Luxor International Airport (IATA: LXR, ICAO: HELX) is the main airport serving the city of Luxor, Egypt. It is located 6 km (4 miles) east of the city. Many charter airlines use the airport, as it is a popular tourist destination for those visiting the River Nile and the Valley of the Kings.

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Facilities[edit]

In 2005, the airport was upgraded[4] to accommodate up to 8 million passengers a year. Facilities for passengers include 48 check-in desks, 8 gates, 5 baggage claim belts, a post office,[5] a bank,[5] a Bureau de change, an auto exchange machine (CIB), restaurants, cafeterias, a VIP Lounge, a duty-free shop,[4] a newsagent/tobacconist, a chemist shop, a gift shop, a travel agency,[5] a tourist help desk, car rental, first aid, a baby/parent Room, disabled access/facilities and a business centre.[5]

Facilities for cargo include refrigerated storage, animal quarantine, livestock handling, health officials, X-Ray equipment, and fumigation equipment. The cargo terminal handling agent for the airport is EgyptAir Cargo.

Airlines and destinations[edit]

Airlines Destinations

Air Arabia[6] Cairo,[7] Sharjah

AlMasria Universal Airlines Seasonal: Cairo

EgyptAir Cairo

Seasonal: London-Heathrow, Paris-Charles de Gaulle,[8] Sharm El Sheikh[9]

Jazeera Airways Kuwait

Kuwait Airways Kuwait[10]

Neos Seasonal: Milan-Malpensa, Verona[11]

Nile Air Cairo, Kuwait[12]

Qatar Airways Doha (resumes 23 November 2021)[13]

TUI fly Belgium Seasonal: Brussels

Turkish Airlines Istanbul

Wizz Air Abu Dhabi[14]

Accidents and incidents[edit]

On 21 September 1987, an EgyptAir Airbus A300 crashed on landing during a training flight, killing all five crew members on board.[15]

On 6 April 1994, a Sudan Airways Boeing 737-200 was hijacked and diverted to Luxor.

Upon landing, the hijacker surrendered to the authorities. There were no fatalities or injuries and the aircraft was not damaged.[16]

On 20 February 2009, an Antonov An-12 crashed after an engine caught fire on take-off. All five crew were killed.[17]

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