

Egypt Travel Guide



Pyramids of Giza, Egypt

Egypt is one of the most magnificent countries in the world which takes pride in its rich history. The magnificent Nile Valley, to the long stretches of deserts to the lush oases, to the fascinating underwater life of the Red Sea, to the exotic Mediterranean beaches, all make Egypt a happening destination. Egypt is the sixteenth most densely populated country in the entire world and the second most populated country in Africa.

The best place to start your trip is Cairo, which is the capital of Egypt and it is completely stuffed with numerous sightseeing attractions like Pyramids, the Sphinxes, the Egyptian Museum, and such others. Egypt is immensely popular for its rich ancient civilization and is the abode of some of the most ancient and important monuments of the world, which comprises of Giza Pyramids and the Great Sphinx of Giza, the southern city of Luxor, Karnak Temple and the Valley of the Kings.

Popular Destinations in Egypt includes

Cairo

Pyramids of Giza

Karnak Temple

Sahara Desert

Valley of The Kings

Egyptian Museum

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How to Reach?

Considering the huge size of the country and varied physical features, it is always better to make an initial plan on the destinations you are willing to visit. The varied options available to get into Egypt, depends a lot from which country you are willing to travel. Generally almost all the countries have a direct access to Egypt, yet some have to travel to other countries to reach this historical place. Getting to Egypt, is possible through planes, cars, buses and boats.

Leaving aside some inaccessible areas of Egypt, getting to any part of the country does not call for much difficulty.

The most popular option to reach Egypt is to fly down directly at the Cairo airport. Egypt's national air carrier is Egypt Air and Air Sinai. Most of the international travelers come to Egypt through Cairo. Avail of the services of some of the world class flights like Egypt Air, British Airways, Lufthansa, Air Canada, Singapore Airlines, Korean Air, American Airlines, Fly Emirates, etc. Loads of other airlines connect Egypt with their respective places. Having some efficient International Airports like Cairo International Airport, Luxor International Airport, Aswan International Airport, Hurghada International Airport, the tourist can afford the luxury of dropping at any one of them. A large number of flights from across 70 destinations come in this country.

Other good options of reaching Egypt is to take a car. As gases are cheap, the traveling becomes cheap as compared to the flight fares. When you choose cars as a mode of travel, be sure that you have ample time in hand. Egypt can easily be reached with the help of some luxurious and super fast buses available from the countries like Israel and Jordan. To have a wonderful voyage to Egypt, you should take the boats from Sudan, Jordan, Sinai, and Saudi Arabia. Ferry ticket to Egypt ranges between \$50 to \$60.

Getting Around Egypt

Egypt is proud to have a multiple choice of transport with in the country. Covering an area of 1,001,449 sq km, the country always required swift transport facilities. Being considered as a important cultural and economic hub of the Middle East, there is always an extra pressure on the transport sector. As a mild tourism policy is formulated from the part of Egyptian Government, it encourages a large number of tourists every year. This important center of politics and social mingling has extensive connectivity of roads, railways, and also airways, to reach you safely to your desired place.

The government owned Egyptian national Railways operates all the trains in Egypt for the domestic purpose. Different

types of trains like Express, Speed, Turbine, Nevertiti, Sleeping, and Ordinary are available according to the needs and convenience of the travelers. Trains connect to the cities like, Cairo, Alexandria, Aswani, Asyut, El-Sad-El-Aly, Luxor, etc. Tourists are advised to collect their tickets from numerous counters of the Ramses station in Cairo. It will be better to avail the first class tickets to make your journey comfortable.

Domestic airlines are also available for the people to travel all around the country. Domestic Airlines will take you to closest to your concerned place like Luxor, Aswan, Abu Simbel, Alexandria, Hurghada, etc. The flights are comparatively cheap and offer a good range of facilities to the passengers. As it is a big country, most of the visitors prefer to travel in flights, in order to have a quick access to their places of attractions. Taxis are another convenient and safe way to travel. They can be easily hired from any part of the country. To avoid some fake taxi operators, it is advised to hire those taxis that have the official markings on them. If you plan to move around Luxor or Cairo, it will be interesting to explore various things while traveling in a taxi. The drivers often act as a guide. They always remain formally dressed and can even be hired for a whole day.

Things to Do in Egypt

This desert dominated country of Africa, does contain sufficient elements of entertainment and fun for the people. Historically known as the land of the mummies, it helps in stretching the imagination of the foreigners regarding the ancient civilization. Egypt is renowned throughout the world for the Great Pyramid. While upper regions of Egypt shelter some beautiful temples, the western desert provides a distinct beauty to the tourists. Traveling along the Red Sea Coast will offer some exotic beach resorts and marine life.

Moving around the capital city of Cairo will captivate you as you discover some exquisitely built Giza Pyramids and the Egyptian Museum. The oasis town of Siwa is an ideal place if you are looking for a strange desert beauty. Visiting Alexandria will enthrall you with fantastic architectural beauty in the form of Graeco-Roman Museum, Roman Amphitheater, Alexandria, National Museum, etc. You may enjoy diving in the Red Sea coast and Gulf of Aqaba. An unforgettable Voyage on the Nile River will give you a strange sensation.

A visit to the temples dedicated to Pharaoh Ramesses II(Abu Simbel), Lake Naseer of Upper Egypt, and many more attractive destinations can be made for an enlightening experience. This culturally fertile country indulges in all sorts of amusements and activities to keep you rocking. Both the traditional and contemporary music is melodious and will compel you to dance with the tune. Encounter some lavishly celebrated carnivals all over the country. Some religious festivals like mulids and other festivals like **shom en nisim**, are a must see in your **destination priority**. It is suggested to visit Cairo Opera House to watch some fine art performance and display of art and nurture your hidden artist within.

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