

Tribe Expeditions  
Trip Program

# Gilf Kebir

12 Days 11 Nights

Day 1

## Airport – Giza



Arrive at Cairo international airport where our representative will be holding a sign with "**Tribe Expeditions**" to meet and assist you, then transfer to a 5 stars hotel on the oasis road. Tonight we will enjoy a group welcome Dinner followed by a detailed expedition presentation By Expedition director and a brief about the important travel hints .



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## Cairo – Bahariya – white desert

Early Start towards Bahariya oasis.

Where we stop for fuelling and visiting the small museum where the recently discovered golden Mummies are displayed. Continue further south to Crystal Mountain where we stop for lunch.

After lunch we continue to the white desert where we shall camp. Overnight camping in white desert.

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### White Desert – Dakhla Oasis

From white desert we drive a short distance to Farfra oasis where we visit a local art gallery, then continue to Abu Minqar where we stop for rest and lunch.

Then Continue to Dakhla oasis and check in to Bedouin camp for dinner and overnight. Meanwhile the crew will fuel the cars and buy last minute fresh supplies.



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### Sugar Loaf – Mud Lions

Pick up the military escort in the morning and head to last check point, then leave the paved road towards Sugar Loaf, a spectacular rock formation.

Continue towards Yardangs formation site or Mud lions which is an ancient lake site, after it was dry, the fauna left fossilized in the playa sediment had formed in the shape of sea lions in the direction of the wind, giving a spectacular landscape view.

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## Central Gilf Kebir

Driving west towards the Gilf Kebir, crossing Wadi Mashi dunes and continue towards the Gap that splits the Gilf Kebir for two parts, this is a remarkable area with beautiful landscape scenery where the Sand Sea dunes are breaking and surmounting the Gilf Kebir plateaux. Will have our camp near the complex dunes of wadi assib.



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## Aqaba pass – Wadi Sura



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From Central Gilf we will descend the Aqaba Pass towards the plain to the west, driving along the western cliffs of the Gilf that rises about 300 m. First we visit Swimmers Cave discovered by Almsay in 1933. Then visit the Mestqawe-Foggini cave discovered in 2002 with the richest assembly of rock



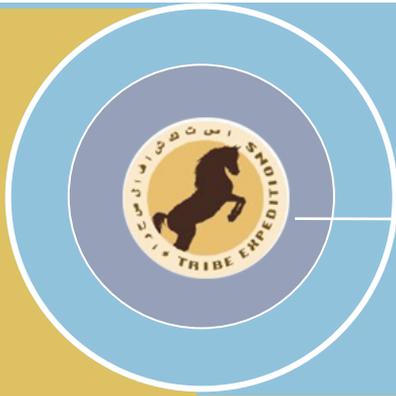
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art drawings and engravings in the whole of Egypt, Some travellers consider this cave to be the "Sistine Chapel" (Vatican – Rome) of the African rock art. Later camp in a spectacular area where the rocks were shaped like domes.

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## Wadi Abd Al Malik



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We leave Wadi Sura camp and drive along the western side of the Gilf towards Wadi abd alMalik, on the way we stop at Kebira Crater; a very large crater that was observed by satellite images and thought maybe connected to the formation of the Silica Glass



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field! Wadi abd al malik is the valley with acacia trees that Almasry spotted from the aeroplane and believed it to be one of three valleys of the lost oasis of zezura. Camp in wadi abd al malik.



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## Silica Glass Area

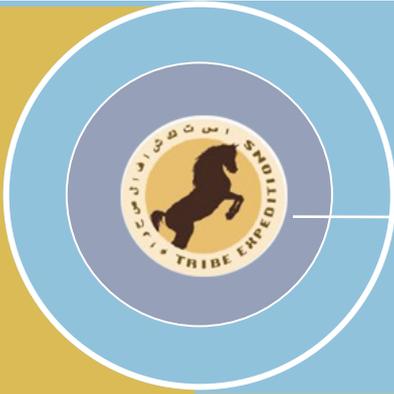
Drive through Wadi el Gubba Leaving the Gilf behind we will enter the area of southern Sand Sea where the giant dunes block any passage to east or west. We will drive in between the dunes to a suitable camping area. Spend the afternoon exploring the Silica Glass and the stone tools.

