

## HOLIDAYS IN EGYPT

A land of sun-drenched beaches and cultural treasures, just nine hours' flight from China, Egypt holidays have everything, from a fantastic year-round climate and an abundance of ancient sites to explore, to the modern resorts on the Red Sea Riviera with their unbelievably clear blue waters that provide spectacular snorkeling and diving opportunities. The Red Sea coast's numerous resorts have something for everyone, from family-friendly sandy beaches and magnificent marine life, to dining with Bedouins in their desert village.

**18-33 °C** | Egypt enjoys long, warm days throughout the year

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
<b>Average high °C (°F)</b>	18 (64)	19 (66)	22 (72)	27 (81)	31 (88)	33 (91)	34 (93)	34 (93)	31 (88)	29 (84)	24 (75)	19 (66)	26.8 (80.1)
<b>Average low °C (°F)</b>	7 (45)	7 (45)	9 (48)	12 (54)	16 (61)	19 (66)	20 (68)	21 (70)	19 (66)	16 (61)	13 (55)	8 (46)	13.9 (57.1)
<b>Precipitation mm (inches)</b>	4 (0.16)	4 (0.16)	4 (0.16)	2 (0.08)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0.04)	3 (0.12)	4 (0.16)	22 (0.88)
<b>Avg. rainy days</b>	3	3	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	1	3	4	21
<b>Mean daily sunshine hours</b>	8	8	9	10	11	12	12	11	10	10	8	7	9.7

### EGYPT IS BEST FOR

**Underwater explorers:** Egypt's crystal-clear waters are home to over 1200 species of fish, making it one of the world's top destinations for diving and snorkeling, **Beach lovers:** Wander along the long stretches of golden sand that line the Red Sea coast, **Active types:** From sailing to wakeboarding, you'll be spoilt for choice when it comes to water sports in Egypt.

### Airport | 5-5.5 hours

Hurghada International Airport lies approximately 8km southwest of central Hurghada; Sharm El-Sheikh International Airport lies approximately 12km northeast of Sharm El-Sheikh.

### FRIST TIME

Is it your first time in Cairo, Sharm el-Sheikh, Luxor, Hurghada or any Egyptian location and you aren't sure what to expect? Pick your intended vacation spot from the list below to find some information that might come in handy. You'll feel welcome in each and every Egyptian town or city you'll visit. Nonetheless, each destination has its own special spirit which you might want to know about before going there.

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**Mobile phones:** You can choose to roam with your international number by registering on any of the three mobile phone operator networks in Egypt. Alternatively, you may want to purchase a temporary visitor line from one of the providers. **Land-lines:** In addition to their availability in all hotels, payphones are also available in some cities.

**Internet:** Wireless internet is available in a large number of restaurants, hotels and coffee shops throughout the country. Some may provide the service for free while others may charge you for it. Hotels offer wired and wireless access in the comfort of your own room. Some cities, like Sharm El Sheikh, are fully connected using wireless internet connectivity.

## FAST FACTS

**Weather and climate:** There's never a bad time to visit Egypt. It's always t-shirt weather in this part of the world. During the country's hot, dry summers, it's not unusual for temperatures to climb to as high as 38 (°C), with very little chance of rain. Spring and autumn are the most comfortable times to visit if you'd prefer less sticky highs in the mid-20s. The weather remains warm in winter. Temperatures rarely dropping below 20 even at the peak of the season.

**Language:** Egypt's official language is Arabic / **Currency:** The currency used in Egypt is Egyptian pounds (££). / **Local time:** Egypt is -6 hours of GMT/CST time. / **Flight time from China:** 9 hours. / **Main Airports:** Cairo, Alexandria, Luxor, Hurghada, and Sharm El-Sheikh. / **Visa & Health:** Before you travel, visit <http://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/egypt> for recommendations and advice on visas and health for your holiday to Egypt. / **Tourist Information:** Further Egypt tourist information can be found at [www.egypt.travel](http://www.egypt.travel)

## GETTING AROUND

**By minibus:** Each resort has a good network of minibuses operating around the main towns. These usually operate on a fixed route and you can call out to the driver when you want to get off. / **By taxi:** It's easy to flag down a taxi, but if they don't use the meter, then ensure you agree a price in advance and pay only at the end of the journey. / **By shuttle bus:** Many hotels operate shuttle buses into town or the nearest beach.

## EVENTS

**New Year:** The year starts with a bang with Pacha Sharm El-Sheikh's elaborate New Year's Eve party. / **Camel racing:** The South Sinai Camel Festival sees tribes from throughout Egypt gather at Sharm El-Sheikh, for entertaining camel races. / **Ramadan:** Throughout Egypt the fasting month of Ramadan is marked, although it won't be as disruptive in the resorts as elsewhere in the country. Immediately afterwards, the festivals of Eid al-Fitr, and later Eid al-Adha, are holidays when Egyptian families will often travel to resorts, so these are likely to be busier.

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