

## A Silent Night Under the Stars



### Dear Future Desert Traveler,

We're delighted that you're interested in our nature experience trip to the Egyptian desert. We would love for you to join us on this beautiful adventure. Below you'll find all the information you need—but if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out!

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### Nature Experience Journey to the Egyptian Desert

#### 8-day group trip – suitable for all ages

#### A Silent Night Under the Stars

How about an unforgettable Christmas holiday?  
Enjoy the vastness and stillness of the magical desert.

We'll celebrate New Year's Eve in the sand dunes under a starry sky straight out of *One Thousand and One Nights*, and then journey through the stunning White Desert with its surreal rock formations.

Although the nights are cool this time of year, the days are pleasantly sunny. At night, we gather close to the campfire and sleep under extra blankets. You'll get a taste of desert life, immerse yourself in the beauty of nature, and discover the traditions of the Bedouin people who have lived in the Sahara for centuries. They'll accompany us throughout the trip.

Upon arrival in Cairo, we'll travel to the lush **Bahariya Oasis**, known for its green palm groves. From there, we'll head into the desert and spend three full days and nights as nomads—or perhaps more fittingly, like the **Three Wise Men**—wandering through this magical landscape.

Fresh meals will be prepared over the campfire, and in the evening you can enjoy traditional tea, Bedouin music, and tales from *1001 Nights*.

We sleep under the open sky full of stars—or in a tent, if you prefer—and live in sync with the rhythm of nature.

We'll explore the desert on foot, by **jeep**, and **camelback**.

It's likely that we won't encounter anyone else aside from those in our group.

Your camel will guide you to the next water source, passing through fascinating landscapes along the way.

Our Bedouin guides will lead us to the most special and hidden places in the desert.

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### Where Are We Going?

The **Sahara** is the largest desert in the world, stretching across all of North Africa.

Egypt's Western Desert is particularly special because such a wide variety of landscapes can be found in a relatively small area:

- One moment you're surrounded by volcanic black mountains in the **Black Desert**
- The next, you're in the ethereal **White Desert** with its surreal white rock formations
- There are rolling **sand dunes** shaped by the wind,
- Sparkling **crystals** emerging from the ground,
- And suddenly, a group of palm trees surrounding a refreshing **spring** after miles of emptiness

The Egyptian Sahara, with its vast emptiness and overwhelming silence, has a truly magical effect on everyone who sets foot there.

More info about the places we visit is available on our website.

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### Connecting With Nature and the Local People

This journey allows you to fully experience the purity of nature and the silence of the desert. Sleep under the stars, cook on a campfire, and feel the vastness of the land, the deep quiet, and the warm hospitality of the local people.

You'll naturally fall into the rhythm of **Bedouin life**, free from stress or obligations.

Our team is always there to support you.

There is also plenty of space to **explore on your own**:

Climb rocks, enjoy sunsets, roll down sand dunes, build a giant sandcastle, follow fox tracks in the sand, or take a ride on a donkey or camel.

Unlike mass tourism, this **authentic experience** offers a deep connection with Egypt, its people, and its nature.

It's suitable for **all ages** and anyone in **average health and condition**.

If you're unsure if this trip is right for you, please contact us—we'd be happy to help!  
Let the wind, sand, and sun guide you.  
Experience days full of wonder and cool nights beneath a dazzling sky.

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## Program

### Day 1

Arrival in Cairo. We travel directly to the Bahariya Oasis (about 4.5-hour drive).  
Overnight at **Desert Rose Eco Lodge**.

### Day 2

A slow morning to ease into Egyptian life.  
In the afternoon, we explore Bahariya Oasis:

Walk through palm groves

Visit Pyramid Mountain, the Salt Lake, the English House

Watch the sunset with a panoramic view over the oasis

Optional: soak in a natural hot spring.

Overnight in an eco-resort.



### Day 3



We leave behind the villages and green fields and head into the desert.

You'll visit the **Black Desert, Crystal Mountain**, and otherworldly landscapes that feel like another planet.

Our Bedouin guides will build a **base camp**, cook for us over a fire, and we'll sleep under the stars—or in a tent.

### Days 4 & 5

Wake up with the sun on your face...

Enjoy the silence, vastness, and magical shifting landscapes.

