



Egypt Visa

Important information about the visa for Egypt

All travellers require a visa to travel to Egypt, regardless of age. Only travel of up to 15 days to a resort in South Sinai does not require a visa. You will then not be allowed to leave this region. Will you be staying longer than 15 days? Then you need an Egypt visa, which you can easily apply online.

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| Mandatory? | Yes |
| Suitable for: | Tourism (holiday and or/visiting family or friends) |
| Validity Period: | 90 days (single-entry) of 180 days (multiple-entry) |
| Duration of Stay: | Maximum of 30 days per stay |
| Average Delivery Time | Approximately 11 days |
| Urgent Delivery Time | Approximately 5 days, urgent option required from 14 days pre-departure |
| Cost per Applicant: | £54,95 (single-entry) or £89,90 (multiple-entry) |
| Payment Method | Visa, Mastercard, American Express or PayPal |

There are different visas for Egypt. In this document, you will only find information on the e-visa for Egypt. For questions about other visas, contact the Egyptian embassy. To apply for the e-visa, visit e-Visa.co.uk/egypt or click on the green button below.

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What is an Egypt visa and do I even need one?

Anyone travelling to Egypt who does not hold an Egyptian passport will need a visa to travel to Egypt. The only exception to this is for citizens of EU countries, the UK, and the US when staying in a resort in South Sinai (Sharm-el-Sheikh, Taba, Dahab or Nuweiba) for up to 15 days. This is the only exception where travellers do not need to apply for a visa.

Do I need a visa?

A visa is always required for trips to Egypt longer than 15 days. The visa is also required when travellers from the above-mentioned countries leave the South Sinai region or travel to another part of Egypt. When travelling within the South Sinai region but outside the towns of Sharm-el-Sheikh, Taba, Dahab or Nuweiba, a visa is also required in most cases. Furthermore, it does matter if you enter Egypt by air, (cruise) ship or land, you are still required to have an Egypt visa. The age of the traveller does not affect the visa requirement. All travellers, including babies and minor children, require their own visa.

Requirements for using your visa

An approved visa is not a guarantee that you will be allowed to enter Egypt. Visa requirements apply to your entire trip, not just at the time you apply for the visa. Throughout your stay, you must meet all visa requirements and the key information you entered in the application form must be correct. The passport you used for your visa application must still be valid for at least 6 months on the day you arrive in Egypt.

Submitting your application online

You can easily apply for the Egypt e-visa online from a laptop, tablet, or smartphone. So, you do not need to visit an embassy or consulate. All you need to do is complete the digital application form online, make the payment and upload a digital copy of your passport.

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Standard or urgent application

A standard Egypt visa application that allows one trip (single-entry) costs £54.95 per person. For a multiple-entry visa, which allows multiple journeys, the cost is £89.90. It is also possible to apply for either one of these as an urgent visa. This incurs an additional cost of £17.50 per visa. Are you already leaving for Egypt within the next 14 days? In this case you can only apply for an urgent visa.

Additional Options (non-mandatory)

The application form offers the option to voluntarily offset the CO₂ emissions of your flight. The amount of CO₂ emissions are estimated using the average miles and costs for a direct, economy

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class flight to your desired location. You are offered the option to compensate for your round round-trip flight's CO₂ emissions towards the end of the application process. You can then pay for this option along with your visa. 100% of this optional contribution goes to purchasing carbon credits.

Applying for multiple travellers at once

Visa applications for multiple travellers can easily be submitted with one application form through e-Visa.co.uk. This is useful for a family with children or a group of friends travelling together, for example. With a group application, you only have to fill in certain details that are the same for all travellers once. The visa price per person remains the same. Keep in mind that visa applications are always assessed individually by the Egyptian immigration service. It is therefore normal for individual applications within a group application to be approved at different times.

Requirements for the Egypt visa

British travellers travelling to Egypt for a holiday, a visit to family or friends or any other tourist purpose are eligible for the e-visa, just like travellers from Ireland and any (other) EU country, or Switzerland. To do so, however, they must meet a number of requirements. Do you have the nationality and [passport of a different country](#) and want to apply for the e-visa for Egypt? Then check your eligibility first.

Validity and other requirements

When making a single trip to Egypt, a single-entry visa is sufficient. You can apply for this visa by choosing single--entry in the application form under the number of entries. The single-entry visa is valid for 90 days and can be used once to enter Egypt and stay there for a maximum of 30 days. The trip must take place within the 90-day validity period.

The multiple-entry Egypt visa allows you to make multiple trips within a 180-day period. However, even with this visa, each individual trip must not exceed 30 days. Please note: The period of validity of both the single-entry and multiple-entry variants starts from the moment the visa is approved. Regardless of the variant you choose (single-entry or multiple-entry), you must meet the requirements below for each trip to Egypt.

