

11 Day Holy Family Route And Christian Heritage Tour Of Egypt

📍 Cairo, Egypt



This 11-day Holy Family route tour of Egypt follows churches, monasteries and places traditionally associated with the family's journey while also including Giza, Alexandria and Sinai. The route reaches Wadi El Natrun, the Nile Delta, Wadi Feiran, Mount Sinai and Saint Catherine's Monastery.

Tour Facts

Language:
Arabic, English

Duration:
11

Tour Type:
continuous

Tour Itinerary

Day 1 : Arrival / Start Your Egypt Vacation

After an airport welcome and hotel check-in, the evening features a mesmerizing Dinner Cruise on the Nile, where guests enjoy Egyptian food alongside whirling dervishes and traditional shows. They are then returned to their Cairo hotel.

Day 2 : Trip to Pyramids and Museum

A full day of Cairo's icons begins at the Giza Pyramids Complex, taking in The Great Pyramid of Khufu, The Great Sphinx, and The Valley Temple used for mummification rites. After The Grand Egyptian Museum with its Tutankhamun treasures and lunch, the day ends at The Egyptian Museum before returning to the hotel.

Day 3 : Trip to Maadi Church & Coptic Cairo

This Coptic Cairo day starts at St Virgin Mary Church in Maadi, where the Holy Family began their Nile journey, then visits The Hanging Church atop the Roman fortress walls. After lunch guests explore The Church of St Sergius & Bacchus, built over a cave where the Holy Family sheltered, and The Church of Saint Menas dedicated to Saint Mina.

Day 4 : Wadi El Natroun and Alexandria Trip

After check-out guests travel to Wadi El Natroun, the birthplace of Christian monasticism, visiting Al Baramus Monastery, the Monastery of Saint Bishoy, and the Syrian Monastery. They then continue to Alexandria for lunch and an overnight at a 5-star hotel.

Day 5 : Fabulous Day Trip in Alexandria

The Alexandria day explores the Catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa, a multi-level 2nd-century necropolis, and the seaside Qaitbay Citadel. Guests then visit the Catholic church of St Catherine and make a photo stop at the Alexandria Library before returning to Cairo for the night.

Day 6 : Trip to El Matariya and Zeitoun Church

In El Matariya guests visit The Virgin's Mary Tree, the ancient sycamore that sheltered the Holy Family, where the child Jesus is said to have created a water spring. The day continues to The Church of the Virgin Mary in Zeitoun, built by an Italian architect, followed by lunch and return to the hotel.

Day 7 : Visit Mostorod, Samnoud and Sakha

The tour visits Virgin Mary Church Mostorod, where the Virgin Mary is said to have bathed the baby

Jesus, then Meniet Samnoud, the town that welcomed the Holy Family. After lunch guests continue to Sakha to see the footprint of Jesus carved on a stone, before returning to the Cairo hotel.

Day 8 : Visit Tel Basta and Tanis

Guests are driven to The Village of Tel Basta, where Christ is said to have created a spring, then to the ancient city of Tanis with its temples and tombs from the 26th dynasty. They then transfer to Ismailia for lunch and an overnight.

Day 9 : Start your Trip to Sinai & St Catherine

The journey heads into The Sinai Peninsula, passing the springs of Moses and the hot springs of Hammam Pharaohs on the way to Abu Zanima. After lunch guests reach Wadi Firan to visit the Monastery of Nuns and spend the night in Catherine.

Day 10 : Visit St Catherine Monastery

An early climb of Moses Mountain with a Bedouin guide leads to St Catherine Monastery, founded by Emperor Justinian in 527 AD. Guests then return for breakfast before driving back to Cairo for an overnight.

Day 11 : Final Departure & Fly to Home

A final breakfast and check-out before transfer to Cairo International Airport to fly home and end the journey in Egypt.