# Private 15-Day Siwa Egypt Tour: Cairo, Bahariya, Luxor, Aswan, Alexandria

Cairo - Siwa - Bahariya - Luxor - Aswan - Alexandria.

# tour.duration Tour Type Tour Runs

15 Days / 14 Nights Classic Tour Everyday

# tour.overview

Discover Egypt's hidden gems on an unforgettable adventure with Your Egypt Tours, blending history, culture, and breathtaking landscapes. Explore Giza, Cairo, Alexandria, Siwa Oasis, Bahariya, Luxor, and Abu Simbel with expert guides, luxury accommodations, and seamless travel.

# **Highlights:**

**Giza & Cairo:** Pyramids, Sphinx, Egyptian Museum, Khan El-Khalili Bazaar

Alexandria: Catacombs, Qaitbay Citadel, Pompey's Pillar

**Siwa & Bahariya Oases:** Temple of Amun, Salt Lakes, Ain Cleopatra

**Luxor & Abu Simbel:** Karnak Temple, Valley of the Kings, Abu Simbel Temples

Let us craft your perfect Egyptian escape—where ancient wonders and natural beauty come alive. **Book your adventure today!** 

# tour.itinerary

Day 1

Welcome to Egypt! | Evening Sound & Light Show at the Pyramids

Welcome to the land of pharaohs! As soon as you land in Egypt, a friendly representative from our team will be waiting to greet you at the airport. We'll take care of everything—from your visa and luggage to your comfortable private transfer straight to your luxurious 5-star hotel in Cairo. No stress, just smooth sailing from the very start.

# **Evening Magic at the Giza Pyramids**

Get ready for your first unforgettable experience. This evening, you'll head to the iconic **Giza Plateau** to witness the **Sound & Light Show**—a breathtaking performance where ancient history comes alive through dramatic lighting, storytelling, and music. As the mighty **pyramids** and the **Sphinx** glow under the night sky, you'll feel transported to a world of mystery, wonder, and timeless grandeur.

#### **Dinner in Cairo**

After the show, enjoy a delicious dinner at a local restaurant where you'll get your first taste of authentic **Egyptian cuisine**—rich, flavorful, and full of character. It's the perfect way to wind down your first day in **Cairo**.

# **Overnight in Cairo**

Head back to your hotel for a restful night—you've got an exciting journey ahead!

(Meals: Dinner | Overnight: 5-Star Hotel in Cairo)

Day 2

The Wonders of Giza & the Grand Egyptian Museum

Morning: The Timeless Majesty of the Pyramids

After a delicious breakfast, your journey into ancient **Egypt** begins at the legendary **Giza Plateau**, home to the last surviving wonder of the ancient world. Built over 4,500 years ago, the **Great Pyramids of Giza** were more than just tombs.

The Great Pyramid of Khufu:

Towering at 147 meters (481 feet), this architectural marvel held the title of the tallest man-made structure for nearly 3,800 years—each massive stone block perfectly aligned without modern tools.

The Great Sphinx:

This mythical guardian, with the body of a lion and the face of **Pharaoh Khafre**, has watched over the **Giza Plateau** for millennia. Learn the secrets behind its missing nose and the theories about its true purpose.

The Valley Temple:

Next, explore the **Valley Temple**, a well-preserved mortuary temple where ancient priests carried out the sacred mummification rituals for

members of the royal family. Dating back to 2700 BC, this temple provides an intimate look into the Egyptians' beliefs about death, resurrection, and eternal life.

**Lunch: A Taste of Egypt** 

After exploring these ancient wonders, enjoy a traditional **Egyptian** lunch at a local restaurant, savoring flavors that have been enjoyed for centuries.

