

Private 11-Day Holy Family Adventure in Egypt

Cairo / Alexandria / Zeitoun / Mostorad / El Matariya / Ismailia / Sinai.

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11 Days / 10 Nights Out Of the Ordinary Tour Everyday

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Embark on a sacred journey through Egypt's divine wonders with **Your Egypt Tours**. Enjoy premium services, including a private A/C vehicle, comfortable stays, and an expert Egyptologist guide—everything you'd expect from Egypt's top travel agency.

Highlights:

Explore Cairo's **Giza Pyramids** and iconic Coptic sites like the **Hanging Church**, **St. Virgin Mary Church**, and **St. Menas Church**.

Visit holy destinations such as **El Matariya**, **Zeitoun**, and the ancient monasteries of **Wadi El Natroun**.

Discover **Alexandria's spiritual heritage** and the heavenly **St. Catherine Monastery**.

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Day 1

Arrival in Cairo – Welcome & Dinner Cruise

Welcome to Egypt!

Upon arrival at **Cairo International Airport**, a **Your Egypt Tours** representative will greet you, assist with customs, and escort you to your private **A/C vehicle**. Transfer to your **5-star hotel** to relax.

Evening:

Enjoy a **magical Nile dinner cruise**, featuring delicious Egyptian cuisine, live entertainment (including whirling dervishes), and stunning views.

Meals: Dinner

Overnight: Cairo hotel

Day 2

Pyramids & Museums – A Journey Through Ancient Wonders

Morning:

Explore the legendary **Giza Pyramids Complex**, home to the last surviving **Seven Wonders of the Ancient World**.

Stand before the **Great Pyramid of Khufu**, an engineering marvel built with 2.3 million limestone blocks.

Discover the enigmatic **Great Sphinx**, a symbol of royal power and guardian of the plateau.

Visit the **Valley Temple**, used for mummification and sacred rituals.

Afternoon:

Lunch at a high-quality local restaurant.

Tour the **Grand Egyptian Museum** (VIP access available), showcasing treasures like the **Ramses II Statue**, **Senusert statues**, and the **Grand Atrium**.

Step into history at the **Egyptian Museum**, housing millennia-old artifacts.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Overnight: Cairo hotel

Day 3

Sacred Sites of Coptic Cairo

Morning:

Visit **St. Virgin Mary Church** in Maadi, where the Holy Family began their journey to Upper Egypt. Admire its beautiful architecture and spiritual significance.

Afternoon:

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

Explore **The Hanging Church**, suspended above the Roman Fortress of Babylon, dating back to the 9th century.

Discover **St. Sergius & Bacchus Church**, built over the cave where the Holy Family sheltered for three weeks.

Conclude at the ancient **St. Menas Church**, home to relics of the beloved Egyptian saint before their transfer to Alexandria.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Overnight: Cairo hotel

Day 4

Wadi El Natroun & Alexandria - Monastic Legacy & Coastal Wonders

Morning: Spiritual Journey to Wadi El Natroun

Explore the sacred valley, birthplace of Christian monasticism, where early believers sought refuge from Roman persecution.

Visit surviving monasteries:

Al Baramus Monastery (oldest in the valley)

St. Bishoy Monastery (final resting place of the revered saint)

Syrian Monastery (renowned for its ancient frescoes and architecture)

Afternoon: Alexandria Arrival

Enjoy lunch en route to the Mediterranean coast.

Check in to your **5-star hotel** in Alexandria.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Overnight: Alexandria

Day 5

Alexandria - Echoes of History & Faith

Morning: Ancient Wonders

Catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa – Explore this 2nd-century necropolis, blending Egyptian, Greek, and Roman artistry across three subterranean levels.

Qaitbay Citadel – A 15th-century Mamluk fortress built on the ruins of the legendary Lighthouse of Alexandria, guarding the Mediterranean coast.

Midday: Spiritual Legacy

St. Catherine's Church – A 19th-century Roman Catholic gem, standing where Crusader monks once worshipped, adorned with

medieval-inspired chapels.

Afternoon: Cultural Treasures

Lunch at a seaside restaurant.

