

EGYPT PLANNING CHECKLIST

TASK	NOTES (www.trippvibes.com)	STATUS
I. Pre-Trip Essentials		
Passport & Visa	Valid passport (6+ months beyond return). Check visa requirements (e-visa recommended).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Travel Insurance	Comprehensive coverage (medical, cancellation, lost luggage).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Finances	Notify bank of travel dates. No-fee travel debit card (e.g., Chase UK, Revolut, Starling, Monzo). Emergency cash (USD/EUR/EGP).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health	Consult doctor about vaccinations & medications. Pack first-aid kit.	<input type="checkbox"/>
II. Flights		
Dates & Budget	Determine travel dates and budget.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Compare Prices	Google Flights, Skyscanner, Kayak, airline websites. Consider low-cost carriers (factor in extra fees).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Booking	Book 2-3 months in advance. Set fare alerts.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Airport Choice	CAI (Cairo) generally preferred over SPX for example. Research airport transfers (Uber, In Drive, taxis).	<input type="checkbox"/>
III. Accommodation		
Location	Choose based on interests (culture vs. beach).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Compare Rates & Board	Kayak, HotelsCombined, Expedia, hotel websites (B&B, half-board, all-inclusive).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Research & Reviews	Check reviews, hotel website. Contact hotel directly for confirmation and responsiveness.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wi-Fi	Expect patchy Wi-Fi. Local SIM & hotspot recommended.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cancellation Policy	Understand cancellation terms and fees.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hidden Costs	Watch for resort fees, taxes, deposits.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Room Details	Confirm type, view, amenities (safe, smart TV), smoking preference.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety & Hygiene	Research food hygiene, water safety (do not drink tap water).	<input type="checkbox"/>
On-Site Amenities	Check for pharmacy, shops, gym, pool (heated?), beach access.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renovations	Inquire about planned renovations.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Avoid Airbnb	We advise against Airbnb in Egypt due to inconsistent quality.	✗
IV. On-the-Ground Essentials		
Local SIM Card	Purchase upon arrival for data access.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Currency Exchange	Banks or reputable bureaus. Check fees and rates.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transportation	Research options (taxis, ride-sharing, public transport).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety & Security	Be aware of scams. Secure valuables.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cultural Sensitivity	Dress modestly (especially at religious sites). Learn basic Arabic. Ask permission for photos.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tipping	Customary but not mandatory. Carry small EGP bills.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsible Tourism	Support local businesses, minimize environmental impact, respect customs.	<input type="checkbox"/>