

Egypt Travel Guide

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Hot air balloons, surreal landscapes, and magical sunrises and temples await you!

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Egypt is one of the world's most extraordinary destinations — a land where ancient civilizations, vibrant cities, and breathtaking landscapes come together along the banks of the **Nile River**.

From the iconic pyramids rising from the desert to the monumental temples of **Luxor** and the peaceful waters of the Nile, Egypt offers travelers an experience unlike anywhere else on Earth. Thousands of years of history remain beautifully preserved in temples, tombs, and museums that continue to fascinate visitors from around the world.

But Egypt is more than ancient monuments. It is a country of warm hospitality, colorful markets, traditional sailing boats, desert adventures, and vibrant culture. Whether you are exploring the pyramids of Giza, drifting along the Nile on a traditional dahabiya, or snorkeling in the clear waters of the Red Sea, every moment reveals another layer of Egypt's timeless story.

This guide will help you plan your journey and discover the best destinations, experiences, and travel tips for exploring Egypt with confidence.

Best Time to Visit Egypt

Egypt can be visited year-round, but some seasons are more comfortable depending on your travel plans.

October – April (Best Overall Season)

These cooler months are ideal for sightseeing, Nile cruises, and exploring temples and archaeological sites.

Average daytime temperatures range between **20–30°C (68–86°F)**.

May – September (Summer Season)

Temperatures rise, especially in **Upper Egypt (Luxor and Aswan)**, but this season offers fewer crowds and attractive hotel rates.

Red Sea destinations such as **Hurghada** and **Marsa Alam** remain popular for beach holidays during summer.

Best Time for Specific Experiences

Pyramids and Cairo tours: **October – April**

Nile cruises: **October – May**

Red Sea diving and snorkeling: **March – November**

Desert adventures: **October – March**

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Egypt's Top Destinations

Cairo

Egypt's capital is a dynamic city where ancient history and modern life exist side by side. **Cairo** is home to the legendary pyramids, world-class museums, historic mosques, and lively bazaars.

-Highlights include the **Giza Pyramids**, the **Grand Egyptian Museum**, **Islamic Cairo**, and the famous **Khan El Khalili market**.

Luxor

Often described as the world's greatest open-air museum, **Luxor** sits on the site of ancient **Thebes**, the capital of Egypt during the New Kingdom.

-Visitors can explore monumental temples such as **Karnak** and **Luxor Temple** on the East Bank, and royal tombs in the **Valley of the Kings** on the West Bank.

- **Luxor** is also famous for sunrise hot air balloon flights over the Nile.

Dendera

Dendera is home to the remarkably well-preserved **Temple of Hathor**, dedicated to the goddess of love, music, and joy. The temple is famous for its vibrant ceiling reliefs, astronomical carvings, and the celebrated zodiac scene. Visitors can also explore rooftop chapels and detailed wall inscriptions.

Abydos

Abydos was closely associated with the worship of Osiris, the god of the afterlife. The **Temple of Seti I** is renowned for its beautifully preserved reliefs and the famous **Abydos King List**, which records many of Egypt's pharaohs. The site offers a glimpse into ancient traditions and is considered one of the most important pilgrimage centers of the ancient world.

Aswan

Located in southern Egypt, Aswan offers a more relaxed atmosphere and beautiful Nile scenery. The city is known for its **Nubian culture**, colorful villages, and historic temples.

-**Philae Temple** and nearby **Abu Simbel** are among the most spectacular sites in Egypt.

Hurghada

Hurghada is one of Egypt's most popular Red Sea resorts, known for its crystal-clear waters and vibrant coral reefs.

-Visitors enjoy snorkeling, scuba diving, boat trips to nearby islands, and relaxing beach resorts.

Marsa Alam

For travelers seeking a quieter **Red Sea** experience, **Marsa Alam** offers pristine beaches, protected coral reefs, and incredible marine life including sea turtles and dolphins.

-This region is also close to **Wadi El Gemal National Park**, an important desert and marine reserve.

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Egypt's Greatest Ancient Sites

Egypt's monuments span more than three thousand years of civilization. These iconic sites are among the most remarkable archaeological treasures in the world.

Giza Pyramids

The pyramids of **Khufu**, **Khafre**, and **Menkaure** are the most famous symbols of ancient Egypt and the only remaining Wonder of the Ancient World.

Valley of the Kings

Hidden in the desert hills of Luxor's West Bank, this royal necropolis contains the tombs of New Kingdom pharaohs including **Tutankhamun**.

Karnak Temple

One of the largest temple complexes ever built, **Karnak** contains monumental columns, obelisks, and sacred sanctuaries dedicated primarily to the god Amun.

Abu Simbel

Carved directly into sandstone cliffs along **Lake Nasser**, these temples built by **Ramses II** are among the most dramatic monuments in Egypt.

Temple of Hatshepsut

This elegant mortuary temple, built into limestone cliffs, honors one of Egypt's most powerful female pharaohs.

Nile Cruises & Dahabiya Sailing

Sailing the Nile has been one of Egypt's most unforgettable travel experiences for centuries.

Traditional Nile Cruises

Large cruise ships travel between **Luxor** and **Aswan**, stopping at important temples such as **Edfu** and **Kom Ombo**. These cruises offer comfortable cabins, guided excursions, and full-service amenities.

Dahabiya Sailing Boats

For travelers seeking a more intimate and peaceful experience, dahabiyas offer a boutique sailing journey with fewer guests and a slower pace along the river.

These traditional boats often stop at small islands and villages that larger ships cannot reach. Popular dahabiya vessels include **Sekhmet Dahabiya**, **Sultana Dahabiya**, and **Queen Sandy**.

