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The Holy Family Tour Packages

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Description

Retrace the footsteps of Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus with elite Holy Family tour packages by Bastet Travel. Explore Cairo, Wadi El Natrun, Minya, and Assiut.



Why You Will Love This Package

The profound spirit of biblical history meets the ancient cultural heritage of the Nile Valley on our exclusive **The Holy Family Tour Packages**, a masterfully executed 10-day private pilgrimage curated for travelers who wish to retrace the sacred flight of the Holy Family into Egypt. Moving with absolute logistical precision, this comprehensive travel package follows the verified historical path of the Virgin Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus as they sought sanctuary from King Herod's decree. From standing inside the subterranean stone crypts of Old Cairo to drinking from miraculous desert springs, exploring the world's oldest fortified desert monasteries, and honoring the mountain sanctuaries of Upper Egypt, every detail of this tour is curated to provide a transformative spiritual experience. Managed entirely by **Bastet Travel**, this signature holiday guarantees a stress-free vacation where your premium half-board hotel accommodations, private air-conditioned ground transfers, pre-paid priority site admission fees, and dedicated guest relations services are seamlessly coordinated behind the scenes, leaving you completely free to enjoy the insights of your private English-speaking guide and specialized religious historians.

Key Archaeological, Historic, and Cultural Landmarks Included

- **The Iconic Giza Plateau Pyramids:** Stand before the three legendary grand pyramids of Khufu, Khafre, and Menkaure, showcasing the golden age of Old Kingdom architecture, which serve as the towering historical backdrops the Holy Family witnessed during their stay in the region.
- **The Monumental Great Sphinx:** Admire the legendary limestone sculpture with the head of a pharaoh and the body of a lion, standing as the eternal guardian of the royal necropolis.
- **The Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM):** Explore the world's largest and most advanced architectural masterpiece dedicated to a single civilization, housing thousands of rare pharaonic artifacts and treasures spanning multiple ancient eras.
- **The Historic Church of the Virgin Mary in Ma'adi:** Tour this pivotal riverside sanctuary along the Nile, famous for the miraculous event where a Holy Bible was found floating face-up on the water, open to the celebrated verse, "Blessed be Egypt my people."
- **The Subterranean Church of Abu Serga (St. Sergius):** Descend into the sacred crypt hidden beneath this ancient Coptic church, which served as the actual underground cave where the Holy Family took refuge and hid during their stay in Old Cairo.
- **The Iconic Hanging Church (Al-Muallaka):** Visit one of Egypt's most famous and architecturally striking historical churches, constructed elegantly over the massive stone bastions of the Roman Babylon Fortress.
- **The Blessed Mary Tree in Matariya:** Visit the historic, centuries-old tree in northern Cairo that provided shade and shelter to the Virgin Mary and baby Jesus as they rested during their arduous journey.



