

Discover My Egypt with Egyptologist Amr Shamala

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Eco Lodge and Nature Tour Itinerary

Marsa Alam / Wadi el-Gemal *Three Days / Two Nights*

There are now many ways to experience eco and environmentally friendly holidays in Egypt. Areas where you can engage with wildlife, experience desert retreats and enjoy the sanctuary of nature.

If you decide to take a diving holiday to Marsa Alam, then it would be possible to extend your trip with a stay at the private eco-lodge - the 'Fustat Wadi el Gemal'. This is the first tented camp ever set up inside one of Egypt's National Parks and is situated 6 km inland, in the heart of the desert.

Wadi el-Gemal is a protected National Park in the Eastern Desert of Egypt. It is a perfect way to discover the famous Egyptian desert and to meet the original tribes who have roamed the vast desert for centuries.



The Park is situated approximately 40km from Marsa Alam. The park covers nearly 100km of the coast with palm groves, mangrove bays and pristine beaches with pure white sand, as well as the Wadi itself. A huge, deep, dried riverbed, the site of many interesting geological and natural wonders to explore, and the third

largest Wadi in the Eastern Desert.

This eco-tourism destination aims to show the beauty of The National Park in all its glory, while educating and informing guests about the ecology, geology, geography and history of Wadi el-Gemal and the surrounding areas. Many historical monuments and heritage sites dating back to the Roman and Ptolemaic periods can also be visited throughout the park.

Guides at the eco-lodge are professional specialists and also indigenous inhabitants of Wadi el-Gemal, belonging to the nomadic Ababda tribes who graze their herds on the vegetation found in the Wadi.

Day One - Marsa Alam to Wadi el-Gemal

Check out of your hotel in Marsa Alam and then we drive in the morning to the eco-lodge at Wadi el-Gemal.

Arrive at the tented camp and enjoy lunch.

In the afternoon you can take an optional Camel Wagon Trip. The trip starts at 15:30 and we return back to the lodge at 22:00.

Specially designed light-weight wagons have been created to accommodate for guests who do not wish to ride camels or trek through the valley. The wagons provide a comfortable and eco-friendly option to tour around the sights of Wadi el-Gemal National Park.



Travelling through valleys and desert, the scenery is spectacular. You may also be able to spot Dorkas gazelles, Barbary sheep, Nubian Ibex and African Wild Ass.

Return back to the eco-lodge camp site for an overnight.

Day Two - Wadi el-Gemal

Enjoy breakfast at the eco-lodge camp site.

Today the beach and mangroves can be reached from the coastal road.

We will take a trip out to explore the coral reefs and mangroves, which also support an abundance of marine life such as the endangered Dugong 'sea cow', sea turtles, dolphins, sharks, eels, rays and hundreds of fish species.



Birds can also be spotted, such as the largest worldwide colony of the endangered slate falcon, the endangered white-eyed sea gull and one of the world's largest populations of sooty falcons.

Return back to the eco-lodge camp site for an overnight.

Day Three - Wadi el-Gemal to Marsa Alam

Enjoy breakfast at the eco-lodge camp site .

Return back to Marsa Alam to continue your vacation, or return home.

What is included on this tour

- ✓ All sights accompanied by Egyptologist Amr Shamala for the duration of the trip in Wadi el-Gemal
- ✓ 2 nights in Fuzat Wadi el-Gemal (Breakfast and dinner included)
- ✓ Private transfers throughout the entire trip

What is not included on this tour

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

Optional trips

- ✓ Diving trip