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Long considered to be the jewel of the orient, Cairo is an international city overflowing with an interesting mixture of different cultures. It is a city steeped in the early civilizations of the ancient pharaohs, blended with the history of Christian and Islamic cultures. It is all brought together by the modern sights and luxuries of a sophisticated and cosmopolitan city.

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THE CITY



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The great pyramids of Giza are the most famous attractions in Cairo. But there are many delightful places to experience and explore, from the mosques of Islamic Cairo to the churches of Coptic Cairo, or to the Jewish community of Cairo. Be prepared for an expansive history lesson and cultural education of the religious and cultural blending that have taken place in this fascinating city.

Cairo also swells with markets and bazaars to explore. Drink in the flavour of everyday life of the denizens of this metropolis. And for the chic visitor, there are luxury hotels and boutiques to explore for unforgettable jewellery, clothes and antiques. The extensive array of international cuisine that marks this city provides a taste for whatever any traveller may desire, and of course the option to experience the delicious and unforgettable cuisine of Egypt.

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The Pyramids at Giza have been the longtime favourite tourist attraction of greater Cairo, but with the rich textured religious history of this city, there are many sights and areas of town worth exploring.

The Pyramids of Giza

On the outskirts of Cairo, these pyramids are the sole survivors of the Seven Wonders of the World. The archeological site on the Giza Plateau is called the Giza Necropolis, and includes, apart from the three pyramids, the sculpture of the Sphinx and several cemeteries.

Address: Pyramids of Giza, Cairo

Tickets: Admission to the larger Pyramids is limited to 300 people per day. 150 tickets are released for sale at 8am, the remaining 150 are released at 1 pm.

More Info: Western edge of Cairo, 10 km from downtown.

Solar Boat Museum (at the Pyramids of Giza)

Houses the barques (boats) that were most likely used to bring the mummies of dead Pharaohs across the Nile to the temple tomb chambers. It is located on the south side of the Great Pyramid.

Address: Great Pyramid, Cairo

Egyptian Museum

More than 12,000 artefacts from every period of Egyptian history are housed in this sprawling structure. In the main building you will find different exhibitions, library, education centre and conference centre.

Address: El mathf El masry El Kebir st, Cairo

Phone: + 202 33 776 893

Internet: www.gem.gov.eg

Email: administration@gem.gov.eg

More Info: Tahrir Square

The Citadel

The Citadel is a series of palaces and mosques which housed Egyptian rulers for more than 700 years make up a compound which offers fabulous views of the city.

Address: Sharia Salah Salem, Al-Qalaa, Cairo

Museum of Islamic Art

This sometimes overlooked museum houses one of the world's finest collections of Islamic Art. The museum holds a collection of over 10,000 pieces, mainly Egyptian, but also from elsewhere in the Islamic world. There are all kinds of artworks, including woodwork, stucco, intarsia, ceramics, glass, metalwork, textiles, and carpets.

Address: Bab El Khalk Square, Cairo

Phone: +20 2 390 1520

Coptic Cairo

This compound is home to Egypt's Christian community as well as being the oldest area of Cairo. It is a wonderfully interesting place to explore the juxtaposition of an ancient Christian community in an Islamic country.

Address: Coptic, Cairo

More Info: Southern part of the East Bank of the Nile

Coptic Museum

This museum dates back to 1908 and is home to Coptic Art from Greco-Roman times to the Islamic era. The museum is located within the Babylon fortress and is 8,000 m² big including the beautiful gardens.

Address: 3 Sharia Mar Girgis, Cairo

Phone: Director: +20 2 362 8766 / Operator: +20 2 363 9742

Internet: www.coptic-cairo.com

The New Camel Market

About 35 km northwest of Cairo, Egypt's Largest Camel

Market - Birqash Camel Market is held. This is a wild sight to behold. Sudanese traders haggle over the sale of camels in a carnival-esque atmosphere. The best day to visit is supposed to be Friday. Get there in the morning, between 7.00-11.00 is the best time.

