



GEM, oasis and white desert

EGYPT

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9 days

29 December 2026 - 06 January 2027

English speaking tour leader



The 'unforgettable' of the trip:

- The **pyramids** and **the Sphinx at Giza**, and the **new GEM museum**
- The 'magic' lakes of **Wadi el Rayan**
- The "desert whales" of **Wadi el Hitan**
- The desolate landscapes of the **black desert** and its natural sculptures of the **white desert**
- The fascinating **Djara cave** with its stalactites and stalagmites
- Roman fortresses along the *Limes* of **Labakha** and **Umm al Dabadib**
- The impressive early Christian necropolis of **Bagawat**
- The Ottoman town of **El Qasr**, with its maze of alleyways
- The painted tombs of **Muzawaka** and **Qaret Qasr Selim**, and the golden mummies of Baharia



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The oases of Egypt's western desert, situated along the ancient caravan routes between Libya and Sudan, preserve the remains of the most important kingdoms of the past, from Pharaonic grandeur to Hellenistic influences, from the mighty Roman fortresses along the Limes to the early Christian period, right through to the Ottoman civilisation.

In the Fayoum region, fossilised skeletons of prehistoric whales lie scattered across the sands of Wadi el Hitan, whilst 'magical' lakes create a play of light and colour amongst the ochre dunes rising from crystal-clear waters – a spectacle that intensifies as soon as the desolate hills of the Black Desert come into view, only to grow even denser in the presence of the Sahara el Beyda, the famous White Desert, with its bizarre formations that spark the imagination.

The desolation of the desert harbours within it the caves of Djara, with their mystical stalactites and stalagmites, the Roman fortresses of Labakha and Umm al Dabadib, the painted tombs of Muzawaka, which blend Pharaonic art with that of the Roman Empire, the early Christian necropolis of Bagawat, until reaching the Ottoman town of El Qasr, where one suddenly finds oneself transported into the tales of "One Thousand and One Nights", ending in Baharia, where gilded mummies watch the passing of time with unflinching calm.

An intense journey, steeped in history and mystery, but also featuring encounters with the warm-hearted Berber and Bedouin people, who are always ready to welcome visitors and guide them on a discovery of the treasures of this lesser-known region of Egypt.

What's more, on this special tour led by Cristina Paoluzzi, a cultural anthropologist and expert in Egyptology, you'll visit the pyramids and the Sphinx at Giza, as well as the new GEM (Great Egyptian Museum).

Itinerary

Day 1: Tuesday 29 December 2026

Outward flight/Cairo (CAI)

Day 2: Wednesday 30 December 2026

Cairo/Giza/Fayoum

The pyramids and the Sphinx at Giza, the new GEM museum and the village of Tunis, with its murals and pottery workshops.

Day 3: Thursday 31 December 2026

Fayoum

The prehistoric whales of Wadi el Hitan and the 'magical' lakes of Wadi el Rayan.

Day 4: Friday 1 January 2027

Fayoum/White Desert

From the trails of the Black Desert to the bizarre rock formations of the White Desert.

Day 5: Saturday 2 January 2027

White Desert/Djara Caves/Kharga

Sunrise in the White Desert and the stalactites in the Djara Caves.

Day 6: Sunday 3 January 2027

Kharga/Labakha/Umm al Dabadib/Kharga

Along the Roman Limes to Kharga, with the Temple of Ibis and the early Christian necropolis at Bagawat.



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Day 7: Monday 4 January 2027

Kharga/Dakhla/El Qasr

The underground tombs of Balat, the Ottoman town of El Qasr and the late Egyptian paintings at Muzawaka.

Day 8: Tuesday 5 January 2027

El Qasr/Baharia

The painted tombs of Qaret Qasr Selim and the Museum of the Golden Mummies.

Day 9: Wednesday 6 January 2027

Baharia/Cairo (CAI)/Return flight

Transfer to the capital.

Price from
2,190 €/pax

Min 4/max 12 pax
Tour leader from 6 pax

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in promotion at € 2,190
for booking before 29/09/2026

Supplements:

- Enrollment fee: **free!**
- Visa service: **60 €**
- Single room/tent: **330 €**
- Day use in Cairo: **on request**
- Extensions Cairo/Giza/Saqqara, Wadi Natrun and Alexandria, Sinai trekking, Red Sea, dahabeya cruise on Lake Nasser from Aswan to Abu Simbel, *dahabeya* cruise on the Nile from Luxor to Aswan: **on request**

The fee includes:

- English-speaking guide (to 5 pax);
- English speaking tour leader (from 6 pax, from D3 to D9);
- Visits and excursions as scheduled;
- All transfers by minibus (Hiace or Coaster depending on group size) and 7-seater Toyota Land Cruiser 4x4 (max. 4 customers/car) including drivers, fuel and tolls;
- Full board except dinners in Cairo;
- 8 overnight stays as mentioned in the itinerary (7 in hotels, 1 in fixed tented camp with services);
- Field equipment (except sleeping bag) for nights in the desert.

The fee does not include:

- The visa for Egypt;
- Cancellation, health, baggage insurance;
- Air flights;
- Drinks and mineral water;
- Dinners in Cairo;
- Possible day use in Cairo;
- Possible extra nights in Cairo;
- Tips for photos and videos;
- Tips and expenses of a personal nature;
- Everything mentioned in 'supplements';
- Anything not expressly mentioned in 'the fee includes'.