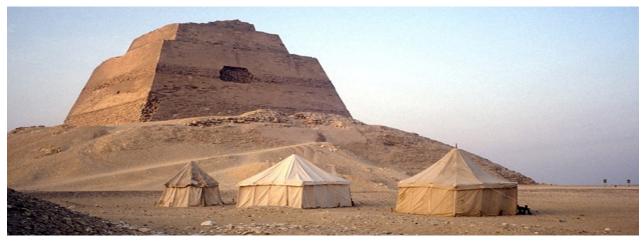




Fayoum Extension
3 Days / 2 Nights





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#### **ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS**

- El Lahun Pyramid, Maidum Pyramid and Hawara Pyramid.
- Qasr El Sagha, Madinet Madi and Karanis.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

City	Fayoum
Number of Nights	2
Hotels	http://www.egitalloyd.com/Destination/Hotels/Fayoum-Oasis

## **INCLUDES**

- Meeting, greeting and assistance upon arrival & departure.
- All tours indicated in our program are provided by a private deluxe van A/C with English speaking guide.
- Private English-speaking guide in Fayoum.
- 2 Nights at Fayoum hotels including daily buffet breakfast.
- All taxes & service charges.

## **EXCLUDES**

- Cost of optional tours; items not specifically mentioned as included.
- o Excess baggage charges.
- Meals not shown as included in the itinerary.
- Items of personal nature such as Room service; laundry; phone calls, bottled water & beverages with meals etc.
- o Tipping and Gratuities.

## 'AT A GLANCE' ITINERARY

DATE	DAY DESCRIPTION	MEALS
Day 01	El Lahun Pyramid, Maidum Pyramid and Hawara Pyramid.	B, L Box
Day 02	Qasr El Sagha, Madinet Madi and Karanis.	В

<sup>\*</sup>B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner



#### **ITINERARY**

## Day 1| Drive to Fayoum.

## Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch box

Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Meet your guide at the lobby, leave the hotel and drive to Fayoum to start your tour with (Approx. 02-hour drive), we will visit **El Lahun pyramid** Like the other Twelfth Dynasty pyramids in the Faiyum, the Pyramid of Lahun is made of mud brick, but here the core of the pyramid consists of a network of stone and then proceed to the Pyramid Maidum is an archaeological site in Upper Egypt. It contains a large pyramid and several mud-brick mastabas. The pyramid was Egypt's first straight-sided one, but it partially collapsed in ancient times. The area is located around 62 miles south of modern Cairo.

Finishing the day by the **Hawara Pyramid**, Hawara is an archaeological site of Ancient Egypt, south of the site of Crocodilopolis at the entrance to the depression of the Fayyum oasis. It is the site of a pyramid built by the Pharaoh Amenemhat III in the 19th century BC.

Lunch box is included

Dinner on your own.

Overnight in Fayoum.

## Day 21 Qasr el Sagha / Madinet Madi / Karanis Meals Included: Breakfast.

Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

meet your guide at the lobby to start your visit by Qasr el sagha, the date of the temple is a source of debate among scholars, but its plan suggests that the structure was built no later than the Middle Kingdom. It's architecture, however, was interpreted by early explorers as being in the style of Old Kingdom structures. The temple was constructed of limestone blocks of different sizes, which fit tightly together without the use of mortar and with oblique corner joints.

Then we proceed to **Madinet Madi**, Madinet Madi Archaeological site is located in a small hill of a strategic position guarding the southwestern entrance to the Fayoum about 35 km far from Medinet El-Fayoum. The town was called Dj3 in Hieroglyphs, while during the Greek period it was identified as Narmouthis (Bresciani, 1980). The name Madi, which means "City of the Past", seems to have originated from the Arab existence. A document, dates back to the ninth century AD., has been found in the site mentioning Madi as the name of the site.

Free time for Lunch

Finishing our day by visiting Karanis, founded in the first half of the 3rd century BC; at that time, the new rulers of Egypt after Alexander the Great, the Ptolemies, developed the Fayurn into a large fertile zone. The lake, once covering nearly the whole oasis, shrank to the level on which we see it today, its shores lying at - 45 m below sea level



Ptolemy I (ruled from 305 to 283 BC) and Ptolemy ii ruled from 285 to 246 BC) needed Greek speaking settlers as administrators and soldiers for their new government; tens of thousands of people flocked into the country on the Nile at that time, arriving from all parts of the Greek-speaking world around the Mediterranean. The first Ptolemais showed themselves as very civilized and wise rulers by not seizing land from the indigenous population but by creating new land in the Fayum and in the Delta with their advanced technological knowledge

Dinner on your own.

Overnight in Fayoum.

# <u>Day 31 Drive back to Cairo.</u> Meals Included: Breakfast.

Buffet breakfast at the hotel. Check out after breakfast. Meet your quide in the lobby and drive to Cairo.

Upon arrival in Cairo, you will be transferred to your hotel for check-in.

Free time for lunch "on your own". Enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure. Dinner on your own.

Overnight in Cairo.