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Suggested Egypt Itineraries

7 Days Egypt Highlights

Day 1-2: Cairo – Pyramids, Sphinx, Egyptian Museum
Day 3: Fly to Luxor – East Bank temples
Day 4: Valley of the Kings and West Bank
Day 5: Travel to Aswan
Day 6: Abu Simbel excursion
Day 7: Return to Cairo

10 Days Classic Egypt

Day 1-3: Cairo and Giza
Day 4-7: Nile cruise from Luxor to Aswan
Day 8: Abu Simbel
Day 9: Return to Cairo
Day 10: Departure

12 Days Egypt & Red Sea

Day 1-3: Cairo
Day 4-7: Nile cruise
Day 8-11: Red Sea resort stay
Day 12: Return to Cairo



Egypt Travel Tips

Visa

Most travelers can obtain a tourist visa upon arrival or apply online for an e-visa before traveling.

Currency

The local currency is the Egyptian Pound (EGP). Credit cards are widely accepted in hotels and restaurants, but cash is useful for markets and small purchases.

Tipping

Tipping, known locally as “baksheesh,” is customary in Egypt for guides, drivers, hotel staff, and restaurant service.

Dress Code

Light, comfortable clothing is recommended. When visiting mosques or religious sites, modest clothing covering shoulders and knees is advised.

Safety

Egypt's main tourist destinations are well protected and regularly visited by travelers from around the world. Traveling with a licensed guide provides additional comfort and insight.

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Packing List for Egypt

When preparing for your trip, consider bringing:

- Comfortable walking shoes
- Lightweight clothing
- Hat and sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Scarf or shawl for temple visits
- Camera or smartphone for photos
- Small backpack for day trips

Why Travel with Amarco Tours

Traveling with experienced local guides makes all the difference when exploring Egypt's rich history and culture.

Amarco Tours offers carefully designed private tours, Nile cruises, and dahabiya sailing experiences led by professional Egyptologists. With personalized service and attention to detail, each journey is crafted to provide authentic insights and unforgettable memories.

Whether you are visiting Egypt for the first time or returning to explore more deeply, our team is dedicated to making your experience seamless, informative, and inspiring.

Plan Your Journey

Egypt awaits with timeless wonders, vibrant culture, and landscapes unlike anywhere else on Earth.

Start planning your adventure today and discover the magic of the Nile.





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- ✓ **Destinations:** Cairo, Giza, Old Cairo, Hurghada & El Gouna Red Sea
- ✓ **Duration:**
 - Day 1: Private Giza Pyramids VIP Tour & Exclusive Nile Yacht Dinner Cruise
 - Day 2: Private Chauffeured Tour of Historic Old Islamic Cairo & Khan El Khalili
 - Day 3: Private Luxury Scenic Transfer to Hurghada on the Red Sea Coast
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Top 5 Mistakes Travelers Make in Egypt

✓ **Trying to See Too Much in One Trip**

Egypt has thousands of years of history and countless sites to explore. Many travelers try to fit everything into a few days, which can make the experience rushed. Focus on a few key destinations and allow time to enjoy each place.

✓ **Skipping the Nile Experience**

The Nile is the heart of Egypt. Whether sailing on a traditional dahabiya or enjoying a short felucca ride, experiencing the river offers a completely different perspective of the country.

✓ **Underestimating Travel Distances**

Egypt is larger than many visitors expect. Sites such as Luxor, Aswan, and Abu Simbel require careful planning. Including flights or overnight stays helps make the journey more comfortable.

✓ **Not Starting Early for Major Sites**

Popular sites such as the Giza Pyramids or the Valley of the Kings are best experienced early in the morning before the heat and crowds arrive.

✓ **Visiting Without a Knowledgeable Guide**

Egypt's monuments are filled with stories and symbolism that can easily be missed without context. A professional Egyptologist guide brings the history to life and greatly enriches the experience.

5 Experiences You Should Not Miss in Egypt

✓ **Standing Before the Pyramids of Giza**

Seeing the Giza Pyramids in person is a powerful moment. These monumental structures have stood for more than 4,500 years and remain one of the greatest achievements of ancient engineering.

✓ **Exploring the Temples of Luxor**

Walking through the towering columns of the Karnak Temple Complex or the royal tombs in the Valley of the Kings reveals the incredible artistry and ambition of ancient Egypt.

✓ **Sailing the Nile**

Cruising between Luxor and Aswan offers a peaceful journey through timeless landscapes, passing villages, temples, and fertile farmland that have supported Egyptian life for millennia.

✓ **Visiting Abu Simbel**

The massive statues guarding the Abu Simbel Temples create one of the most dramatic sights in Egypt and demonstrate the power of Pharaoh Ramses II.

✓ **Experiencing Egypt's Desert Landscapes**

From the dramatic rock formations of the White Desert to the quiet beauty of desert oases, Egypt's Western Desert reveals a completely different side of the country.

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✓ **Start Early for Sightseeing:**

Many temples and archaeological sites are best visited early in the morning to avoid crowds and midday heat.

2

✓ **Stay Hydrated:**

Egypt's climate is dry, especially in desert regions. Carry bottled water and wear sunscreen when exploring outdoor sites.

3

✓ **Bring Small Cash for Tipping:**

Small tips are customary in Egypt for guides, drivers, hotel staff, and service workers. Keeping small bills available is helpful.

4

✓ **Wear Comfortable Walking Shoes:**

Ancient sites often require walking on stone paths, sand, and uneven surfaces, so comfortable footwear is essential.

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✓ **Respect Local Customs:**

Modest clothing is recommended when visiting mosques or religious areas, and asking permission before photographing people is always appreciated.



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