



Egypt in Brief

Egypt is further north than any other African country and borders on the Mediterranean and Red Sea coasts. The River Nile flows through the entire country from north to south. Egypt is famous for its pyramids and countless antiquities bearing witness to a magnificent past which still impress tourists today. It is also part of the Holy Land and tours to Christian and other religious monuments are popular.

Egypt has experienced a radical modernisation in recent years. The economic and spiritual centre of the country is the busy capital Cairo, which can be regarded as the biggest metropolis of the African Continent. Alexandria is another important business centre. Several tourist resorts have sprung up along the Red Sea coast and some offer luxury standard hotels.

The country offers some exciting and novel incentives. Playing golf against an impressive desert backdrop is now just as popular as scuba diving. Desert treks and fishing and bird-watching expeditions are offered alongside the well-known Nile cruises and a Sound-and-Light show at the Pyramids in the evenings offers a magical experience.

Friday is a day of rest in Egypt! The country's customs as regards appropriate clothing outside the hotel compound must be taken into account. It is particularly hot in Cairo in summer and the winter months are therefore recommended for a visit due to the more agreeable temperatures.

Fact File

Government: republic
Capital: Cairo
Population: 80.3 million
Area: 1,001,450km²
Official language: . Arabic
Time zone: Central European Time +1 hr
Telephone: Dial the int. code plus 20 for Egypt.
Electricity: 220 V (A/C), 50 Hz
Currency: 1 Egyptian pound = 100 piasters
Entry requirements: All visitors require a visa and a passport valid for 6 months. Visas can be obtained from Egyptian embassies or a visa stamp can be purchased on arrival at large airports.



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Travel Information

Cairo Airport is approx. 20km north-east of the city centre. A taxi journey takes about 25 minutes. Direct flights from Europe are also possible to Luxor, Hurghada and Sharm El Sheikh.

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