General Information   
  
Location: Situated at the northeastern corner of Africa, Egypt is bounded on the n by the Mediterranean Sea, on the e by Israel and the Red Sea, on the s by Sudan, and on the w by Libya. The total land boundary length is 2,665 km (1,656 mi) and its total coastline is 2,450 km (1,522 mi). Egypt's capital city, Cairo, is located in the northeastern part of the country.

Area: 1,001,450 sq.km.   
  
Relief: Apart from the Nile Valley, the majority of Egypt's landscape is desert, with a few oases scattered about. Winds create prolific sand dunes that peak at more than 100 feet (30 m) high. Egypt includes parts of the Sahara desert and of the Libyan Desert. These deserts protected the Kingdom of the Pharaohs from western threats and were referred to as the "red land" in ancient Egypt.

**Climate:** Egypt has a desert climate with hot, dry summers and moderate winters. Difference in temperature in the day and night can be quite big. The hot summer starts in May while in November the mild winter starts. Rainfall is very sporadically and only falls in the north.

**Population:** Total population: 92,191,000. More than 90% of the population is of Eastern-Hamitic origin but has been totally arabised. The largest minority is formed by the Nubians (about 6 million people) who mainly live in southern Egypt. There are also some small groups of Berbers and Bedouin nomads. A few million Egyptians live and work in Kuwait, Iraq and Bahrain.

**Language:** Almost 98% of the population speaks Egyptian-Arabic, a dialect of the Modern Standard Arabic. There are some minorities which speak Nubian, Berber and Coptic.

**Alphabet:** Arabic alphabet, Latin

**Religion:**  Egypt is a predominantly Sunni Muslim country with Islam as its state religion. The percentage of adherents of various religions is a controversial topic in Egypt. An estimated 90% are identified as Muslim, 9% as Coptic Christians, and 1% as other Christian denominations. Non-denominational Muslims form roughly 12% of the population.

**State government:** Unitary semi-presidential republic.

**Capital:** Cairo (population 10,230,350)   
  
**Large Cities:** Alexandria, Giza, Shubra El Kheima, Port Said, Suez.