



Sinai Explorer

Cairo and Dahab

Trip Dossier

Highlights

- Pyramids & Sphinx at Giza
- Blue Hole Snorkeling
- Coloured Canyon
- Mt Sinai

Fact Finder

Style: Adventure

Staffing: Service of Egyptologist guide at all the sites stated in the itinerary and a mountain guide in Mt Sinai.

Transport: Private air-conditioned coach/mini van, felucca sailboat overnight seating train and public bus.

Accommodation: 7 nights hotel and 1 night Mt Sinai.

Meals: 7 breakfasts and 1 lunch

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) It is a good idea that you read this dossier & the pre departure information in full before you travel.



Itinerary (8 days / 7 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 & SAKKARA BREAKFAST

Morning visit to the Pyramids, Sphinx and Sakkara. Transfer to train station sitting train to Aswan. Overnight sitting train.

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 – DAHAB BREAKFAST

Early morning transfer to bus station for bus to Dahab (approx 8 hours). Arrive Dahab where our representative will meet you and transfer you to the hotel. Sunset camel ride to Lagonna beach. Overnight at you hotel.

DAHAB

This pearl of the gulf actually consists of two villages; the Bedouin village of Assalah is the southern half, with the business and administrative center of Dahab to the north. Dahab means 'gold' in Arabic. In Sinai it means golden sands, turquoise sea and off-beat cafe life. It is a focus of tourism development, with swaying palms, fine sand and wonderful snorkeling and diving opportunities while still having a more relaxed atmosphere and "hippie" lifestyle than its larger counterparts Sharm and Hurghada .

DAY 04 DAHAB BREAKFAST

Today you head out to the blue hole for a bit of relaxing and snorkeling. Overnight at your hotel.

BLUE HOLE

It lies a few kilometers north of Dahab and it looks exactly like its name. The dark hole rests in the shallows of a bright blue reef shelf and the life clinging to the holes rim and is unusually dense. Corals, fans, eels and dozens of fish species flourish here and the space-like depths of the hole provides a magnificent backdrop to this water wonderland.



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DAY 05 DAHAB – MT SINAI BREAKFAST

Free day to relax by the Red Sea and prepare for the climb up Mt Sinai. You depart Dahab around 11pm to drive to the bottom of Mt Sinai where you start your ascent up the mountain. The stars will be your cover once you get to the top. Overnight Mt Sinai.

MT SINAI AND ST CATHERINE'S MONASTERY

Mount Sinai is both the name of a collection of peaks, sometimes referred to as the Holy Mountains and the biblical name of the peak on which Moses received the Ten Commandments. Mount Moses or the Mountain of Moses (all of which basically means the same thing) is considered to be that biblical peak. The 7,497 foot mountain has 3,750 steps cut out of stone by monks of St Catherine's Monastery which is located just to the North. The peak is accessible by the steps or by a gentler path east of the monastery both lead to an amphitheater known as the Seven Elders of Israel from there one must ascend the remaining 750 steps to reach the summit where the Chapel of the Holy Trinity was built in 1934 (on the location of the original chapel built in 363 and rebuilt by Justinian in 530) and affords a truly breathtaking view.

DAY 06 MT SINAI – DAHAB NO MEALS

Watch the sunrise on the top of the mountain then descend to visit St Catherine's monastery. Return to Dahab for a free afternoon and evening. Overnight at your hotel.

DAY 07 DAHAB BREAKFAST, LUNCH

An early morning start to embark on an adventure by jeep, firstly to the Coloured Canyon. Here we climb through the canyon to view the spectacular colours that gave it its name. We continue on to one of the world's most spectacular oases: Ain Khudra Oasis with its many date and palm trees we relax while enjoying our Bedouin cooked lunch. We return to Dahab for a free evening. Overnight at your hotel.

COLOURED CANYON

The Coloured Canyon is one of Sinai's most popular locations. As the name suggests it derives its name from the colouring of the sandstone which varies between yellow and red and is a spectacular site. The canyon itself is a water-eroded, narrow and winding canyon. Exquisite patterns have been formed of myriad colours forming patterns of all shapes and sizes. Some resemble wood grain – others surrealism paintings – but these are not man made. Different shapes and colours greet you upon every turn.

AIN KHUDRA OASIS

One of the loveliest oases in Sinai, Nature has carved the sandstone to fascinating shapes. The yellow and brown of the desert canyon give way to green when reaching the Ain Khudra Oasis. Here you can explore the big palm trees forest and the gardens of olives, grapes and orange close to the spring of water. Bedouins have their little houses on the slopes leading up the mountain sides.

DAY 08 DAHAB - CAIRO BREAKFAST

Morning bus to Cairo. Arrive in Cairo where you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Free evening in Cairo. Overnight at 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)

Trip Dossier (this document)

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