



EGYPT
Travel Information and Map

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Bordered by the Mediterranean Sea to the north, the Red Sea to the east, Libya to the west and Sudan to the south, Egypt is located in the northeast corner of the African continent. The Sinai Peninsula, also part of Egypt, bridges the gap between Africa and Asia. Egypt is home to one of the oldest civilizations on earth and its rich history has created a tapestry of cultural and archaeological treasures. Everyone recognizes the iconic Pyramids of Giza and the river Nile, but Egypt's capital, Cairo, is a destination in itself and the Red Sea coast offers superb opportunities for diving, snorkeling or simply relaxing.

Language

The national language in Egypt is Arabic. English is widely spoken in hotels and shops, with French a close second. In many tourist areas, it is also possible to communicate in German and Italian.

The Currency

The local currency is the Egyptian pound (EGP), divided into 100 piastres. You will often notice the currency written as LE (livre égyptienne) and the symbol used is the pound sign £. It is also worth noting that, in Arabic the pound is called guinay, and piastres are known as qirsh.

VISAS

There are three types of Egyptian visa, all of which are relatively easy to obtain:

- Tourist Visa: Valid for up to 3 months and granted on either a single or multiple entry basis.
- Entry Visa: Only required for any foreigner arriving into Egypt for purposes other than tourism, such as work or study.
- Transit Visa: Required for transiting through Egypt and only needed for certain nationalities.

DISTANCES AND FLIGHT DURATIONS

Flight from	To	Travel Time	Distance
Cairo	Alexandria	46 min	Distance is 179 kilometres or 111 miles
Cairo	Sharm El Sheikh	1 hr	Distance is 383 kilometres or 238 miles
Cairo	Hurghada	1hr 5min	Distance is 398 kilometres or 248 miles
Cairo	Luxor	1hr 10min	Distance is 502 kilometres or 312 miles
Cairo	Aswan	1hr 25min	Distance is 680 kilometres or 422 miles

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Egypt has long been a bucket list destination for most travelers and it is no wonder, given our wealth of history and the fact that we are still home to one of the original Seven Wonders of the World. Egypt appeals to the most eclectic mix of guests since it has so much to offer, from its rich history, to pristine beaches and charming nightlife. A&K Egypt has become one of the leading tour operators in the country, owing to our many years of expertise, our unwavering dedication to our valued guests and our team's passion to provide an experience of a lifetime each and every time. On behalf of the whole team at A&K Egypt, we look forward to welcoming your guests soon.

Amr Badr
Managing Director



Cairo

Cairo, "Al Qahira", is Egypt's capital and usually the starting and ending point of all itineraries. The largest city in Africa, Cairo is home to 17 million people, and offers an incredible selection of shopping, leisure and nightlife activities. Shopping ranges from the famous bazaar Khan el-Khalili Souk, largely unchanged since the 14th century, to modern air-conditioned retail centers displaying the latest fashions. Today the city throbs with ever-increasing energy and has booming western-style nightlife with a wide variety of restaurants and bars, as well as more traditional entertainment such as local coffeehouses and Arabic nightclubs with belly dancers. Highlights of Cairo include the Great Pyramids of Giza, the Egyptian Museum.

TEMPERATURE

Local daytime temperatures range as follows for the year:

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
High °C	18	18	22	27	32	34	34	33	32	28	23	19
High °F	64	64	72	81	90	93	93	91	90	82	73	66
Low °C	9	9	12	15	18	20	22	22	20	18	14	10
Low °F	48	48	54	59	64	68	72	72	68	64	57	50

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The Egyptian Museum houses 7,000 years of history and the largest collection of ancient Egyptian art in the world. A&K can open the doors to this museum after hours, when it is closed to the general public.

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For a real wow moment, let us arrange a private tented dinner at the Pyramids. Guests can sink back into the scattered floor cushions as waiters serve a feast of Arabian delicacies including assorted mezza, mixed grill, and Egyptian pastries and desserts.

Travel Tip



Khan El Khalili Bazaar is a 500-year-old maze of streets and alleyways, lined with shops and stalls, right in the heart of the old, Islamic Cairo. Workshops produce jewelry, silver, glass and copper and since bartering is expected throughout the bazaar, good deals can often be found.



