

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION EGYPT

## PASSPORT AND VISA INFORMATION

Your passport needs to be valid for **at least six (6) months** after your journey ends and should have a minimum of one (1) blank visa page for entry and exit stamps.

### **A tourist visa is required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into Egypt.**

There are currently three options available as outlined below. A&K recommends U.S. citizens obtain an electronic visa (eVisa).

#### Of Special Note: Canadian Passport Holders

Beginning December 1, 2024, Canadian passport holders will be able to obtain an electronic visa prior to travel or a visa on arrival in Egypt.

If you travel to Egypt before December 1, 2024, you will be required to obtain a visa stamp from an Egyptian embassy or consulate abroad prior to your arrival. E-visas issued for travel beginning October 1, 2023, will not be considered valid for entry into Egypt. Applicants must provide 2 passport photos and a copy of their day-by-day travel itinerary along with their visa application. Processing time is approximately 2-3 weeks. Canadian passport holders who reside in Ontario Province (except Ottawa), Quebec Province (except Gatineau) and the Eastern Provinces and Territories must apply for visas directly by mail or in person at the Consulate General of Egypt in Montreal, Quebec, at the address below.

#### **Consulate General of Egypt in Montreal**

1800 McGill College Avenue, Suite 900  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3A 3J6

Canadian passport holders residing elsewhere may apply for their visa stamp through our partner VisaCentral [visacentral.com/abercrombiekent](https://visacentral.com/abercrombiekent).

**Electronic Visa (eVisa):** To apply for an eVisa, visit [visa2egypt.gov.eg/eVisa/Home](https://visa2egypt.gov.eg/eVisa/Home). The current fee for a single-entry visa is USD \$25 (subject to change without notice) and requires a minimum of seven (7) days for processing. Read and follow all instructions carefully to ensure a smooth arrival in Egypt. If the visa application asks you to provide an email address for your host tour operator in Egypt, please use [akegypt@abercrombiekent.com.eg](mailto:akegypt@abercrombiekent.com.eg). You may also be required to upload documents (e.g. passport photo or copy of your passport information page) to complete the eVisa process. Please be aware that eVisas are valid for 90 days after issuance. Therefore do not apply for your eVisa too far in advance. If you experience technical problems with the eVisa website, try again a few hours later or the following day.

**Visa on Arrival:** A tourist visa can be obtained on arrival at Cairo International Airport (CAI). The current fee for a single-entry visa is USD \$25 (subject to change without notice) and must be paid in cash in U.S. dollars. *Please be aware that long lines are common.*

**Visa Stamp:** A visa stamp in your passport can be obtained either by applying directly to an Egyptian consulate or through a visa processing service. While there are additional costs involved in using a visa service, this option is available for guests who prefer assistance in the visa process. Please note that Egyptian consulates will often not accept visa applications submitted more than 30 days prior to your arrival in Egypt, so do not apply for your visa too early.

If you are asked to provide contact information for your local tour operator, please use:

#### **ABERCROMBIE & KENT EGYPT**

2 Talaat Harb Street – 7th Floor

Cairo  
Egypt  
Telephone: 011 2 02 2394 7701  
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Our partner VisaCentral offers easy, efficient passport and visa processing. Visit them online at [visacentral.com/abercrombiekent](http://visacentral.com/abercrombiekent) or call 844 823 1224 and reference A&K's account number 73001. Service fees apply.

Citizens of other countries should contact the appropriate consular office for entry requirements pertaining to their journey.

## YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION

A yellow fever vaccination is only required to enter Egypt if you are arriving from, or have transited through, a yellow fever-endemic area in South America or Africa. The CDC and WHO each provide a current list of all affected countries. If vaccination for yellow fever is necessary, you must carry an International Certificate of Vaccination provided by your physician; you may be denied entry without it. If your physician advises against receiving the vaccination because of your personal medical history, he or she can provide you with the necessary documentation for the country/countries you are visiting.

