

New Dunes and Tombs 18 days



Starts July 2012. Discover the incredible Western Oases & the stunning White Desert, Crystal Mountain, Tombs of the Golden Mummies, 4x4 jeep safari & Medieval Al Qasr. Not to mention Aswan & Nile felucca cruising, Luxor & the Valley of the Kings, the Red Sea & of course, the pyramids!

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Cairo / Ends in: Cairo
- Departs: Tuesday - year round
- No local payment required
- Breakfast: 17, Lunch: 5, Dinner: 4
- Hotel Rating: 4 - 5 star (+ White Desert camp, oases hotels & felucca)
- Tour Guide: Yes

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - [click here](#)
- To book this trip - [click here](#)
- To enquire about this trip - [click here](#)

TOUR MAP:



QUICK WEB LINKS

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Day 1: Cairo

Tuesday. Welcome to Egypt and the start of your Egyptian adventure! Arrive Cairo, included airport transfer to hotel and overnight. Overnight - [Cairo](#)

Day 2: Pyramids & Saqqara

Today, we visit Giza Plateau, where we explore the pyramids and Sphinx. Later, we explore Saqqara - an ancient necropolis with many half-buried tombs and the famous Zoser's step pyramid. Overnight - [Cairo](#)

Day 3: Bahariyya Oasis

Cairo – Bahariyya Oasis. This morning we drive to Bahariyya Oasis. Spend the afternoon at leisure and watch an amazing sunset over the remote landscape. Overnight - [Bahariyya Oasis](#)



Day 4: Crystal Mountain

Bahariyya Oasis - White Desert. We explore Bahariyya - an ancient oasis dating back to the Middle Kingdom. Continuing by 4x4, we visit some temples, tombs and the Black Desert - a region full of black volcanoshaped mountains. Our desert camp tonight is in the White Desert. The striking desert is full of unusual wind-eroded limestone formations and our remote overnight base. Overnight - [White Desert](#)

Day 5: Al Qasr, Abandoned City

White Desert - Dakhla Oasis. This morning we drive onward to Farafra - the smallest oasis in the Western Desert famed for it's exotic fruit and olive oil. Here, we visit Badr's Museum. Later we tour the medieval city of Al Qasr - a true highlight of our journey. Only recently abandoned we wander the eerie high walled city, mosque, school, olive press and court. Many of the houses here have acacia wood lintels above the doorways whose kufic (Islamic script) inscriptions name the builder or occupants of the dwelling. Additionally, the inscriptions trace the family heritage, the oldest dating back to 1518. We continue on to Deir al-Haggar and have lunch. Afterward you can opt for a dip in one of the mineral rich

hot springs. Overnight - [Dakhla Oasis](#)



Day 6: El Bagawat Necropolis

Dakhla Oasis - Kharga Oasis - Luxor. This morning we drive to Kharga Oasis visiting the Temple of Hibis (exterior only) and the rambling 4th century necropolis of el-Bagawat built entirely of mudbrick. After a break for lunch we continue onto Luxor. Overnight - [Luxor](#)



Day 7: Philae Temple & Aswan High Dam

Luxor - Aswan. Journeying south we arrive at the Nile frontier town of Aswan. Check-in to our hotel, we later visit the mighty High Dam. Continuing, we enjoy a short boat trip to Agilika Island for Philae Temple - dedicated to the goddess Isis. Later, free time to perhaps do some shopping in the colourful souqs and markets or simply relax in this attractive town which straddles the River Nile. Overnight - [Aswan](#)

Days 8 - 9: Felucca Cruise

Aswan – Nile felucca cruise. Optional early morning air excursion to the colossal Temple of Abu Simbel. This afternoon, we board our Nile felucca for a 2-night voyage on the River Nile downstream. If sailing by felucca is not for you, consider upgrading to a 5 star luxury Nile Cruise with our Nile Cruise Upgrade.

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On day 9, relax, go for a swim or just chill out in the sun on deck. Let your troubles melt away, as the felucca plies its route. A stop will be made at the waterside Temple of Kom Ombo. Overnight - [Felucca Cruise](#)



Day 10: Kom Ombo & Edfu Temple

Kom Ombo - Edfu - Luxor. Disembarking, we enjoy a visit to the Temple of Horus at Edfu - a huge complex that began construction in 237 BC! We then continue to Luxor. Home of the legendary Valley of the Kings and Temple of Karnak. Enjoy some rest and relaxation. Tonight, an optional visit is available to the Temple of Luxor by night. Overnight - [Luxor](#)

Day 11: Valley of the Kings

Luxor - Cairo. Opt for an early morning hot air balloon excursion over ancient Thebes. Early today, we visit Luxor's famous West Bank, taking in the Colossi of Memnon, legendary Valleys of the Kings and the imposing limestone-colonnaded Temple of Hatshepsut. Taking a break, we later visit the colossal Temple of Karnak. This evening we take the overnight seater train to Cairo. Sleeper cabin upgrade available. Overnight - Train



Day 12:

Upon arriving to Cairo we set off on a guided visit to the Egyptian Museum.