Address: Birqash, Western Desert, Cairo

Northern Cemetery / City of the Dead

City of the Dead is an unusual area where thousands of Cairo natives, both living and dead are "housed". The popular ancient routine of building entertainment rooms alongside of the tombs, have become spaces inhabited by transients.

Address: Salah Salem Road, Cairo

More Info: North end of Salah Salem Road, Islamic Cairo

Mohammad Ali Mosque

Mohammad Ali Mosque is a beautiful mosque with amazing architecture and equally breath taking interior. The building offer panoramic views over the city, remember to dress appropriately when visiting.

Address: Citadel, Cairo

Al-Azhar Park

Al-Azhar Park is located in the historic part of Cairo and is a lovely green open space in the middle of the bustling city. This park has been here for the last 800 years and is a great spot to capture some good pictures of the city or enjoy a picnic.

Address: Salah Salem Street, Cairo

Phone: +20 2 2510 3868

Internet: www.alazharpark.com

Email: info@alazharpark.com

Nilometer

The Nilometer was built in order to measure the rivers water level during the flooding season. During the evening big candles are lit up making this a magical place.

Address: Roda Island, Cairo

Alabaster Sphinx

The Sphinx was long considered the most mystical creature in Egypt. There are Sphinxes all around the country but this particular one is impressive 8x4 meters big and carved from one single block.

Address: Memphis, Cairo

More Info: South of Cairo

Bayt Al-Suhaymi

Bayt Al-Suhaymi is a beautiful private home from 17th century Egypt and located in a quiet area in the middle of this energetic city. It is a unique Ottoman house with 2 different sections, lovely wood work and gardens.

Address: Haret Al Darb al Asfar, Cairo

Cairo Opera House

Cairo Opera House is home to both the Cairo Ballet Company and the Cairo Opera Company. It houses two opera halls and an open-air theatre. They also have photo and painting exhibition making it a great place to spend some time.

Address: Gezira Island, Cairo

Phone: +20 2 2739 0132

Internet: www.cairoopera.org

DINING



Photo: Tim

There is a limitless array of international cuisine to choose from in every price range in Cairo. This is definitely not a place where you need to worry about going hungry! There are several different neighbourhoods in Cairo, hence the neighbourhood location for each restaurant is listed after the address. This will be important to know when taking a taxi.

Justine's

Justine's is an elegant, formal French restaurant, with delightful cuisine, widely considered one of the best in the city. They have an extensive menu and is a bit on the pricey side.

Address: 4 Hassan Sabry, Zamalek, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 341 2961

El Morocco

Housed on the Blue Nile Boat, moored off Zamalek, this exclusive restaurant/club serving sumptuous North African cuisine. It boasts stunning views of the city from an outdoor lounge.

Address: 9 Saray El Gezirah, Zamalek, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 735 3114

Abou el-Sid

Abou el-Sid has a sumptuous, languorously sensual Oriental inspired décor with equally impressive food. Home-style Egyptian cuisine dominates the menu, with authentic dishes that are difficult to find elsewhere.

Address: 157 Sharia 26th of July, Zamalek, Cairo
Public Transport: Metro to Nasser
Internet: www.abouelsid.com

La Bodega

La Bodega is an excellent restaurant serving unique Italian dishes as well as creative international cuisine set in a lavish décor. The elegant cocktail lounge has its own cigar humidor.

Address: 157 Sharia 26th of July, Zamalek, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 735 0543 / +20 2 735 6761
Internet: www.labodegaegypt.com

Flux

Flux is one of Cairo's most chic and trendy restaurants. Unique, inventive cuisine that is a Middle-Eastern/Pacific Rim fusion, served in a stylish atmosphere.

Address: 2 Sharia Gameat al-Nasr, Mohandeseen, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 338 6601

L'Aubergine

L'Aubergine is eternally one of Cairo's most popular restaurants. The menu changes frequently, but is always inventive and a reliably good mixture of western and Egyptian cuisine.

Address: 5 Shar'a Sayed al-Bakry, Zamalek, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 273 80080

Felfela Restaurant

Felfela Restaurant is a buzzing restaurant equally popular with locals and tourists. Funky décor make for a lively environment and all-Egyptian food make this eatery well-deserving of its popularity.

