



Hurghada, Luxor and Marsa Alam

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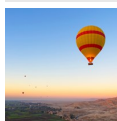
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Like so many of the towns and cities of Egypt, Hurghada, Luxor and Marsa Alam are living history museums. The three cities are positioned as corners of a triangle in the Eastern Desert. Hurghada, a former fishing harbour, stretches 15 miles along the waterfront and is the perfect area for water sports. Marsa Alam is found by the Red Sea coast and tourism is just starting to make an impact. The city of Luxor, with its jaw-droppingly beautiful monuments built by the hands of ancient craftsmen, lies 150 miles inland on the banks of the River Nile.

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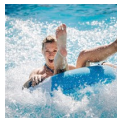
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HURGHADA



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Hurghada has been home to fishing communities for centuries and remained unchanged until the 1990's when tourists discovered this idyllic village. With wide stretches of beaches along the coastline, sea waters that were relatively safe and great for watersports, the city was, and still is, ideal for tourism. Today, it is a busy, sprawling town divided into two main areas, the Old Town Ad-Dahar to the north, and Sigala to the south. Each affords a wide range of hotels and restaurants catering for all tastes and tourist attractions.

LUXOR



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Luxor was the capital of Egypt around 1500-1000 BC and has over the years seen astonishing numbers of palaces and temples been built here. Because the structures were built of granite and sandstone they still remain to this day. Among the "must-sees" are: the Luxor Temple (which

dates to the Amenhotep III and Ramses II periods), the complex of temples known as the Karnack Temples, the Luxor Museum, the Mummification Museum, (which is first of its kind in the world), the Funerary Temples and the two valleys of the Kings and Queens.

MARSA ALAM



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Marsa Alam still has the air of an unspoilt village, which makes it an ideal base for those looking for a quieter break. It is located within a three to four hour drive of both Luxor and Hurghada. Tourism has found Marsa Alam basically because of its location on the banks of the Red Sea. Here you can go on boat trips to watch multi-coloured fish, dolphins, turtles and the coral reefs that lie just offshore. The popularity has grown so much in the past years that it now has its own an airport and an increasing number of luxury resort style accommodations.

DO & SEE



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Mummification Museum



The Mummification Museum in Luxor is the best place to learn about the secrets of the pharaohs. Take your time to reflect and dwell upon ancient Egyptian history, culture and traditions surrounding the funerary process, the very key element in ancient Egyptian belief systems.

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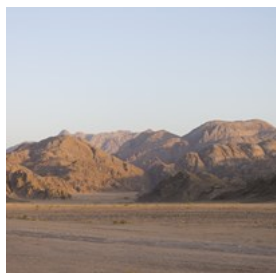
Address: Corniche el-Nil, Luxor

Opening hours: Every day 9am - 9pm

Phone: +20 95 2370062

More Info: Opposite Mina Palace Hotel

Red Sea Mountain Trail



Inspired by the award-winning Sinai Trail and founded by the local Kushmaan Bedouin tribe, the Red Sea Mountain Trail spans 170 km,

taking you into less explored territory and wild landscapes that were once part of trade, shepherd and smuggling routes. A Bedouin guide will accompany you through the entire 10 day-long hike, but there are easier alternative routes that can be taken anytime.

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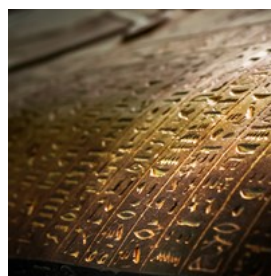
Address: Red Sea Mountain Trail, El Dahar, Hurghada

Opening hours: Daily 7am-Sunset

Phone: +2 0111 513 5758

Email: redseamountaintrail@gmail.com

Luxor Museum



This museum features a large display of statues and artefacts dating back hundreds of centuries. Most of the exhibits were found in local temples, while some originate from Tutankhamum's tomb.

Photo: Ram Kay/Shutterstock.com

Address: Center Corniche Ave, Luxor

Phone: Every day 9am - 4pm, 5pm - 10pm

El Gouna



El Gouna is a purpose-designed resort, which features award-winning architecture. Here you can find gourmet

restaurants, nightclubs, sports and leisure activities including the Red Sea's first marina and a fine golf course, beaches, spas and special attractions for children.

