

Discover My Egypt with Egyptologist Amr Shamala

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Christianity in Egypt Tour Itinerary

8 Days / 7 Nights

Cairo / Alexandria / Suez / St Catherine

Historically, Egypt has become a confluence of various ethnicities, religions and traditions. The ancient Pharaonic culture was enriched by Hittites, Nubians, Greeks and Romans. It is in its later stages the old Pharaonic culture, religion and language were preserved via the incoming Greek Christians and their institutions. The 'Copts' as the modern Egyptians are called, are descendants of ancient Egyptians.

The word 'Copt' comes from 'Aegyptos' meaning Egypt - as the Egyptians were called by Greeks. In modern times, Copts are the Christian Egyptians, holders of both tradition and religion of the blend of ancient Pharaonic and Greek cultures. In addition to Alexandria, the budding centre of Coptic activity back in the first centuries of the modern era, Cairo has steadily attracted and became the second centre where Coptic art and culture came to be and expand. Modern Cairo boasts a number of Coptic architectural structures, both ancient and modern and is home for a large minority of Coptic Egyptians.

- Have you read history of ancient Egypt?
- Would you like to discover remnants of one of the first of human civilizations?
- Are you wondering what became of the ancient Pharaonic culture, art and religion?
- Would you like to see how Greek culture transformed and blended into the ancient Pharaonic history?
- Would you like to feel the past, experience the present and glimpse the future of Egypt?

'Christianity in Egypt' is for those who are curious to find past in the present and to better understand how the old Egyptian ways coexist hand-in-hand alongside modern Islamic Egyptian traditions.

Day One - Cairo

Arrive Cairo International Airport. Meet with my representative, who will transfer you to your hotel for your first overnight stay.

Day Two - Cairo

Breakfast at your hotel then start your tour to visit the Giza Plateau to explore the world famous Pyramids of Cheops, Chephren, Mykerinos and The Sphinx.



We then break for lunch followed by a visit to the Coptic Museum and Old Cairo, including the site in which the Holy Family took refuge during their escape from the King Herod.



Return to the hotel for overnight in Cairo.

Day Three - Cairo / Alexandria

After breakfast, we take a visit to Wadi Natroun, where we take a guided tour of the Beshoy Monastery.

We then break for lunch.

After lunch we take a train to Alexandria and visit The Biblioteca Alexandria.

Later we check-in to our 4-star hotel for an overnight in Alexandria.



Day Four - Alexandria / Cairo

After breakfast at the hotel we take a visit to the Citadel of Qait Bay, which stands on the spot of the House of Pharos and includes original stones from the House.

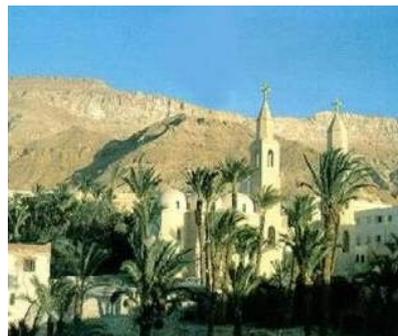
We then take the train back to Cairo.

Dinner and then back to our hotel for an overnight in Cairo.

Day Five – Cairo / Zafrana / Suez

Drive to Zafrana, visiting the first two monasteries in the world - Saint Paul and Saint Anthony.

After lunch we continue our drive to Suez. We check in to our 4-star hotel for overnight in Suez.



Day 6 – Suez / St Catherine

We start the day by drive along the Gulf of Suez to St Catherines Monastery. Along the way we also stop by Moses Springs and Wadi Pharaoh.

We stop for lunch and then check-in to our hotel for an overnight in St Catherine.

Day 7 – St Catherine / Mount Sinai / Cairo

We begin with an early morning drive to Mount Sinai. We climb the Mount and greet the sunrise on the summit where it is claimed that Moses received the Ten Commandments.



We descend Mount Sinai and return to our hotel for hotel.

We then visit St Catherines Monastery.

After lunch we take a drive back to Cairo, where we return to the hotel for overnight.

Day 8 – Cairo / Home

Check-out of the hotel after breakfast and transfer to Cairo International Airport to return home.

What is included on this tour

- ✓ 3 nights hotel (4-star) accommodation in Cairo (breakfast included)
- ✓ 1 night hotel (4-star) accommodation in Alexandria (breakfast included)
- ✓ 1 night hotel (4-star) accommodation in Suez (breakfast included)
- ✓ 1 full-day tour in Cairo in a deluxe air-conditioned vehicle, including Pyramids of Giza, the Sphinx and Coptic Museum.
- ✓ Lunch in a traditional Egyptian restaurant during the tour in Cairo
- ✓ All the major sightseeing sights (entry fees included and accompanied by Egyptologist Amr Shamala) during the visit to Suez and Alexandria.
- ✓ All the meet-and-greet transfers and transportation throughout the entire trip

What is not included on this tour

- ✓ International Flights
- ✓ Egypt Entry Visa
- ✓ Gratuity/tips to driver, hotel staff, etc.
- ✓ Any extra meals or tours not mentioned above