

Siwa, Bahrayia Oasis & Great Sand Sea Expedition

10 Days

Day 1:

Arrival to Cairo, Direct Transfer to your Hotel

Day 2:

After Breakfast, we drive our way to **Siwa Oasis** via **Bahrayia Oasis**, over night in Siwa (B/L/D)

Day 3:

After Breakfast, we will begin our touring at the ancient town of Aghurmi, site of the **Temple of the Oracle**, already famous in the 26th Dynasty and consulted by many great men before Alexander. We will also visit 30th Dynasty **Temple at Umm Ubayda** and the spring known locally as **Cleopatra's Bath**. Overnight in Siwa (B/L/D)

Day 4:

After Breakfast, Visit the painted tombs at **Gebel el -Mawta**, and the Ptolemaic stone – built tomb **Chapels of Abu Awwaf**. The last inhabited hatiya on the eastern side of Siwa is **El -Zayfun**, constructed around a stone temple. This land was given to the Senussis and was worked by their former slaves. The village that we will visit is now abandoned, but remains of interest for its intact houses, mosque and mill. After lunch, this afternoon's touring will be to sites west of town.

In **Hatiyat Khamisa**, one of the most fertile parts of Siwa, we find a small stone temple and a ridge of over 100 rock- cut tombs. Many treasure hunters have ravaged the area looking for valuables that the Queen of Khamisa is said to have buried here. Nearby is the famous Doric-style **Temple and Tomb at Bilad el-Rum**.

As all of these sites are situated amidst small villages, our presence will provide great entertainment for the community. Our last stops of this full day will be at the new **Siwa House Ethnographic Museum** and the medieval **Fortress of Shali**, the deserted central village of the oasis founded in 1203 AD and built of salty lake mud, Drive Our Way to The **Great Sand Sea** , Overnight in Camp (B/L/D)

Day 5:

Great Sand Sea Camping (B/L/D)

Day 6:

Great Sand Sea Camping (B/L/D)

Day 7:

After Breakfast,

Driving Our Way to the White desert : See the unique **White Desert**, a prehistoric coral reef were you can find fossilized sea shells, fish and sea plants among the beautiful and almost surreal lime stone shapes. Crystal Mountain, with crystals in fantastic shapes and sizes scattered around large area, probably formed when a large meteor hit the area, the iron rich Black Desert or the almost endless sand dunes of the Great Sand Sea, Overnight in Camp (B/L/D)



Day 8:

After Breakfast, Drive our way to **Baharyia Oasis** where you will visit including the temple dedicated to **Alexander the Great**, the 26th Dynasty **temple of Ain el – Muffilla**, the tomb of the 19th Dynasty **Governor Amenhotep**, and the **26th Dynasty tombs** of the merchants Bannentiu and his father Djed-Amun-lufankh. A highlight will be a brief stop at the recently discovered “Valley of the Golden Mummies”, overnight in Baharyia **(B/L/D)**

Day 9:

After Braekfat drive **Baharyia – Cairo**, Direct transfer to Your Hotel **(B/L/D)**

Day 10:

Buffet Breakfast at hotel, then you will be met by our representative and transferred to Cairo airport, where you will be helped with your check-in and immigration formalities for your flight back home. **(B)**

Rate Includes:

- All tours and transfers indicated in our program
- All tours and transfers are provided by a private deluxe min van
- Off Road , Camping are provided with Jeep 4 X 4 Cars
- Meeting, greeting and assistance upon arrivals and departures
- Entrance fees to sights included in our program
- English speaking Egyptologist
- Meals indicated in our program Breakfast= B, Lunch= L, Dinner=D
- All taxes and services charges

Rate Exclude:

- Cost of obtaining entry visa stamp (purchased on arrival)
- Cost of optional tours
- Items not specifically mentioned as included
- Excess baggage charges
- Meals not shown as included in the itinerary
- Items of personal nature such as laundry bottled water & beverages with meals etc;
- Phone calls
- Gratuities.