

Prioritizing You

Safety and
Health
Regulations



The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has led to a redefinition of public health and safety regulations to curb the spread of the virus. To safeguard the wellbeing of our citizens and visitors and ensure the continuity of tourism operations in a responsible manner, we provide guidelines that enable this, and aim to regularly update them per global pandemic developments. Through them, we also aim to guide businesses through these unprecedented times as they navigate the new normal, and we help you understand how you can make your stay and your visits to public settings safe and secure for yourself and everyone else involved.

What this document will inform you on

A set of guidelines were put together to outline our mandatory safety practices as Egypt continues to welcome international visitors and looks to enable both visitors' and citizens' movement across transportation and logistics services, lodgings, commercial hotspots, and heritage sites.

Assembly: These guidelines were developed by The Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities (MoTA) in coordination with the Ministry of Civil Aviation, the Ministry of Health and Population (MoH), and the Egyptian Tourism Federation. All precautionary measures and hygiene safety regulations included follow the guidelines of the World Health Organization (WHO).

Our efforts to safeguard your wellbeing

A Vaccinated Workforce: To enhance the safety of your interactions with staff across our touristic governorates¹ in popular areas that include but are not limited to hotels, resorts, cafes, restaurants, and bazaars, all staff members have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Hygiene Safety Certificate: Now a pre-requisite for hospitality and tourism establishments and activities, archeological sites, and museums, the Hygiene Safety Certificate ensures the implementation of correct health and safety practices across these entities.

Periodic Inspections: Joint committees have been formed by the MoTA in cooperation with the MoH to conduct regular inspections of certified hotels. As of November 2021, five international companies specialized in health and hygiene safety measures, in cooperation with the Ministry, the Egyptian Tourism Federation (ETF) and the Egyptian Hotels Association (EHA), have also started inspecting hotels. Violations result in the suspension of the establishment's license.

Health and safety requirements for an enjoyable experience in Egypt

¹ Egypt's touristic governorates: Red Sea, South Sinai, Luxor, Aswan, Cairo, and Alexandria

Before travelling to Egypt, you must also be prepared with one of the following:

- A vaccination certificate that has a valid QR code or is certified from the Egyptian embassy/consulate at the country of departure. The vaccine received must be approved by the WHO and the Egyptian Drug Authority, and you must have received the second dose for vaccinations requiring two doses (Moderna, AstraZeneca, Sputnik V, Sinovac, and Sinopharm) or the first dose for vaccinations requiring only one dose (Johnson & Johnson and Sputnik light) at least 14 days prior to entering Egypt.
- If a vaccination certificate is unavailable, you must submit a certified negative PCR, Antigen Rapid Test, or ID NOW test result that was performed at your country of departure a maximum of 72 hours prior to the departure of your direct flight to Egypt.
- All COVID-19 detection tests are available at international Egyptian ports

Costs of Tests in Main Touristic Cities¹

USD 30 (or equivalent) PCR	EGP 225 (or equivalent) Antigen rapid test	EGP 1000 (or equivalent) ID NOW COVID-19 test
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*The above requirements do not apply to children under the age of 12

Why you should wear your mask in closed spaces

Face masks limit the spread of droplets which are the primary carrier of the COVID-19 virus. This is why we require you to wear them in indoor spaces; on touristic buses, taxis, commercial passenger transport, and aircrafts; at airports; and inside archeological museums. Remain conscious in other locations especially if they are closed, avoid crowds, and if in doubt, always opt to protect your health and wellbeing by wearing your mask.

What do you do if you show symptoms or test positive for COVID-19 during your stay in Egypt?

Notify your hotel management immediately; all hotels in Egypt’s touristic governorates have an on-call doctor and a clinic. Hotels in Egypt are also required to report any positive COVID-19 cases to the MoH.

¹Main touristic cities include: Sharm El-Sheikh, Hurghada, Marsa Alam, Taba, Luxor and Aswan

What happens next?

You will be guided to a designated floor in your hotel or an area in its vicinity that has been readied to quarantine minor, non-critical, or suspected COVID-19 cases. The hotel will cover the cost of your lodging, food, and soft drinks if you test positive and are showing minor or non-critical symptoms of COVID-19. You must adhere to a mandatory five-day self-isolation period; if proof of a negative PCR examination is produced on the sixth day, your self-isolation period will end. If you test positive again, you will be asked to remain in isolation for another five days, with no need for additional examinations afterwards.

Critical cases will be immediately moved to hospitals, where the MoH will cover the cost of medication and treatment until you fully recover.

What happens if you miss your scheduled flight out of Egypt?

- If you have arrived on a chartered flight, you will be able to take an alternative flight in coordination with your travel agent.
- If you have arrived on Egyptian airlines, an alternative flight will be provided (on the same airline initially booked) with no penalties incurred.

What happens if you were in close contact or shared a room with someone who tested positive?

You will undergo a free medical examination by the MoH and you are allowed to remain at your hotel with no extra charges if you wish to continue your trip. All precautionary measures set by the MoH must be followed.

Our additional recommendations

- If you are exhibiting any symptoms of illness before travel, postpone your trip and contact your healthcare provider. Exercise responsibility and protect yours and others' wellbeing
- Be mindful of your surroundings and avoid crowded areas
- Leave safe distances between yourself and others (a minimum of 1 meter) and regularly wash your hands especially if you have touched high contact surfaces

Please note that: If you have tested positive with COVID-19 and wish to travel back to your country of residence, you will be doing so at your own responsibility and by coordinating with your travel agent.

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