

Dunes and Tombs 17 days



Egypt's incredible Western Desert oases & the stunning White Desert, Crystal Mountain, Tombs of the Golden Mummies, 4x4 jeep safari & Medieval Al Qasr. Not to mention Aswan & Nile felucca cruising, Luxor & the Valley of the Kings, the Red Sea & of course, the pyramids!

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Cairo / Ends in: Cairo
- Departs: Tuesday - year round
- No local payment required
- Breakfast: 16, Lunch: 5, Dinner: 4
- Hotel Rating: 4 - 5 star (+ White Desert camp, oases hotels & felucca)
- Tour Guide: Yes

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - [click here](#)
- To book this trip - [click here](#)
- To enquire about this trip - [click here](#)

TOUR MAP:



QUICK WEB LINKS

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Day 1: Cairo

Tuesday. Welcome to Egypt and the start of your Egyptian adventure! Arrive Cairo, included airport transfer to hotel and overnight. Overnight - [Cairo](#)

Day 2: Pyramids & Saqqara

Today, we visit Giza Plateau, where we explore the pyramids and Sphinx. Later, we explore Saqqara - an ancient necropolis with many half-buried tombs and the famous Zoser's step pyramid. Overnight - [Cairo](#)

Day 3: Bahariyya Oasis

Cairo – Bahariyya Oasis. This morning we drive to Bahariyya Oasis. Spend the afternoon at leisure and watch an amazing sunset over the remote landscape. Overnight - [Bahariyya Oasis](#)



Day 4: Crystal Mountain

Bahariyya Oasis - White Desert. We explore Bahariyya - an ancient oasis dating back to the Middle Kingdom. Continuing by 4x4, we visit some temples, tombs and the Black Desert - a region full of black volcanoshaped mountains. Our desert camp tonight is in the White Desert. The striking desert is full of unusual wind-eroded limestone formations and our remote overnight base. Overnight - [White Desert](#)

Day 5: Al Qasr, Abandoned City

White Desert - Dakhla Oasis. This morning we drive onward to Farafra - the smallest oasis in the Western Desert famed for it's exotic fruit and olive oil. Here, we visit Badr's Museum. Later we tour the medieval city of Al Qasr - a true highlight of our journey. Only recently abandoned we wander the eerie high walled city, mosque, school, olive press and court. Many of the houses here have acacia wood lintels above the doorways whose kufic (Islamic script) inscriptions name the builder or occupants of the dwelling. Additionally, the inscriptions trace the family heritage, the oldest dating back to 1518. We continue on to Deir al-Haggar and have lunch. Afterward you can opt for a dip in one of the mineral rich

hot springs. Overnight - [Dakhla Oasis](#)



Day 6: El Bagawat Necropolis

Dakhla Oasis - Kharga Oasis - Luxor. This morning we drive to Kharga Oasis visiting the Temple of Hibis (exterior only) and the rambling 4th century necropolis of el-Bagawat built entirely of mudbrick. After a break for lunch we continue onto Luxor. Overnight - [Luxor](#)



Day 7: Philae Temple & Aswan High Dam

Luxor - Aswan. Journeying south we arrive at the Nile frontier town of Aswan. Check-in to our hotel, we later visit the mighty High Dam. Continuing, we enjoy a short boat trip to Agilika Island for Philae Temple - dedicated to the goddess Isis. Later, free time to perhaps do some shopping in the colourful souqs and markets or simply relax in this attractive town which straddles the River Nile. Overnight - [Aswan](#)

Days 8 - 9: Felucca Cruise

Aswan – Nile felucca cruise. Optional early morning air excursion to the colossal Temple of Abu Simbel. This afternoon, we board our Nile felucca for a 2-night voyage on the River Nile downstream. If sailing by felucca is not for you, consider upgrading to a 5 star luxury Nile Cruise with our Nile Cruise Upgrade.

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On day 9, relax, go for a swim or just chill out in the sun on deck. Let your troubles melt away, as the felucca plies its route. A stop will be made at the waterside Temple of Kom Ombo. Overnight - [Felucca Cruise](#)



Day 10: Kom Ombo & Edfu Temple

Kom Ombo - Edfu - Luxor. Disembarking, we enjoy a visit to the Temple of Horus at Edfu - a huge complex that began construction in 237 BC! We then continue to Luxor. Home of the legendary Valley of the Kings and Temple of Karnak. Enjoy some rest and relaxation. Tonight, an optional visit is available to the Temple of Luxor by night. Overnight - [Luxor](#)