Afternoon: The Grand Egyptian Museum – A Modern Treasure Trove

Next, step into the **Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM)**, the world's largest archaeological museum dedicated to a single civilization. Located just steps from the pyramids, this cutting-edge museum houses over 100,000 artifacts, including the full collection of **Tutankhamun's treasures.** 

**Evening: Return to Your Hotel** 

As the sun sets over **Cairo**, return to your **5-star hotel** to relax and reflect on the day's discoveries.

(Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Overnight: Cairo Hotel)

Day 3

Saqqara, Memphis & Dahshur – The Cradle of Pyramid Building

Morning: The Birth of the Pyramids at Saggara

After breakfast, we journey to **Saqqara**, the vast necropolis where pyramid-building began. Here, you'll encounter:

The Step Pyramid of Djoser:

The world's **first pyramid**, designed by the genius architect **Imhotep** around 2650 BCE. This six-tiered limestone marvel revolutionized ancient architecture, marking the shift from simple mastaba tombs to the iconic pyramids we know today. Wander through its sprawling complex of temples, shrines, and ceremonial courtyards—each stone whispering secrets of **Egypt's Old Kingdom**.

#### **Memphis – Egypt's First Capital**

Next, **Memphis**, the legendary capital of **unified Egypt** founded by **King Menes** over 5,000 years ago. Its open-air museum holds treasures like:

The **colossal statue of Ramses II**, lying gracefully as if guarding the city's memories.

The **Alabaster Sphinx**, a mysterious masterpiece dedicated to **Ptah**, **Memphis'** patron.

Relics of temples and workshops that once buzzed with artisans crafting wonders for the pharaohs.

### Lunch: A Feast Fit for a Pharaoh

Refuel with a delicious lunch at a local restaurant, where you'll taste authentic **Egyptian** dishes amid views of the surrounding history.

#### Dahshur – Where Pyramids Found Their Shape

Our final stop is **Dahshur**, a royal necropolis where **Pharaoh Sneferu** (father of **Khufu**) perfected pyramid design after trial and error. Explore:

**The Bent Pyramid**: A striking "hybrid" pyramid with two angles—evidence of ancient engineers adapting their vision midconstruction.

The Red Pyramid: The first true smooth-sided pyramid and Sneferu's final resting place. Climb inside (if you dare!) to experience the eerie silence of its burial chambers.

**Evening: Return to your hotel.** 

As the sun dips below the desert horizon, we head back to your **Cairo** hotel.

(Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Overnight: Cairo Hotel)

Day 4

Alexandria - Where Ancient Legends Meet the Mediterranean

Morning: Descend into History at the Catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa

After breakfast, we leave **Cairo** behind and drive north to the **coastal gem of Alexandria**, a city where Greek, Roman, and Egyptian histories intertwine. Our first stop is the **Catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa**, a hauntingly beautiful underground necropolis dating back to the 2nd century AD.

Carved **100 feet below ground**, these catacombs blend **Pharaonic tomb art** with **Greco-Roman architecture**.

Discover the eerie **Hall of Caracalla**, where noble families were buried alongside their treasures.

Marvel at the central **rotunda staircase**, an ancient engineering feat designed to lower deceased nobles into their eternal resting place.

Midday: The Reborn Legend – Bibliotheca Alexandrina

Next, we visit the **Bibliotheca Alexandrina**, a stunning modern tribute to the **ancient Library of Alexandria**, once the greatest archive of knowledge in the ancient world.

Admire the library's **glass-paneled roof**, designed to resemble the rising sun.

Explore its **eight million books**, planetarium, and museums showcasing rare manuscripts and artifacts.

Stand in the shadow of history where scholars like **Archimedes** and **Euclid** once walked.

**Lunch: Seaside Flavors of Alexandria** 

Enjoy a fresh seafood feast (or other local favorites) at a **Mediterranean-view restaurant**, where the breeze carries tales of **Cleopatra's** lost palace.

