

# Safaris

## Mount Sinai Sunrise & St. Catherine's monastery

This is a truly amazing trip, irrespective of your religious belief. First you will climb to the top of Mount Sinai to watch the sunrise, followed by a visit to the St. Catherine's Monastery. You will leave from the hotel at 23:00 for the 2 hour journey to St. Catherine's. The summit of Mount Sinai lies at 2,285 metres (7,798 feet) and it is said that this is where Moses received the 10 commandments. This belief has attracted pilgrims to this mountain for thousands of years.

Walking up the mountain should take about 3 hours, depending on your pace and fitness. There is plenty of time to have a little rest along the way. Upon reaching the summit of the mountain, find yourself a comfortable spot to wait for one of the most breathtaking sunrises you might ever experience. After climbing down again, you will visit St. Catherine's Monastery.

The Greek Orthodox St. Catherine's Monastery, built between 527 and 565 AD, is one of the oldest working monasteries in the world as well as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Monastery houses the second largest collection of ancient manuscripts in the world as well as the world's best collection of early icons, some of which are on display in the museum.

- Included in this trip:** Return transfer to and from Mount Sinai  
Guide to take you up Mount Sinai  
Breakfast box
- You will need to bring:** Comfortable walking shoes or trainers  
Warm clothes (it gets very cold on top of the mountain)  
Torch  
PASSPORT
- Trip info:** Departure at 23.00  
Return at approximately 12.00 noon



## Ras Abu Gallum Day Trip

Ras Abu Gallum is a Managed Resource Protected Area which lies north of Dahab.

From the hotel you will be driven by jeep or minibus to the famous Blue Hole dive site. From here your journey will continue by camel or on foot for an approximately 90 minute journey along the stunningly beautiful rocky coastline to Ras Abu Gallum. Here a traditional Bedouin lunch of fish, rice and vegetables will be served while you relax and laze around on cushions in Bedouin 'arishas' (huts).

After lunch you will have time for swimming, snorkelling or just simply relaxing. You will head back to the Blue Hole in time to enjoy the sunset and a drink before returning to Dahab by jeep.

<b><u>Included:</u></b>	Guide, jeep, food, water & soft drinks
<b><u>Not included:</u></b>	Snorkel equipment
<b><u>Trip info:</u></b>	Departure at 09.00
	Return at approximately 18.00





### Colored Canyon – day trip

The Coloured Canyon presents some of the most spectacular rock formations with the most extraordinary colours you could wish to find.

From the hotel you will travel by jeep through magnificent desert landscape until you reach the mouth of the canyon. (The last part of the drive is a bit rough, but not uncomfortable). At the mouth of the canyon you need to climb down for about 250 meters to the canyon floor. Now you will have a mostly easy walk ahead of you for about one and half hours. Take time to look at the magnificent colours of the canyon walls, which in places are almost 20 stories high, as well as the different rock formations which are made up of sandstone, limestone, granite and veins of basalt.

We will stop for lunch in a beachside cafe in Nuweiba where you will get the chance to cool off in the sea and do some snorkelling. After this we will head back to Dahab.

**Included:** Guide, jeep, food & soft drinks  
**Not included:** Snorkel equipment  
**Trip info:** Departure at 09.00  
Return at approximately 18.00

## Wadi Arada Overnight Trip

This is a fantastic trip where you will get the real feeling of being in the desert.

We will depart from the hotel at around 11.00, drive north towards Nuweiba, then venture inland into the heart of the Sinai. Approximately 60km before Mount Sinai we will have a traditional Bedouin lunch with our Bedouin hosts for the trip.

After lunch we will be taken by jeep or pickup into the Arada Valley, where the first leg of this desert adventure will begin. Few environments in the world can prepare you for the ferocious natural beauty of the Sinai desert.

Our first stop will be at a big canyon, which we will explore. You will have time to look at, and climb through, the dramatic rock formations which have been created by erosion. We then head off to the famous 'Rock of Inscriptions' which is said to bear the signature of the travellers who were lost in the desert with Moses 1000's of years ago.

Late afternoon we will head to our camp, or 'Hotel under a Thousand Stars', where Fareeg, our Bedouin host will prepare a traditional Bedouin meal on the campfire.