- You must travel with the passport used for the application, and this passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the date of arrival in Egypt.²
 - Babies and children also need their own passport and visa.

² You cannot apply for the Egypt visa with an ID card, emergency passport or residence document.

- During the visa application process, you must provide the contact details of at least one place where you will stay overnight.
 - Upon arrival in Egypt, you must be able to show your itinerary. This may be digital or a printed version. An overview of all booked flight tickets is sufficient/suffices.
- If, at any point on your trip to Egypt, you are staying with family or friends, you must bring a letter of invitation.
 - The letter must be written in English or Arabic. One paragraph is sufficient, as long as the letter includes the full names and address details of all travellers and the those hosting them in Egypt. It should also mention that this is an invitation.

Please note that, in applying for the Egypt visa, you need to copy full first names (given names) as displayed next to the passport photo on the passport page. However, in order for your application to be processed correctly, you need to use the spelling of your given name or names as listed in the machine-readable part at the bottom of this passport page. If not all of your first and middle names that are part of your given name fit in the entry field of the online application form, an online application isn't possible. In this case, please contact the Egyptian embassy to apply for another visa.³

Extending the visa validity period

Once in Egypt, you have the option of extending the visa at an immigration office, but this is generally not recommended. Indeed, travellers who have done so have typically found this to be a cumbersome, time-consuming and unclear process. Extending can take several hours as well as several days, so it is often easier to leave the country briefly and apply for a new visa from abroad.

My details have changed or are incorrect on the visa

It is not a problem if the arrival and/or departure date or the overnight address entered on the visa application form are not (no longer) correct. As long as the arrival and departure dates fall within the period of validity of your visa, it is not necessary to apply for a new visa. Your visa will remain valid. Just make sure that the itinerary you take with you is up-to-date.

Keep a copy of your visa your itinerary in your hand luggage, as you will need to be able to show it at all times during your trip, possibly even before you officially cross the border or have access to your hold luggage again. This includes the booking confirmations for each overnight stay in Egypt, as well as the booking confirmations for the return flight and any domestic flights.

³ Due to a technical issue with the Egyptian government's visa system, given names exceeding the maximum length of the number of letters, cannot be entered into the application form. A similar issue occurs when a title of nobility is mentioned on the traveller's passport page, yet would not be displayed in the machine-readable part on this very same page.

Give notice of any important changes on time

Changes to other details, which are important for the validity of your visa, can be made until your application is processed. Visa applications for Egypt are processed no more than 30 days before the expected date of arrival. So, if you want to change something more than 30 days before that date, this is still possible. If the completed expected arrival date is within 30 days, please note that the application will be processed once a suitable scan or photo of the passport information page has been provided for all applicants.

Until then, you can make any changes by responding to the confirmation email you received after submitting your application. Were there any errors that should have been corrected before this time? Then any visa already issued will also be invalid. You will then have to apply for a new visa with the correct data. Some data must always be 100% correct. This includes your full name, the gender stated on your passport, your passport number, your date of birth, the issue and expiry dates of your passport, and your country of birth. All these details must match exactly the details mentioned in your passport.

Spelling of your first and last names in the application form

If your first or last name contains one or more accents or punctuation marks, these special characters will not appear on your visa. This is because the immigration service's system does not accept special characters. Therefore, in the application form, you should enter your name as it appears in the machine-readable part of your passport. That is the area of your passport with many "<<" characters at the bottom of the plastic or laminated information page. Your name is automatically converted to the same spelling as in the machine-readable part of your passport if you have not done so yourself.

Always check that your name is on your visa correctly. If this is not the case, any visa already granted is also not valid. Is your name spelled the same way on the visa as in the machine-readable part of your passport, and are all other important details correct as well? Then you can travel without any problems.

Fill in your passport numbers correctly

It is very important that the passport number is entered correctly. The entry field of the form related to the passport number is not case-sensitive. If you do have letters in your passport, it does not matter whether you enter your passport number in upper or lower case. Because of the importance of this information for a successful visa application, e-Visa.co.uk performs a number of automatic checks just to be sure that common input errors can still be corrected.⁴

⁴ United Kingdom passports do not contain letters, only numbers. However, an Irish passport has 2 letters followed by 7 digits.

I have been to Egypt before

If you have been to Egypt before, then you must enter the arrival and departure dates of your previous trip in the application form. You will find these dates on the date stamps in the passport you used for that trip. Do you no longer have this passport? You may also fill in an estimate, as long as the year and month of your previous trip are correct. If you have been to Egypt before, you will also be asked for the accommodation address from the previous trip. Here, you can also enter a nearby address if you do not remember the exact address. For this, you can use the 'Find address' button. You may also enter 'Unknown' here.

Not sure if you meet the e-visa requirements?

If you do not meet the requirements for the Egypt e-visa, you will need another type of visa. Are you unsure if you meet the requirements? Then check the [visa requirements page](#), read the answers to [frequently asked questions](#) about the e-visa, or contact the [embassy](#) of Egypt for more information about other visas.