Day 11: Valley of the Kings

Luxor - Dahab. Opt for an early morning hot air balloon excursion over ancient Thebes. Early today, we visit Luxor's famous West Bank, taking in the Colossi of Memnon, legendary Valleys of the Kings and the imposing limestone-colonnaded Temple of Hatshepsut. Taking a break, we later visit the colossal Temple of Karnak. This afternoon, we travel by overnight bus to Dahab via Hurghada. Overnight - Bus journey

Days 12 - 15: Dahab

Arrival and hotel check-in. Scuba diving, snorkelling, sun-worshipping, chilling, shopping - take your pick. You've 4 whole days to do as you want. Optional excursions such as snorkelling at Dahab's Blue Hole or an energetic climb to the summit of Mt Sinai and visit to St Katherine's Monastery are available (book/pay locally). If you'd like to extend your stay in Dahab, consider our Learn to Dive or Jordan bolt-on. Overnight - [Dahab](#)



Day 16: Cairo & the Egyptian Museum

Dahab - Cairo. Very early this morning, approx 6am, we bid farewell to Dahab and travel back to Cairo and enjoy a guided visit to the Egyptian Museum.

The Museum of Egyptian Antiquities, commonly referred to as the Egyptian Museum is home to an extensive collection of some 120 000 ancient Egyptian antiquities, with a representative amount on display and the remainder in storerooms. Opt to visit the Royal Mummy Room, where 9 royal mummies from the New Kingdom are displayed. Overnight - [Cairo](#)

Day 17: Cairo

Thursday. Cairo - breakfast. Hotel check out and included onward transfer to airport.

WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- Cairo - Pyramids and Sphinx at Giza Plateau, Necropolis of Saqqara, Egyptian Museum
- Bahariyya Oasis - Golden Mummy Museum, Tombs of the Nobles, El Heiz - date palm grove and spring
- White Desert, Black Desert and Crystal Mountain
- Farafra Oasis - Badr (local sculptor) Museum & Hot springs
- Dakhla Oasis/Al Qasr - abandoned Islamic city
- Kharga Oasis - El Bagawat - Christian necropolis
- Aswan - High Dam, Philae Temple, River Nile
- Nile felucca cruising - islands en route
- Kom Ombo - Temple of Kom Ombo, Edfu - Temple of Horus
- Luxor - Temple of Karnak
- Valley of the Kings, Colossi of Memnon, Temple of Queen Hatshepsut

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- Dahab - Red Sea coast - swim, relax, opt to snorkel or scuba dive in the clear coastal waters

What's Included

- Breakfast daily, 5 lunches, 4 dinners
- 10 nights 4 - 5 star hotels, 2 nights Oases hotels, 1 night camping - White Desert, 2 nights aboard felucca (open deck)
- 1 overnight bus: Luxor - Dahab
- 4x4 desert jeep trekking & camp equipment
- Swimming in natural hot/cold springs and River Nile
- Insight into isolated communities & traditional way of life
- Airport arrival and departure transfer on day 1 and day 17
- Touring of Cairo, Giza/Saqqara, oases, Aswan, Edfu & Luxor
- 4 days Dahab - Red Sea Stay
- Escorted by an Egyptian tour leader or guide degree qualified in Egyptology
- All relevant transfers and transportation in private air conditioned vehicles

What's Not Included

- Tip for your tour guides. We recommend you allow \$3 - 5 USD per day, per traveller. Tip for your Felucca Crew/ Nile Cruise staff, we recommend you allow \$10 USD. Tipping your guide and crew is an entirely personal gesture
- International flights and visa
- Entrance Fees: \$120-130 USD
- Tipping Kitty: \$50-60 USD

BOLT-ONS:

Make the most of your time away! Listed below are the optional activities that are available on this trip. Please note that you will need to book these prior to travel as we cannot always guarantee availability of these activities once you are on holiday.

Abu Simbel - USD \$259

Abu Simbel by flight. The massive rock-cut temple of Abu Simbel never fails to impress. It's possibly the most awe-inspiring temple of all ancient Egypt, with its gargantuan intricately carved facade, created to revere the mighty pharaonic ruler King Ramses II. Guarding the entrance to the temple, the 4 colossal statues of Ramses II sit majestically staring out across the desert, seemingly since time began. This excursion is offered on all tours visiting Aswan.

El Alamein Day Trip - USD \$119

The World War II cemeteries of El Alamein. In 1942 the Allies under Britain's field Marshal Montgomery halted the German- Italian advance towards the River Nile. Marked as a major victory for the Allies, though not without loss of life, with some 11,000 killed and

60,000 wounded. We visit the Commonwealth cemetery and recently erected memorials funded by the Australian and New Zealand governments. Through the arches and beyond the gardens, 7,000 white headstones commemorate the Australian, New Zealand and British soldiers who fought and died here.

