The Civilization of The Desert

Cairo - Fayum - Meidum - Alexandria - Alamein - Siwa - Bahareya - White Desert - Farafra - Dakhla - Kharga Luxor
(10 days- 9 nights)
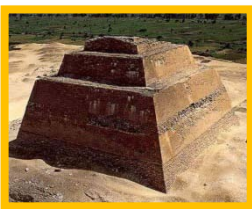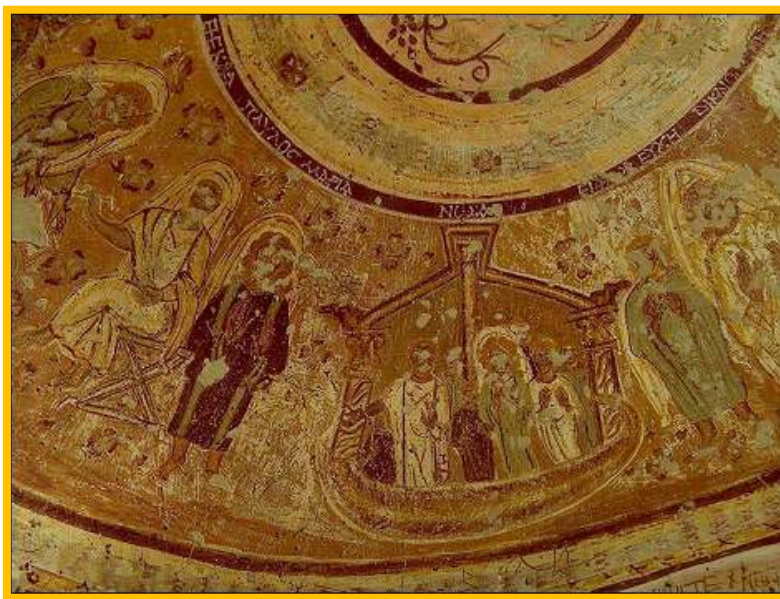
Day 1 Cairo - Fayum

Arrival Cairo airport, transfer to Fayum, a big oasis surrounded by sands and rocks of the Western Desert. Dinner and overnight in your hotel.

Day 2 Fayum - Meidum – Alexandria   F.B

Visit Wadi El Rayan, Archeological site of Hawara, the Pyramid of Meidum then departure to Alexandria. Dinner & overnight in your hotel.

Meidum

Day3 Alexandria – Alamein - Siwa   Full Board

Visit Kom El Shokafa (Roman Catacombs) and the Bibliotheca Alexandrina (inaugurated in October 2002 to the memory of the famous ancient library and witness of the celebrity of the Alexander The Great city, which was destroyed after taking fire in 45 B.C.

Catacombs

Departure to Alamein, the location which witnessed one of the biggest and most bloody fight of the 2nd World war from the 23rd of October till the 5th of November 1942. Visit the site and proceed towards Siwa. Arrival Siwa, Dinner & overnight.

Day 4 Siwa   Full Board

Full day dedicated to the discovery of Siwa and the surrounding, visit the Temple of Amon where Alexander the Great was declared as Pharaoh, son of the God Amon Ra. Visit Gebel El Maota (The Deads Mountain) and the Cleopatra's Bath, with the opportunity of bathing in its hot water.

Cleopatra's bath

Now your adventure in your 4x4 vehicle will start. Cross the sand dunes toward Bir Wahed (Hot sulfurous water spring 39°c). Bedouin tea by sun set. Back to hotel for dinner & overnight.

Day 5 Siwa - Bahareya   Full Board

Departure by jeep to Bahareya, crossing the old caravan road (many check points will be met, where we will be required to show our passport). Arrival at the Lake of Sitra, on a limestone plateau on an undrained basin where low grass and bushes still survive. The settlement zone was large, over an area measuring 1000m by 500m.


Siwa Road

The entire region is so rich in fossil shells shaped coin, shark teeth, corals, etc.. Arrival to Bahareya by sunset, check in your hotel, would be very nice having a bath after this long trip in the sulfurous hot water spring of the hotel. Dinner and overnight.

Day 6 Bahareya - White Desert   Full Board

Morning departure by Jeep to visit the archeological sites: tombs, Temple of Alexander The Great, the Golden Mummies Museum. Proceed to the Black Desert, the Valley of the Crystal ending by sunset at the White Desert. B.B.Q. dinner and overnight camping in the White Desert.
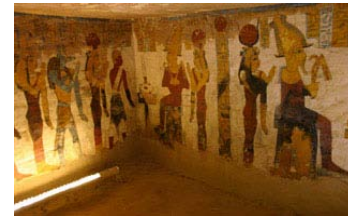
Alexander The Great

Day 7 White Desert - Farafra - Dakhl   Full Board

By Jeep till reaching the asphalt road, and proceed by our car to Farafra Oasis, a short visit of the Oasis, followed by a drive to Dakhla Oasis. Upon arrival, visit El Qasr (Medieval Islamic Citadel and old capital of the Oasis, with a tight small streets and mud houses). Will end the day by visiting the Roman Temple of Deir El Hagar. Dinner & overnight in hotel.

El Qasr

## Day 8 Dakhla - Kharga   Full Board

Morning departure by car to Kharga Oasis, en-route visit Balat & Bashandi. Arrival Kharga by sunset, visit the archeological museum. Dinner & overnight in hotel.

Bashandy

Day 9 Kharga - Luxor   Full Board

Visit the Christian Necropolis of Bagawat (IV-VI century A.C.), composed of several graves in the shape of small rooms, some decorated with frescoes of biblical scenes. Visit the Temple of Hibis (from outside). Proceed towards Luxor, arrival by sunset, visit the Temple of Luxor. Dinner & overnight in hotel.
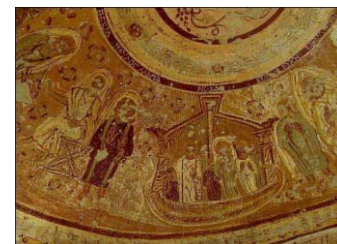
Chapel of PeaceBagawat

Day 10 Luxor - Home

After breakfast transfer to the Luxor airport for final departure.