Address: 15 Sharia Hoda Shaarawi, Downtown, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 2392 2751

Egyptian Pancake House

One of the few easily accessible eateries in the Islamic area of town. As evident by the name, this restaurant specializes in the delightful Egyptian style, flaky pastry-pizzas.

Address: Midan Hussein, Khan al-Khalili, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 5746 5465

Maestro Italian Restaurant

Maestro is one of the best Italian restaurants in town and a great place to go to for dinner for two, family or business dinner. It is located on the first floor of the InterContinental Cairo Citystars Hotel.

Address: Omar Ibn El Khattab St. Heliopolis, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 480 0009

Massala

Massala is an Indian restaurant which is located in the Karvin Hotel. The food with all the spices is amazing and the environment makes you feel at home. The waiters are friendly and helpful and do not mind taking pointers if you would have any.

Address: 11 Mohamed Ebeid Street, Heliopolis, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 2690 6453
Internet: www.thekarvinhotel.com
Email: karvin@thekarvinhotel.com

Fayruz Lebanese Restaurant

If you have never tried Lebanese food before you are in for an experience. There are few things that will make your mouth water such as grilled Lebanese meat will do, along with a fresh delicious salad.

Address: Omar Ibn El Khattab St., Heliopolis, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 2480 0009
More Info: InterContinental Cairo Citystars

Birdcage

Birdcage is an excellent Thai food restaurant located in Semiramis Intercontinental Hotel. The exotic water decor by the entrance makes you feel as if you stepped into Thailand and the flavour of the dishes enhances the feeling.

Address: Corniche El Nile Street, Garden City, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 2795 7171
More Info: Semiramis Intercontinental Hotel

Andrea

Are you a fan of grilled food and especially chicken? Then you have come to the right place. Andrea serves some of the best grilled chicken in town.

Address: 60 Maryotteya Canal, Cairo

Osmanly

Before the first meal is served you will be brought a pitcher of jasmine water to wash your hands and a warm towel to dry them. Then you can enjoy a delicious Turkish dinner at the welcoming Osmanly.

Address: 12 Ahmed Ragab Street, Corniche El Nile, Garden City, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 2798 0000
Email: Taner.Sengun@kempinski.com
More Info: See their Facebook page. Kempinski Nile Hotel

Al Bustan Grill Restaurant

If you are in Cairo for a longer period of time then this is a restaurant that you will definitely come back to. The food is really tasty, the service is great and the atmosphere is welcoming.

Address: Omar Bin Khattab Street, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 2480 0009
More Info: InterContinental Cairo Citystars

CAFES



Photo: Ed Yourdon

There are both Western style and Egyptian cafés in Cairo. Tourists might feel most comfortable at the Western style cafés, as the Egyptian cafés are very traditional and only patronized by men. Fishawi, the first café listed, is an Egyptian style coffee house that is famous and frequented by all types of people, so tourists will feel comfortable while still getting to experience the local café flavour.

Fishawi

One of Cairo's oldest and most famous tea houses, that has been managed by the same family and has been open 24 hours a day since 1773. A traditional Egyptian style tea house, also known as an ahwa, popular with both locals and tourists for fantastic people-watching.

Address: El-Fishawi Alley, Khan al-Khalili, Old Cairo
Phone: +20 2 590 6755

Harris Café

Harris Café is a pleasant with outdoor seating, good sandwiches and other small meals as well as the typical coffee and tea options. You can come here for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Address: 7 Sharia Baghdad, Heliopolis, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 417 6796
Internet: www.harriscafe.com

Beano's

Beano's is a U.S. Starbucks-esque style coffee house, but with more character and better coffee than its source of

inspiration. They also serve delightful pastries, snacks and ice cream.

Address: 48 El Marsafi St., Zamalek, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 736 2388

Cilantro

Cilantro is a stylish, trendy Continental style café with a wide range of sandwiches, salads and snacks, as well as good coffee and pastries. A great alternative to go to for a snack.