Photo: Aliaksei Smalenski/Shutterstock.com

Address: El Gouna, Hurghada

Phone: +20 65 3549 702

Internet: www.elgouna.com

Email: info@elgouna.com

Blue Paradise Diving Centre



Blue Paradise Diving Centre is a diving centre that offers holiday-makers a chance to dive and snorkel in the Red Sea and see coral reefs, dolphins and turtles. All diving is carried out under professional supervision.

Photo: dive-hive/Shutterstock.com

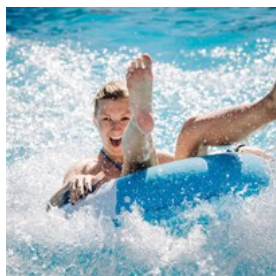
Address: 14 El Korneesh Street, Hurghada

Phone: +20 65 354 43 54

Internet: www.blueparadise.be

Email: info@blueparadise.be

Makadi Water World



Makadi Water World is a fun water park with 50 different slides for both kids and adults including a 19 meters free-fall slide, tunnel slides, mini rainbow and elephant slides just to name a few. You can easily spend some hours here.

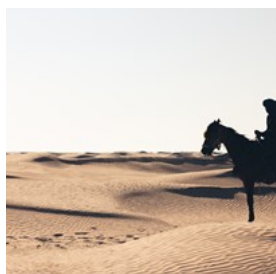
Photo: Andrei Bortnikau/Shutterstock.com

Address: Makadi Bay, Madinat Makadi, Hurghada

Opening hours: Every day 10am - 5pm

Phone: +20 65 3590225

Horse Riding Hurghada



Try out a one or two-hour horse riding session and admire the spectacular scenery of the Eastern desert. They provide multiple levels of

difficulty, from beginners to professional riders and even child-friendly ponies. There are also safaris to the mountains which include a packed lunch and drinks.

Photo: Bondar Illia/Shutterstock.com

Address: Mira Farm and Horse Rescue, Hurghada

Phone: +20 100 940 2320 / +20 127 768 0027

Internet: www.horseriding-hurghada-egypt.com

Email: info@horseriding-hurghada-egypt.com

Mahmya



Mahmya is an eco-tourism haven with white sandy beaches and clear blue waters. This is a beautiful place to relax and good for snorkelling.

It is described as an exotic escape that will give you memories for life.

Photo: Laila Stern/Shutterstock.com

Address: Giftun Island, Hurghada

Phone: +20 653 453 040

Internet: www.mahmya.com

Sharm El Naga



Sharm El Naga resort is located 40 km from Hurgada and is a peaceful bay. The resort is best known for its beautiful coral reefs and

its crystal clear water. This is a great place to snorkel and to dive.

Photo: Ivabalk/Shutterstock.com

Address: Sharm El Naga, Hurghada

Phone: +20 109 312 0754

Internet: www.sharmelnaga.com

Email: info@sharmelnaga.com

Temple Of Karnak



Temple Of Karnak is a must-see attraction and a vast open-air museum. The complex is not only comprised of three main temples of Mut, Monthu

and Amun but also of chapels, pylons, and other buildings. The Second Pylon of Karnak was built by Ramesses II. You can easily spend two to three hours here.

Photo: serpetko/Shutterstock.com
Address: Temple Of Karnak, Luxor

Tomb Of Ramses VI



Another must-see attraction! This amazing, jaw dropping tomb of Ramses VI has perfect paintings from top to bottom and it is large. It is said that this tomb is one of the best in the Valley of the Kings and is definitely worth a visit.

Photo: Anton Belo/Shutterstock.com
Address: Valley of the Kings, West Bank, Luxor

Allée des Sphinx



Allée des Sphinx dates back to around 380 BC and is a avenue of human headed sphinxes - the body of a lion and with the head of king Nectanebo. The avenue is 2.7 kilometers long and leads to Luxor Temple.

Photo: Raimonds Romans raymoonds/Shutterstock.com
Address: Allée des Sphinx, Luxor
More Info: Between the Karnak and Luxor temples

Sindbad Hot Air Balloons



Experience a unique and unforgettable balloon adventure in the Luxor region. A great way to see most of the monuments of Thebes and enjoy the unbeatable view of Luxor and the Nile River. The

crew and pilot are professional and knowledgeable. Get your camera ready!

