



Fly & Drive - Western Desert and Darb Dakhla

Tour Overview

Happy driving! Your summer special!

Don't let them do it - do it yourself!

Follow the traces of the old camel road towards Dakhla and immerse yourself in the most diverse desert landscapes.

Learn how to manage dune driving from an expert, feel the freedom to find your own way and enjoy huge sand dunes, overnight under the stars and a swim in the oasis.

Names become reality, the car your best friend and nature a new dimension.

Available from June to September.



“Just like a caravan of camels walking in the desert, be durable against the adversities of life and walk with decisive steps.”

Mehmet Murat ildan



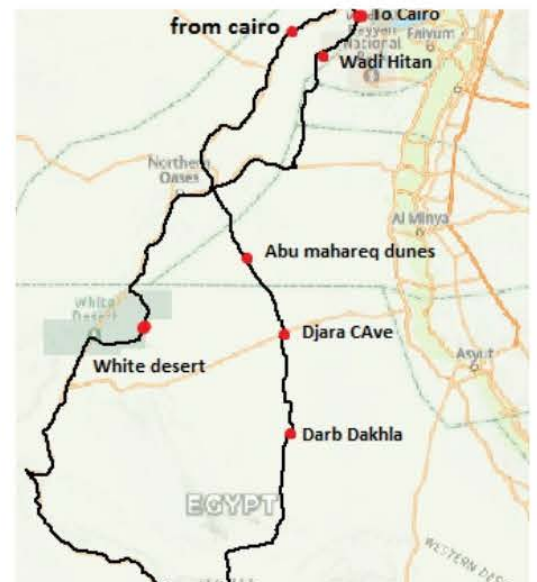
Highlights

- Darb Dakhla
- White Desert National Park
- Wadi Haitan

Duration:	12 Days / 11 Nights
Groupe size:	6 - 20 Pax
Trip available:	June - September
Price:	From 690\$/pp

Route summary

Cairo - Abu Mahareq Dune - Darb Dakhla - Qasr - White Desert - Wadi Haitan - Cairo.



Tour Outline

Day 1: Cairo Airport - Hotel.

Transfer to hotel. Welcome meeting at the hotel
Overnight Pearl Hotel or similar.

Day 2: Cairo - Two Depressions

Early Breakfast. Get in touch with your rolling home (delivery of your 4x4 car) – drive out of Cairo towards the Bahareya Road. We will reach the area of Two Depressions around lunch time. After lunch we will have a short theory session about driving in sand dunes. May be in the evening we put theory into practice for the first time and have a short drive in the area.

Overnight camping (B/L/D)



Day 3: Off-Road Driving Course - Abu Mahareq Dune

We start in the morning with our first part of practical driving lessons. After lunch we will drive along the Abu Mohareq Dunes.

Overnight camping near Abu Mahareq Dunes. (BLD)



Day 4: Bahareya - Farafra - Darb Dakhla

After a short drive we reach a road and drive along to the first gas station (our cars are thirsty also!).

We drive along that road towards the Farafra Oasis. We leave the road to find the Darb Dakhla and will sleep near its beginning. Darb Dakhla is the former caravan route to Dakhla, which is now off the main route and a little "gone with the wind".

Overnight camping (B/L/D).

Day 5 - 6 : Darb Dakhla

We drive along the Darb Dakhla and cross the “Black Valley”. We also reach the Kharafish area, a geological formation, sometimes referred to as a “Marble Labyrinth”.

Overnight camping in that area.(B/L/D)



Day 7: Qasr Dakhla - White Desert National Park

We pass Bab el Gasmund and Bab Caillaud to descent to the Dakhla Depression at the Oasis Qasr. We visit the oasis and will head on the road towards Farafra. We will arrive at the White Desert National Park.

Overnight camping (B/L/D).



Day 8: White Desert National Park

We spent the whole day in the White Desert Natural park, passing also by a spring and taking pictures of the different sculptures.

Overnight camping. (B/L/D).

Day 9: El Haiz - Black Desert - Bahareya

In the morning we start heading back to Cairo with a stop over at the small El Haiz Oasis for a swim. Our next stop will be the Black Desert before we arrive in the Bahareya Oasis.

Overnight camping near the oasis. (B/L/D)



Day 10: World Heritage Site of Wadi Haitan - Kusur al Arab

In the morning we start to head back to Cairo with a small detour to visit the World Natural Heritage site of Wadi Hitan.

Overnight in the dunes of Kusur al Arab. (B/L/D)



Day 11: Kusur al Arab - Cairo

After breakfast we finally drive back to Cairo to our hotel.

After having returned the cars, have some time to take a shower, buy souvenirs or just sit in one of the many coffee shops. In the evening around sun set we have a felucca ride on the Nile.

Overnight Pearl Hotel or similar. (B)

Day 12: Departure Day

International Departure with Airport transfer - or the possibility to extend your tour. We are happy to offer individual options. (B)



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Note:

The program is given as an indication, it depends on the driver’s ability to adapt to the local conditions of the rented car and terrain.

We reserve the right to modify the order of the visits caused to any force majeure related to the weather or other reasons.

The order of the visits can be modified but the entirety of the program will be respected.



Trip includes

- Private guided tour.
- Accommodation 2 Hotel nights
- Accommodation 9 camping
- Meals 11 B/ 9 L/ 9 D
- Transfers to/from airport/hotel
- Rent of the 4x4 cars for 10 days
- Entrance fees for all the sites mentioned in the program.
- Guidance & Organization.
- All visits mentioned in the program.
- A theory and practical basic Off-Road driving course.
- Felucca ride

Trip excludes

- International flights
- Visa fees
- International Driving license
- Drinks in restaurants and hotels
- Meals not mentioned.
- Fuel and road tolls.
- Tips for the guide and staff.
- Travel insurance or any kind of insurances.
- Anything that is not mentioned in the program.
- Optional programs.

Useful Informations

- Don’t forget your national and international driving license.
- Have a medical and dental check-up before your tour.
- The minimum number of cars is 3 and the maximum is 5.
- The number of persons that can ride in one 4x4 vehicle could be from 1 -5 persons. The price will vary accordingly.
- We will keep an extra cash deposit of 500\$ per car to cover any damage that is caused by false handling. (Not tare & ware)
- Guideline for tipping
 - Guide 8-10\$/ day / car
 - Staff 2-5\$/ day / car

Cairo traffic is chaotic
 Don’t under estimate the off-road driving
 Don’t take any risks. There is no shame in saying: No.

Note: Each driver is solo responsible for the car, while it is in his custodial care .

