

Local's Guide To Egypt: 10 Best Egyptian Cities & Destinations

1. Cairo

- Visit if you want: To see the Pyramids and experience the 'real' Egypt.
- Highlights: Pyramids of Giza, museums, ancient, medieval, and contemporary attractions, vibrant restaurants, and nightlife.

2. Luxor

- Visit if you want: To immerse yourself in Ancient Egypt and/or go on a Nile cruise.
- Highlights: Karnak Temple, Valley of the Kings, Nile cruises.

3. Hurghada

- Visit if you want: Red Sea beach resorts, family-friendly water activities, scuba-diving.
- Highlights: White sand beaches, azure water, diving, snorkeling, numerous restaurants, and bars.

4. Aswan

- Visit if you want: To go to Abu Simbel, experience Nubia, go on a Nile cruise.
- Highlights: Great Temple of Abu Simbel, Nubian culture, Nile cruises.

5. El Gouna

- Visit if you want: A relaxing beach vacation in a resort town with many restaurant and activity options.
- Highlights: Eco-conscious town, wide range of accommodations, excellent restaurants, bars, kitesurfing.

6. Dahab

- Visit if you want: To stay in a bohemian beach town in Sinai or go diving or snorkeling.
- Highlights: Gulf of Aqaba, diving, snorkeling, quirky cafes, shops, budget accommodations.

7. Siwa Oasis

- Visit if you want: To explore Egypt's remote desert and Great Sand Sea.
- Highlights: Unique Siwi heritage, Shali Fortress, Mountain of the Dead, Cleopatra's Bath, hot springs, salt lakes.

8. Sharm el Sheikh

- Visit if you want: To relax in an all-inclusive Red Sea resort, go diving or snorkeling.
- Highlights: All-inclusive resorts, incredible diving, snorkeling, easy airport access.

9. Nuweiba & Ras Shetan

- Visit if you want: To stay at beach camps and disconnect from it all.
- Highlights: Bohemian beach camps, Bedouin-run, communal bathrooms, campfires.

10. Black & White Desert

- Visit if you want: To explore and camp in Egypt's Western desert.
- Highlights: White chalk formations, black volcanic material on yellow sand dunes, camping.