The Museum of Egyptian Antiquities, commonly referred to as the Egyptian Museum is home to an extensive collection of some 120 000 ancient Egyptian antiquities, with a representative amount on display and the remainder in storerooms. Opt to visit the Royal Mummy Room, where 9 royal mummies from the New Kingdom are displayed. The afternoon and evening offers free time. An optional Cairo City Tour is available for those interested. Overnight - [Cairo](#)

Days 13 - 16: Dahab

Arrival and hotel check-in. Scuba diving, snorkelling, sun-worshipping, chilling, shopping - take your pick. You've 4 whole days to do as you want. Optional excursions such as snorkelling at Dahab's Blue Hole or an energetic climb to the summit of Mt Sinai and visit to St Katherine's Monastery are available (book/pay locally). If you'd like to extend your stay in Dahab, consider our Learn to Dive or Jordan bolt-on. Overnight - [Dahab](#)



Day 17: Cairo...your way

Dahab - Cairo. After a leisurely breakfast we return to Cairo. The remnants of the afternoon and evening offer free time. Perhaps take a cab to Cairo's Khan al-Khalili bazaar and enjoy a few hours wandering through the many alleyways. It's a top spot for the purchase of ornate free-standing tobacco pipes, pharaonic tat, belly dancing costumes, spices and carpets. Overnight - [Cairo](#)



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Day 18: Cairo

Friday. Cairo - breakfast. Today our Egyptian adventure concludes today. Hotel check out and included onward transfer to airport.

WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- Cairo - Pyramids and Sphinx at Giza Plateau, Necropolis of Saqqara, Egyptian Museum
- Bahariyya Oasis - Golden Mummy Museum, Tombs of the Nobles, El Heiz - date palm grove and spring
- White Desert, Black Desert and Crystal Mountain
- Farafra Oasis - Badr (local sculpter) Museum & Hot springs
- Dakhla Oasis/Al Qasr - abandoned Islamic city
- Kharga Oasis - El Bagawat - Christian necropolis
- Aswan - High Dam, Philae Temple, River Nile
- Nile felucca cruising - islands en route
- Kom Ombo - Temple of Kom Ombo, Edfu - Temple of Horus
- Luxor - Temple of Karnak
- Valley of the Kings, Colossi of Memnon, Temple of Queen Hatshepsut
- Dahab - Red Sea coast - swim, relax, opt to snorkel or scuba dive in the clear coastal waters

What's Included

- Breakfast daily, 5 lunches, 4 dinners
- 11 nights 4 - 5 star hotels, 2 nights Oases hotels, 1 night camping - White Desert, 1 overnight seater train, Luxor - Cairo
- 2 nights aboard felucca (open deck)
- 4x4 desert jeep trekking & camp equipment
- Swimming in natural hot/cold springs and River Nile
- Insight into isolated communities & traditional way of life
- Airport arrival and departure transfer on day 1 and day 18
- Touring of Cairo, Giza/Saqqara, oases, Aswan, Edfu & Luxor
- 4 days Dahab - Red Sea Stay
- Escorted by an Egyptian tour guide degree qualified in Egyptology
- All relevant transfers and transportation in private air conditioned vehicles

What's Not Included

- Tip for your tour guides. We recommend you allow \$3 - 5 USD per day, per traveller. Tip for your Felucca Crew/ Nile Cruise staff, we recommend you allow \$10 USD. Tipping

your guide and crew is an entirely personal gesture

- International flights and visa
- Entrance Fees: \$100-120 USD
- Tipping Kitty: \$40-60 USD

BOLT-ONS:

Make the most of your time away! Listed below are the optional activities that are available on this trip. Please note that you will need to book these prior to travel as we cannot always guarantee availability of these activities once you are on holiday.

Abu Simbel - USD \$259

Abu Simbel by flight. The massive rock-cut temple of Abu Simbel never fails to impress. It's possibly the most awe-inspiring temple of all ancient Egypt, with its gargantuan intricately carved facade, created to revere the mighty pharaonic ruler King Ramses II. Guarding the entrance to the temple, the 4 colossal statues of Ramses II sit majestically staring out across the desert, seemingly since time began. This excursion is offered on all tours visiting Aswan.

El Alamein Day Trip - USD \$119

The World War II cemeteries of El Alamein. In 1942 the Allies under Britain's field Marshal Montgomery halted the German- Italian advance towards the River Nile. Marked as a major victory for the Allies, though not without loss of life, with some 11,000 killed and 60,000 wounded. We visit the Commonwealth cemetery and recently erected memorials funded by the Australian and New Zealand governments. Through the arches and beyond the gardens, 7,000 white headstones commemorate the Australian, New Zealand and British soldiers who fought and died here.