Address: 157 Sharia 26th of July, Zamalek, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 736 1115
Internet: www.cilantro-cafe.com

Simonds

Simonds is Cairo's only authentic Italian café. They serve the best cappuccino in the city, as well as fresh fruit juices and delicious pastries.

Address: 112 Sharia 26th of July, Zamalek, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 735 94 36

El-Abd

This café serves the best Egyptian pastries in Cairo and is eternally crowded for a delightful taste of local life. If you are not a fan pastries then they have an amazing ice-cream selection.

Address: 25 Talaat Harb St. Downtown, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 392 4407

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Photo: Vasenka

There are two main types of bars in Cairo: traditional Egyptian style bars, known as "caf terias" and typical Western style bars. The "caf terias" have solely male customers and serve small plates of food. Both men and women are welcome and will feel comfortable and at ease in the Western style bars, which often serve food as well.

There is a pulsing variety of vivacious nightlife in Cairo. Most of the large, upscale hotels have nightclubs attached to them, and most of these are a safe bet for a good night out.

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Pub 28

Pub 28 is a cosy Western-style bar with a neighbourhood feel to it. It is especially popular with the over 30 crowd. If you are hungry they serve pub food.

Address: 28 Shagaret El Dor St, Zamalek, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 735 9200

Deals

Deals is a typical British pub with a contemporary twist. It is popular with a younger set that enjoy lively, boisterous venues. They invite you to a night of food, funky music and a good atmosphere.

Address: El Sayed El Bakry St., Zamalek, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 736 0502
Internet: www.dealspub.com
Email: mail@dealspub.com

Windows on the World

Windows on the World is a luxurious, sophisticated bar with expensive cocktails and an enforced dress code. Breathtaking panoramic views of the city, and is particularly delightful at sunset.

Address: 1115 Corniche El Nil, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 577 7444
Internet: www.3hilton.com
More Info: Ramses Hilton, 36th Floor, Downtown

Jackie's

Jackie's is an exclusive club with a very strict door policy, located in the Nile Hilton. With frequent celebrity DJs, this one of Cairo's better discos, but you must be well-heeled and stylish to make it past the bouncer!

Address: Nile Hilton, Midan Tahrir, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 578 0444
Internet: www.angelfire.com

Cairo Jazz Club

This sleek club is a popular venue with Cairo's ultra-chic youths. An excellent variety of hip jazz is played, which changes almost nightly.

Address: 197, 26th July St. Agouza, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 3345 9939 / +20 1 6880 4764
Internet: www.cairojazzclub.com
Email: admin@cairojazzclub.com

Coco Jungle

Coco Jungle is a fun, funky club with a lavish jungle inspired d cor. Salsa classes, theme nights and

couples-only nights dominate the schedule, so it is wise to check ahead of time.

Address: Saray el-Gezira Street, Zamalek, Cairo

Phone: +20 2 340 6730

More Info: Le Pacha 1901 boat

Belly Dancing

Cairo is the capital of belly dancing, so it is worth taking in a show while here. Most of the 5-star hotels have belly dancing shows.

SHOPPING



Photo: Filip Maljković

Cairo is a wonderland of shopping, with the endless souqs to explore, as well as the sophisticated high-end shops that exist in most of the 5-star hotel arcades. It is always expected that you will bargain over prices in the markets, and in most shops bargaining is also widely practiced. Most shopkeepers give discounts if you buy more than one item, and give a greater discount with each additional item that you buy.

Kahn al Khalili, a bazaar dating from the 14th century, is the largest and most famous souq in all of Cairo. A good place to go for local culture and people-watching as well as for souvenirs and trinkets. The Street of the Tentmakers is Cairo's only remaining medieval covered market. This is a good place to shop for traditional printed fabrics. (Located in Islamic Cairo, at the north end of Al-Khayamiya street)

Cairo is an excellent place to buy traditional arts, crafts, and glassware, as well as Nubian pieces. Marketing Link - 27 Yehia Ibrahim, Apt. 8, Zamalek - is a fair trade store with handmade items from all over the Middle East. Head to the Midan Libnan area (Mohandiseen) for upscale clothing and furniture stores, and to Zamalek, an area popular with foreign nationals for a variety of elegant shops. Sharia Gam'at al-Duwal al-ٱ Arabiya (Mohandiseen) is an up-and-coming strip-mall area for those nostalgic for the familiarity of Western style, neon shopping arcades.