(Please **note**: collecting silica glass is subject to military escort and expedition director

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## Great Sand Sea

Continue driving North in the corridors of Sand Sea, searching for Fulgurites; which looks like glass tubes, at a suitable point we will head east to start crossing the dunes towards Ain Dalla then Camp in central sand sea.



## White Desert

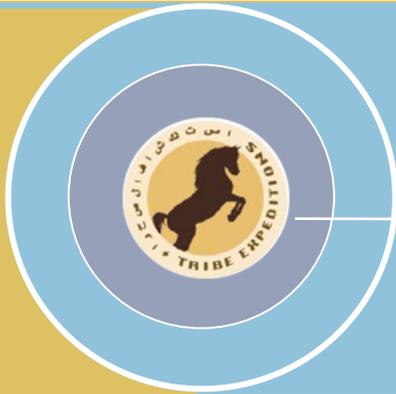
Continue crossing the Sand Sea, navigating the dunes and the soft sand areas towards Ain Dalla track where we continue on the track to the white desert.

Our last camp will be in the white desert.

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## Farafra – Giza

Early morning we break camp and head to Farafra oasis going to birr seta a natural hot water spring where we can wash up , later we fuel the cars and starts the long way back to Giza , Overnight in our hotel in Giza.



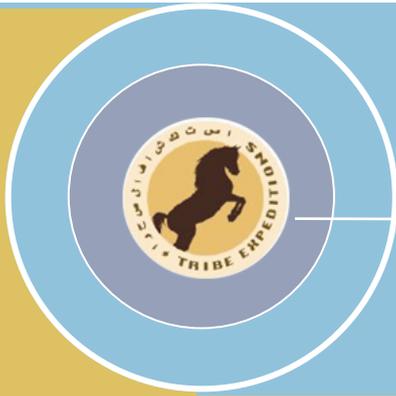
## Airport

Transfer to airport and Departure flight.(Depends on flight timing its possible to arrange a visit to the pyramids in the morning .

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### Trip inclusions:

- \*- Meet and assist airport services & transfers upon arrival and departure
- \*- Egypt Entry Visa at airport 15 €
- \*- 2 nights in Hilton Pyramids Golf Resort - Half board
- \*- 1 night in Dakhla oasis Bedouin camp including dinner
- \*- Entrance fee for Bahariya museum
- \*- Entrance fee for art gallery at Farafra
- \*- Permits fee for travelling to a restricted border area



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### Camping equipment :

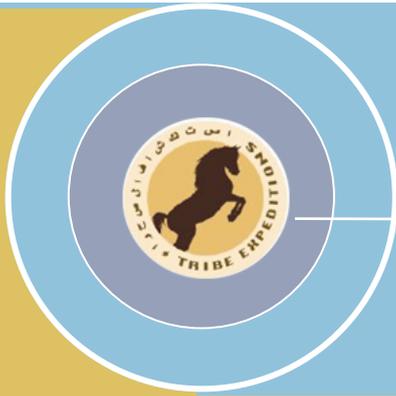
- \*- Single tent per person
- \*- One thin mattress per person

### Included all Tribe Expeditions services,

- \*- English & French speaking guide ,
- \*- Travel with three 4WD fully equipped for long distance expeditions, we use 4 doors Toyota Hilux, and only 3 travellers are seated in comfort set up in each car.
- \*- All meals, soft drinks (1 hot drink + 1 juice), mineral water (3 L p/p each day),
- \*- 1 biscuit snack at noon rest.
- \*- A presentation guide with detailed information about history of exploration and sites
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## Extra supplement

- \*- Single room hotel booking , extra 80 €
- \*- Satellite phone use ( 0 .70 € per minute )
- \*- Pyramids visit 15 €



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