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TOURS & TRAVEL SERVICES

Egypt, the ideal holiday destination, was always the life dream of all travelers, around the world. Now, **Princess Egypt** has taken the responsibility of making that dream come true.

Through our years in tourism industry, we have directed all our potentials, assets and personal skills to assure our guests of the vicarious thrill of traveling, which turned to be our most rewarding aspects that make it all worthwhile.

Travel smart with Princess Egypt...

Princess Egypt offers a wide selection of tours and holiday packages, throughout all Egypt, beside our especially Tailor Made tours, all aimed at a variety of budgets, interests, and timeframes.

All our tours are always available for you to join. No matter how big is your party, you will touch our VIP top quality service.

Whether you are a backpacker on a budget or an executive staying at the Hilton, we will always have the honor and the pleasure of providing you with our services, to assure you of a very pleasant and unforgettable trip.

Our reasonable prices are wonderfully set to be very competitive in order to meet the budget of all our guests, which is one of the reasons why we value ourselves in being the best among our competitors, and of course these prices do not influence the quality of our services, at all.

(TRAVEL TIPS)

Clothes

Don't wear anything too revealing around most places in Egypt. Make it conservative unless you welcome the attention that skimpy clothing will garner. People in some cities and rural areas are not used to seeing a lot of skin (even with men), so please cover up unless you're on the beach in a coastal resort like Sharm El-Sheikh or Hurgada where this is more the norm. In areas like Islamic and Coptic Cairo you should respect local custom by wearing more conservative clothing.

Archeological Sites

Do have a guide with you when exploring archeological sites in the desert. You can get lost and that isn't funny.
Do stay with your guide at all times as some sites are in critical condition and have areas that are in danger of collapse.
Do wear a hat or scarf and sunscreen to protect yourself from the sun when visiting in summer.
Don't climb on or touch any of the monuments.
Don't take photographs where you're not supposed to – the flash from your camera may cause irreparable damage.

Public Transportation

Ladies... do sit next to other women on public transportation.
Ladies... do enter the car assigned for women only (first two cars) on the metro, as other cars may be too crowded.
Do bargain the amount you will have to pay the taxi driver before getting in as some take advantage of tourists (but no fighting, please).
Do shout out the name of the location that you're going to when hailing a taxi.
Do look both ways before crossing the street even if the sign says, "walk".
Don't get on overcrowded buses. It's anything but comfortable.

Ladies

Do be prepared for unwanted attention especially if you're traveling alone. You'll probably be hissed or whistled at in the streets on a fairly regular basis. If you just ignore, there shouldn't be any problems. Egyptians just like to have fun.



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Do try not to walk by yourself, always have someone with you, especially if it's down a dark alley. Crime is extremely rare but, just as should always be the case, why take unnecessary chances.

Don't act too friendly toward men you barely know as it could be misunderstood.

Don't talk back to attempts by strangers to talk to you – simply ignore them.

Couples

Do feel free to walk arm-in-arm or, at most, holding hands. (Same sex couples should be even more discrete as homosexuality is far less accepted in Egypt as it is in Western countries).

Don't hug or kiss in public as it may cause problems. Again, holding hands should be as far as you go in public.

Don't be surprised if you see Egyptian men walking arm-in-arm or holding hands as a sign of friendship.

Entering Mosques

Ladies... do wear something to cover your hair when entering a mosque (most mosques provide a scarf for covering your hair at the entrance).

Do wear long decent clothes, covering legs and arms. (This includes men!).

Do take off your shoes before entering or wear shoe covers which can be obtained at the entrance of some mosques.

Do respect the mosques, they are sacred places, and any attempts of smoking, drinking, or sexual behavior in or around a mosque will not be tolerated.

Don't go where you're not supposed to for a couple of reasons:

1. Egypt is one of a just a few Islamic countries that allow non-Muslims into their mosques so staying in designated areas will help preserve this privilege for future visitors.

2. Some of the mosques are very old and some areas may be in need of repair.

Don't visit during prayer time.

Swimming

Ladies... do wear swimming suits on beaches, but survey your surroundings a bit first. Some places are not used to seeing that many tourists and that quick glance around will let you know if others are wearing bathing suits.

Do wear sunscreen at all times – the Egyptian sun can be merciless at times.

Don't sunbathe topless – it is not common in Egypt and it may cause too much attention.

Don't swim wherever there's a black flag up as it means the water is too rough. In the north coast the sea can sometimes be quite dangerous.

Snorkeling and Diving

Do put sunscreen lotion.

Do stay with your guide, it's not fun getting lost underwater.

Do bring an underwater camera so you can share the amazing things you see with your friends when you get back home.

Don't touch the fish – not all are friendly or harmless.

Don't break, take, or remove any of the coral.

Don't drink and dive!

Don't feed the fish.

Don't fish.