Alexandria

The second largest city in Egypt, Alexandria, known as "The Pearl of the Mediterranean", has an atmosphere that is more Mediterranean than Middle Eastern despite being only 225 kilometers from Cairo. Founded by Alexander the Great in 331 BC, Alexandria became the capital of Greco-Roman Egypt. Its status as a beacon of culture was symbolized by Pharos, the legendary lighthouse that was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. The setting for the stormy relationship between Cleopatra and Mark Antony, Alexandria was also the center of learning in the ancient world. Now a vibrant, bustling city, visitors can enjoy the relics of the ancient world, as well as any one of the myriad of exquisite fish restaurants that the city is famous for. Highlights of Alexandria include Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Fort Qaitbay, the Roman Amphitheatre, the Alexandria National Museum and Pompey's Pillar.

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High °F	63	63	68	75	79	81	86	88	82	79	73	64
Low °C	9	9	11	14	17	19	22	22	21	17	14	10
Low °F	48	48	52	57	63	66	72	72	70	63	57	50

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A private meeting with an archaeologist from the Underwater Excavations Center in Alexandria is nothing but fascinating and intriguing. Meet with someone working on the excavation of the remains of the ancient Pharos Lighthouse of Alexandria, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Discover how the team identified blocks belonging to the lighthouse and used these to produce a computer-generated model of how the lighthouse would have looked. Also discover the remains of what is thought to be Cleopatra's Palace as well as the plans to build an underwater museum, complete with glass tunnels, for visitors to see the ruins in situ.

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The Bibliotheca Alexandrina (Library of Alexandria) has been revived to serve as a research institution and a haven for scholars worldwide. This extraordinarily beautiful building brings arts, history, philosophy and science together. Depending on our guests' interests, they can take a private tour of the library and meet with a guest speaker who can talk about their topic of choice.

Travel Tip



Some of the best fish and seafood restaurants on the Mediterranean Sea can be found in Alexandria. Our guides can show guests our favorites and help to make a reservation. Seafood soup, grilled shrimp and deep-fried shrimp come highly recommended.



Siwa Oasis

The historic town of Siwa stands on an isolated oasis situated in the Western Desert region of Egypt, approximately 550 kilometers west of the capital Cairo, 305 kilometers south-west of Marsa Matruh and some 50 kilometers from the border with Libya. Extending some 80 kilometers in length and 20 kilometers in width, the oasis is one of the most isolated settlements in the country. Siwa nonetheless holds a special appeal for many travelers on account of its isolation and unique character, its natural beauty and its historical associations. Siwa Oasis is a vast region of date palms and olive trees extending over the horizon, with villages and a central lake, Siwa Oasis has 300,000 palm trees, 70,000 olive trees, 300 freshwater springs

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High °F	69	70	71	84	96	106	106	104	98	89	84	75
Low °C	5	8	10	19	22	25	26	25	24	20	15	11
Low °F	48	50	57	66	72	77	79	77	75	68	59	52

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Siwa Oasis is famous for olives and dates. Visiting an olive and palm tree farm lets guests meet with local farmers and watch them as they go about their daily, working life.

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Outside a typical, Siwan tent, a romantic dinner is cooked on the fire. With no one else around, a typical Siwan barbecue is served under the stars.

Travel Tip



Shopping in Siwa Oasis isn't about the big, bustling bazaars. Just by the old Shali city walls are a cluster of small shops offering local delights such as natural olive oil, dates, hibiscus and tea.



Hurghada

Originally a small fishing village, Hurghada has become one of the leading resorts on the Red Sea since the 1980s. Huddled between the Sahara and the Red Sea, this coastal town is known for its watersports activities, nightlife and warm weather. Hurghada boasts renowned diving centers and desert safaris, as well as historical locales and traditional markets.

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Low °F	63	61	64	68	73	77	79	81	77	75	68	64

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The best way to discover a country is through its people. Spending time with a local Bedouin family teaches our guests about their lifestyles and traditions but rather than transfer there by private vehicle, they may prefer a more traditional camel ride or an adventurous quad-bike ride.