Photo: Aaron_Northcott/Shutterstock.com
Address: 37 Abdel Hamed El-Omda, Luxor
Phone: +20 952 272 960
Internet: www.sindbadballoons.com
Email: info@sindbadballoons.com

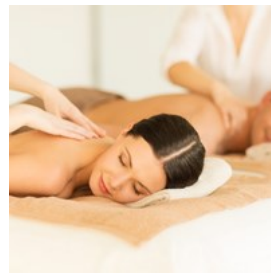
Sharm El Luli



This is a paradise and is located some 60 km south of Marsa Alam town - about half way to Berenice. The white Caribbean sand, the coral trees and the stunning fish attracts tourist to visit Sharm El Luli. Perfect beach to snorkel and dive.

Photo: irene valentini/Shutterstock.com
Address: Sharm El Luli, Marsa Alam

Spa



Six Senses Spa is located at The Palace Port Ghalib, just five minutes from Marsa Alam International Airport on the Red Sea. Here you can enjoy a spa treatment in luxurious surroundings. They offer spa treatments such as "Hamam with Red Sea Salt Body Scrub", "Egyptian Body Olive Treatment", "Thai Herbal Massage" and "Six Senses Signature Facials".

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com
Address: The Palace Port Ghalib, Marsa Alam
Phone: +20 65 336 0000
Internet: www.sixsenses.com
More Info: Six Senses Spa at Intercontinental the Palace Port Ghalib Resort

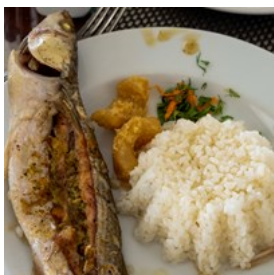
DINING



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There is plenty of choice when dining out in Hurghada, Luxor or Marsa Alam. Restaurants that feature international cuisine such as Italian, French and Chinese can be found everywhere. If you want to experience a true Egyptian experience you should try koshari, a local dish made from pasta and tomatoes, or dishes such as hummus or fuul made from mashed beans. If you are unsure, try a meze (selection) of different dishes.

El Halaka (Hurghada)



El Halaka offers a wide selection of fresh fish on both set menus and á la carte options. They have friendly service and excellent desserts.

Located opposite the Fish Market.

Photo: Mister_Knight/Shutterstock.com
Address: Fish Market, Hurghada
Opening hours: Every day 12pm - 12am
Phone: +20 100 456 2800
Internet: asmak-elhalaka.business.site

The Heaven Restaurant (Hurghada)



The Heaven Restaurant is considered to be one of the best restaurants in Hurghada. Here you can enjoy the most amazing view accompanied by delicious food and excellent service.

Photo: rocharibeiro/Shutterstock.com
Address: Hurghada Marina Boulevard, Hurghada
Opening hours: Every day 12pm - 1am
Phone: +20 1222 428 204
Email: heaven1october@hotmail.com

Puddleduck Bar & Restaurant (Hurghada)



Puddleduck Bar & Restaurant offers fabulous food and comes well-recommend from both tourists and locals. The menu changes frequently to make sure availability and freshness of products. They have great service and a lovely atmosphere.

Photo: vsl/Shutterstock.com
Address: Downtown, Kafr, El Gouna
Opening hours: Every day 11am - 11pm
Phone: +20 128 896 3841
Email: elgounapuddleduck@gmail.com

Moby Dick (Hurghada)



Moby Dick Restaurant is located in one of the most popular venues in the city. Here you can enjoy fresh seafood dishes plus an international menu in a friendly atmosphere.

Photo: Dejan Stanic Micko/Shutterstock.com
Address: Sheraton Street, Hurghada
Opening hours: every day 1pm - 12.30am

Phone: +20 65 3440050
Email: egyptmobydick@gmail.com

Caribbean Bar (Hurghada)



Caribbean Bar is part of the Bella Vista Hotel and has a lovely beach front location. The menu offers fresh salads and grilled delicacies as well as tasty drinks. Very relaxing atmosphere and friendly staff.

