



# The OASIS OF EGYPT

## THE HIDDEN GEM AND NATURAL WONDERS

**Guaranteed Departure 2024 (All year round)**  
**Led by Local Guide**

*Nestled amidst the sprawling Egyptian desert. Known for its breathtaking natural beauty and rich historical significance, the Bahariya Oasis is a hidden gem waiting to be discovered. Step back in time as you explore the many historical treasures that this Oasis holds. Begin your adventure by visiting the awe-inspiring Valley of the Golden Mummies. This archaeological site, discovered only a few decades ago, has unearthed countless mummies adorned in stunning golden burial masks. Marvel at the craftsmanship and marvel at the mysteries that surround these ancient relics. For a deeper immersion into the area's history, a visit to the local Museum of Bahariya is a must. The museum showcases a diverse collection of artifacts, providing valuable insights into the oasis's vibrant past. From ancient pottery to well-preserved mummies, each exhibit paints a vivid picture of the oasis's rich heritage.*

*If you yearn for an adrenaline rush, indulge in a jeep safari across the White Desert. Marvel at the surreal chalk-white rock formations that resemble a lunar landscape. Witness how the landscape transforms as the setting sun bathes the rocks in a warm, golden glow. Allow yourself to be embraced by the oasis's ambience, where time seems to slow down, & worries fade away and Savor the flavors of traditional Egyptian cuisine. It's an experience that will leave you breathless.*

**Ihab Zaki**  
Managing Director

### Day 01

#### Arrive in Cairo (EGYPT)

Upon arrival at **Cairo International Airport**, meet and transfer to *Ramses Hilton Hotel* or similar for check-in, and overnight.

**Note: Standard check-in time is 3:00 pm. if you arrive prior to the set date or early morning of the arrival day; an extra hotel night needs to be booked.**

### Day 02

#### Cairo - Bahariya Oasis (5 hrs.)

Begin the drive in the early morning to the **Bahariya Oasis**, surrounded by black hills made up of ferruginous quartzite and dolerite, and famous for its 398 mineral & sulfur springs, some of which have temperatures reaching up to 45 degrees and are famous for their healing effects. Upon arrival in **Bawiti**, the capital of the



Oasis occupying a hillside transfer to *Tzila Baharia Lodge* or similar for check-in, enjoy lunch & rest.

In the late afternoon, head to visit **El Meftella Mountain, Salt Lake, Dest** (Pyramid Mountain) & **Maghrafa Mountain**, continue to **Bir el Ghaba** & **El Matar warm springs** and have the opportunity to swim. if time permits, we may visit the English Mountain at sunset time. Here, the old English out post was used by British troops as it showed strategic views of the area, after to enjoy the sunset with amazing Bedouin tea and snacks will back to hotel. Return to the *Lodge* for dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

#### Day 03

##### Bahariya oasis - White desert (Farafra)



Enjoy breakfast then begin the day with a drive to visit the **Black Desert** surrounding Bahariya Oasis, formed by the erosion of the mountains, which have spread a layer of black powder and stones over the peaks and plateaus, it looks like a landscape straight out of Hades.

Explore **Gabal el Marsos** (Divided Mountain), and then drive off Road to the small Bedouin village "**El Hez**", and the water spring, where can enjoy swimming and have lunch. After spending some time, continue the drive to the White Desert area (100 miles) stopping en route at the **Crystal Mountain**, a unique structure. It is made entirely of calcite crystal that combine altogether to create a striking ridge standing up out of the deser and enjoy the beautiful shining stone and small cave. Continue the drive to **El Mattar area** and transfer to *Sheherazade fixed camp* for check-in, dinner and overnight **(B,L,D)**

#### Day 04

##### White desert



After enjoying the sunrise in the beautiful desert, begin the drive to **Aqabat** off Road area stopping en route by the **Hole mountain**, then continue driving to the Great karaween sand dunes, enjoy the driving through the sand dunes and also, we have availability for the sand boarding adventure there. After the nice time by the dunes will driving on the way to the Magic spring "**Ain El serw**", the subterranean cypress spring -in the white desert within the north of Frafra oasis could be a fountain of water that continues to be dry till any living creature approaches it and acquire almost it, either somebody's, an animal's, or maybe a bird's. they start to dry out step by step till they disappear and evaporate fully.

Enjoy a delicious picnic lunch near the water spring, then after lunch continue the drive to the white desert, stopping en route by the **big** and **small valleys** and also **Henes Valley**, Visit the oldest **Acacia tree** in the Ain Khadra oases then stop at the **tents valley** for a photo opportunity before arriving at the **White Desert National Park**. The park is the site of large white chalk rock formations created through erosion by wind and sand. It is also the site of cliffs at the northern end of the

Farafra Depressions. The park serves as the refuge for various animals, including the endangered Rhim gazelle and the vulnerable Dorcas gazelle , as well as barbary sheep, red and fennec foxes. Enjoy the sunset over the exquisite sands of the desert, and a delicious BBQ dinner. Overnight at the camp. **(B,L,D)**

#### Day 05

##### White Desert - Cairo



Enjoy breakfast and drive back to Cairo and transfer to *Ramses Hilton Hotel* for check-in, free rest of the day at leisure and overnight. **(B)**

#### Day 06

##### Cairo - USA



Transfer to the airport in the very early morning for your flight back to the US. **(B)**

*"We (STS) reserve the right to replace lecturers, change hotels or the order of activities if/as needed. The program is also subject to changes based on the schedule of internal flights within the country".*





## Tour Cost (Land Only):

1 traveler in single \$5,795.00

2-4 travelers \$3,495.00

*Per person sharing in double occupancy*

**Single Supplement: \$595.00**

## High Season

Dec 24-Jan 05 & Mar 29-Apr 04

1 traveler in single \$5,995.00

2-4 travelers \$3,995.00

*Per person sharing in double occupancy*

**Single Supplement: \$695.00**

**Trip Grade: II Lodging Level: \*\*\***



### Tour Includes:

- Airport/Hotel/airport transfers.
- 2 nights' accommodation in Cairo (4\*) on bed and breakfast basis.
- 1 night accommodation at *Tzila Baharia Lodge* or similar.
- 2 nights' accommodation at *Sheherazade fixed camp* in Farafra in a classic tent.
- 1 night at desert lodge or similar in Dakhla.
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary (B: Breakfast, L: Lunch and D: Dinner).
- Services of English-speaking guides.
- Sightseeing as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Bottled water during touring days.

### Tour does not include:

- International Airfare in and out of Cairo.
- Egypt visa (available upon arrival \$30 - subject to change).
- Beverages and alcoholic drinks with or without meals.
- Gratuities to guide, drivers, and porters.
- Items of a personal nature (camera fees, laundry, emails, excess luggage, etc.).
- Dayroom/overnights necessitated by changes in airline schedules or early arrival.
- Travel protection insurance. (HIGHLY RECOMMENDED)

### Trip Grade

*II Active – Some hikes, slightly more demanding walks at or to sites, few elevations, comfortable but busy schedule and some long rides.*

### Lodging Level:

*\*\*\* Superior: Lodges and hotels with additional amenities, refined service, and comfort level acceptable to the western standards. (3 or 4 stars)*

