



## Tour Name

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Egyptian Desert Experience (Sharm el-Sheikh)

## Tour City

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Sharm el Sheikh

## Tour Snapshot

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Take a trip to the heart of ancient Egypt on this desert tour from Sharm el-Sheikh. Brush shoulders with monks in a monastery, enjoy a Bedouin lunch with a local family, and camel trek out to the World Heritage sites of the Sinai Desert.

### Highlights

- Discover ancient Egypt with a local twist
- Visit an Egyptian monastery and take a peek at the Burning Bush
- Enjoy an authentic lunch with a Bedouin family
- Camel trek out into the desert and visit fascinating World Heritage sites
- Drop by a Bedouin handicraft centre and browse the handmade goodies

Inclusions: Local English speaking guide, transportation, camels, Bedouin fees and licensing, traditional Bedouin lunch, entrance to the monastery.

Exclusions: Additional drinks, souvenirs, tips / gratuities, optional entrance fee to enter Museum of Holy Icons.

### **Schedule details**

- Duration: 13 hours
- Pickup location:  
Your hotel in Sharm el-Sheikh
- Pickup time: 6.30 AM
- Drop off location:  
Your hotel in Sharm el-Sheikh

### **Full Itinerary**

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Ready to see the real side of Egypt? Sharm el-Sheikh is a city built for five star beauty, but if you want to see a different side to Egypt during your time there, this Sharm el-Sheikh tour is definitely for you! We'll take you out of the city on an ancient adventure, and give you a taste of authentic Egypt.

You'll be picked up from your hotel at 6.30am, and we'll take a ride in a private transfer over to St Catherine's Monastery. On arrival, we'll take a walk up to the monastery, taking in the scenery of the walled gardens and monks' accommodation behind the ancient walls. There will be plenty of opportunity to take some stunning photos here, so make sure you have your camera with you!

As we continue to tour St Catherine's, we'll enter the monastery and watch as the monks go about their daily business. We'll take a walk below the beautiful collection of silver chandeliers that hang from the ceiling, and browse through the many religious artifacts on display in the chapel. We'll also stop off at the Burning Bush, where you can even get a private blessing from the priest if you wish.

Next up on your Egypt desert tour, we'll take a trip to the Bedouin handicraft centre, where you can find plenty of locally-made treasures, such as purses, bags, cushions, clothing, and more. All of the items on sale here have been made by the local Bedouin women, intricately beaded and embroidered by them with distinctive Bedouin design. There is also a bookshop here selling all kinds of goodies about the monastery and Egypt, printed in many different languages.

If you're getting peckish by now, have no fear! It's time for lunch, and a very special lunch at that. You'll be invited into the home of a local family, and be served up an authentic Bedouin feast with plenty of traditional tea. This will be your chance to relax and take in your surroundings, and get to know the local cuisine and food culture.

Once you've recharged your batteries with lunch, we'll hop back in our vehicle and set off towards the desert plateau, where our Bedouin hosts will be waiting for us with camels. Now we get into the real desert fun! We'll take a camel trek across the sandy desert, towards the plateau of Nawamis. These Bronze Age tombs are a stunning World Heritage Site, said to date back over 5,000 years. You'll have plenty of time to explore the area, take photos, and really soak in this fascinating part of Egypt's history.

Once you've got your ancient Egypt fix, we'll head back to Sharm el-Sheikh, and drop you off at your hotel around 7pm.

### **Additional information**

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**Dress standard:** Both men and women must wear suitable clothing to cover shoulders, arms, and knees to enter the monastery. Suitable footwear and clothing to be worn for riding camels in the desert is also required, and we advise that you bring sunscreen and hats to protect you from the heat.

Your Trip: For your Urban Adventure you will be in a small group of a maximum of 12 people.

Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at your hotel for pick up. Please check your hotel details are correct on the voucher. If your details are not correct, it is very important to please email us to confirm your correct pick up hotel using the contact details on the voucher. If you prefer you may also phone the change through to us during business hours.

Additional Information: This excursion has been designed along the guidelines of the Travel Foundation UK to create and promote greener excursions. We bring various elements into each trip to create a maximum benefit to the local community to reach multiple families. Within this trip we liaise and employ from four families within the community.

Child Policy: Children must be 6 years of age to 11 years inclusively. Children below the age of 6 are not permitted on this tour.

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