Afternoon: Pompey's Pillar & the Citadel of Qaitbay
After lunch, we step into Alexandria's Roman past:

Pompey's Pillar:

This **27-meter red granite monolith** has stood defiantly since 297 AD, mistakenly named for a Roman general but actually honoring

**Emperor Diocletian**. Nearby, the ruins of the **Serapeum Temple** 

whisper stories of ancient religious clashes.

Qaitbay Citadel:

Built in 1480 from the rubble of the Pharos Lighthouse (one of the

**Seven Wonders**), this seaside fortress guarded **Alexandria** for

centuries. Walk its **battlements for panoramic views** of the harbor

where Cleopatra once sailed.

Overnight:

You'll enjoy dinner and overnight stay in Alexandria

(Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Overnight: Alexandria Hotel)

Day 5

From WWII History to Desert Paradise – El Alamein & Siwa

**Oasis** 

El Alamein - Arrival in Siwa Oasis

After breakfast, you'll set off with your expert tour guide toward El

Alamein to begin the day's historical journey.

**El Alamein Military Museum** 

Step into history at the El Alamein Military Museum, which honors one

of World War II's pivotal battles fought in 1942 between Allied and

Axis forces. offering a deep insight into the scale and impact of the

battle on Egypt and the world.

**Lunch in Marsa Matrouh** 

Enjoy a scenic drive along the Mediterranean coast to Marsa Matrouh,

where you'll stop for a relaxing lunch before continuing your journey to the magical Siwa Oasis.

Old Shali Village

Upon arrival in Siwa, you'll explore the ancient village of Old Shali, a fortified settlement built from kershef—a mixture of mud and salt unique to the region.

**Fatnas Island (Fantasy Island)** 

Next, unwind on the idyllic Fatnas Island, a lush palm-covered haven located about 6 km from central Siwa. Surrounded by serene landscapes and golden light.

Overnight in Siwa

Enjoy a delicious dinner and settle in for a peaceful overnight stay at your hotel in Siwa.

(Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Overnight: Siwa Hotel)

Day 6

Amun & Alexander Temples Followed by a Desert Safari

Morning: The Legendary Temple of Amun

After breakfast, we step into the mystical past at the **Temple of Amun**, a sacred site dating back to the **26th Dynasty (6th century BCE)**. This temple features impressive columns and carvings, reflecting the unique architecture of the time.

The Temple of Alexander

Known as "The Temple of the Oracle" or the Temple of the Siwa Oasis, this ancient site is steeped in myth and legend—most famously tied to Alexander the Great (356–323 BC). Built in the 6th century

**BC**, the temple was a sacred oracle where people sought divine guidance and prophecies.

#### The Salt Lakes of Siwa

**Siwa Oasis** is a true natural wonder, home to stunning salt lakes like **Bir Wahed** and **Lake Fatnas**. These shimmering bodies of water, formed by nature, are rich in salt and minerals, giving them a surreal, almost otherworldly beauty.

Their high salt content creates a dazzling effect, making the lakes look like something out of a dream. Whether you're soaking in their therapeutic waters or simply admiring their mirror-like surfaces, **Siwa's** salt lakes are a must-see marvel.

#### **Lunch Time**

Savor a delectable **Bedouin lunch** amidst the mesmerizing **Siwa Desert**.

# Cleopatra's Bath (Ain Cleopatra)

Step into legend at **Ain Cleopatra**, a stunning natural spring where crystal-clear waters have drawn travelers for centuries. Local lore claims **Queen Cleopatra** (51–30 BC) herself bathed in these soothing pools—so why not take a dip and soak up some royal history? Known for its healing properties and serene beauty, this oasis gem is the perfect place to unwind.

#### 4x4 Desert Safari

Hold on tight for an adrenaline-pumping **4x4 ride** through **Siwa's golden dunes**! As the sun dips below the horizon, the desert transforms into a sea of fiery hues, making for an unforgettable adventure.

#### **Under the Stars**

Cap off your day with a traditional dinner under the vast desert sky before settling in for a magical night surrounded by the silence and beauty of the **Sahara**.

(Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Overnight: Siwa Hotel)

Day 7

Siwan House & Bazaars & Taghyir Island & Camp Under the Stars

### Morning:

Start your day with a delicious breakfast before setting off to explore the enchanting wonders of **Siwa**.

#### **Siwan House**

Step inside a traditional **Siwan home**, built from a unique blend of clay, salt, and sand. This cultural gem offers a fascinating glimpse into the local way of life, showcasing the artistry and traditions of the **Siwan people**.

#### **Siwa Oasis Bazaar**

Lose yourself in the lively bazaars of **Siwa**, where vibrant stalls overflow with handcrafted treasures, fragrant spices, and colorful textiles. Don't miss the chance to visit a local **carpet factory** and watch skilled artisans weave stunning, nature-inspired designs—each piece a masterpiece of **Siwan heritage**.

#### **Taghaghien Island Resort**

Escape to this peaceful paradise, where luxury meets untouched natural beauty. Surrounded by **palm trees** and serene waters, the resort is the perfect place to unwind and soak in the oasis's tranquil

charm.

Ali Khaled Camp

As the sun begins to set, head to this magical desert retreat. The

golden dunes and endless sky create a breathtaking backdrop for a

traditional **Bedouin-style dinner** under the stars—an experience

you'll never forget.

**Siwa Hot Springs** 

End your day by soaking in the healing waters of **Siwa's natural hot** 

springs. Let the warm, mineral-rich pools melt away your stress as

you relax under the vast desert sky.

**Evening:** 

Enjoy a delicious dinner before settling in for a restful night at your

Siwa hotel.

(Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Overnight: Siwa Hotel)

Day 8

**Return to Cairo** 

Morning: Farewell to Siwa

After breakfast, bid farewell to the tranquil beauty of **Siwa Oasis** as

we begin our journey back to Cairo.

(Meals: Breakfast | Overnight: Cairo Hotel)

Day 9

Journey to Bahariya - Where Desert Wonders Await

#### Morning:

After breakfast, depart from **Cairo** and begin your scenic drive to **Bahariya Oasis**, where nature's artistry unfolds in spectacular fashion.

#### The Black Desert

Witness the dramatic beauty of the **Black Desert**, where volcanic peaks and dark dunes create a striking contrast against golden sands. This otherworldly landscape, shaped by ancient eruptions, is a paradise for adventurers and photographers alike.

#### The White Desert

Step into a dreamlike world at the **White Desert**, where wind-sculpted chalk formations rise like frozen giants. Marvel at nature's sculptures—mushroom-shaped rocks, towering cones, and eerie silhouettes—all glowing under the vast desert sky. As night falls, this surreal terrain becomes one of **Egypt's** most magical stargazing spots.

#### **Crystal Mountain**

Be dazzled by the glittering **Crystal Mountain**, a natural wonder of quartz formations that sparkle in the sunlight. Formed over millions of years, this geological gem feels like a treasure chest left open by the earth itself.

### **Valley of the Golden Mummies**

Unravel the mysteries of **Bahariya's** famed necropolis, where over 250 **Greco-Roman mummies** were discovered adorned with golden masks and jewels. This archaeological marvel offers a hauntingly beautiful glimpse into ancient burial rituals and the art of eternal preservation.

**Bahariya Hot Springs** 

Soak away the day's adventures in the oasis's restorative **hot springs** 

. Let the mineral-rich waters ease your muscles as you unwind amid

palm trees and desert serenity.

Lunch:

Refuel with a delicious traditional meal under the shade of **Bahariya's** 

palms, savoring local flavors in this peaceful haven.

**Evening:** 

As the sun dips below the horizon, settle into your desert camp. Enjoy

a hearty dinner under a blanket of stars, with the whispers of the wind

as your lullaby.

(Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Overnight: Camping in

Bahariya)

**Day 10** 

Return to Cairo from Bahariya

Morning: Sunrise in the Desert & Journey Back

Wake up to a breathtaking desert sunrise at your camp in **Bahariya**.

After breakfast, we begin our return trip to **Cairo**, crossing the vast

Western Desert one last time.

(Meals: Breakfast | Overnight: Cairo Hotel)

**Day 11** 

Cairo's Treasures & Flight to Aswan

Morning:

Fuel up with breakfast, then set off to explore **Cairo's** most iconic

gems with your guide.

#### The Egyptian Museum

Step into a time capsule at the **Museum of Egyptian Antiquities**, home to over 120,000 artifacts spanning 5,000 years of history. Marvel at golden treasures, ancient mummies, and the legendary **Tutankhamun collection**—all housed in a grand 1901 building in downtown **Cairo**.

#### The Hanging Church

Visit one of **Egypt's** oldest **Coptic Christian churches**, suspended above the ruins of **Babylon Fortress**. Built in the 3rd century along the **Holy Family's** flight path, its wooden screens, vivid murals, and tranquil aura offer a glimpse into **Egypt's** rich Christian heritage.

#### Lunch:

Refuel with authentic **Egyptian cuisine** at a local restaurant.

#### **Al-Muizz Street**

Wander through Islamic Cairo's "open-air museum," where medieval mosques and madrasas whisper tales of the Fatimid era. Highlights include the towering Sultan Hassan Mosque and the ornate Qalawun Complex—architectural masterpieces frozen in time.

#### Khan El-Khalili Bazaar

Dive into the sensory whirlwind of **Cairo's** 14th-century bazaar. Haggle for spices, lanterns, and handcrafted jewelry in its maze of alleys, and sip mint tea at historic cafés like **EI-Fishawi**.

# **Evening:**

After the tour, fly to **Aswan** for hotel check-in and overnight stay.

(Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Flight: Cairo ? Aswan | Overnight: Aswan Hotel)

**Day 12** 

# Abu Simbel's Ancient Wonders & train to Luxor

#### Morning:

After breakfast, embark on an unforgettable adventure to one of **Egypt's** most awe-inspiring sites.

#### **Abu Simbel Temples**

Carved into towering cliffs over 3,000 years ago, the twin temples of Abu Simbel stand as a monumental tribute to Pharaoh Ramses II and his queen, Nefertari. The Great Temple, guarded by four 65-foot statues of Ramses II, showcases intricate battle scenes and celestial alignments—twice a year (February 22 & October 22), sunlight pierces the inner sanctuary to illuminate statues of the gods. Nearby, the Temple of Hathor, dedicated to Nefertari, dazzles with delicate carvings of the queen alongside deities. These UNESCO-listed marvels were famously relocated in the 1960s to save them from Lake Nasser's rising waters—a feat as impressive as their original construction!

# **Lunch Time:**

Savor a delicious lunch in **Aswan**, the timeless city of beauty and heritage.

### **Overnight:**

You'll take the train to **Luxor**, a city where ancient history surrounds you at every step.

Upon arrival, you'll settle in for an overnight stay at your hotel, ready to explore the wonders that await.

(Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Overnight: Luxor Hotel)

**Day 13** 

**Luxor – The World's Greatest Open-Air Museum** 

Morning:

Start your day with a hearty breakfast at your hotel before diving into the ancient wonders of **Thebes**, a city brimming with awe-inspiring history and majestic monuments.

**Karnak Temple** 

Begin your journey at the legendary **Karnak Temple Complex**, one of the largest and most impressive religious sites ever built, it was dedicated to the powerful **Theban Triad—Amun, Mut, and Khonsu**. The complex is a marvel of devotion and artistry, featuring towering pylons, sacred lakes, and monumental halls.

**Luxor Temple** 

Next, visit the enchanting **Luxor Temple**, a masterpiece of ancient Egyptian architecture. Built around 1400 BC, this temple was a central stage for royal rituals and festivals, especially the grand **Opet Festival**, which once connected it to **Karnak** via the famed **Avenue of the Sphinxes**.