Off-Reading

Don't go off the beaten track without a guide. There are still some landmines buried out there in some parts of the Sinai and the North Coast and not all are marked.

Don't go too far without a guide. The desert here is vast and you can too easily lose your bearings.



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Money

Do use common sense.

Do exchange your money in banks or exchange offices.

Do carry around a lot of change: it can be useful when tipping and bargaining. (Only tip when you feel that the person deserves it – just like back home.)

Do use traveler's checks and credit cards – they are accepted in most tourist areas.

Don't carry around a lot of money. That isn't common, but one can never be too sure.

Don't put your money or wallet in your back pocket when entering busy or crowded places.

Don't show that you have money.

Photographing

Do take lots of films or extra memory cards - you'll want to take pictures of everything you see.

Don't take photographs of military areas, bridges, embassies, or airports.

Don't use flash photography when photographing ancient monuments.

Don't photograph crowded areas or packed buses or street litter, as some people can be offended.

Don't take your cameras where you won't be using it - entrance fees for cameras cost more than for people.

Driving

Do carry your international driver's license at all times when driving.

Do avoid coming close to buses and other forms of public transportation. If you want to pass them, make sure they know you're there by flashing your lights and honking your horn.

Do check for crossing cars and pedestrians at all times - even when you have a green light.

Do what the traffic policemen say - even if it goes against what you've been doing all your life.

Don't try to come close to diplomatic convoys - reduce your speed and keep away.

Don't exceed 100 km/hr on highways.

Time

GMT+3 (in summer), GMT+2 (in winter).

Voltage

220 Volts. Sockets are of the European, 2pronged variety. If taking a hairdryer or camcorder, be sure to pack a power adaptor.

Customs

You may bring in modest amounts of anything for personal use, except, obviously, illicit drugs, weapons and items of an obscene or subversive nature. Up to one liter of alcohol, 200 cigarettes and a reasonable quantity of perfume is permitted. In addition, you may purchase one liter of alcohol upon arrival at Cairo International Airport Duty free shop and another 3 liters along with 3 packs of cigarettes within 48 hours from any of the duty free shops around Cairo.

Duty Free Shops upon departure offer shoppers a reasonable range of spirits, cigarettes, perfumes and gifts. Alcohols and cigarettes are cheaper than all European Duty Free prices.



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(GENERAL INFO)

Entry Visas and Passports Validity

All visitors to Egypt must hold a current passport with at least 6 months validation. Visas for a stay of one month may be obtained from all Egyptian Consulates or upon entry to Egypt. This is cost 15.00 USD (for most nationalities).

Services & Government Offices

Government offices, including post offices, are open from 08:00AM - 03:00PM, Sunday through Thursday, are closed Fridays & Saturdays and on national holidays. Shops are open daily from 09:00AM - 01:00PM, and from 04:00PM - 09:00PM, with some shops closed on Sundays.

How to Come?

Egypt can be reached by all means of transportation, air, sea and land. There are direct flights from all over Europe, New York, the Middle East, most of Africa and some of the Far East countries. Otherwise, connections can be made mainly in Europe. Besides the main international Airport at Cairo (which has three terminals, one for the local Airline and the other for almost all other international airlines) there are airports receiving international flights at Alexandria, Hurgada, Sharm El-Sheikh and Luxor. Most tourists prefer to arrive at Cairo airport then find their way around the country but most charter flights from Europe, head directly to other smaller airports.

Any port on the Mediterranean Sea, can be a starting point for a ship to Alexandria or Port Said. Alexandria, is the more common choice. There are also ferries traveling from Saudi Arabia and Jordan crossing the Red Sea to Nuweiba.

Land travel to Egypt can be achieved from all countries in North Africa through Libya or from the Middle East countries through Israel. Sudan is also a common land entry point for most of the middle and southern African countries.

Demography

Over population is Egypt's most immense problem, with 80 million people, it is the most populous nation in the Arab World, and next to Nigeria, it has the second highest population in Africa. From 6 millions in the year 1880. The annual growth rate is 2.2% while, thanks to the Family Organization Program (FOP), it dropped 6% from the 1985 rate. Nevertheless, this amounts to over one million people each year.

Egypt is a highly centralized country, 96% of the population lives on only 4% of the land, and due to the rapid urbanization of the past two decades, 18 millions of the 63 live in the Greater Cairo area, and 6 millions live in Alexandria, while the rest are scattered along the Nile Valley. Despite the improvement of Egypt's Economy, the increase in GNP is immediately consumed by the increase in population, in other words, if the population growth rate does not decrease significantly, there is no way the economy will improve.

The government is trying, in vain, to cope with exploding population, in terms of schools, health facilities, accommodation etc. The past five years have also witnessed effective attempts of decentralization, residential areas have been constructed outside Cairo, as well as highways to take you to and from Cairo.