On the second day we will wake up early and have a typical Bedouin breakfast of fresh bread (prepared in front of us on the open fire), falafel and fowl, supplemented by fresh fruit and yoghurt.

Our first stop of the day will be to see the Nawamis. Nawamis are circular sandstone tombs with openings facing west. These mysterious prehistoric structures are thought to be built by the Nabataean, who also built the famous ancient city of Petra. They can be dated back to the Chalcolithic period (Copper Stone Age) of about 4000-3150 BC. Coloured beads, shell bracelets, tools and bones found inside the tombs by archaeologists, are believed to be funeral offerings. The area we visit has more than 30 Nawamis.

On our way to Hodra Oasis we stop at the famous 'Sand Dune' which you can climb and then run or slide down. This is really great fun! Hodra Oasis is a natural water source found long ago by the Bedouin. Much needed water for the Bedouin living in the area, as well as for plants, is supplied from this oasis.

After a lunch at the Bedouin settlement we start our return journey to Blue Beach Club.

**Included:** Transfer, food & soft drinks, tea, mattresses, blankets, guide  
**Not included:** Alcoholic drinks which can be purchased from the bar prior to departure  
**Trip info:** Departure at 11.00  
Return at approximately 16.00



## NABQ Protected Area

The main attraction of this area is the Mangroves and the unspoilt beauty of an area which extends to about 600 square km.

We depart from Blue Beach Club at 09:00, drive towards Sharm El Sheikh for about 40 minutes, after which we will drive through a Wadi (valley/dry riverbed) towards the coast.

Upon arrival at Nabq we will be served tea prepared by local Bedouin. You can now decide whether you would like to swim in the lagoon, snorkel around the wreck or take a walk along the mangroves. This stretch of mangroves is about 4,8km in length. The mangrove plays a very important role in the survival of the wild life in this area. This fragile ecosystem supports more than 130 plant species as well as numerous types of birds and other wildlife, some of which you might be fortunate enough to see.

After a hearty lunch prepared by the Bedouin, we will head back to Blue Beach Club.

**Included:** Transport, lunch & soft drinks, tea, guide, entrance fee into the National Park

**Trip info:** Departure at 09.00  
Return at approximately 17.00





## Castle Zaman

A modern medieval 5 star experience!

**Castle Zaman features the only "Slow Castle Food" restaurant in the Middle East.**

Castle Zaman, located an hour and a half north of Dahab, perches on magnificent cliffs overlooking the crystal waters of the Red Sea. This modern-day medieval castle is a day trip into fantasy.

With cool underground vaults, cascading terraces and one of the most breathtakingly beautiful bar you're likely to see anywhere, the castle is an architectural wonder. That aside, its glittering pool makes the perfect spot for lazing and cooling off, or a dip in the sea from the castle's private sandy beach is also a tempting option.

Refreshment comes in the form of fresh juices of seasonal fruits, cocktails, wine, beers and finally the piece de resistance of this day trip – the medieval-style banquet, food truly fit for a king (we advise a light breakfast). You will return to Dahab feeling like a Prince or Princess, dreaming of knights and damsels and the day you'll finally return.

Cutlery is optional and finger licking is encouraged. Royal portions of meats, turkey and fish are prepared in the original Egyptian earthenware, roasted at low temperature for long periods of time guaranteeing a tender juicy feast that only a king would expect.

Take a half-day excursion and take advantage of our beautiful natural-pool bar overlooking the Red Sea and hills of Saudi Arabia.

**Included:** Transport, entry, banquet

**Not included:** Drinks

**Trip info:** Departure and return times vary according to season (ask at reception)

## PASSPORT REQUIRED

### Dinner in the Desert

This Bedouin style dinner in the desert is an experience not to be missed.

We will depart by jeep from Blue Beach Club and travel to a nearby Wadi (valley/dry riverbed). Here in the "Gate of Heaven" you will be able to lie back and watch the millions of stars overhead which at times seem so close that you feel you can touch them, and simply enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the surroundings.

The typical Bedouin meal is prepared over an open fire, which gives the food a very distinctive and delicious taste. There will be a choice between fish or chicken and some vegetarian options too.



**Included:**

Transport, dinner & soft drinks

**Not included:**

Alcoholic drinks which can be purchased in the bar and taken along

**Trip info:**

Departure and return times vary according to the season (ask at reception)