- **The Miraculous Holy Well and Purification Spring:** Honor the sacred freshwater spring created by the infant Jesus in Matariya for bathing and drinking, which historically gave rise to the fragrant balsam plants used to compose the holy Myron oil.
- **The Beautiful Church of the Virgin Mary in Zeitoun:** Visit this highly celebrated spiritual landmark and modern architectural monument, renowned globally as a prominent site of spiritual reflection and historical convergence in Cairo.
- **The Monastic Sanctuary of Wadi El Natrun (Wadi al-Natrun):** Journey through the Scetis desert to explore four of the world's oldest surviving fortified Coptic monasteries, including **Deir Anba Bishoy** with its ancient defensive keeps, **Deir Al-Baramus** as the earliest established monastery in the valley, **Deir Abu Makar (St. Macarius)** housing an exceptional theological lineage, and **Deir El-Suryan** celebrated for its ancient murals and Syrian heritage.
- **The Desert Cliffs of St. Anthony's Monastery:** Journey to the Eastern Desert to explore the oldest active Christian monastery in the world, founded in the 4th century AD nestled along the sheer rock faces of the South Galala Mountain range.
- **The Isolated Citadel of St. Paul's Monastery:** Discover the ancient, remote monastic fortress constructed deep within the desert valleys facing the Red Sea coast, dedicated to the first Christian hermit, St. Paul.
- **The Sacred Cave Church of Jabal Al-Tair (Birds Mountain):** Climb the prominent mountain cliffs east of the Nile in Samalut to explore the ancient rock-cut church established by Empress Helena, housing the precise stone chamber where the Holy Family rested.
- **The Rock-Cut Tombs of Beni Hasan:** Tour the 39 monumental Middle Kingdom tombs carved directly into the mountain face for ancient regional governors, famous for their vibrant, well-preserved colored frescoes depicting daily pharaonic life, sports, and trade.
- **The Monastic Citadel of Al-Muharraq Monastery in Assiut:** Visit the premier spiritual highlight of the entire path, where the Holy Family spent their longest period of uninterrupted sanctuary in Egypt (approximately 6 months and 10 days), featuring the ancient stone cave turned into an altar, regarded as a spiritual heartland.
- **The Ancient Necropolis of Tuna El-Gabal:** Explore the sprawling archaeological desert complex in Minya, housing the vast subterranean ibises and baboon catacombs, the grand tomb of Petosiris, and the historic boundary stela of Akhenaten's capital.
- **The Open-Air Museum of Hermopolis (Al-Ashmunien):** Discover the ancient regional capital dedicated to the god Thoth, highlighted by towering, colossal pink granite monuments of baboons dating back to antiquity.
- **The Specialized Rock Tombs of Meir:** Tour the highly detailed Old and Middle Kingdom rock-cut chambers of the regional rulers, celebrated for having some of the most lifelike, meticulously preserved carvings in Upper Egypt.

Why Choose Our The Holy Family Tour Packages?

Choosing our signature **The Holy Family Tour Packages** guarantees an uncompromised



standard of travel excellence, thoughtfully tailored to eliminate standard travel friction. Unlike rigid commercial tours, this private pilgrimage provides a completely personalized approach, allowing you to move at an ideal pace accompanied by private modern vehicles and dedicated, scholarly English-speaking guides specializing in religious history. Your comfort is prioritized at every stage: you will relax for six nights at the luxurious Hilton Pyramids Golf Hotel in Cairo on a half-board basis, spend two nights at the premium Grand Aton Hotel in El Minya, and enjoy one night of fine hospitality at the Assiut Hotel in Assiut. By managing all internal logistics—including VIP airport meet-and-greet services, handpicked regional lunches, pre-paid priority site admission fees, and private transfers—**Bastet Travel** leaves you completely free to immerse yourself in this profound journey of faith.

Every detail of your vacation is supported by our top-tier guest relations team. From the moment you clear international arrivals until your final departure flight, our local coordinators are by your side to handle luggage portage, guide you through site entrances, and manage hotel check-ins. To keep you comfortable and refreshed during your excursions, complimentary bottled water is provided during all outings outside your hotels. This expertly balanced itinerary prevents travel fatigue while maximizing your experience with authentic scripture readings, moments for quiet meditation, and stunning historical discoveries, delivering a masterfully executed, stress-free holiday.