Photo: vetrovamaría/Shutterstock.com
Address: Sheraton Road, Hurghada
Opening hours: Every day 7am - 12am
Phone: +20 111 049 7436
More Info: Bella Vista Building

Samos (Hurghada)



This is a popular Greek restaurant with polite staff, good food and reasonable prices. If you are very hungry you have come to the right place, the portions are huge! The venue is open 24 hours.

Photo: diamant24/Shutterstock.com
Address: Sheraton Street, Hurghada
Phone: +20 100 329 9662
More Info: El Arosa Square

Al-Sahaby Lane Restaurant (Luxor)



The restaurant opened its doors in 1930 and has grown to be one of the most popular restaurants in the city ever since. Al-Sahaby restaurant serves a variety of international and authentic Egyptian and Bedouin food.

Photo: Dina Saeed/Shutterstock.com
Address: El Sahabi Street, Luxor
Opening hours: Every day 11am - 11pm
Phone: +20 95 2372386
More Info: Located in Nefertiti Hotel, Sidestreet of Karnak Temple Street

Pizza Roma-it (Luxor)



This busy restaurant provides authentic Italian food in the middle of Luxor. Pizza Roma-it has excellent prices, good food and good service. From the menu you can choose Italian entrees and of course delicious pizza.

Photo: OKMG/Shutterstock.com
Address: El-Mahdi Street, Luxor
Opening hours: Every day 12am - 12pm
Phone: +20 111 879 9559
More Info: El-Mahdi Street on the corner of St. Joseph Hotel Opposite street of sonesta hotel

A Taste of India (Luxor)



If you are craving for quality Indian, Thai or Chinese cuisine, you should head over to this restaurant. This Asian Fusion Restaurant has lovely decoration and the friendly staff serves food for a reasonable price.

Photo: JoannaTkaczuk/Shutterstock.com
Address: Sharia Street Joseph, Luxor
Opening hours: Every day 12pm - 10.30pm
Phone: +20 109 373 2727
More Info: Off Sharia Khaled ibn al-Walid

African Cuisine Restaurant (Luxor)



At this restaurant you can enjoy quality food on the roof terrace with views over the river Nile to Luxor Temple. The restaurant serves tasty and freshly made Egyptian meal such as chicken shawerma, beef goulash and fried aubergines.

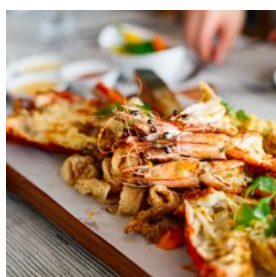
Photo: Luisa Leal Photography/Shutterstock.com

Address: Main Street West Bank, Gezira, Luxor

Opening hours: Every day 9am - 11pm

Phone: +20 100 441 5259

Divino Port Ghalib Marina (Port Ghalib)



If you are looking for a magnificent time with your family or friends over a drink at night or a lovely meal by the Marina during the sunset, then this is definitely the place to visit. The menu offers Italian food and a wide selections of drinks.

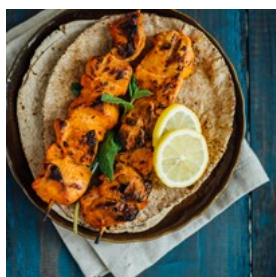
Photo: BlueOrange Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Port Ghalib Marina, Al Bahr Al Ahmer, Marsa Alam

Opening hours: Every day 3pm - 11.50pm

Phone: +20 109 783 2888

Sultan Restaurant And Cafe Oriental Cuisine (Port Ghalib)



At this restaurant you can enjoy Oriental food and beverage in a magical Oriental atmosphere. Do not miss the musical party's and the karaoke nights at Sultan Restaurant.

Photo: JOAT/Shutterstock.com

Address: Port Ghalib, Marsa Allam

Phone: +20 101 470 7776

CAFES



Mohannad Khatib/Flickr.com (image cropped)

In this historical environment you can easily find a nice café and just sit and relax. Enjoy a nice cup of coffee and maybe a delicious Egyptian sweet.

El Zahraa Bakery & Pastry (Hurghada)



If you have a sweet tooth you will like El Zahraa Bakery & Pastry. They have big selection of local delights. Here you can try really nice baklava and fantastic cakes.