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A private boat trip to Giftun Island with a sumptuous lunch on board allows guests to snorkel and see the vibrant colors of the marine life that make up these underwater worlds. The day includes two snorkeling stops at some of the most beautiful spots.

Travel Tip



Some of the best nightlife can be found in Hurghada and Gouna. Cafés, bars and clubs all offer music, most of which is live, but for those looking for something a bit quieter, a stroll along the marina to admire the yachts lets you soak up the atmosphere just as well.



Sharm El Sheikh

With its combination of pristine sandy beaches, lively nightlife and wide range of hotels, Sharm El Sheikh offers the perfect starting point for almost all tours in the Sinai. The center of the resort area is Naama Bay, where most of the early hotels were built. For sea lovers, the oceans of Sharm El Sheikh are bursting with some of the most colorful and exotic marine life –a haven for divers. Highlights include St. Catherine’s Monastery and Ras Mohamed National Park.

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Low °F	55	55	61	68	75	79	81	82	79	73	64	59

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Sharm El Sheikh has some of the most pristine coral reefs in the world. A private boat, equipped with fishing rods, lines and trolling machines lets guests enjoy both fishing and, upon request, snorkeling. With a backdrop of the Red Sea and the Sinai Mountains, guests can fish for tuna or barracuda and, with luck on their side, can enjoy their catch of the day for lunch.

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Ras Mohammed National Park is one of the best diving and snorkeling spots in the world, its clear waters teeming with over one thousand species of fish, many unique to the Red Sea. A visit here shows the desolate land, the famous mangrove trees and of course, the vibrant colors of the marine life that make up the underwater world. Rare mammal species live in the park and thousands of white storks fly through it each year during their migration.

Travel Tip



A desert safari by 4x4 vehicle, dune buggy or camel will lead to a traditional Bedouin camp. Guests receive a warm welcome and are invited into one of the tents for tea and coffee. Later, a typical Bedouin barbecue dinner is served, followed by a show of local song and dance.



Luxor is the most important and dramatic historical site in Egypt and has often been called the world's greatest open-air museum. Luxor is the modern name for Thebes, the ancient capital city of the New Kingdom Pharaohs (1550 BC - 1070 BC) whose glory still glowed in the memories of classical writers a thousand years after its decline. Today, Luxor is home to more than half of all of Egypt's antiquities and is a must-see highlight on the itinerary of almost every visitor to Egypt. The town has a village atmosphere and a bustling local market, as well as an astonishing collection of ancient temples and relics including Karnak Temple, Valley of the Kings, Colossi of Memnon and the Temple of Luxor.

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Low °F	43	45	52	61	70	73	75	73	70	63	52	45

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A grand finale for any group visiting Egypt has to be a gala dinner held at Luxor Temple, after opening hours. Guests are seated just in front of the temple with panoramic views over the many pylons, obelisks and statues of Ramses III, which will all be especially illuminated just for the evening.

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Greeted with a garland of fresh jasmine, guests board a felucca (traditional Nile boat) and set sail down the river. A menu served on board as the wooden Nubian boat sails past the lights and sights of Luxor.

Travel Tip



The best way to experience the real Luxor is by horse and carriage. Ride through the local market and along the impressive Avenue of Sphinxes which connected Karnak Temple to Luxor Temple. Drive by the bustling bazaar and stop for a tea or coffee before continuing the tour of the city.



At the southernmost border of Egypt's ancient empire, Aswan is truly the Jewel of the Nile. Pink and grey granite thrusts upward through the Nubian sandstone, forming mountains, cliffs and jagged outcroppings. Aswan is home to the Aswan High Dam, where the Nile's flow is regulated to the whole of Egypt. The area was formerly known in ancient times as Nubia, and has its own unique heritage, crafts and folklore. The Nubian language is still spoken today by many Aswan residents and traditional Nubian folkloric performances are a must-see for any visitor. Several sites of outstanding world heritage were actually moved piece by piece to higher ground before the dam was made operational - including the Temple Lying of Philae and the incredible temples of Abu Simbel to the south.