We meet our **camels**, who lead us deeper into the desert.

Parts of the journey are done on foot or by **4WD jeep**.

We'll explore surreal places like:

- The **White Desert** with its bizarre sculptures

- Towering sand dunes of the **Western Desert**
- The impressive rocks of **Agabat**
- Crystals of **Crystal Mountain**

We'll lunch near magical springs like the **Magic Spring** or **Green Eye**, and visit the ancient **Acacia Tree**.

In the evenings, we cook, sing around the fire, or go on **night walks** under the stars.



#### Day 6

After breakfast, we say goodbye to the desert and return to Bahariya Oasis.

There's time to reconnect with the village, take a walk, bathe in a spring, or relax with tea at a family home.

Overnight in an eco-resort.

#### Day 7

Enjoy a calm morning.

Depending on your flight, we'll return to Cairo in the evening or during the night.

#### Day 8

Departure. Return flight home.

#### Optional Extension

Want to extend your stay? We offer add-ons in **Cairo** and **Bahariya Oasis**.

In Cairo, you can visit the **pyramids**, **Egyptian Museum**, **Citadel**, **Sufi dance shows**, **Al-Azhar Mosque**, or take a **felucca** boat ride on the Nile.

Let us know and we'll help you plan it!

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#### Price

- **€995 per person** for accommodation, transport & Bedouin guidance
  - **€495 per person** for organization, coaching & support by Inside Nature (incl. VAT for individuals)
- Total: €1,490 per person**



**Family discount available**—kids travel at a reduced rate!

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#### Not Included

- Flights (round trip from Brussels/Amsterdam/Düsseldorf – Cairo from €300)
- Visa (€25 on arrival in Cairo)
- Single room supplement (€120 for all hotel nights)
- Travel & cancellation insurance (we're happy to advise)
- Tips (€50–70 recommended)
- Optional excursions & souvenirs

### **Tipping:**

It is customary to tip the Bedouins after a desert journey. This is a vital part of their income. Tips are shared across families and seasons, as there's no welfare system. Tips for bus, taxi & hotels are already included in the trip price.

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### **Flights**

We travel in small groups (max 15), with a **minimum of 6 participants**.

You're responsible for booking your own flight—but **please wait** until we confirm the trip is going ahead.

We'll notify you once enough participants have signed up.

Early booking = better fares.

We coordinate with **Egypt Air** and **Nile Air** direct flights.

Prefer a different airline? That's fine—just check with us for timing.

Tip: children often fly at discounted rates.

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### **Offset Your Flight's CO<sub>2</sub>?**

We offer the option to plant trees in the oasis. Interested? Let us know!

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### **About Us**

Our team is the heart of **Inside Nature Adventures**.

We are experienced and passionate about creating powerful journeys.

Our local **Bedouin team** (guides, drivers, cooks) ensures all on-site logistics run smoothly. They know the desert intimately and take excellent care of you.

**Usha** is a certified naturopath and nature coach.

She runs a personal and team coaching practice in Belgium.

In 2008, she fell in love with Egypt, the desert, and her husband Ahmad.

She feels most at home in the silence of the desert or under the palms of Bahariya Oasis. She speaks some Arabic and knows the local culture well.

**Ahmad** grew up in Bahariya in a Bedouin family.

He's deeply rooted in desert life and has years of experience in tourism and hospitality.

He holds a degree in social work, speaks English, Dutch, and Arabic, and has lived in Belgium since 2012.

Ahmad loves sharing his land and culture with guests.

**Sara & Amir**, their children, carry both worlds in their hearts.

They've been coming on family trips since they were young and love joining you for camel rides or sand dune fun!

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### Meet & Connect

Once you're registered and your deposit is received, you'll be added to our **WhatsApp group**. Here, you can get to know the other participants and find practical info and inspiration for the trip.

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### Can't Join This Time?

If the dates don't suit you, we hope you'll join us another time!

Sign up for our **newsletter** to stay informed about future trips and activities.

You can also plan a custom trip with your own **friends, family, or team**.

Feel free to contact us!

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We can't wait to welcome you to the magical desert of Egypt.

**With warm regards,**



*The Desert Journey Team*

**Usha, Ahmad & the Egyptian Bedouin Team**