## CASH & CREDIT CARDS

Cash transactions can be made in either U.S. dollars or local currency. Major credit cards are widely accepted for goods and services. Access to ATM machines is widespread in cities and towns, but may be limited in rural areas.

## OF SPECIAL NOTE:

### Early Wake-Up Calls

In order to maximize sightseeing opportunities and avoid the extreme heat of the mid-day hours, most Egypt journeys include several days with very early wake-up calls.

### Photography

Please be aware that, due to security restrictions, drones and/or drone cameras are not permitted in Egypt.

## PACKING LIST & BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

For checked baggage on flights within Egypt, passengers are allowed one piece per person with a maximum weight of approximately 33 pounds (15 kilograms). For carry-on baggage, passengers are allowed one piece per person with a maximum weight of approximately 11 pounds (5 kilograms). These limitations are strictly enforced. Excess luggage can be stored at your hotel in Cairo.

Please use the provided A&K luggage tags, even if your bags already have ID tags. This makes it easier for A&K staff to collect and manage your luggage for you.

### Clothing

Choose versatile, casual clothing that can be layered if the weather (or level of air-conditioning) requires. Smart casual attire is appropriate for evenings and aboard Nile cruise vessels. Formal clothing is not necessary.

Temples, mosques and other religious sites require conservative dress. Both sexes should cover their arms, legs and shoulders (women should pack a scarf for this purpose.) Wear or carry a pair of socks when sightseeing, since shoes must be removed when visiting certain religious sites.

- Casual slacks
- Polo shirts, casual short-sleeve shirts or blouses
- Long comfortable skirts for women
- Sweater or lightweight jacket
- Brimmed hat for sun protection
- Sleepwear
- Socks
- Walking shorts
- Long sleeve shirts or blouses
- Scarf large enough to cover neck and shoulders for women
- Comfortable walking shoes with traction
- Foldable umbrella to use as sun shade
- Personal garments
- Swimwear/cover-up

Other Recommended Items

- Face masks and hand sanitizer
- Sunglasses
- Simple first-aid kit
- Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses
- Charging cables for electronics
- Sun block / Insect repellent
- Prescriptions and medications (in their original bottles and/or packaging)
- Smartphone
- Global travel adapter

Optional Items

- Small LED flashlight
- Small daypack or fanny pack
- Foldable walking stick

Note: We recommend that guests do not bring binoculars when travelling to Egypt. There have been reports of binoculars being confiscated upon arrival, resulting in delays at the airport or border crossings.

Laundry service is available at most hotels and aboard Nile cruise vessels. Dry cleaning is available in larger cities. Check costs and return times before using these services.

**TIPPING GUIDELINES**

While decisions regarding tipping rest entirely with you, we suggest the following gratuities (noted in U.S. dollars) depending on the type of journey.

	<b>All Small Group Journeys and Pre/Post Tour Group Extensions</b>	<b>Tailor Made and Signature/Private Journeys</b>
Resident Tour Director (Egyptologist) or Group Extension Guide	\$15 per person, per day	Not applicable
Local Guide (Egyptologist)	Not applicable	\$25 per person, per day (full day)
Drivers	Included	\$15 per person, per day (full day)
Airport Transfer Drivers	Included	\$5 per person, per transfer

Hotel Porters	Included	\$2 per bag
Nile Cruise Vessel (if applicable)	Included	\$10-\$15 per person, per day – Gratuities are accepted on board and shared among the staff.
Housekeepers	Included	\$2 per person, per night
Included Meals	Included	Included
Restaurants or Room Service on Own	10-15% unless already added	10-15% unless already added

For extra nights or Tailor Made services added to a Small Group Journey, please follow the Tailor Made Journeys guidelines for these days only.

Please Note: In Egypt it is extremely common to encounter restroom attendants in airports, bazaars, and other sites frequented by tourists. While not compulsory, it is customary to tip these individuals an amount in Egyptian Pounds equal to approximately .25 to .50 cents.