Gold and silver are also popular purchases in Cairo. The Gold Market area is in the souq of Kahn al Khalili, along Al Muizz li-Din Allah and Sikket al-Badestan streets. Gold tends to be sold for similar prices as elsewhere in the world, but silver is a particularly good bargain in Cairo. Go to Mohammed Amin Silver - 70 Al-Muizz li-Din Allah- for unusual antique pieces from around the Middle East, and try George Aziz (14 Sikket al-Badestan, Khan al-Khalili souq) for contemporary silver styles.

ACCOMMODATIONS



Photo: flyvancity

Most establishments in Cairo are happy to take any of the three used currencies - Euros, U.S. Dollars or Egyptian Pounds. Cairo offers both luxury hotels and inexpensive hostels.

Nile Hilton

Cairo's oldest luxury hotel has a prime central location just next to the Egyptian Museum. The shady terrace is a wonderful place for breakfast and the hotel café is a social

hub for locals as well as tourists.

Address: 1113 Corniche El Nil, Midan Tahirir, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 577 7444
Internet: www.hilton.com
Email: ramses@hilton.com

Horus House

Horus House is a small, exceptionally clean and well run hotel housed in a converted apartment block. Excellent, friendly service at this family establishment that immediately makes you feel at home.

Address: 21 Ismail Mohammed, Zamalek, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 736 0694
Internet: www.horushousehotel.4t.com
Email: hotel_horus@yahoo.com
More Info: 4th Floor

Windsor Hotel

This former British Officers' Club retains its regal, colonial air for a taste of history. A wide variety of rooms are available, and the lounge bar is a fabulous place to relax and soak up the atmosphere.

Address: 19 Alfi Bey Street, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 591 5810
Internet: www.windsorcairo.com
Email: windsor@link.net

Pension Roma

Antique furniture and hardwood floors define the old world feel of this elegant pension. It is a great budget option which is located in downtown Cairo.

Address: 169 Mohamed Farid ST., Cairo
Phone: +20 2 391 1088 / +20 2 2391 1340
Internet: www.pensionroma.com.eg
Email: pensionroma@pensionroma.com.eg

Mayfair Hotel

Mayfair Hotel is a small tranquil hotel with a peaceful, leafy breakfast terrace. It is centrally located, boasting rooms with air-conditioning and breakfast is served out on their terrace.

Address: 9 Aziz Osman, Zamalek, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 735 7315
Internet: www.mayfaircairo.com
Email: mayfaircairo@yahoo.com

Concorde El Salam Hotel Cairo

Concorde El Salam Hotel Cairo is a grand building with 320 rooms located in the nice suburb Heliopolis. All rooms have big bright windows from floor to ceiling with a private balcony. The hotel has 9 restaurants, a gym, tennis court, spa facilities and a cinema all for you to enjoy.

Address: 65 Abdel Hamid Badawi Street, Heliopolis, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 2622 6000
Internet: www.cairo.concorde-hotels.com

Safir Hotel Cairo

Safir Hotel Cairo is located right in the city centre, 22 km from the airport and close to the river Nile. It is a five star complex with 284 rooms all in modern design. They have an outdoor pool, gym and a spa area.

Address: Midan El Missaha Square, Dokki, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 3748 2424
Internet: www.safirhotels.com
Email: ressce@safirhotels.com.eg

Pyramids Park Resort Cairo

This beautiful resort with lush gardens and a cool pool is located only 5 minutes from the Pyramids of Giza and the Great Sphinx. They have a lovely piano bar, a discotheque and four restaurants to choose from.

