



EGYPT

by Savored Journeys



Egypt is a fascinating place brimming with ancient history, stories of pharaohs and gods and the elaborate tombs and colossal temples built to honor them. Traveling there is like going back in time to a completely different world. The food – spit roasted lamb kabobs, warm falafel and fresh baked pita – it's all part of the unique land of Egypt.

WHEN TO GO

BEST TIME TO GO

The best time to visit is during fall & spring, when the weather isn't as oppressive. Try Feb-Apr & Sept-Nov.

OFF-SEASON

Summer is off-season in much of Egypt due to the heat. Best to try early November and June – shoulder season with better temperatures.

SUMMER

You'll want to avoid traveling to Egypt in the summer, as it can be very hot and muggy, especially in Luxor.

WHERE TO GO



Cairo

Cairo is a bustling, energetic city – the largest in the Middle East. It's home to the Egyptian Museum, the Giza Pyramids, and Sphinx. It's a hub of culture, food and film.



Nile Cruise

Taking an organized cruise down the Nile is a great way to see all of the ancient sites along the way from Aswan to Luxor. Cruises are included in most group tours in Egypt.



Sharm El Sheikh

Located on the southern tip of the Sinai Peninsula, Sharm El Sheikh is a resort area, renowned for it's long beaches and clear water. Divers love it!

TRANSPORTATION

Many visitors choose to take part in an organized tour that includes transportation. You can fly or take a bus between any of the major cities, or even take a popular Nile cruise.

TRAVEL TIPS

Be alert at all times. Don't give in to obvious scams and hustles. Don't ask a vendor to take a pic for you – they'll likely require a tip before giving back your camera. There are tons of roving vendors. Don't look and say "no thank you". It is extremely hot during the summer. Drink plenty of bottled water, wear appropriate clothing and reapply sunscreen all day. You should barter with shop owners, but not unless you really want the item. Expect them to follow you until they make the sale.

WHAT TO DO



- Take a cruise down the Nile
- Visit Abu Simbel
- See the Great Pyramids of Giza
- Ride a camel through the desert
- Tour the Valley of the Kings
- Learn about ancient gods
- Explore Karnak and Luxor Temple
- Smoke Sheesha in Cairo
- Relax in Sharm el Sheikh

WHAT TO EAT



- Baladi Bread (Pita)
- Shish Kebab
- Baba Ghannouj
- Kushari
- Ta'meya (Falafel)
- Hawawshi (meat pie)
- Shawerma

WHAT TO DRINK



- Karakadey (Hibiscus Juice)
- Qasab (Sugarcane Juice)
- Shay bil na'na' (mint tea)
- Aswanli (local dark beer)
- Kahwa (strong coffee)

LANGUAGE

Arabic

CURRENCY

Egyptian Pound

TIPPING

Tips are expected everywhere, so tip as you see fit. 10-15% for restaurant service.