Photo: Victor Wong/Shutterstock.com

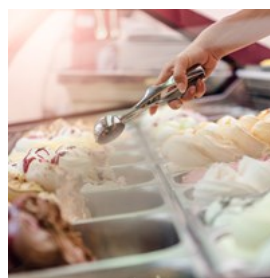
Address: El Estad Street, Hurghada

Opening hours: Every day 11am - 11pm

Phone: +20 65 3446173

More Info: Beside el Safwa Mosque

Wenkie's (Luxor)



Wenkie's is owned by helpful and polite German couple who are living their dream by making ice cream in Luxor. The ice cream is 100% natural with yummy flavours and you can buy it for a cheap price.

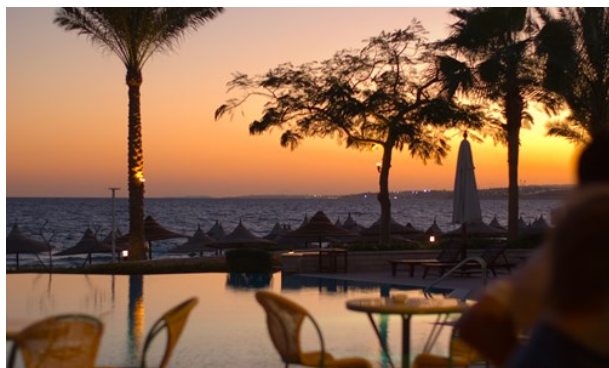
Photo: Zivica Kerkez/Shutterstock.com

Address: El Gawazat Street, Luxor

Phone: +20 128 894 7380

More Info: Opposite the Nile Palace at the Far Left End of the Street

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Sinai Peninsula (image cropped)

Most lounges and bars are located within hotels. There are many lovely places to sit down in the warm evening air and enjoy a nice, cooling drink.

If going clubbing until early morning is what you are looking for, Marsa Alam might not be the place. You can ask at your hotel for more information.

El Gezira Hotel



The El Gezira Hotel offers a roof terrace overlooking the Nile. This is a great opportunity to turn a relaxing evening drink into a real experience.

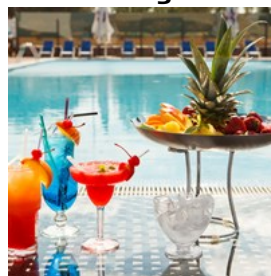
Photo: Ekaterina_Molchanova/Shutterstock.com

Address: West Bank, Luxor

Phone: +20 95 2310034

Internet: el-gezira.com

Marina Lodge



There are several facilities at the Marina Lodge ranging from a pool bar to restaurants and a roof top terrace.

Enjoy some cocktails

after a day of cooling off in the pool and relaxing in the sun.

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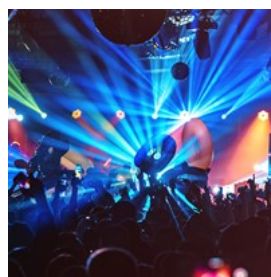
Address: Marina Lodge, Marsa Alam

Phone: +20 127 932 7319

Internet:

www.portghalib.com/hotels/marina-lodge-at-port-ghalib

Papas Beach Club



Papas Beach Club is open seven days a week and attracts a good party crowd. The beach bar is a stylish lounge-bar which makes it perfect for

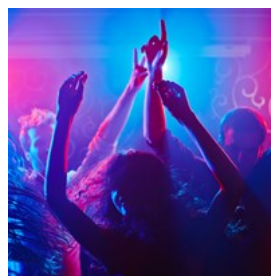
mingle with friends and drink tasty cocktails. The club also host pool parties.

Photo: glazok90/Shutterstock.com

Address: Hurghda New Marina, Hurghada

Phone: +20 106 883 3552

Elements Club & Lounge



An American-inspired night spot, offering offbeat dance floor that is rocked daily by talented DJs. Also hosts different events such as Karaoke

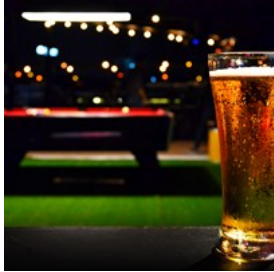
Nights, Ladies Night and Hurghada's Rock Night. Elements Club & Lounge also has a menu with a mix of American and Fusion cuisine.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: Yussif Afifi Road, Hurghada

Opening hours: Tue - Sun 6pm - 3am
Phone: +20 128 882 6660

Murphy's Irish Pub



As the name reveals, this is an Irish Pub where you can have a cold beer or a tasty meal. Upstairs is the pub with pool table and down stairs is the club with DJ and dance floor. Murphy's Irish Pub is open every night from 9.30pm.