Hot Air Ballooning - USD \$199

An aerial adventure awaits in Luxor! Imagine drifting silently over temples, ancient sites, ruins and villages in the early morning sun. See ancient Thebes from a different angle as you float above the River Nile and wave down at the locals as you drift a few metres from their open rooftops!

Nile Cruise Upgrade - USD \$339

Upgrade from the included Nile felucca cruise from Aswan to Luxor and cruise in style aboard a luxury Nile cruiser. Our 5 star cruiser has a bar and restaurant, whilst your well-appointed, air-conditioned cabin offers a private bathroom. The boat deck offers plenty of space for relaxation and a swimming pool. Sightseeing stops are made en-route. All meals included, buffet style during your onboard stay.

Petra & Wadi Rum - Jordan 5 days - USD \$1349

Start - Tuesdays/ Wednesdays. Ex Dahab. Discover Jordan on this exciting 5 day bolt-on. Just a stone's throw across the Gulf of Aqaba, lies the Dead Sea, the striking Rose City of Petra, with its amazing ruins and famous Treasury and the great desert expanses of Wadi Rum where we camp overnight and enjoy a wonderful Jordanian meal.

Learn to Dive - USD \$799

Spend longer in Dahab and learn to dive in the Red Sea with our PADI Openwater Learn to Dive Course - 4 day/3 night bolt-on (4/5 day course). Or for experienced divers we offer a Certified Dive and Advanced Dive Bolt-on. Named as one of the Seven Underwater Wonders of the World, the Red Sea boasts more than a 1000 species of fish, 400 types of coral, perfect visibility and warm waters. It is a diver's dream!

PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$1,629

Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same sex on your tour, this can be arranged, thus avoiding the single person supplement. All our tours are guaranteed to depart subject to a minimum of 2 travellers. Our Dunes & Tombs - 17 day tour departs fortnightly till 01 July 2012. If travelling after 01 July, please see our New Dunes & Tombs - 18 day tour with similar

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touring arrangements.

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Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
29 MAY - 14 JUN	USD \$1,749	USD \$449
12 JUN - 28 JUN	USD \$1,629	USD \$449
26 JUN - 12 JUL	USD \$1,629	USD \$449

Supplementary Prices

	Price/Person	Single Supp.
Pre Accom - Cairo	USD \$79	USD \$20
Post Accom Cairo	USD \$79	USD \$20

POSTCARDS:

Here's what some of our past travellers have written in to us and said about their experiences on this trip.

Dear On-the-go Just to say a big thank you for our Egypt Dunes and Tombs adventure. I have travelled quite a bit but this was the best of all. On-the-go had just the right mix of information, guidance, opportunity to do your own thing, glamour and down-to-earth experiences with great guides and excellent organization. The real highlight was the night in the desert feeding the desert foxes our left-over chicken bones. The nights at oasis were great and also the Red Sea. I look forward to another On-the-go adventure next winter – perhaps in Africa. Cheers Shirley Cornish and John Hayes

[Mr John Hayes, Oct 2011](#)

Hi Jane I have returned from my holiday in Egypt which was absolutely awesome. The people of Egypt are so friendly and extremely welcoming. It was one of the best holidays I have been on and I believe that is not only a testament to Egypt and its people but also to your tour company who ensured that my trip was a holiday, and I had all the time in the world to explore those parts that I was interested in. Not once did I feel like I was being rushed, the tour was well paced and you were able to spend time in some amazing places. The Dunes and Tombs tour I would recommend to anyone, it showed you all aspects of Egypt, the history, the fantastic scenery and also the playful side of Egypt such as Dahab. It was one adventure after another and each day there were new sights to see that were just amazing. But the highlight of the trip itself was the time spent in the desert, having the opportunity to see such spectacular scenery but also to mix with some of the locals along the way and gain an insight into their lives. The tour itself was well managed and everything was completely organized. Not once were we left guessing as to what we were to do next as we were always kept informed. The tour leaders are to be recommended not only for their knowledge on all aspects of the history of Egypt but also their patience in answering endless

questions. I was mainly with Alam for the tour and he was fantastic, very knowledgeable, patient, thoughtful and caring. I had Big Mo for some of the trip and he was also excellent. Both these guides are an asset to your company and to Egypt. Their passion for their country and for OnTheGo shows all the time. The whole time that we were in Egypt both Alam and Big Mo ensured that we felt safe and well cared for, providing tips on what you can expect from each place that we visited. I just hope the tourists start coming back to Egypt as it is a wonderful country and the people are warm and friendly. Anyway thank you for your part in making my trip seem so easy, you are one of the best organized tour groups that I have come across, and I will definitely be recommending your company to others, and taking many more trips with Onthego. I will also definitely be visiting Egypt again as there are many places that I still would like to visit.

