



LIVE TRIBAL

Serabit El-Khadim





LOCAL COMMUNITY

You will be introduced to the bedouins of the **Alegat** tribe living at the foothills of the stunning and little known temple of Hathor, an ancient pharaonic temple that crowns one of the region's mountain tops and opens a vista to the entire highlands.

The area of Sarabit El Khadim is situated between Al Ejma Mountain and Al Teeh Mountain which functions as a natural border between the Northern and Southern regions of Sinai.

You will also be accompanied by an expert Wild Guanabana journey leader who will be with you every step of the way.

Day 1 - Arrive at Abu Redeis (D)

We depart from Cairo at around 6 PM. We will travel for around 5 hours to get to the region of Serabit El Khadim, so we should arrive toward midnight. Upon arrival at Barakat Camp, you will settle down and rest before having a delicious dinner then setting camp to sleep and recharge for the next morning.

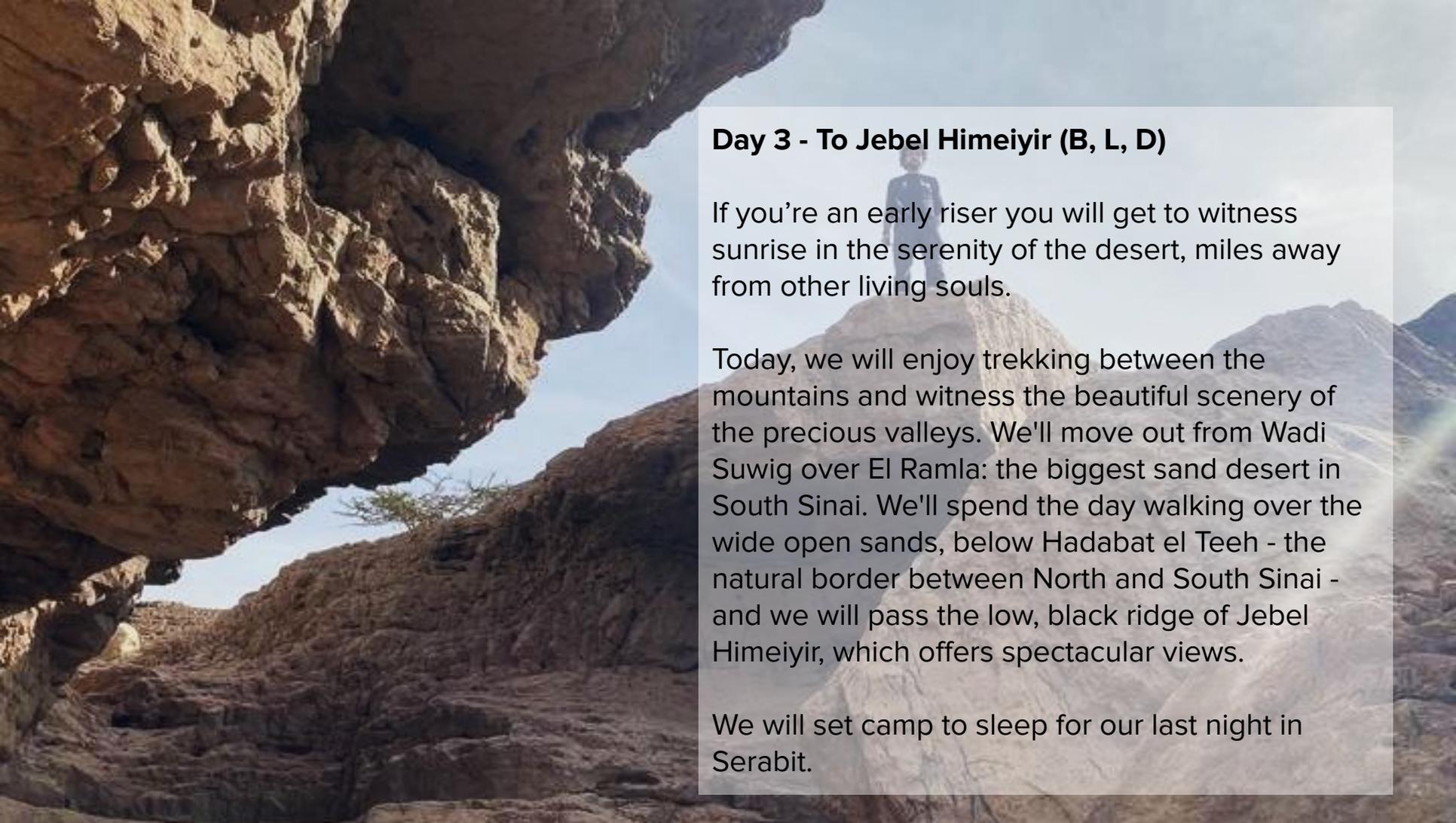


Day 2 - To Hathor's Temple (B, L, D)

After recharging and nourishing your body with a hearty Bedouin breakfast, you will enjoy a beautiful hike to the Temple of Hathor, which dates back to the 18th Dynasty of Ancient Egypt.