Elegant Guiding: Scriptural Revelations & Archaeological Splendor

- **The Sanctuaries of Lower Egypt & Cairo Delta**The opening chapter of your pilgrimage highlights the stunning architectural and religious wonders of Cairo and Giza. Guided excursions introduce you to the engineering genius behind the Giza Pyramids, contrasting beautifully with the spiritual tranquility of the floating Bible site at Ma'adi and the hidden sanctuaries of Coptic Cairo. Walking through these ancient neighborhoods offers a thrill of intellectual discovery, where exploring sacred wells and historic trees brings the biblical narrative to life.
- **The Desert Fortresses & Monastic Landscapes**The second segment of your itinerary shifts into an immersive exploration of Egypt's deep desert monastic traditions across the Western and Eastern deserts. You will travel to the historic valley of Wadi El Natrun and the mountain cliffs of the Red Sea to tour the oldest active monasteries in Christendom. These excursions provide a comprehensive education in early monastic architecture, defensive keeps, and rare frescoes, allowing for meaningful moments of reflection and prayer.
- **The Sacred Altars of Upper & Middle Egypt**The final segment of your holiday transitions into premium exploration within the heartland of Upper Egypt. Moving from El Minya to Assiut, you will stand before the rock-cut mountain church of Jabal Al-Tair and the prestigious Al-Muharraq Monastery, marking the ultimate sanctuary point of the Holy Family. Intertwined with classical pharaonic monuments at Beni Hasan, Tuna El-Gabal, and Hermopolis, this segment delivers a



masterful balance of secular history and deep spiritual fulfillment.

Comprehensive Inclusions

Our elite **The Holy Family Tour Packages** feature a complete suite of premium hospitality, transit, and guiding services managed exclusively by **Bastet Travel**:

Conclusion

Choosing **Bastet Travel** guarantees an uncompromised standard of execution for your **The Holy Family Tour Packages** vacation. By integrating premier hotel selections, a comprehensive desert itinerary covering Wadi El Natrun and the Red Sea, full-board gourmet daily lunches, and private deluxe vehicles with professional guidance, this package delivers the absolute pinnacle of luxury and spiritual immersion. Every transit, ticket entrance, and historical scriptural reading is handled by specialized experts, ensuring your journey through the holy sites of Egypt leaves you with unforgettable memories.

For any inquiries, adjustments, or direct communication during your booking process, our team remains fully accessible and ready to assist you at any time via **WhatsApp**.



Included & Excluded

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Everything included in this trip package.

All service charges and taxes.

Portage when needed.

Bottled water during outings outside of hotel or cruise ship.

Meals as mentioned in the above itinerary.

Entrance fees to all sites as indicated on the itinerary.

All the sightseeing tours as mentioned in the itinerary (Private Guided Tours).

Accommodation for 1 Night in Assuit at Assiut Hotel on half board.

Accommodation for 2 nights in El Minya at Grand Aton Hotel on half board.

Accommodation for 6 nights in Cairo at Hilton Pyramids Golf Hotel based on half board.

All transfers are by a private air-conditioned vehicle.

Assistance of our guest relations during your stay.

Meet and greet service by our representatives at airports.



Excluded

Additional expenses not included in the package price.

Personal expenses

Any optional tours

Entry visa to Egypt

International Airfare



Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Cairo, VIP Airport Greeting & Luxury Hotel Transfer

Your premium The Holy Family Tour Package officially begins as you land at Cairo International Airport. A professional representative from Bastet Travel will meet and assist you inside the terminal, handling all entry visas, customs formalities, and luggage portage before guiding you to your private, air-conditioned deluxe vehicle. Enjoy a smooth transfer to the luxurious Hilton Pyramids Golf Hotel for a seamless check-in. Your dedicated tour manager will sit down with you to review the sacred itinerary, confirm timing details for the coming days, and answer any initial questions. The remainder of your evening is entirely at your leisure to unwind, unpack, and prepare for this deeply spiritual journey through the land of Egypt. Dinner and overnight in Cairo.

Day 2: The Iconic Giza Pyramids, The Great Sphinx & The Grand Egyptian Museum

Savor a delicious breakfast at your hotel before meeting your private guide to explore the ancient landmarks of the Giza Plateau—monuments that stood tall as historical landmarks when the Holy Family traversed the region. Marvel at the architectural genius of the three grand pyramids of Khufu, Khafre, and Menkaure, and descend to stand before the majestic Great Sphinx, the mythical lion-bodied guardian of the necropolis. Following a premium lunch served at a handpicked local restaurant with views of the pyramids, spend your afternoon exploring the spectacular Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM). Tour this state-of-the-art cultural institution to view its monumental Grand Hall, outdoor gardens, and rare collections of antiquities that showcase the glorious dawn of human civilization. Return to your luxury hotel in the evening for a relaxing dinner. Overnight in Cairo.

