary. A hot bath under the moonlight on the edge of the desert is unbelievable; a jeep safari inside the desert and around the oasis will be a highlight.

#### **Day 4, BAHARIYA - WHITE DESERT BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER**

Today we venture through the Western Desert in 4X4 Jeeps. We will explore the black mountain, the crystal mountain and the wind eroded limestone formations known as mushrooms in the White desert. Overnight at your Desert camp.

#### **WHITE DESERT**

Spending a night out in the White Desert under a sky littered with thousands of stars has to be one of the most incredible experiences Egypt has to offer. Giant white chalk monoliths rise from a pure white desert floor, while smaller outcroppings looking like donkeys, camels, and Bedouin, enchant the visitor with their humor.



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You can pitch camp under Snoopy the dog or a napping Mexican with a huge sombrero. Couple these wonders with the pure air of the desert, the almost lack of sound (except for the wind), and how can one not think that this is paradise! When the sun begins to set these take on a range of different hues - yellow, pink, orange, purple as the sun nears the horizon. You can spend the night on blankets under the desert sky, spotting shooting stars and listening to the absolute silence of the desert or if this is not your style you can sleep in a tent for the night.

#### **Day 5, WHITE DESERT - BAHARIYA – CAIRO BREAKFAST, LUNCH**

Today you will have a local tour of Bahariya Oasis, visiting the many therapeutic hot and cold springs, Black mountain, Gebel al Ingleez, Pyramid Mountain and the inspiring Oasis Museum. Transfer back to Cairo. Overnight at your hotel.

#### **DAY 9, CAIRO BREAKFAST**

Tour ends. Transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

*Have a great trip!*

### **SUPPLEMENTARY TOUR INFORMATION**

You will need to obtain a visa for this tour.  
Contact your local Egyptian embassy for more information

### **REQUIRED**

Egypt single entry

(Note: It is possible to obtain an Egyptian single entry visa on arrival at Cairo Airport. The current charge for this is US\$15 payable in US\$ or equivalent in another foreign currency, however as this regulation may change at any time without prior notice.

Please check before your arrival.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of the correct visas for your holiday and onward travel. Experience Egypt cannot accept responsibility for anyone who is refused entry to a country because they lack the correct documentation.

### **BORDER TAXES**

There are no entry or exit taxes payable when entering or leaving Egypt by air.

### **ENTRANCE FEES**

These are included in this trip.

Egypt also has a wealth of other historical sights and museums, which you may wish to visit in your free time please, allow extra money for this option.

### **FITNESS**

None of the activities featured in this trip require special training or skills, just a reasonable level of fitness and a willingness to participate. If you are in any doubt contact your doctor for advice.

### **TRANSPORT**

Private Coach/mini van to travel between hotels, sites & other activities.

### **GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION**

#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

- Staffing as shown in the 'Fact Finder'
- Accommodation, meals, transportation, and sightseeing excursions as per itinerary.
- Transfer to hotel on arrival and back to the airport for your departure flight.

#### **PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE**

- Visa costs
- Drinks, tips, laundry and other items of a personal nature.
- International flights
- Meals other than those listed

#### **ARE YOU READY TO GO?**

Before you travel you should take the time to read ALL of the following documents which you can download from our website ([www.experience-egypt.com](http://www.experience-egypt.com))

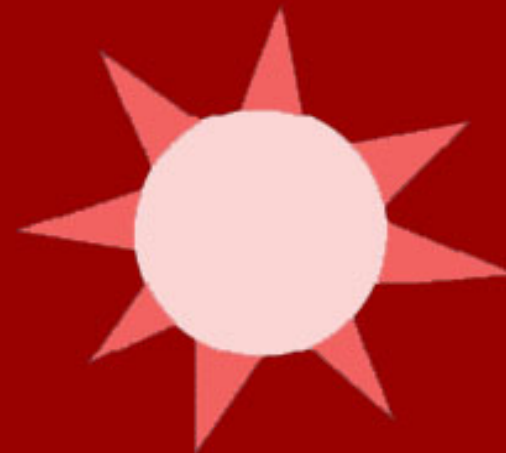
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