Address: 2.5 km Alexandria Deseret Road, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 3838 8300
Internet: www.pyramidsparkresort.com
Email: reservations@pyramidsparkresort.com

Pyramids View Inn

You have to look for a more perfect view than what Pyramids View Inn offers. It is located just in front of the Pyramids of the Giza Plateau and is a lovely Bed and Breakfast. The rooms have free WiFi and you can enjoy a barbecue on the rooftop.

Address: 10 Sphinx Street, Nazlet El-Semman, Giza, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 010 005 86661
Internet: www.pyramidsviewinn.com
Email: samy@pyramidsviewinn.com

Sofitel Cairo El Gezira

Sofitel Cairo El Gezira is a five star luxury hotel with Arabic and French inspired design rooms. From the hotel you can walk to the Egyptian Museum, the Opera house and many other sights. The hotel has 7 restaurants, spa, a hamam, an infinity pool and a casino.

Address: 3 El Thawra Council St Zamalek, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 2737 3737
Internet: www.accorhotels.com
Email: H5307@sofitel.com

Fairmont Nile City Hotel

Fairmont Nile City Hotel is located just by the Nile River and is a five star hotel with an amazing roof top pool. Guests have several lunch and dining options, modern gym facilities and night-time entertainment.

Address: 2005 B Corniche El Nil - Ramlet Beaulac, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 2461 9494
Internet: www.fairmont.com/nile-city-cairo/
Email: nilecity@fairmont.com

Shepherd Hotel

Shepherd Hotel is beautifully located on the banks in the Garden City district. The rooms have wood furnish, there is 6 different dining options on the premises, a casino and a fitness centre with lovely views over the river.

Address: Corniche El Nile, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 2792 1000
Internet: www.shepherd-hotel.com
Email: info@shepherd-hotel.com

Hotel Mercure Cairo Le Sphinx

Enjoy your holiday at the beautiful Hotel Mercure Cairo Le Sphinx and their lush gardens. Have lunch at their open-air restaurant and afterwards you can cool down in the outdoor pool. If you prefer, they have an indoor hot tub and a modern fitness centre with a relaxing sauna.

Address: 1 Alexandria Desert Road Giza, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 3377 6444
Internet: www.accorhotels.com
Email: H1789@accor.com

Mena House Hotel

Mena House is another hotel with beautiful views over the Great Pyramids of Giza. It is surrounded by 40 acres of lush green gardens with spa, pool and a fitness centre. As the pyramids are less than 1 km from the hotel you have the options of horse and camel rides to the them.

Address: Pyramids Road Giza, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 3377 3222
Internet: www.oberoihotels.com
Email: khaled.ezzat@menahousehotel.com

Mövenpick Resort Cairo-Pyramids

Mövenpick Resort Cairo Pyramids is a great hotel for children as they have a fun playground for kids where you can watch them play while you relax in the shade. The hotel also features an outdoor pool, a sauna, gym and a restaurant where you can choose from national or international meals.

Address: Alexandria Road, Cairo
Phone: +20 2 3377 2555
Internet: www.moevenpick-hotels.com/cairo-pyramids
Email: hotel.pyramids@moevenpick.com

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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Cairo International Airport

Cairo International Airport is located 25 km northeast of the city centre. There are 2 terminals: Terminal II is the new terminal and services most international flights, while Terminal I, the old terminal, is the hub for EgyptAir and services both their domestic and international flights. There are large official taxis (called "limousines") that charge a fixed rate for a trip to the city centre. A taxi for the same ride will involve some heavy haggling, so the official taxi may be the easier option.

There are two city busses and a mini-bus that takes you to and from the Airport. Bus number 356 is the designated airport service, which is a large white, air conditioned, luxury coach. It runs to the city centre at Midan Abdel Moniem Riad (behind the Egyptian museum) and charges extra per large luggage item. Local bus No 400 also goes to the city centre, as well as minibus No 27. The bus stand

is at the far end of the car park.

Address: Heliopolis, Cairo

Phone: Terminal one: +20 2 265 3308 / Terminal two: +20 2 268 4248

Internet: www.cairo-airport.com

Public transport

The local buses are like a carnival ride, as they rarely come to a full stop to let passengers on and off! There is a mini-bus that has set routes like the normal bus, but they are smaller and carries fewer passengers, but on the other hand -actually stops properly to let people on and off!