Day 3: The Floating Bible Church of Ma'adi & Sanctuaries of Coptic Cairo

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before embarking on your official pilgrimage along the path of the Holy Family inside the capital. Begin your morning at the serene Church of the Virgin Mary in Ma'adi, located directly on the Nile waterfront, which marks the historical site where the family boarded a sailboat to Upper Egypt and where a Holy Bible was miraculously discovered floating open on the waves. Next, transfer to historic Coptic Cairo (Old Cairo) to visit the iconic Hanging Church, built over the massive stone towers of the Roman Babylon Fortress. Continue directly to the ancient Church of Abu Serga (St. Sergius) to descend into the sacred subterranean crypt hidden deep below the altar, where the Holy Family found shelter and lived for several weeks during their flight. Conclude your day tour with an authentic local lunch and a visit to the historic neighborhoods of Old Cairo. Return



to your hotel for dinner. Overnight in Cairo.

Day 4: Sacred Sites of Matariya, The Blessed Mary Tree & Church of Zeitoun

Savor a fine breakfast at your hotel before driving north to the historic district of Matariya, a vital station on the Holy Family's northern route. Visit the revered Mary Tree, an ancient tree that miraculously opened its branches to shelter and shade the Virgin Mary and baby Jesus during their journey. Step beside the adjoining Holy Well, a miraculous freshwater spring created by the infant Jesus, whose waters historically nourished the fragrant balsam plants used to create sacred anointing oils. After enjoying a premium lunch at a handpicked local venue, continue your spiritual exploration at the magnificent Church of the Virgin Mary in Zeitoun, celebrated globally as a major spiritual landmark and a prominent site of historical reflection. Return to your resort hotel in the late afternoon to unwind, enjoy the facilities, and partake in a gourmet dinner. Overnight in Cairo.

Day 5: Deep-Desert Fortified Monasteries of Wadi El Natrun

Following breakfast at your hotel, journey westward into the desert valley of Wadi El Natrun, a historic cradle of Christian monasticism where the Holy Family passed and blessed the land. Spend a profound day exploring four of the world's oldest surviving fortified Coptic monasteries accompanied by your expert guide. Tour Deir Anba Bishoy to view its ancient churches and defensive keeps, explore Deir Al-Baramus, the earliest monastic settlement founded in the wilderness, visit Deir Abu Makar, rich with deep theological history, and conclude at Deir El-Suryan, famous for its rare centuries-old wall frescoes. A specially prepared lunch box will be provided during your desert transit. Return to your hotel in Cairo in the evening for a warm dinner. Overnight in Cairo.

Day 6: Red Sea Wilderness Monasteries & Private Journey South to El Minya

Check out of your Cairo hotel after breakfast to travel into the rugged mountains of the Eastern Desert facing the Red Sea coast. Explore the world's oldest Christian monastic structures, starting at St. Anthony's Monastery, established in the 4th century AD along the dramatic rock cliffs of the South Galala Mountain range. Continue through the desert valleys to visit the remote St. Paul's Monastery, built over the cave of the first Christian hermit. Enjoy a premium lunch during your journey before turning south into Middle Egypt, following the river route to the city of El Minya. Check into the beautiful Grand Aton Hotel overlooking the Nile for a relaxing evening and a gourmet dinner. Overnight in El Minya.

