

## INFORMATION FOR VISITORS TO EGYPT

**CLIMATE** – Summer (June to August): Low rainfall and dry season, warm to very hot days.

Autumn (September to November): Warm with some rain in areas.

Winter (December to February): Cooler but not cold, and some rain in areas.

Spring (March to May): Warm and windy

Upper Egypt (Luxor & Aswan) tends to be warmer than Cairo.

**COMMUNICATION** – For international calls from Egypt to the USA or Canada, use the following dialing sequence. + 1 + (city area code) + (local phone number) from a cell.

For international calls from the USA or Canada to Egypt, dial the following sequence. 011 + (20) + (city code) + (local phone number) from a land line + (20) + (city code) + (local phone number) from a cell.

**WATER** – We advise you not to drink local running water or tap water. Most hotels and ships will provide you with bottled or purified water.

**TIME** – Two (2) hours ahead of GMT. Egypt does observe daylight savings.

Eastern time plus 7 hours end October to end-April.  
Eastern time plus 6 hours end-April to end October.

**VISAS** – USA and Canadian passport holders do require a visa for Egypt – they can be obtained in advance online, or on arrival in Cairo. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months after your intended return date, and you are required to have ONE blank visa page in your passport for a visitor's entry and exit permit to be stamped onto.

### MONEY MATTERS

**Currency** – The Egyptian currency is the Egyptian Pound. Foreign currency may be changed at banks, bureau de change, and authorized hotels. Visa and MasterCard credit cards are accepted in hotels and

restaurants in Cairo and tourist areas but not at markets. You may be able to withdraw some local currency against your credit card at certain ATM's. Make the necessary arrangements with your bank in North America. "Baksheesh" or tipping, is expected. Try have small notes or coins for this purpose. US\$ bills will be accepted.

**MEDICATION** – Egypt has strict protocols surrounding medications. Please bring an original doctor's prescription with your medication in its original packaging and only bring enough to use for the period of travel. Remember to carry this in cabin luggage and not in your checked luggage. Please do not bring Cannabis-containing medications such as Dronabinol or similar, even if they have been prescribed by a doctor.

**ELECTRICITY** – The power supply is 220v, 50 Hz. Outlets may be the C type or F type or as pictured.



Type C

**SHOPPING** – Generally, shops are open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and are closed on Sundays. In the summer, shops might close in the heat of the day and reopen later until 10pm. Shopping hours during Ramadan may differ.

**What to buy:** Cottons, linens, gold and silver jewelry, brass and copperware, wood carvings and leather goods and perfumes.

**SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES** – Lion World Travel offers structured, safe excursions through our local affiliates. Should you consider purchasing any other optional excursions such as camel rides please be aware that safety standards and training vary, and even animals marketed as "tame" should be respected as wild and extremely dangerous. We do not endorse these activities.

**BINOCULARS AND DRONES** – Egypt prohibits visitors from bringing both binoculars and drones into the country. To avoid issues at customs, please refrain from bringing either of these items into the country.

**US AND CANADIAN IMPORT REGULATIONS** – The import of meat or meat products (dried, canned etc.), plants, seeds, vegetables, fruits, livestock, endangered wildlife species and products thereof (for example clothing and accessories) into the United States and Canada is prohibited. This includes Ostrich eggs and animal skins.

**FLIGHT CHECK-IN** – Please refer to your air itinerary for suggested check in times. Have electronics fully charged as you may be asked to activate them for security checks.

**CULTURE AND CUSTOMS** – Egyptians are a friendly and warm people who will go out of their way to please. However, be patient. Things may not always go according to plan. Egyptians also take time to greet each other before they ask a question. It is considered rude to be abrupt.

### SUGGESTED "DOS" AND "DON'TS"

- Do not touch, lean against or chip away pieces of the monuments.
- Do not pick up rocks in the desert without checking underneath for snakes or scorpions.
- Pyramid climbing is forbidden.

When visiting mosques there are a few 'rules' you should be aware of. You cannot visit during prayer time, but any other time is fine. You must dress modestly. For men that means no shorts; for women that means no shorts, tight pants, or anything else even remotely suggestive. Just use common sense. Lastly you must take off your shoes or use the shoe coverings available at most mosques.

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