Taxi

Taxis are inexpensive in Cairo, and the way that most tourists navigate the city. It is important to fix a price before you get into a taxi, and always haggle over the price. Attempting to take advantage of naive tourists is a favourite pastime of Cairo taxi drivers.

Post

The Central Post Office is located at Midan Ataba and is open 7am-7pm.

Address: Midan Ataba, Cairo

Phone: +20 2 2396 1695

Internet: www.egyptpost.org

Health Care

This hospital and pharmacy are open 24 hours:

The Anglo-American Hospital

Sharia Hadayek al-Zuhreyya, Geriza

+20 2 735 61 62

El Ezaby Pharmacy

6C-Asmaa, Fahmy District, Cairo

+20 2 19600

www.pharmacyincairo.com

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220V AC, 50 Hz

Telephone

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Area Code: 02

Population

12 million

Currency

Egyptian Pound - EGP

1 EGP = 100 Piaster

Opening hours

Generally 9 am-6 pm, but will vary slightly for each business or museum.

Newspapers

Egyptian Gazette

Cairo Times

Middle East Times

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Emergency numbers

Police: 122

Fire Service: 125

Ambulance: 123

Tourist Police: 126, +20 2 391 9144

Tourist information

Cairo Tourist Office

5 Sharia Adly, near Midan Opera

8:30 am-8 pm (9am-5pm during Ramadan)

+20 2 391 3454



6 October Bridge	A1 B1	Shari Abdel Khaliq Sarwat	B1 C1	Shari Khairat	C3 C4
El Tahrir Bridge	A2 B2	Shari Abdel Qadir Hamza	B3	Shari Latin America	B3
Falaki Square	C2	Shari Adly	C1	Shari Maglis El Sha'ab	B3 C3
Gamal El Din Abou Mahasen	A3 B3	Shari Ahmed Omar	D3 D4	Shari Mansur	C2 C3
Gumhuriya Square	C2 D2	Shari Champolion	B1 C1	Shari Mohammed Bassiuni	B1 B2
Mustafa Kamel Square	C1	Shari Clot Bey	D1	Shari Mohammed Quaudi	D4
Opera Square	D1	Shari Corniche El Nil	A3 B1 B2 B3	Shari Mohammed Sabri Abu El 'Alam	C2
Sahri Abdel Aziz	D1 D2	Shari Corniche Saiyalet El Roda	A4	Shari Nasta	C3
Sahri El Gezira	A1 A2	Shari Dar El Shifa	A4 B4	Shari Nubar Pasha	C3 C4
Sahri El Nasriya	C3 C4 D3	Shari El Bustan	B2 C2	Shari Nur El Zalam	D4
Sahri El Sheikh Rihan	B2 B3	Shari El Falaki	B3 B4 C2 C3	Shari Port Said	B4 C4 D3 D4
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Sahri El Zahra	B3	Shari El Gumhuriya	D1	Shari Rushdi	C2 D2
Sahri Gezira Garden	A3	Shari El Malik Abd El Aziz Su'ud	A4	Shari Sam El Barudi	D2
Sahri Nubar Pasha	C2 C3	Shari El Qala'a	D2	Shari Sherif	C1 C2
Sahri Qasr El Nil	B2 C1	Shari El Qasr El Aini	B3 B4	Shari Tal'at Harb	B2 C1 C2
Sahri Saoqaiyin	C3 D3	Shari El Sheikh Ali Yusef	B4	Shari Ysef El Gendi	B3 C2
Sahri Sheikh Mohammed Farid	C3	Shari El Sheikh Rihan	B3 C3 D3	Square Ataba	D1
Sahri Sheikh Mohammed Mahmud	C2 C3	Shari Huda Shatawi	C2	Tahrir Square	B2
Shari 26 July	C1 D1	Shari Imad El Din	C1 C2	Tal'at Harb Square	C2
Shari 6 October	A1 B1	Shari Ismail Abaza	B3		