Alexandria Library – Photo stop at this modern reincarnation of antiquity's greatest archive, now a beacon of knowledge.

Evening: Return to Cairo.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Overnight: Cairo

Day 6

Holy Family Pilgrimage - El Matariya & Zeitoun

Morning: Sacred Sites

Virgin Mary's Tree – Visit the ancient sycamore where the Holy Family rested. Tradition says Jesus created a healing spring here, and the miraculous balsam plant still grows nearby.

Zeitoun Church – Marvel at this Italian-designed sanctuary, adorned with carvings of Mary and Jesus, marking another stop on the Holy Family's journey.

Afternoon:

Lunch at a local restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Overnight: Cairo

Day 7

Holy Family Trail - Miracles & Footprints

Morning: Sacred Journey

Virgin Mary Church (Mostorod) – Visit the revered site where Mary bathed the infant Jesus, radiating spiritual significance.

Meniet Samnoud – Explore this blessed town where locals welcomed the Holy Family, now home to **St. Abanoub Church**, built over ancient ruins.

Afternoon:

Lunch at a local restaurant.

Sakha – Witness the miraculous **footprint of Jesus**, preserved on stone, marking his passage through this humble village.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Overnight: Cairo

Day 8

Sacred Springs & Ancient Wonders

Morning: Holy Family Sites

Tel Basta – Visit this revered village where Jesus miraculously created a spring during the Holy Family's journey through Egypt.

Tanis – Explore the legendary city featured in *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, home to 26th-dynasty temples and tombs steeped in history.

Afternoon:

Scenic drive to Ismailia for lunch by the Suez Canal.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Overnight: Ismailia

Day 9

Journey to Sinai – Path of Prophets

Morning: Sacred Landscapes

Depart Ismailia for **Sinai**, traversing biblical routes.

Pass **Moses' Springs (Oyoun Mousa)**, where the prophet struck water from stone.

Stop at **Pharaoh's Hot Springs**, renowned for their therapeutic waters since antiquity.

Afternoon: Desert Mystique

Lunch en route.

Explore **Wadi Firan**, the "Pearl of Sinai," with its lush palm groves and ancient **Nuns' Monastery**.

Evening:

Arrive in **St. Catherine** for overnight rest before tomorrow's spiritual ascent.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Overnight: St. Catherine

Day 10

Sacred Ascent – Mount Sinai & St. Catherine's Monastery

Pre-Dawn (2:00 AM):

Begin your spiritual climb up **Mount Sinai** with a Bedouin guide, following the path where Moses received the Ten Commandments.

Witness sunrise from the summit (optional), a moment of profound tranquility.

Morning:

Descend to **St. Catherine's Monastery**, a 6th-century UNESCO site built atop Empress Helena's 4th-century chapel. Explore its

ancient icons, manuscripts, and the legendary **Burning Bush**.

Return to your hotel for breakfast and check-out.

Afternoon:

Transfer to Cairo (approx. 6-hour drive).

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Cairo

Day 11

Farewell, Egypt

Breakfast at your hotel.

Private transfer to **Cairo International Airport** for your departure, carrying memories of miracles and ancient wonders.

Meals: Breakfast

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Airport & Travel Services

Meet & assist with personal airport welcome at Cairo International Airport

Accommodation

7 nights – Cairo, at a 5* hotel (B&B)

1 night – Alexandria, at a 5* hotel (B&B)

1 night – Ismailia, at a 5* hotel (B&B)

1 night – St. Catherine, at a 5* hotel (B&B)

Domestic Flights

Not applicable (all ground transport included)

Transportation

Comfortable transfers in modern A/C vehicles throughout

Guided Tours

Private Egyptologist, fluent and licensed, for all tours

Sightseeing & Activities

All entrance fees for sites listed in the itinerary

Meals as specified in the itinerary

Taxes & Fees

All service charges and taxes included

No hidden costs

Exclusion

- ? International Airfare
- ? Entry Visa to Egypt
- ? Tipping (Gratuities)
- ? Personal Expenses
- ? Any Optional Tours

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