Day 7: The Mountain Cave of Jabal Al-Tair & Middle Kingdom Beni Hasan Tombs

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before crossing the Nile to visit one of the most prominent highlights of



the pilgrimage: the sacred cave church of Jabal Al-Tair (Birds Mountain) in Samalut. Step inside the ancient sanctuary carved out of solid mountain rock by order of Empress Helena in the 4th century AD, and stand within the exact cave chamber where the Holy Family rested during their journey through Middle Egypt. Following a premium local lunch, drive south to explore the fascinating Beni Hasan Archaeological Site. Climb the hillside to tour four beautifully preserved Middle Kingdom rock-cut tombs, famous for their detailed, colorful wall murals illustrating ancient sports, military training, weaving industries, and pharaonic daily life. Return to your hotel in El Minya for dinner. Overnight in El Minya.

Day 8: Ancient Hermopolis, Tuna El-Gabal Necropolis & Journey to Assiut

Savor breakfast at your hotel and check out to travel south toward Upper Egypt. Stop first at the open-air museum of Hermopolis (Al-Ashmunien) to view the towering pink granite baboon monuments dedicated to the god Thoth. Continue to the nearby desert necropolis of Tuna El-Gabal to explore its vast subterranean animal catacombs, the detailed tomb of Petosiris, and the ancient boundary stela of Akhenaten. After a gourmet lunch, drive into the Assiut Governorate to reach the spectacular Al-Muharraq Monastery, the ultimate spiritual anchor of the trail. This sacred complex houses the exact stone cave where the Holy Family spent their longest period of sanctuary in Egypt (6 months and 10 days), with the cave now serving as the monastery's ancient altar. Check into the Assiut Hotel for dinner. Overnight in Assiut.

Day 9: The Specialized Tombs of Meir & Private Return Transfer to Cairo

Following a delicious breakfast at your hotel, revisit Al-Muharraq Monastery for a morning of quiet meditation and prayer inside its historic walls. Next, drive to the desert edges to explore the Rock Tombs of Meir, an exceptional archaeological site containing the final resting places of Old and Middle Kingdom provincial governors, celebrated for their incredibly detailed and lifelike wall carvings. After enjoying a premium lunch at a local restaurant, board your private deluxe vehicle for a smooth and comfortable journey north back to the capital. Arrive in Cairo in the evening and check into the Hilton Pyramids Golf Hotel for your final night. Enjoy a farewell dinner with your team. Overnight in Cairo.

Day 10: Final Breakfast in Cairo & VIP Assisted Transfer to Cairo International Airport

Savor a final delicious breakfast at your luxury Cairo hotel to conclude your memorable 10-day pilgrimage. Take some time to pack your bags, collect your sacred souvenirs, and enjoy any last-minute relaxation at the hotel's premium facilities. At your scheduled departure time, a professional



representative and private chauffeur from Bastet Travel will arrive to assist you with check-out and provide a comfortable transfer in a deluxe air-conditioned vehicle directly to Cairo International Airport. Our team will manage all your luggage portage and guide you seamlessly through terminal check-in, passport control, and security formalities for your international departure flight home, concluding your spectacular Holy Family pilgrimage.



Group Pricing

Standard Accommodations

From May to August:

Per Person in Single Room **\$1,784**

Per adult in a Double or Triple Room **Contact us**

From September to April:

Per Person in Single Room **\$2,099**

Per adult in a Double or Triple Room **Contact us**

Deluxe Accommodations

From May to August:

Per Person in Single Room **\$2,230**

Per adult in a Double or Triple Room **Contact us**

From September to April:

Per Person in Single Room **\$2623.75**

Per adult in a Double or Triple Room **Contact us**

Ultra Deluxe Accommodations

From May to August:

Per Person in Single Room **\$3211.2**

Per adult in a Double or Triple Room **Contact us**

From September to April:

Per Person in Single Room **\$3778.2**

Per adult in a Double or Triple Room **Contact us**



Luxury Accommodations



From May to August:

Per Person in Single Room **\$3,568**

Per adult in a Double or Triple Room **Contact us**



From September to April:

Per Person in Single Room **\$4,198**

Per adult in a Double or Triple Room **Contact us**

