

Top Golf Courses

CAIRO

The Allegria Golf Course

Designer:	Greg Norman	Par:	72
Holes:	18	Length:	7,205 yards

Dreamland Golf & Swiss Inn Resort

Designer:	Karl Litten & David Jones	Par:	72
Holes:	27	Length:	7,205 yards (Championship Course)

JW Marriott, Mirage City Golf

Designer:	Peter Harradine	Par:	72
Holes:	27	Length:	7,108 yards (Championship Course)

Katameya Dunes

Designer:	Nick Faldo	Par:	72
Holes:	27 (Integrated)	Length:	7,400 yards (Championship Course)

Katameya Heights Golf & Tennis Resort

Designer :	Yves Bureau	Par:	72
Holes:	27 Holes	Length:	6,800 yards (Championship Course)

Palm Hills Golf Course

Designer:	Jack Nicklaus	Par:	72
Holes:	18 Holes	Length:	7,264 yards

RED SEA

El Gouna Golf Club

Designer:	Gene Bates and Fred Couples	Par:	72
Holes:	18	Length:	6,855 yards

La Residence des Cascades

Designer:	Gary Player	Par:	72
Holes:	18	Length:	6,998 yards

Sokhna Golf Club

Designer:	John Sanford and Tim Lobb	Par:	72
Holes:	27 (Integrated)	Length:	6,968 yards (Championship Course)

Madinat Makadi Golf Resort

Designer:	John Sanford	Par:	72
Holes:	18	Length:	7500 yards

Stella Di Mare Golf Hotel, Spa & Country Club

Designer:	Karl Litten	Par:	72
Holes:	18	Length:	7109 yards

SINAI

Maritim Jolie Ville Golf Resort

Designer:	John Sanford	Par:	72
Holes:	18	Length:	6,500 yards

Golf Tournaments

Egypt has a rich history in tournament golf. The Egyptian National Open is the oldest professional competition in the Middle East dating back to 1921 and has been the building block for many a career, most notably players such as Bobby Locke and Gary Player participating in the competition in the early part of their respective careers. In recent years, the tournament has been graced by the presence of Collin Montgomery in 2009 and by current world number one, Rory McIlroy participating in the event when it was last held in 2010 at JW Marriott, Mirage City Golf. The event was won that year by Mark Tullo. The total prize fund was US\$250,000.

Most recently, Egypt has continued its hosting of international golf competitions by being a regular in both the Alps and Pro Golf Tour schedules, and with building blocks in place to create a developmental tour to cover the Mediterranean region, Egypt is fast establishing itself as a winter base for professionals and top amateurs alike.

Air Access

Cairo International Airport is Egypt's busiest airport and the primary hub for the national carrier Egypt Air. The airport is located to the northeast of the city and nearby the East Cairo cluster of golf courses. Cairo Airport has connections to 75 destinations with airlines including: Air France, British Airways, Emirates, KLM, Lufthansa and Turkish Airlines.

The Red Sea airports of **Hurghada** and **Sharm el-Sheikh** are the second and third busiest airports in Egypt after Cairo and are popular with many of Europe's low cost carriers and charter flights including: easyJet, Air Berlin, Thomson Airways and Thomas Cook.

Accommodation

In the country's major cities, the top names among Western hotel chains have been established for a long time. And numerous establishments across all categories offer a great range of choices.

World Leading hotel chains also have properties across the country, including Marriott, Hilton, Sofitel, Fairmont, Movenpick, Swiss Inn and Steigenberger to name a few.

General Information

- Passports should be valid for at least 6 months
- Visa can be obtained at any Egyptian Airport upon arrival (for EU citizens)
- Dress code for visits of mosques (no shorts or short sleeves)
- Voltage 220V

Nightlife

There are many activities for tourists to enjoy in Egypt at night and there are many cities outside Cairo that offer a wide variety of night spots like Sharm el Sheikh. There are a variety of clubs, discos, casinos and bars.

Coffee shops and local hangouts in Egypt are open until the early hours of the morning serving sheesha, food and hot beverages.

Bars and clubs usually start to fill up around 10pm, and some of them shut their doors by 2am, while others remain open until 4am and beyond.

Weather

Egypt lies within the dry tropical region, except for the northern parts that lie within the warm moderate region with a climate similar to the Mediterranean. This is characterised by hot dry summers and moderate winters, with little rainfall.

Language

Arabic (official), English and French are widely spoken in all cities and resorts popular with visitors.

Culture & Customs

One of the significant characteristics of Egyptian culture is its celebration of various festivals and events. The year is filled with colourful, exhilarating and exciting activities.

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