It is very rare for an Egypt e-visa application to be rejected. Has your application been rejected? This is usually due to incorrect or incomplete information entered in the application form. It may also be because you have not provided the correct documents. Check if either of these two scenarios applies to you. Most of the information you entered in the application form can be found in the email you received confirming your application. Is there an error in that email? Then you can submit a new Egypt e-visa application with the correct details.

Do not submit a new visa application if you cannot find any errors in the data you have entered. This is because a new application will most likely be rejected again. The only thing you can do in this case is apply for another type of visa. This cannot be done through e-Visa.co.uk.

Average waiting period for the Egypt e-visa

Please note that the processing of a standard Egypt visa application takes an average of 11 days and that of an urgent application an average of 5 days. These average delivery times take effect only after approved submittal of a suitable scan or photograph of the passport information page of all travellers within the application. Although applications are often approved in a shorter time, no guarantee can be given on the delivery time and processing may sometimes take longer than average. This may be due to busy times at Egypt's immigration department, but it may also be due to a technical glitch, for example. An application that takes longer than average is not more likely to be rejected.

It is advisable to submit your visa application well in advance of departure. Your application will never be processed earlier than 30 days before the arrival date. Therefore, if you submit your application more than 30 days before departure, it will be put on hold. This is to ensure that your visa is valid long enough for your planned trip.

Visa application rejected?

If a visa application submitted through e-Visa.co.uk is rejected, it is our policy to allow a full refund. The only exception is for travellers for whom a visa application for Egypt has already been rejected. e-Visa.co.uk cannot be held liable for any damage caused by a rejected or delayed visa application.

How do I apply for an Egypt visa online ?

You can apply for the Egypt visa in three easy steps. Going through these steps does not take much time. During the process, keep the passport details of all travellers who need a visa on hand.

Step 1 | Fill in the application form

- Open the online [Egypt visa application form](#).
- Fill in your contact information.
 - If filling in a group application, you only fill this in once, saving you time.
- Then fill in the details relating to your trip.
 - You can enter estimated arrival and departure dates, as long as the final travel dates do not differ by more than 30 days.
 - If the actual accommodation address differs from the ones filled in on this form, it will not affect the validity of your visa.
- Enter the passport details of all of the travellers.
 - In the case of a group application, make sure to ask for permission from the fellow travellers for whom you are filling in the form.
 - During the application process, click the “add a traveller” button to continue with the next traveller. Fill in the requested information for each traveller.
 - Confirm with each traveller individually that the information filled in on their behalf is complete and correct.⁵
- Click on the “Apply for visa(s)” button and make sure on the verification page that all the details are complete and correct.

⁵ Are you applying for a minor? Then you must have confirmation from one of the parents that the details filled in for the child are completely correct.

- Be mindful of your browser's autocomplete function, which can cause errors to occur during the application process. You are responsible for the accuracy of the data entered therein.

Step 2 | Pay for the visa application

After filling in the application form, complete the payment using one of the secure online payment methods. You can choose from several payment methods, such as PayPal, Visa, Mastercard, or American Express. In the case of a group application, you do not pay separately for each individual applicant but pay the total price for all visas at the same time.

If the payment was successful, you will receive a confirmation email. In this email, you will also find a link to your personal status page. On that page, you can see the status of each traveller within the visa application at any time. If you cannot find an email from e-Visa.co.uk directly in your inbox, check your junk mail folder.

Step 3 | Upload your passport photo(s)

After making the payment, provide a clear and legible scan or photo of the passport information page for each traveller. This does not have to be done immediately; you can also do it later. However, please note that the application will not be processed until the required documents are received in good order for all travellers.

Make sure that all information on the supplied copy of the passport image is legible. The scan or photo must fully reflect the information page of the passport. Thus, the scan or photo should not have been altered and the image should not be cut off.

After the visa is granted: Print and take the visa with you

After the approval of your visa application by the Egyptian immigration service, you will receive a text message and a confirmation email. The email will contain a link to your personal status page. On this page, you need to download and print the visa for each traveller. Each traveller must be able to show a printed e-visa upon arrival in Egypt.

It is very important to check well before departure that the details on each visa are completely correct. A visa issued based on incorrect data is not valid and cannot be used. By checking with enough time to ensure that no mistakes have been made, you can still apply for a new visa, should it be necessary.

Any more questions about the Egypt visa application?

Do you still have questions about applying for an e-visa to Egypt? Then check out the [frequently asked questions about the Egypt visa](#) first. Do you have questions about the status of your application? You can check the status of your visa application on your personal status page. The link to this page can be found in various emails you have received from e-Visa.co.uk. You can also

[look up your application status on the website](#). Are you unable to find it? Please contact e-Visa.co.uk.