Photo: ART JA/Shutterstock.com
Address: El Gawazat Street, Luxor
Phone: +20 952 288 101

SHOPPING



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Without doubt, it is the bazaars that offer the widest selection of local crafts and artefacts, while designer goods can be found in the larger stores. But to experience the true shopping experience in Luxor, as well as Hurghada and Marsa Alam, head for the bazaars along the coast roads. Here, traditional souvenirs like copper ware, brasses, rugs and carpets, crafts such as glass vases and little perfume bottles, leatherwear such as belts and sandals, and handmade jewellery can be found, along with masses of colourful textiles. Most bazaars will have stalls selling herbs and spices like cloves, saffron and turmeric, which give them their

characteristic aroma.

Luxor's Corniche el-Nil



The area around Luxor's Corniche el-Nil is one of the busiest in the city, and everything from jewellery to leather goods can be found here.

Photo: paul prescott/Shutterstock.com
Address: Luxor's Corniche el-Nil, Luxor

Senzo Mall



Senzo Mall is located in the heart of Hurgada. It covers an area of 250,000 square meters and provides all types of shops, services and recreational activities. You will find everything from ladies' wear, men's wear, and footwear, to electronics and accessories.

Photo: Sonpichit Salangsing/Shutterstock.com
Address: Safaga Road, Hurghada
Opening hours: Every day 10am - 11.30pm
Phone: +20 65 3464840
Internet: www.senzomall.com
Email: info@senzomall.com

Habiba Gallery



Habiba Gallery is an outlet for quality handcraft and cotton of Egypt made by local producers. Here you can buy beautiful embroidery, beadwork, hand loomed textiles, bracelets, hand beaten brass lamps and much more. This is the perfect place to go for gifts.

Photo: Kakoli Dey/Shutterstock.com

Address: Sidi Mahmoud Street, Luxor

Opening hours: Open 10am - 10pm

Phone: +20 1001 242 026

Internet: www.habibagallery.com

Email: habibaluxor@yahoo.com

Aboudi Book Shop



Aboudi Book Shop is one of the oldest and largest bookstores in the historic city of Luxor, it opened its doors in 1909. Not only books are provided here but also souvenirs, Egyptian gifts and children's books.

Photo: Brian A Jackson/Shutterstock.com

Address: Karnak Temple Street, Luxor

Opening hours: Every day 8am - 10pm

Phone: +20 95 2372390

Internet: www.aboudi-bookstore.com

Email: aboudi_bookstore@yahoo.com

More Info: Behind Luxor Temple - Karnak Temple Street

Ata Bazaar



Ata Bazaar is located in front of Luxor temple and is a hassle-free bazaar where you can find Egyptian souvenirs at very reasonable prices, which means there is no need to haggle. The staff are friendly and helpful.

Photo: Curioso/Shutterstock.com

Address: Karnak Temple Street, Luxor

Caravanserai



This old Egyptian-style craft shop is located on the road to Medinet Habu, West Bank, Luxor. When entering the shop you will be met by

friendly staff (no hassle). The crafts come from all areas of Egypt and the prices are very reasonable.

Photo: Lizavetta/Shutterstock.com

Address: Medinet Habu Temple, Luxor

Opening hours: Every day 8am - 9pm

Phone: +20 1223 278 771

Internet: www.caravanserailuxor.com

Email: info@caravanserailuxor.com

Hurghada Marina Boulevard



Stroll around in the beautiful and secure metropolitan surroundings of Hurghada Marina Boulevard. Here you will

find high quality and cutting-edge fashion, high-end quality jewellery, well-made swimsuits from world-renowned designers, bags and accessories.

Photo: Zbigniew Guzowski/Shutterstock.com

Address: Hurghada Marina Boulevard, Hurghada

Opening hours: Daily 6am-2am

Souk



Souk is a unique Egyptian/Moroccan style market place and it is perfect for traditional shopping. In New Hurghada Marina you

will find a selection of the finest hand-crafted items such as fashion accessories, a big variety of bags, different designs of belly dance costumes, beautiful dresses, perfumes, spices and souvenirs. You will certainly find something to remind you of your holiday by the Red Sea.