Hot Air Ballooning - USD \$199

An aerial adventure awaits in Luxor! Imagine drifting silently over temples, ancient sites, ruins and villages in the early morning sun. See ancient Thebes from a different angle as you float above the River Nile and wave down at the locals as you drift a few metres from their open rooftops!

Nile Cruise Upgrade - USD \$339

Upgrade from the included Nile felucca cruise from Aswan to Luxor and cruise in style aboard a luxury Nile cruiser. Our 5 star cruiser has a bar and restaurant, whilst your well-appointed, air-conditioned cabin offers a private bathroom. The boat deck offers plenty of space for relaxation and a swimming pool. Sightseeing stops are made en-route. All meals included, buffet style during your onboard stay.

Petra & Wadi Rum - Jordan 5 days - USD \$1349

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Discover Jordan on this exciting 5 day bolt-on. Just a stone's throw across the Gulf of Aqaba, lies the Dead Sea, the striking Rose City of Petra, with its amazing ruins and famous Treasury and the great desert expanses of Wadi Rum where we camp overnight and enjoy a wonderful Jordanian meal.

Learn to Dive - USD \$799

Spend longer in Dahab and learn to dive in the Red Sea with our PADI Openwater Learn to Dive Course - 4 day/3 night bolt-on (4/5 day course). Or for experienced divers we offer a Certified Dive and Advanced Dive Bolt-on. Named as one of the Seven Underwater Wonders of the World, the Red Sea boasts more than a 1000 species of fish, 400 types of coral, perfect visibility and warm waters. It is a diver's dream!

PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$1,629

Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same sex on your tour, this can be arranged, thus avoiding the single person supplement. All our tours are guaranteed to depart subject to a minimum of 2 travellers. Please note: if departing on 17 Dec 2012, all Dahab hotels charge for a compulsory New Year's dinner. This amount will need to be paid by you locally - budget approx USD\$70. Our New Dunes & Tombs - 18 day tour departs fortnightly from 01 July 2012. If travelling before 01 July you able to book our Dunes & Tombs - 17 day tour with similar touring arrangements.

2012

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
10 JUL - 27 JUL	USD \$1,629	USD \$449
24 JUL - 10 AUG	USD \$1,629	USD \$449
07 AUG - 24 AUG	USD \$1,629	USD \$449
21 AUG - 07 SEP	USD \$1,629	USD \$449
04 SEP - 21 SEP	USD \$1,749	USD \$449
18 SEP - 05 OCT	USD \$1,749	USD \$449
02 OCT - 19 OCT	USD \$1,749	USD \$449
16 OCT - 02 NOV	USD \$1,749	USD \$449
30 OCT - 16 NOV	USD \$1,749	USD \$449
13 NOV - 30 NOV	USD \$1,749	USD \$449
27 NOV - 14 DEC	USD \$1,749	USD \$449
11 DEC - 28 DEC	USD \$1,749	USD \$449
17 DEC - 03 JAN	USD \$1,819	USD \$449

2013

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
22 JAN - 08 FEB	USD \$1,749	USD \$449
12 FEB - 01 MAR	USD \$1,749	USD \$449
26 FEB - 15 MAR	USD \$1,749	USD \$449
12 MAR - 29 MAR	USD \$1,749	USD \$449
26 MAR - 12 APR	USD \$1,819	USD \$449
09 APR - 26 APR	USD \$1,749	USD \$449
23 APR - 10 MAY	USD \$1,749	USD \$449
07 MAY - 24 MAY	USD \$1,749	USD \$449
21 MAY - 07 JUN	USD \$1,749	USD \$449
04 JUN - 21 JUN	USD \$1,629	USD \$449
18 JUN - 05 JUL	USD \$1,629	USD \$449
02 JUL - 19 JUL	USD \$1,629	USD \$449
16 JUL - 02 AUG	USD \$1,629	USD \$449
30 JUL - 16 AUG	USD \$1,629	USD \$449
13 AUG - 30 AUG	USD \$1,629	USD \$449
27 AUG - 13 SEP	USD \$1,629	USD \$449
10 SEP - 27 SEP	USD \$1,749	USD \$449
24 SEP - 11 OCT	USD \$1,749	USD \$449
08 OCT - 25 OCT	USD \$1,749	USD \$449
22 OCT - 08 NOV	USD \$1,749	USD \$449
05 NOV - 22 NOV	USD \$1,749	USD \$449
19 NOV - 06 DEC	USD \$1,749	USD \$449
03 DEC - 20 DEC	USD \$1,749	USD \$449
17 DEC - 03 JAN	USD \$1,819	USD \$449

Supplementary Prices

	Price/Person	Single Supp.
Pre Accom - Cairo	USD \$79	USD \$20
Post Accom Cairo	USD \$79	USD \$20