**Lunch Break** 

Take a well-deserved break and enjoy a delicious lunch at a charming local restaurant, savoring the flavors of **Upper Egypt**.

**Luxor Museum** 

After lunch, head to the **Luxor Museum**, home to a carefully curated

collection of artifacts from the **New Kingdom**. Opened in 1975, this

modern museum provides a captivating look into ancient Egyptian art.

**Mummification Museum** 

End your cultural journey with a visit to the **Mummification Museum**,

a one-of-a-kind experience that delves into the sacred process of

mummification. Established in 1997, the museum offers an intimate

look at ancient Egyptian beliefs surrounding death and the afterlife.

**Evening at Leisure** 

After a full day of exploration, return to your hotel in **Luxor** to relax.

(Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Overnight: Luxor Hotel)

**Day 14** 

Legacy of the Pharaohs – Valleys of Kings & Queens + Flight to

Cairo

Morning:

After breakfast at your hotel, you'll set off with your tour guide to uncover some of ancient Egypt's most iconic treasures on Luxor's

west bank.

Valley of the Kings

Step into the heart of ancient Egypt at the Valley of the Kings, a

sprawling necropolis carved deep into the desert cliffs. This sacred

valley served as the final resting place for pharaohs of the **New** 

Kingdom (1570–1050 BC), including legends like Ramses II and

**Tutankhamun**. With over 60 elaborately decorated tombs.

**Hatshepsut Temple** 

Next, visit the majestic **Temple of Hatshepsut**, a masterpiece of

ancient architecture honoring one of **Egypt's** most powerful female

rulers. Rising from the cliffs of **Deir el-Bahari**, this mortuary temple

blends seamlessly into the limestone landscape with its sweeping

terraces, colonnaded halls, and striking statues.

**Lunch Break** 

Enjoy a relaxing lunch at a local restaurant, recharging for the

afternoon ahead.

**Colossi of Memnon** 

Continue to the towering Colossi of Memnon, two 60-foot statues of

**Pharaoh Amenhotep III** that once guarded the entrance to his long-

lost mortuary temple.

Valley of the Queens

Then, explore the serene and mystical **Valley of the Queens**, where

royal wives, princes, and elite figures found their eternal rest. Among

the many tombs lies the crown jewel—Queen Nefertari's tomb, a

breathtaking burial chamber celebrated for its vibrant wall paintings.

**Return to Cairo** 

After a day filled with extraordinary sights, you'll transfer to **Luxor** 

Airport for your flight back to Cairo. Upon arrival, settle in at your

hotel and enjoy a restful overnight.

(Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Flight: Luxor ? Cairo | Overnight: Cairo

Hotel)

**Day 15** 

Farewell to Egypt

Enjoy your final breakfast in Cairo before meeting your tour guide for your transfer to the airport. As you depart, take with you the unforgettable memories of Egypt's timeless beauty, ancient wonders, and the warmth of its people.

Meals: Breakfast

# tour.included

# **ACCOMMODATION**

Cairo: 6 nights (5?, B&B)

Aswan: 1 night (5?, B&B)

Luxor: 2 nights (5?, B&B)

Alexandria: 1 night (5?, B&B)

Siwa: 3 nights (5?, Full Board)

Desert: 1 night camping

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Flights:

Cairo ?Aswan & Luxor ?Cairo

Train: Aswan?Luxor (1st class)

All transfers: Private A/C vehicles

# SERVICES

Airport meet & assist (Cairo)

Professional Egyptologist guide

# **INCLUDED**

All meals per itinerary

All entrance fees

All taxes & service charges

# **Exclusion**

International Airfare.

Egypt entry visa.

Optional tours.

Drinks and any personal expenses.

Tipping.

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**6400\$** /Per Person