Photo: Elena Przhevalskaja/Shutterstock.com

Address: New Hurghada Marina, Hurghada

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Passport/Visa



All visitors to Egypt must obtain a visa from one of the Egyptian diplomatic missions before entering the country or hold an Egypt eVisa. Upon entering, visitors must hold a passport that is valid for at least 6 months from the date of arrival in Egypt. All travellers to Egypt for tourism purposes must be able to provide evidence of authorized permission to travel whilst in-country.

You will find further information as well as a list of countries eligible for an Egypt eVisa at www.egyptvisa.com.

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Best Time To Visit



To avoid uncomfortable crowds at Egypt's most popular sites, avoid travelling in December and January as these months constitute peak tourist season. To enjoy more pleasant

temperatures and better accommodation prices, visit from October to April.

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Hurghada Airport



All airports are centrally located and served by a network of the national and international airlines. From Hurghada Airport can easily reach the city centre by bus or taxi. You can find the bus next to the airport passenger terminal and start filled up. They journey takes about 20 minutes.

Taxis can also be found next to the airport passenger terminal.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Hurghada Airport, Hurghada

Phone: +20 65 3414213

Internet: www.hurghada-airport.co.uk

Luxor International Airport



Luxor International Airport is located 6 kilometres from the city and currently Egypt's fourth-biggest airport. There are two terminals serving international and domestic flights.

There is an inexpensive public bus service from the airport to the town, a journey which takes about 15 minutes. Taxis available from outside the terminal but be ready to bargain for a good rate. Special limousine services are also available. Car rental companies are represented at the airport.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Luxor International Airport, Luxor

Phone: +20 95 232 4455

Marsa Alam International Airport



Marsa Alam Airport is the first privately owned airport in Egypt and it is serving both international and domestic flights. You can book a private airport

transfer between Marsa Alam airport and Marsa Alam city.

Photo: Juan Garcia

Address: Marsa Alam International Airport, Marsa Alam

Phone: +20 65 3700029

Public Transport



To get around these cities you can either walk or order a taxi. Mini-buses are common if you want to ride with the locals.

Trains, which fall into two categories, one with air-conditioning the other without, are ideal for travelling to nearby towns and cities.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Taxi



Taxis are available from outside the airports and the bus and rail stations in Hurghada, Luxor and Marsa Alam. Always check the price to your

destination. Drivers will leave when the taxi is full, although you can have a vehicle to yourself if you are prepared to pay extra. Pay extra attention so you arrive at your destination and that you do not get scammed when you pay.

Photo: Taxi

Post



There are several post offices in the region however, they can be a minefield if Arabic is not spoken or read. Hotels all offer postal services,

which is a safe option to ensure letters are sent and delivered safely.

Another option is the main post office in Hurghada.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Sharia an-Nasr, Ad-Dahar, Hurghada

Opening hours: Sun - Thu 8am - 3pm

Phone: +20 65 3546372

Pharmacy



Pharmacies can be found in abundance in Hurghada, Luxor and Marsa Alam, and they sell cosmetics as well as medicines. They are

generally open from 9 am to around 10 pm most days.

Photo: Gemma Garner

Telephone



Country code: +20 Area code, Hurghada: 065 Area code, Luxor: 095 Area code, Marsa Alam: 012

Photo: Jarson Almeida

Electricity



220 volts with two-hole sockets.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

Hurghada: 250,000

Luxor: 510,00

Marsa Alam: 10,000

Currency

1 Egyptian Pound (LE) = 100 piasters

Opening hours

Opening hours vary. Most shops in Egypt are open from 9am - 10pm Monday to Saturday. Banks are open daily from 8.30am - 2pm except for Friday and weekends.

Newspapers

Egyptian Gazette

Middle East Times

Al-Ahram Weekly

Egypt Today

Egypt Insight

Emergency numbers

Emergency: 123

Police: 126

Fire Brigade: 180

Tourist information

Tourist Information Office Hurghada

Qesm Hurghada, Red Sea Governorate

Open: Wed - Mon 8am - 8pm, Tue 8.30am - 8pm

+20 65 3463221

