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EGYPT

Pyramids, *desert & sea*

26 DECEMBER 2026 – 2 JANUARY 2027

Eight days from the foot of the Great Pyramids to the chalk towers of the White Desert — then east to the Red Sea, or south to the Nile.



8	3	2	€4,036
days	deserts and a sea	ways to finish	single rider, independent room

Days one to three

Cairo, Giza and the road west

01

Arrival in Cairo

Arrive into Cairo and settle into your pyramid-view hotel. A welcome dinner, and your first evening beneath the Pyramids.

02

Giza and the journey to the oasis

Ride at the foot of the Great Pyramids and explore the Sphinx, then leave Cairo behind as the route turns west towards Bahariya Oasis.

03

Black Desert riding

Slow oasis mornings, stable visits, and sunset riding across volcanic landscapes, wide-open desert and endless space.





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Days four and five

The White Desert expedition

Ride deep into the White Desert, weaving through surreal chalk formations and some of the most extraordinary scenery in Egypt.

CHOOSE YOUR NIGHT

- Camping beneath the stars in a private desert camp
- Returning to the lodge for comfort and relaxation

Optional desert adventures include 4×4 safaris, natural hot springs and sandboarding. Return to Cairo by evening.







Continue your journey · option one

Dahab — sea, desert and soul

06

Canyons at sunset

A morning domestic flight to Dahab. Check into your boutique beach hotel and settle into the slower rhythm of the Red Sea, then ride into Dahab's dramatic canyons for a sunset ride.

07

A day on the water

A full-day boat adventure on the Red Sea — clear water, snorkelling, sea air, and time to switch off completely.

08

Three Lagoons at sunrise

A sunrise ride to the Three Lagoons, one final morning in the saddle before check-out and your onward journey home.





Continue your journey · option two

Luxor — temples and timeless rides

06 **Into the quieter side**

A morning domestic flight to Luxor. Sunset mountain riding, village life, and a first glimpse of the quieter, authentic side of Luxor.

07 **Balloons and hidden temples**

Sunrise rides beneath the hot air balloons, breakfast at hidden temples, and afternoon visits to some of Egypt's most extraordinary ancient sites.

08 **Along the Nile**

A final morning ride through farmland and villages and along the Nile before your onward journey home.

What your holiday covers

Included and not included

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- Accommodation throughout your trip
- All riding experiences as per itinerary
- Fully hosted experience from arrival to departure
- Guidance and support with flights
- Meals and water as stated in your programme
- Guided sightseeing
- Ticket entry fees
- Airport transfers

Not included

- International flights
- Domestic flights — budget approximately €150
- Travel insurance (required)
- Visa fees, if applicable
- Optional extras and upgrades
- Alcohol and additional drinks

Before you travel

Booking, transfers and climate

Payment terms

A 50% deposit is payable at the time of booking. The balance is due eight weeks before arrival.

Cancellation

The full cancellation, rescheduling and insurance terms are set out overleaf and form part of your booking.

> These dates fall in the festive season, so the higher rescheduling administration fee applies.

Climate

White and Black Desert. Cooler months from December to February can become very cold at night, especially on camping nights, dropping as low as 6°C. Layers are essential for evenings and overnight stays.

Cairo, Luxor and the Red Sea. Warm days for most of the year. Winter brings cooler mornings and evenings, so bring a warm jacket or an extra layer.

> Conditions vary by location and season. You will be guided on what to pack before you travel.

Booking terms

Cancellation policy

Please read these terms carefully. They are applied at our discretion, and rates and itineraries are subject to change. Please also make sure you are familiar with our riding policy: we reserve the right to prevent any client from riding where we believe they do not meet the stated minimum competence level, or would put themselves, others or the horses at risk.

Payment

A deposit is required to secure a booking. Full payment is required no later than eight weeks before arrival, or the booking is deemed cancelled. Payment in full may also be made at the point of booking if preferred.

Insurance

You must hold comprehensive travel and medical insurance including health cover and horse riding activities before you arrive, and we urge you to arrange it as early as possible. Policy details, including the policy number, must be provided to us before arrival. Please make sure the cover extends to unexpected losses and expenses — lost luggage, stolen cash and cards, cancelled or missed flights, and inability to travel through unforeseen circumstances.

Official travel restrictions

If you are unable to travel because of a NO TRAVEL PERMITTED or RED ZONE restriction in force on your travel date, your holiday can be rescheduled to an agreed date within twelve months of the original. A new date falling in a new season may carry that season's higher rates, and depending on the time of year may also carry a festive or holiday season surcharge.

Rescheduling

If you choose not to travel for any reason other than a NO TRAVEL PERMITTED or RED ZONE restriction, tell us as soon as possible. You may reschedule to an agreed date within twelve months of the original holiday date, subject to the same seasonal rate and surcharge conditions above.

- Rescheduling eight weeks or more in advance — no administration fee
- Rescheduling within four to eight weeks of travel — £500 per person, covering pre-booked costs such as hotel rooms
- Where the travel date falls in the festive season, at Christmas or New Year — £750 per person, reflecting higher festive hotel costs

Cancellations

If you arrive late to join a holiday, or depart before it finishes, no refunds are due. Should you fail to join the holiday altogether for any reason other than a NO TRAVEL PERMITTED or RED ZONE restriction, and you have not agreed a rescheduled date with us, any reimbursement must be claimed through your comprehensive travel insurance; no refund will be provided by us.

Good to know

On the ground

Alcohol

Contrary to a common assumption, a drink is easy to come by for most of the trip. Hotels and venues in Luxor, Dahab and along the Red Sea have fully stocked bars, paid locally.

Cairo and the White Desert need a little forward planning, as alcohol is unavailable or harder to source. Buy from duty free on arrival — hotels are happy to supply ice, mixers and glassware. We can source locally instead, though prices are considerably higher: wine around $35 a bottle, beer around $10 a can. Pre-orders need 48 hours' notice, and payment in a sealed envelope handed to your host on the first evening. On a White Desert trip you are away three nights, and guests often wish they had packed a little more.

Tip kitty

A single kitty of $150 per person covers gratuities for the whole holiday — hotel staff and cleaners, drivers, horse handlers, support teams and guides — so nobody has to carry small notes or work out percentages.

Kitties are collected at the welcome dinner. Place your contribution in a sealed envelope with your name and the amount written clearly on the front, and tipping is settled for the week.

Dress code

Swimwear, shorts, sundresses and ordinary holiday clothing are all welcome throughout. Modest dress is required only inside mosques and places of worship, which are not part of these itineraries.

Staying connected

A WhatsApp group is created for every departure and becomes the hub for the week — next day's programme, pickup times, reminders, questions, and most of the photos.

Wi-Fi and data

Wi-Fi in Egypt is not always as reliable as you may be used to. Most hotels offer shared access, but we strongly recommend a local SIM on arrival at Cairo International — Orange and Vodafone both have kiosks in arrivals, with good coverage and cheap data.

Buy the largest package available. Orange also offers an eSIM, which is easy for iPhone users to top up during the trip.

> **Worth packing.** Dry shampoo, mosquito spray, a battery pack, personal toiletries. Sanitary products are not widely available in Egypt, so bring your own supplies.