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Visiting the tombs of nobles, governors and priests who controlled the commercial traffic between Aswan and Nubia can be an interesting tour. But an even better experience is to explore these tombs by camel. From here, the camel ride leads guests to St. Simeon's Monastery, one of the best preserved of the original Christian strongholds in Egypt.

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Spending time with a local, Nubian family and enjoying a cup of tea with them is a humbling experience. Guests will wander through the narrow alleyways between colorful mud-brick dwellings and enter a typical home. They will notice how the doorways are carved with crocodiles at the floor, fish in the middle and a man on top before they sit down, relax and enjoy a traditional Egyptian welcome.

Travel Tip



Egyptian cuisine is full of flavor and spices and the Aswan Spice Market is bursting with color and fragrance. Combined with the Aswan Bazaar, you will find some of the best-quality gifts, souvenirs, spices, peanuts, henna powder and dried hibiscus flowers here.



Sun Boat IV



The Sanctuary Sun Boat IV has 40 beautifully designed cabins and suites:

- 2 Royal Suites with private balconies (55m²)
- 2 Presidential Suites (38m²)
- 36 standard cabins (15–18m²)



Furnished in a contemporary style and fully renovated in 2018, each of the spacious ensuite rooms feature floor to ceiling windows (except on the Nile Deck) and air-conditioning. The two Royal Suites of the Sanctuary Sun Boat IV are an oasis of luxury for the discerning traveller. Calm, yet vibrant tones of the furnishings provide guests with a relaxing ambience. Both spacious and indulgent Presidential Suites offer a splendid window into the enchanting and ancient sights during your journey. The Sanctuary Sun Boat IV also has an upper sun deck with swimming pool (heated to 28 degrees during winter), a lounge bar, restaurant, massage room.



Sun Boat III



The Sanctuary Sun Boat III has 18 beautifully designed cabins and suites:

- 2 Royal Suites with balconies (36m²)
- 2 Presidential Suites (29m²)
- 14 luxury cabins (17m²)



The boat was launched in 1993 and fully renovated in 2012. The Sanctuary Sun Boat III has an upper sun deck known as 'Cleopatra's Oasis' with a swimming pool, a shaded deck, the Sahara lounge and H. Carter lounge bar. The Copper Tray restaurant is spacious and seats 36. In addition, there is a games room with a computer and internet access. Laundry service and room service are available. Massage treatments are also available.



Nile Adventurer



The Sanctuary Nile Adventurer has just 32 beautifully designed cabins and suites:

- 2 presidential suites with private balconies (42.4m²)
- 2 deluxe cabins (21.3m²)
- 28 standard cabins (14.2m² - 16.5m²)



All ensuite cabins are fully air-conditioned and have Niles views.

The Sanctuary Nile Adventurer seamlessly blends contemporary Egyptian culture with authentic character. The extensive sun deck areas, with their elegant teak floors, include a swimming pool (which is heated up to 28 degrees during winter), a shaded deck with an outdoor bar and a lounge bar terrace. The spacious restaurant seats up to 75 and there is a library and games room with computer and internet access. On board, there is also a massage room.



Zein Nile Chateau



The Sanctuary Zein Nile Chateau features 6 uniquely designed cabins:

- The Farouk Suite (93m²)
- The Napoleon Suite (43 m²)
- The Philae Cabin (20m²)
- The Nubia Cabin (20m²)
- The Baladi Cabin (20m²)
- The Lake Nasser Cabin (20m²)



Launched in 2010, the Sanctuary Zein Nile Chateau features an upper deck, a luxurious sun deck with dipping pool (heated to 28 degrees during winter), dining area and lounge. The Farouk Suite is inspired by Egypt's Royal era, seen in the furniture, décor and photographs on the walls. The Napoleon Suite reflects Egypt's influential Napoleonic era and features a four-poster bed. Each of the four additional cabins is decorated in its own original style with influences drawn from Egypt's history, culture and geography. All cabins are fitted with luxurious amenities, modern bathrooms, showers (guests in the Farouk Suite will be spoilt by a bathtub and jacuzzi) and air-conditioning.



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