



GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE COURSE LOCATION - EGYPT

1 Visa requirements

To enter Egypt you will need a local visa which you can buy on arrival, for some nationalities it is require obtaining this visa before arrival.

Please inquire about your particular visa requirements at your local consulate, to find out about the closest consulate/embassy near you visit:

<http://www.egyptiancastle.com/main/information/embassy01.htm>

If you are buying the visa on arrival, you should go straight to the bank counters ate the arrival hall and buy a 15.00 USD visa stamp and it is better if you come with US dollars.

Glue it on an empty page of your passport and proceed with your arrival card filled out to the immigration lines. This tourist visa allows a 30 days tourist stay

2 Flight information

If you require assistance on your traveling plans, we can help you out with connections to Hurghada trough Germany, Austria, France & Italy

Tickets prices varies during the year from 350.00 to 550.00 Euros round trip

3 Arrival

If you inform us about your arrival we can arrange our staff to pick you up at the airport. In this case after you exit the luggage hall you should look for the Euro-Divers Egypt representative standing outside the arrival hall and carrying a Euro-Divers Logo.

According to religion and law in Egypt you must not bring any items of the following: pornographic materials, drugs, pork products or weapons such as harpoons, spear fishing equipment knives etc.

Our representative will bring you to the dive center to store your gear and will take to your accommodation.

4 Accommodation

If you cannot find your flat we can help you on finding one trough the local real state offices, accommodation around Hurghada or El Gouna, a studio in El Gouna or a studio with kitchen and bathroom will cost around 2,000.00 EGP/month, in Hurghada you can get a two bedroom for this price, for more information on available flats and rates, please visit:

<http://www.iraidaestateagency.com>

5 Food

Close to Club Med El Gouna (Downtown area 15 minutes walk) you will find supermarkets, restaurants and coffee shops to any appetite type.

During the IDC you will able to have only lunch at the hotel buffet at a cost of 5.00 Euros per meal or bring your own food and eat in the classroom.



6 Currency Exchange Rate

The basic unit of currency is the Egyptian pound divided into 100 piasters. Banknotes: 25, 50(piasters), 1, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 & 200 (Egyptian pounds), the exchange rate for your reference as **2nd January 2012** > 1 Euro = 7.80 EGP

For update rates in all currencies visit: <http://www.oanda.com/convert/classic>

7 What to wear

For the daytime it is fine to wear nice and clean shorts and T-shirts, for the evenings you should bring some shoes suitable for temperatures ranging 25-30 Celsius. Some of our restaurants and bars outside the hotel are with air condition so don't forget to put long trousers and a jumper in your luggage.

In case you come to work for us in winter season (Nov-Mar) you should not forget a winter jacket as well as a wooly hat, socks and comfortable shoes as the wind is very cold in winter and warm under clothing is highly recommended.

The sun is very strong here in the summer season so don't forget sun protection and a baseball cap or so to get over the first few weeks without burning yourself badly.

8 Keeping in touch with friends and family

It will not be a problem for you to get in touch with your family and friends as we have internet cafes around town and WI-LAN in the hotel by buying an access card, you can also buy a USB modem and connect anywhere where is a phone signal with a 3G network.

Mobile SIM cards are available and a phone with a pre-paid line will cost you +/- 30.00 Euros

9 Your Contacts in Egypt

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