



Visiting a Camel Market - A Cultural Experience Like No Other



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A Holiday Like No Other

Your Holiday Will Change Lives

A **One Horizon** experience, will introduce to the **people** of Africa. Spend time with them, learn about their lives, and be transformed in ways you never imagined.

You'll hear about the hopes and dreams they have for themselves and their children. And you'll be helping them move closer toward that better life. Imagine how it will feel to share smiles with these welcoming people. And you'll share your dreams as well. Perhaps long-harbored wishes for connection, trust, and joy with others in our world. And the chance to share the lessons of your own life.

This is what you have been looking for - to do good by giving back. The villages of Kenya are where this will happen. By spending this precious time with the people of Kenya, you will be transformed. We invite you to join us. As with so many of our guests, you'll be swept up in an emotional journey that will change you forever. So come on a most special safari. A journey into the heart of lightness.

How We're Different

One Horizon provides more than 50 sustainable **programs**, aiding and assisting communities with nutrition, clean water, irrigation for farming, electricity, vocational training, and housing.

We are a non-profit, so your travel dollars go directly to improving the lives of the people you meet – the children, the young couples, and especially the grandmas – who are the center of Kenyan village life.

By creating this model of “*travel with a purpose*”, we invite you, the visitor to make a hands-on, positive impact in the communities you visit and the people you meet, laugh with, and get to know.

For more information on the work of One Horizon please [click here](#)



What To Expect From This Experience

This is everyday Egyptian life for traders and buyers of camels in Egypt and you get a real glimpse of an aspect of Egyptian life that even many Egyptians may not see at all

It's an introduction to the trade that goes on in a vibrant and energetic way and probably in a way which many people are have not seen before. It is noisy, animated and an energetic display of a combination of theatre and commerce.

It one of those experiences that you will remember for life.



Camels and Egyptians

Domesticated camels only became a part of Egypt after the Arab conquest around 200 AD as part of trade caravans from the Arabian Peninsula. Their association with ancient Egypt probably arises from the fact that camels were a part of life in North Africa. And the closeness of Egypt to these regions contributed to the perception that camels were a part of Egyptian life. Camels linked to the trade and travel across the region and of course Egypt's links to neighbouring economies. It was only in the Greco-Roman era that camels become a part of Egyptian society.



Camels Are A Recent Addition

Camels have often been associated with life in Egypt. However, it seems the ancient Egyptians didn't use camels much. Camels are not depicted in ancient Egyptian murals or tomb decorations. And remember that ancient Egyptians didn't travel across the desert. They navigated their travel via the Nile and along the coastline.





Camels Come To Egypt From Many Countries

Many camels in Egypt are herded from Sudan and end up in various markets in the country. The camels travel over 3 months and 700 miles to reach their final destinations to get there. Camels are also herded through Sudan, Eritrea and Somalia. And what ensues is a vibrant, dynamic market for camels which is so characteristically Egyptian. Camel markets engage buyers and sellers in a raucous, energetic and exuberant display of offer and rejection, of negotiation and stalemate. It's all part of the experience and an amazing one at that.



Bedouins and Their Camels

Camels still help Egyptian Bedouin communities travel and trade. Originally herders, the Bedouins have become either seminomadic or sedentary. Commonly called 'ships of the desert' camels' endurance and ability to cope with the heat and lack of water make them superior to horses in the demanding desert environment.

And camels have become a tourist attraction at the pyramids and various sites that tourists visit. They have become an iconic part of the Egyptian landscape.



We Travel to A Local Camel Market

Depending on the day you nominate for your camel market tour, we take you to one of the well-known camel markets in Cairo. There are numerous markets held in an around Cairo and as we travel to the market you will see Egyptians going about their everyday lives.

Upon arrival at the market your guide will provide an overview of what you are about to see, how the traders spend their time and the spirited bargaining that is going on. There is, perhaps, no other market like the camel markets of Cairo.





A Cultural Experience Like No Other

The markets and their traders have often come from hundreds of kilometres away. They are there to position their camels as the ones to buy. And the buyers like to put down the claims of the sellers. So, in seeing and hearing the animation of the locals it's a time to appreciate the game that is being played out and the noise and volume of the debates. As a cultural phenomenon it is beyond question a fascinating day. It is not a show for guests, but a true reflection of the intensity of the moment in the quest for a good deal.



About Lunch

We enjoy taking our guests out for lunch because it's another way to experience Egyptian culture. We just want to make the following points. We only take our guests to the best restaurants. We place good hygiene and cleanliness within those establishments as the number 1 priority. The restaurants offer both vegetarian and non-vegetarian options. If you choose to pass on lunch, we won't take it personally. But please be assured, your health and safety is our overriding priority.



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Inclusions

Egypt

- Pick up and return from your hotel
- Lunch
- All entrance fees, service charge, current taxes, and vat.
- Services of English-speaking guide

Exclusions

- Tips
- Drinks, extra meals, and any personal expenses