Economy

The four pillars of the Egyptian economy are oil and gas, Suez Canal revenues, remittances from Egyptians working abroad and tourism. The resources are vast, but the ever-increasing population eats them all up. Egypt had been a feudalist economy for a very long time and prior to the revolution of 1952, its economy was based primarily on farming, with very little industry.

The 1960's saw an increase in industrialization with the construction of the Aswan High Dam. Under Gamal Abd-El Nasser's socialist regime, the majority of large industries were nationalized. In the 1970's President Anwar El-Sadat introduce his "Open Door Policy" which encouraged a free market as well as trade with Europe and the United States. This gradual economic reform has been continued by President Hosni Mubarak and the 1990's have witnessed a high degree of privatization, in an effort to diminish Nasser's public-sector and introduce a new flourishing private-sector with its own new stock exchange in down town.



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Currency

The Egyptian currency is the pound. It comes in half-pound notes & coins, one-pound notes & coins, five-pound notes, ten-pound notes, twenty-pound notes, fifty-pound notes, one hundred-pound notes and two hundred-pound notes.

Weather

Mainly hot & dry. Temperatures exceed 38C during summer (from May to September) with extremes of up to 50C. From the late November to February temperatures range from 15-25C on the Mediterranean coast to 20-30C in Aswan in the South. During winter nights, temperatures can plummet to 10C on the coast in Cairo. In the desert and the mountains of Sinai, days are scorching hot, but bitterly cold at night. Alexandria in the north receives the most rain (200mm per year), whilst Aswan in the south has received an average of 10mm in the last 5 years.

(Booking Conditions)

Tour Price

Princess Egypt tour prices are quoted according to the season of travel, program inclusions and hotel / cruise category.

Reservation

Princess Egypt requires a 50% deposit of the total price payable to us at the time of booking. The remaining balance is due six weeks prior to departure date for groups. Individuals can pay the remaining balance when arrive to Egypt.

Travel Delays

Princess Egypt is not responsible for travel delays prior to departure or during your tour that are brought about by technical difficulties, strikes, bad weather, or any means beyond our control. Sometimes weather or Nile River traffic delays can alter the tour itinerary. These alterations do not constitute a refund.

Refunds (Unused Services)

No refund will be issued to you for any unused services, included in your tour. Please note that some suppliers (hotel, cruises, airlines, transportations and tour guides) do not refund Princess Egypt Thus Princess Egypt will not be able to refund you this portion.

Representatives and Egyptologist/Tour Guides

Princess Egypt will provide you with a Local Representative and Tour Guide, unless otherwise indicated.

Hotel/Cruises

Princess Egypt reserves the right to switch hotel/cruise accommodation at any time, but ensures the switch will be made to the same category of hotel/cruise available at that time.

Passports/Visas

Passengers are responsible in ensuring that they are in possession of the correct travel documents upon departure and they have met all health requirements. Please check with the nearest consulate office for information concerning travel visas before you travel and if you are required to obtain this or any other document in advance.

Liabilities

Princess Egypt will make every effort to ensure that all travel arrangements and services, connected with the tour, will be carried out as specified. However, in some instances we do not have direct control over the provision of services by suppliers and we do not accept liability for errors and omissions of such suppliers.



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For any package that includes International air fare, 50% of total cost will be required within one week after confirmation, to protect your air space, otherwise the airline will release your seats.

Cancellation fees

15% per cancellation fees per person in case you canceled your reservation 61 days or more before the date of the tour.

25% of total charge Cancellation fees applied if you cancel your reservation 60 days or less before the date of the tour.

50% of total charge Cancellation fees applied if you cancel your reservation 21 days or less before the date of the tour.

100% of total charge Cancellation fees applied if you cancel your reservation 07 days or less before the date of the tour.

Cancellation

All cancellations must be made in writing to us prior to your departure date. A cancellation fee will be charged based on the percentage of the total tour price. In the event that you should cancel after your departure date, no portion of the tour price will be refunded.

Tour Price Does Not Include

The tour price does not include Entrance fees, International airfares, Airport taxes, Cost of entry visas and/or any travel document, Phone calls, Laundry service, Meals, Beverages, and any other item of a personal nature that are not shown in the itinerary presented to you.

Special Requests

Please specify any special requests you may have at the time of your booking. We will accept your personal requests with your understanding that we will make every effort to comply. Although, we cannot guarantee that they will be met.

Responsibility Waiver

Princess Egypt acts as a tour operator only. Our tours and arrangements are the sole property of Princess Egypt and cannot be reproduced in any form. In addition, Princess Egypt will not be held liable for any loss, damage, injury, delay, or any other irregularity that may be occasioned by any defect in any vehicle, accident, or any other form of error or default of any company and/or person engaged in conveying passengers, carrying out the arrangements of the tour, or otherwise in connection therewith.