

Egypt

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens reconsider Travel to Egypt due to terrorism. Exercise increased caution in Egypt due to the Embassy's limited ability to assist dual national U.S.-Egyptian citizens who are arrested or detained. Some areas have increased risk. DO NOT TRAVEL TO: the Northern and Middle Sinai Peninsula due to terrorism, the Western Desert due to terrorism, the Egyptian border areas due to military zones <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below. <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

US Embassy/Consulate

[20-2] 2797-3300; US Embassy in Cairo, 5 Tawfik Diab Street, Garden City, Cairo, Egypt; <https://eg.usembassy.gov/ConsularCairoACS@state.gov>

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page. <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

Telephone Code

20

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 123; Fire: 180; Police: 122

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Egypt: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, yellow fever, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, influenza, COVID-19. <http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Desert; hot, dry summers with moderate winters

Currency (Code)

Egyptian pounds (EGP)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, F



Type C



Type F

Major Languages

Arabic, English, and French widely understood by educated classes

Major Religions

Muslim (predominantly Sunni), Christian

Time Difference

UTC+2 (7 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

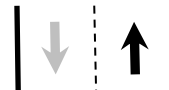
Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Memphis and its Necropolis - the pyramid fields from Giza to Dashur; Luxor's Karnak Temple and Valley of the Kings; Islamic Cairo; Aswan; Deir el-Bahari; Feluccas on the Nile; Abu Simbel; Egyptian Museum; Edfu; Medinet Habu; White Desert; Siwa Oasis

Major Sports

Soccer, tennis, squash, basketball, handball

Cultural Practices

Try to avoid using your left hand to eat or greet people. Hail taxis with your hand extended rather than your thumb up.

Tipping Guidelines

It is customary to tip restaurant staff 10-15% of the bill. Tip taxi drivers around 10% of the total fare and housekeeping staff at hotels around \$2 (USD) per day. Tip bellhops loose change for carrying your luggage.

Souvenirs

Papyrus scrolls and art, camel- and pyramid-themed items, copper and brassware, ankh jewelry, shisha pipes, pottery, handmade leather goods, silk, spices

Traditional Cuisine

Ful medames — a stew of cooked fava beans served with olive oil, cumin, and optionally with chopped parsley, garlic, onion, lemon juice, chili pepper, and other vegetable, herb, and spice ingredients; traditionally made in and served from a large metal jug

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