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Australian ordinary passport holders are required to have a visa to enter Egypt. Most travellers are able to obtain a tourist visa when entering Egypt through major ports of entry for US\$25. Alternatively, travellers may apply for an eVisa online at www.visa2egypt.gov.eg up to seven days before departure for Egypt. When entering Egypt, travellers should have at least six months validity on their passports (with two blank facing pages), be able to show documentation confirming their ability to financially maintain themselves and have tickets and entry documents for their next destination. Additional conditions apply to minors. Travellers are recommended to contact a Egyptian mission on the details below for further information and to ensure their specific circumstances make them eligible to enter Egypt using an eVisa or to receive a visa upon arrival. Those who do not meet these conditions will need to apply for a visa from an Egyptian mission listed below.

Current DFAT Travel Advice

This advice is current for Thu, 1st November 2018.

Reconsider your need to travel to Egypt due to the threat of terrorist attack and kidnapping. See [Safety and security](#). Do not travel to the Governorate of North Sinai, including along the Taba-Suez Road, due to the high threat of terrorist attack and risks posed by violent criminals. Terrorist attacks targeting Egyptian security forces occur frequently. Do not travel within 50 kilometres of the border with Libya. A number of deadly attacks have recently occurred in the area.

Tourists, tourist infrastructure and religious sites in South Sinai are attractive targets for terrorist groups. Avoid unnecessary road travel outside of resort areas in Sharm el Sheikh. Terrorists claimed responsibility for the explosion of Metrojet flight 9268, which departed from Sharm el Sheikh in October 2015. See [Safety and security](#). Terror attacks could occur at anytime, anywhere in Egypt. Potential targets include religious sites and communities, government buildings, security checkpoints and locations frequented by tourists. Be alert to possible threats in these locations and follow the instructions of local authorities. See [Safety and security](#).

Egypt closed its borders to all Qatari flights on 6 June 2017 until further notice. If you're travelling between Egypt and Qatar, contact your air travel provider for further information.

While homosexuality isn't illegal in Egypt, homosexuality is not socially tolerated. Members of the LGBTI community can be prosecuted under debauchery laws. Since September 2017, a number of people have been arrested under debauchery laws. There are reports of people being entrapped via dating apps and through social media. See [Laws](#).

The above information is an edited excerpt of the Travel Advice Summary from The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Travellers are encouraged to read the travel advice in full, subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence in Egypt at www.smartraveller.gov.au.

Vaccinations & Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a travellers individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Vaccination against Hepatitis A is recommended for travellers to Egypt. Vaccination against Hepatitis B and Rabies (particularly if working with animals) should be considered by frequent or long stay travellers. Vaccination against Typhoid should be considered particularly when travelling to areas with poor sanitation and hygiene. Care with food and beverage selection is recommended. There is a low risk of Malaria in Egypt and Dengue Fever also occurs, as such insect avoidance measures and anti malarial medication may be necessary depending on your itinerary.

Regardless of destination, all travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations including for influenza. Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to these preventable diseases and the appropriate avoidance measures. Australians travelling to Egypt should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. Medications that are legal in Australia may be illegal in other countries. For further information on insurance, taking medication overseas and other issues please visit www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips.

Egyptian Representation in Australia

Embassy of Egypt, Canberra

1 Darwin Avenue
YARRALUMLA ACT 2600

Tel: (02) 6273 4437
Fax: (02) 6273 4279

Consulate General of Egypt, Melbourne

Level 6, 50 Market Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Tel: (03) 9614 1888
Web: www.egyptianconsulate.org.au

Consulate General of Egypt, Sydney

Level 6, 33 York Street
SYDNEY NSW 20000

Tel: (02) 9290 1822
Web: www.egypt.org.au



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Time Differences between Egypt and Australia

Egypt is Greenwich Mean Time +2 hours. Daylight saving time is not observed. The applicable time zone in Egypt is called Eastern European Time (EET).

Egypt, 12 noon, Winter (Dec) = Perth 6pm, Darwin 7:30pm, Brisbane 8pm, Adelaide 8:30pm, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 9pm.
 Egypt, 12 noon, Summer (Jun) = Perth 6pm, Darwin, Adelaide 7:30pm, Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 8pm.

Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for Egypt: +20

To Dial Australia Call:
 00 61 <City> <Number>

Travelex Card Services:
 Call the US on 00 1 954 838 8294

Visa Global Assistance:
 Call the US on 00 1 303 967 1090

MasterCard:
 Call the US on 00 1 636 722 7111

American Express Travellers Cheques:
 within Cairo: 25100200, then 1 866 482 2884
 outside Cairo: 0225100200, then 1 866 482 2884

International Operator: 120

Emergency Services: 122
 Ambulance - 123
 Fire - 180
 Police - 122
 Tourist Police - 126

These services may not have English speaking staff. To avoid delay it may be best to seek the assistance of a Arabic speaker to call the emergency services.

Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry photocopies of all important documents separately to their originals, and to leave a set of these photocopies with someone in Australia. This includes those documents listed below.

Passports

Name: _____ Passport #: _____

Name: _____ Passport #: _____

Credit Cards

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _____

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _____

Travel Insurance

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Australian Representation in Egypt

Australian Embassy, Egypt

World Trade Centre (11th Floor)
 Corniche El Nil
 Boulac (Code No. 11111)
 CAIRO

Tel: (+20 2) 2770 6600
 Fax: (+20 2) 2770 6650

Web: www.egypt.embassy.gov.au

Alternatively, Australians may obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61) 2 6261 3305.

Australians in Egypt are encouraged to register their presence and contact details with the Australian Embassy in Cairo, or online with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at www.orao.dfat.gov.au.



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Duty Free Allowances for Egypt and Australia

Duty Free allowances when entering Egypt:

Alcohol: 1 L of alcoholic beverages.
 Tobacco: 200 cigarettes or 200g of tobacco or 25 cigars.
 Perfume: Reasonable amounts for personal use.
 Other Goods: Up to 1500 Egyptian Pounds.

Duty Free allowances when entering Australia:

Alcohol: 2.25 litres.
 Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.
 Other Goods: Up to a value of \$900 (\$450 if under 18 years).

Minors may not claim alcohol or tobacco products. Further restrictions apply when entering and exiting Egypt and Australia. Travellers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these restrictions before entering either country. For information on Egyptian Customs regulations please visit www.mfa.gov.eg, or for information regarding Australian customs regulations please visit www.homeaffairs.gov.au.

Electrical and Telephone Adaptors

Electrical Socket type: European

Voltage: 220-240 volts (same as Australia, no voltage/frequency converter required).

Modem Plug: French and US

Source: Korjo Travel Products. To purchase electrical/modem adaptors, or for further information on this matter, please view the Korjo adapter guide at www.korjo.com.au.

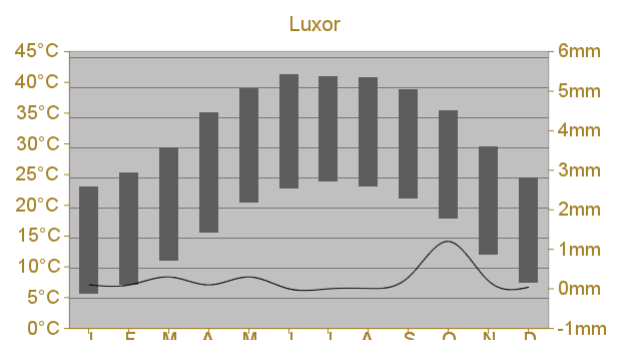
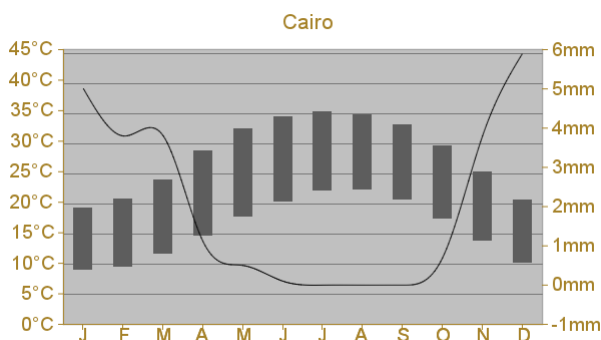


Egyptian Public Holidays 2018

07 Jan: *Coptic Christmas	23 Jul: National Day
25 Jan: Revolution Day	20 - 22 Aug: Grand Feast
08 Apr: *Coptic Easter	11 Sep: *Coptic New Year
09 Apr: Sham el-Nessim	11 Sep: Islamic New Year
25 Apr: Sinai Liberation Day	06 Oct: Armed Forces Day
01 May: Labour Day	20 Nov: Birth of Muhammad
15 - 16 Jun: End of Ramadan	

Islamic holidays are determined by sightings of the moon and thus may vary. Those dates marked with a * are holidays only for Coptic Christians (approximately 10% of the population). Most businesses and shops are closed on Fridays (the day of rest), while many also close on Saturdays.

Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in Egypt



Source: Egyptian Meteorological Authority. For 5 day local forecasts please go to www.bbc.co.uk/weather.

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Interbank Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 12.72 Egyptian Pounds
 10 Egyptian Pounds (EGP) = 0.79 Australian Dollars

With 4% Margin

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) will buy 12.23 Egyptian Pounds
 10 Egyptian Pounds (EGP) will cost 0.82 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on Monday, 05 Nov 2018. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "With 4% Margin" adds 4% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin that would be paid when exchanging currencies. These rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

Currency Cheat Sheet

5 EGP	=	\$0.41 AUD	This cheat sheet uses the "With 4% Margin" rate of exchange listed above.		
10 EGP	=	\$0.82 AUD	100 EGP	=	\$8.18 AUD
20 EGP	=	\$1.64 AUD	200 EGP	=	\$16.35 AUD
30 EGP	=	\$2.45 AUD	300 EGP	=	\$24.53 AUD
40 EGP	=	\$3.27 AUD	400 EGP	=	\$32.71 AUD
50 EGP	=	\$4.09 AUD	500 EGP	=	\$40.89 AUD
60 EGP	=	\$4.91 AUD	600 EGP	=	\$49.06 AUD
70 EGP	=	\$5.72 AUD	700 EGP	=	\$57.24 AUD
80 EGP	=	\$6.54 AUD	800 EGP	=	\$65.42 AUD
90 EGP	=	\$7.36 AUD	900 EGP	=	\$73.59 AUD
			1,000 EGP	=	\$81.77 AUD
			2,000 EGP	=	\$163.54 AUD
			3,000 EGP	=	\$245.31 AUD
			4,000 EGP	=	\$327.08 AUD
			5,000 EGP	=	\$408.85 AUD
			6,000 EGP	=	\$490.62 AUD
			7,000 EGP	=	\$572.39 AUD
			8,000 EGP	=	\$654.16 AUD
			9,000 EGP	=	\$735.94 AUD
			10,000 EGP	=	\$817.71 AUD

Notes and Coins

The legal currency of Egypt is the Egyptian Pound, which is abbreviated using the symbol "LE" (eg LE 100), the currency code "EGP" or less frequently "E£". The subunit of the pound is called the Piastre or Qirsh, of which there are 100 in every pound. The following units of currency are the most common but other versions and denominations are also in circulation. Pictures are not to scale. As it is illegal in many countries to print copies of bank notes, travellers are advised to remove the below images when travelling.





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About Egypt

Full Name:	Jumhuriyat Misr al-Arabiya. (Arab Republic of Egypt).	Significant Dates:	c3000 BC - Ancient Egypt established. King Narmer unifies the Upper and Lower kingdoms.
Independence:	1922 (from Britain, monarchy established). 1952 (military coup, republic proclaimed).	2558-84 BC	- Construction begins on the Great Pyramid and the Great Sphinx of Giza.
Size:	1 million sq km (similar size to South Australia).	332 -31BC	- Alexander the Great conquers Egypt, founds Alexandria. Ptolemaic dynasty rules.
Population:	84 million (4 times larger than Australia). Cairo 11.1 million; Alexandria 4.4 million.	31 BC	- Rome conquers Egypt. Suicide of Cleopatra.
Religion:	Muslim (mostly Sunni) 90%, Coptic Christian 9%, Other Christian 1%.	642 AD	- Muslim and Arabic conquest of Egypt.
GDP Per Capita:	US\$6,600 (Australia US\$40,800).	1571-1882	- Turkish Ottoman Empire rules Egypt.
		1859-69	- Suez Canal built.
		1882-1922	- British forces occupy Egypt.
		1952	- The Egyptian Army seizes power in a coup.
		1981-2011	- Hosni Mubarak rules as President of Egypt.