To get there, you will follow a winding path from a small village up to the top of a rugged tableland, passing ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics and rock art on the way. On top of the tableland is the only surviving Egyptian temple in South Sinai, which is dedicated to the goddess Hathor. As you will have known by then, this region is known as Serabit Al Khadem. We will continue from the temple down to the wide open spaces of Wadi Um Ajraaf before crossing a camel pass to sleep in the sands of Wadi Suwig. We'll set camp and sleep the night in tents.



A person in a blue jacket stands on a rocky peak in a desert landscape. The scene is framed by large, layered rock formations on the left and right, with a clear blue sky in the background.

Day 3 - To Jebel Himeiyir (B, L, D)

If you're an early riser you will get to witness sunrise in the serenity of the desert, miles away from other living souls.

Today, we will enjoy trekking between the mountains and witness the beautiful scenery of the precious valleys. We'll move out from Wadi Suwig over El Ramla: the biggest sand desert in South Sinai. We'll spend the day walking over the wide open sands, below Hadabat el Teeh - the natural border between North and South Sinai - and we will pass the low, black ridge of Jebel Himeiyir, which offers spectacular views.

We will set camp to sleep for our last night in Serabit.



Day 4 - Homeward Bound (B)

We will start off our day with a delicious bedouin breakfast then begin hiking towards the wide open sands to the bottom of Hadabat el Teeh, where we'll reach a spot called Jebel Fuga or the Forest of Pillars: one of the most interesting geological sites in the Sinai, where black columns of basalt can be found in the desert sands. We'll take jeeps back to the desert village to the end of our pilgrimage & bid Sinai farewell before heading home.

Your Adventure Preparations

Info Session

We'll host an online briefing session packed with information about the itinerary. This is your chance to ask any questions to your Wild Guanabana leader and get to know them before you meet them in person.

Transportation

We can gladly organize private transportation for your family, upon request.

Snacks

It's ideal to pack dried fruits, cereal bars, dates, nuts – all these natural goodies will maintain your energy consistently throughout the hike.

Communication

Phone connection isn't always guaranteed on the trail, however, we know where we can find signal in case you want to call home in the middle of your adventure.

Toilets

There are only a few spots with designated toilets on the Sinai Trail: even then, they are basic, hole-in-the-ground toilets. When you need to go to the toilet, please find a secluded spot (e.g. behind a boulder) at least 100m from the nearest water source. Carry a cigarette lighter and burn any toilet paper you use on the spot or put it in a sealable plastic bag to carry it out. Always tell your guide or leader if you are taking a toilet break, so they can ensure you don't get separated from the group.

WG Family Community Giveback!

Litter and Waste

Litter takes a long time to decompose in the wilderness; especially in a dry, desert environment like Sinai. Plastic bags can take over 10 years, aluminium cans over 85 years, and glass bottles thousands of years. Please never drop litter on the Sinai Trail - Where possible we will burn waste: at other times, we'll carry it off trail.

Water Conservation

Water is precious in the desert – every drop. Both its quantity and quality. Please treat it as the precious resource it is. First of all, don't waste water, or use it for things that are unnecessary. With designated drinking sources, which we'll pass by and use, it's important to keep them pristine. Don't wash hands or faces, or brush teeth in them.

Support local communities

We have the privilege of going to remote places and interacting with communities most tourists will never see. We ask hikers to dress according to local norms, wearing long trousers to cover their legs like the Bedouin do. Permission should be asked before taking photos of local people, especially Bedouin women.



YOUR WARM SLEEPING BAGS ARE READY FOR YOU & YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS!

Warm sleeping bags would be suitable for this trip with comfort temperature of 5 degrees.

We also recommend using sleeping bag liner or just wearing more warm layers during sleeping for people who'd still feel cold.

Sleeping bags can be big, bulky and weighty, so get the smallest, lightest model you can. Remember, the weather in Sinai at night is colder than what most people would expect, especially if they are not familiar with it.

SLEEP UNDER THE STARS

The Bedouins usually sleep under the stars. They call it the million-star hotel. We will be camping in the wilderness – by camping we also mean that our water resource is minimal so expect no showers, and nature calls are responded in nature – no toilets. You can rent one of our tents for sleeping which can accommodate 2 hikers per tent and provide insulation from the cold and a barrier against rain, which is possible at any time, and also against mosquitos.

Packing List

Hiking Items

- Long sleeve dri-fit shirts
- Long sleeve leggings
- Thin warm layers (fleece)
- Waterproof breathable jacket (windbreakers work best)
- Hiking Pants or normal warm trousers
- Sunhat or shemagh
- Underwear
- Socks (wool socks or are recommended)
- Sturdy hiking boots/shoes (plus spare laces)
- Small backpack for the trail
- Waist bag (optional to keep your snacks handy)

General Items

- Comfortable footwear for camps (sandals, cros, etc.)
- Sleeping bag (comfort level 5 degree celsius)
- Passport/Egyptian ID card
- Headtorch (plus spare batteries)
- Mosquito repellent (optional)
- Sunglasses and sunscreen
- 3x Water bottles 1.5 liters/each.
- Personal snacks (dates, nuts, halawa, etc.)
- Personal medication
- Sewing kit (optional)
- Whistle (recommended)
- Toiletries (soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, wet wipes, etc.)
- Hiking Poles (recommended)
- Phone, camera, batteries & cables
- Bigger duffle bag for all your clothes

