

## **Bedouin Smile**

**DAY 01:** Arrival at **Taba or Sharm** international airport, meet and assist through formalities transfer to your hotel in St.Catherine for dinner and overnight.

**DAY 02:** Breakfast, we start our mini trekking tour by El Melga the Bedouin village of the natives of the region, load up the stuff on backs of camels & set off through **wadi Talaa** into the high ranges, only now we head away from the chaos and distraction of urban cities into a moonscape like region, arrive to **Wadi Zawateen** (a lot of Olive trees can be seen through), camping under the stars.

Wadi Talaa



Wadi Zawateen



**DAY 03:** We wake up on the smell of the Bedouin bread (Liba) being cocked on the open fire and a cup of Bedouin herbal tea, after breakfast Start our walking to **Gabal ElAhmar** (Red Mountain), stop for lunch, then head off towards to **Wadi El Arbaein**, associated with the bible as the place where the prophet Moses, stroke the rock & water came forth to sustain the 12 Israeli tribs, water no longer flows from the rock, also associated with the 40 monks been martyred in the same......

Wadi according to accounts of St. Catherine monks,in a very nice place, nearby a Bedouin's house who is very interested in rock hyrax and for that he constructed an enclosure at his "Home" to observe and enjoy these mammals, he occasionally releases the hyrax off spring once they reach maturity. Overnight Chapel and Mosque that built on top assert the spirit of the co-existence of peace between the **Djabalia** (the Moslem natives of St. Catherine) and the Christian Monks, then we return down the mountain – either by the camel path or by the "Steps of Repentance". Back to our hotel, time for freshen-up and relaxation, in the afternoon we visit the culture centre of **St.Catherine** protectorate. Dinner and overnight in St.Catherine

Wadi El Arbaein



**DAY 04:** After breakfast we visit **St. Catherine Monastery** situated at the foot of Mount Sinai. 6<sup>th</sup> century Monastery that houses one of the most important icons collections on earth. In addition to the biblical site of the Burning Bush and Moses well. After the Monastery, drive to Dahab, visiting the oasis of **Ain El-Khodra** (associated with biblical Hazerot) a new dimension of splendor and beauty speaks for itself and the inscription rock dating to the Nabataeans period en route. Arrival at our beach resort for overnight.

## St. Catherine Monastery



**DAY 05:** After breakfast, we ride the camels to Abu Galoum protectorate on the magical coast of Aqaba, chance to snorkeling and swimming among the beautiful colorful fishes of the Red Sea. Safari lunch, then back to Dahab, dinner and overnight



**DAY 06:** Free at leisure in Dahab.

**DAY 07:** Transfer to the airport for final departure