[Linda Kay, Jun 2011](#)

I had never done one of these before and had no idea what to expect. I ended up having a blast and I recommend On The Go to anyone going to Egypt. Overall it was truly an awesome experience, and if I didn't have other places in the world to see, I'd go back. I am already planning my next vacation and keeping my great experience with On The Go in mind. Honestly, visiting Egypt was one of the greatest things I've ever done in my life and I have On The Go to thank for doing a wonderful job taking care of all of the logistics, great hotels, transportation, and the lovable tour guides: Sheriff Rules!!! and the other guys were great too.

[Mr Brandon Barrett, Oct 2010](#)

Whenever I travel, part of me always remains cautious for my safety. Our guide, Ghanem, made me feel really comfortable, touring with him was like travelling with an old friend, very relaxing. I had a great time and will surely recommend on the go to friends.

[Kristofer Ruback, Mar 2010](#)

I recently returned from a 17 day 'Dunes and Tombs' tour with On The Go which began on December 30th 2009. I wish to pass on my thanks to On The Go, and especially our two amazing tour guides, Mohamed Alam and Mohammed Ghanem who represented both themselves and your tour company in a professional manner at all times. I have travelled on a number of occasions with other tour companies and after seeing Egypt with On The Go I would have no hesitation in recommending them to others considering travelling to Egypt. The pace of the tour varied – at times we were kept very busy as there was so much to see and do, but also the time set aside for relaxing was well appreciated as well. This was such a fantastic opportunity to experience so much Egypt has to offer in a short space of time. Our two main tour guides (the two Mohameds...) were perfect choices for the job! They had a wealth of knowledge and information they were only too willing to share with us, and went into just the right amount of detail when explaining things. It was very obvious that they took

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great pride in their country, culture and work. I was especially impressed by the manner in which they conducted themselves; at all times they were friendly, courteous, helpful, attentive, and so much fun to be around – they are a definite asset to your company. They quickly developed a strong rapport with all members of the group, and were very skilled in managing all of our different personalities!! Nothing was ever too much trouble for them, and this was very much appreciated by all members of our tour group. It is difficult to pinpoint the highlight of our Egypt trip....there were so many! When you can choose from riding a camel past the pyramids, camping in the desert, Abu Simbel, cruising down the Nile, shopping, or quad biking in Dahab....any one of these could be the single highlight of a trip. To experience them all was an amazing opportunity, made all the more special by the wonderful new friendships we made while on this incredible holiday. Please pass on my gratitude to the On The Go Egypt team. Our tour guides and other members of the team made our Egyptian holiday a very memorable and awesome experience!
Yours sincerely

Cindy Monaghan, Feb 2010

Hi Sally, well long overdue but here goes. THE TOUR WAS AWESOME. Highlights would include - first sighting of the Pyramids, Abu Simbel, Light and Sound Show @ Pyramids, Amro our Tour Guide. What a great group of people, Amro was just the best, we couldn't have asked for a better tour leader. We were met at Cairo airport and everything ran smoothly from there. Nothing was ever too much trouble for our Egyptian friends. Rob & Renee got engaged at the panorama view at the Pyramids which made that day all the more special, then we left for the Desert. The crew were so happy for them that unknown to our party they had purchased a chocolate cake (Renee loves chocolate) and brought it out to the camp site at the White Desert where we had a Bedouin Engagement party for the two of them. The gesture was just lovely. Mohammed, Amro and Jimmy kept us amused over 1500 very long kilometres in the back of the Landcruiser Troop carrier (cushions would be great boy were our bums sore), we learnt a lot about Egyptian music and in turn we taught them about bad singers from Australia stuck in a Landcruiser (tell everyone to take iPods they have the attachments for the car radios). Jimmy even got us bogged once or twice and we had to push the cruiser out - gave him hell for that one. We missed Amro once we departed ways in Luxor for Dahab, but Waleed was wonderful. We now have lots of wonderful friends from our trip (Guides and Tour Leaders included) that we now keep in contact with via Facebook. Invitations to visit new friends all over the world also which is just wonderful. Jordan was spectacular - the Dead Sea a particular highlight along with a HUGE day at Petra, Rami was very knowledgeable, not quite the bond that we managed to forge with our Egyptian family but the time was much more restricted which probably explained it. Your help in the lead up to our tour was also above and beyond the call and only made our trip that much better. We never had to worry about a thing All in all a great time was had, we have come home with wonderful memories, thousands of photos and a burning desire to do it all again. We would recommend your company to anyone who will listen and will certainly use you again when we next head on an adventure. All the best and thanks

from the 4 of us

Kylie Wilson, Sep 2009

Had the best time ever! Bonded well with guides and drivers as like they were family. I enjoyed sharing their cultural influence by bonfire.

Mark D, May 2009