

**CHAMPION SERVICES TRAVEL – 100 BLACK TO EGYPT**  
**April 28 – May 10, 2022**  
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DEAR “EGYPT” PARTICIPANTS,

It is with great pleasure that we provide you with some helpful information to prepare you for your tour. Some notes are repeated; however important. Please read the information below in full for helpful added hints and instructions for your tour package.

**Step:** Is “The Smart Traveler Enrollment Program” (STEP) is a free service to allow U.S. citizens traveling and living abroad to enroll their trip with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. To enroll your trip visit; <https://step.state.gov/step/>

**Traveling as a group:** First and foremost, we kindly ask that you pack your patience and carry them with you every day, especially during our touring and gathering sessions. During our touring time, some activities may take longer than others depending on the activity. Think positive and take in the experience. *Special request airline seat assignments are not a guarantee. Typically, group booking terms only allow for holding space, and not assigned seats. Seat assignments are solely at the discretion of the airlines at the time of making our final purchase. We always do our very best at pleading your case.*

**Egypt Government Mandates & Requirements:** Preparing for year 2022- you are required to show proof a complete COVID-19 Vaccination, and or show a negative COVID test result no less than 72 hours prior to travel and, complete an Egypt “Health Wellness Form” provided on Egypt’s Gov. Website (Instructions from CST to be addressed). Prior to returning home to the US, you must take a COVID-19 test, and have a negative test result. CST will set up group testing schedules in Egypt prior to our departure. (All COVID Testing is at your own expense) **All international travelers entering Egypt must have travel protection insurance!**

**Travel Documents:** Travel documents will be ready and issued approximately 3 weeks prior to departure. *(The airlines will not issue tickets before 30 days of travel for group bookings).* The date for our document gathering, hosted by Champion Services Travel is **Saturday April 16, 2022. In the event, the airlines have not released our E-Tickets in time for this date, CST will issue your E-Ticket by email attachment. You will be notified in advance.** *If you are unable to attend the document gathering, we recommend that you have someone sign them out for you. Those living outside of the Washington DC, Maryland and Virginia area, your documents will be mailed to you signature request.*

**International Departure/Location & Time:** Egypt Airlines; EG FLT# MS982- Thursday 28APR from Dulles International (IAD) Depart 12:00NOON- Arrive Cairo (CAI) 4:30am next day 29APR. With new added pre-check procedures, it is **IMPERATIVE** to arrive at the airport a minimum of 3hours prior to our departure time. It would also help with the possibility to make seat changes if necessary. You are allowed 1 checked bag max., 50lbs ea. and 1 carry-on max 17lbs. Extra checked bags will be at a fee at the airlines discretion. Min. \$80 **Return home schedule: EG FLT# MS981 – Depart CAI 09May 11:20pm – Arrive home (IAD) at 5:10am next day 10MAY (Tuesday morning)**

**Luggage Allowance:** Women/Men are also allowed to carry a purse or a backpack that may also be weighed. Upon airport arrival, please make sure to all have documents at hand including necessary COVID-required paperwork. Proceed through Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Security and on to the boarding gate, where we will all meet. We recommend wearing your name tag so that we are recognized as part of the CST group. Follow TSA 311 Rules. Each passenger may carry liquids, gels, and aerosols in travel-size containers that are no more than 3.4 ounces. Common travel items that must comply with the 3-1-1 liquids rule include toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, mouthwash, and lotion. All items must be placed inside a sealed plastic bag. For more detailed rules visit... <https://www.tsa.gov/travel/frequently-asked-questions/what-3-1-1-liquids-rule>

**Flight Travel Time:** Approximate flying time, 10h-20m from Wash. Dulles to Cairo Egypt. We are scheduled to arrive in Cairo at 4:30am 29APR. Meals & Snacks are served on our flights. In the event you wish to make any purchases at the Cairo airport, there are “Duty Free” stores in the Cairo airport. On the return flight home, our flying time is approx.. 12h 15m

**Passport/Visa Details:** **Make sure to pack your Passport and bring extra copies! A visa is required for Egypt and CST has arranged to have them processed in advance and will receive them upon entry into Egypt.** Upon arrival, make your way to the baggage claim, collect your luggage, and as a group we will make our way through customs. The Group Leaders of CST will not leave until everyone is counted. Please do not leave the airport without the group! *Your passport details have been updated to your flight reservations (as required by law) for the Transportation Security Administration’s (TSA) “Secure Flight Program”.*

**School and or Nubian Village Donations:** For our visit to the Nubian Village... Optional school supplies are welcomed; pens, pencils, notebooks, composition books, children clothing and toiletry supplies for the woman & men.

**Packing:** Weather during April/May in Egypt is “HOT Summer Temperatures” with temperatures at 90degrees & higher in some areas. Although a jacket or sweater may not be needed, we recommend you bring a light weight one. We also recommend packing clothing in layers to accommodate for hot temps. Woman, we recommend you pack a scarf or two for visits to Mosques where women are required to have their heads covered. We will be advised in advance by our tour guide when this is necessary. Clothing type recommended is cotton & linen; natural breathing material. Sunscreen, Bug, Spray, Hats, Travel-size Umbrella, Comfortable Walking Shoes, Sandals and Sunglasses – *Again, please pack an extra copy of your Passport and leave one with your family.*

Because of the flying time, we also recommend you bring any medication, and/or medical supplies needed. A “Neck-Roll” may make your flight more relaxing! Pack light & smart so that you are not over-burdened with too many pieces of luggage in & out of the country. We want you to have an easy-breezy journey! PLEASE ALERT CST OF ANY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT YOU MAY NEED TO CARRY ON THE PLANE WITH YOU! We should already have this information from you.

**Egypt Arrival Instructions:** Upon arrival, make your way to the baggage claim so that we can proceed to customs. The CST Group Reps. will not leave the airport until everyone is counted for. If you get separated from the group, please make your way to a security area and do not leave the airport without the group! Once we have cleared customs, we will be met and greeted by our Egypt Tour Representatives! We will then head to our assigned motor coaches “Queen Tiye” & “Hatshepsut”. Because it will be very early morning in Egypt, and too early for our hotel check-in, we will take a riding Cairo city tour with a couple of photo stops, and maybe a breakfast/lunch stop. After our Cairo City Tour, we will make our way to the hotel for check-in and relax for the rest of the day, and enjoy Cairo’s city and Nile views.

**Country Time Zone:** Egypt is 6-six hours ahead of the US-Eastern Standard Time (EST)

**Carrying Money:** It is the personal choice of each traveler to carry the amount of money you wish for meals not mentioned in itinerary, shopping, etc.; recommendation- a minimum \$50 per person per day should be sufficient, only a suggestion; you may wish to spend more or less. *Most major credit cards are accepted in establishments.*

**Money Exchange:** The currency in Egypt is the Egyptian pound, and it is divided into 100 piasters. In Arabic it is called Genaeh. At present, a dollar is equivalent to 18.50 Egyptian pounds. In Egypt, most of the banks are open from Sunday to Thursday; working hours are 08:30am to 02:00pm, though banks at the airports and the major entry ports are open 24 hours daily. *Our tour guide will be of assistance in this area...*

**Using your Credit Card:** Most major credit, credit-debit cards, such as MasterCard, Visa, and AMX are widely accepted in various hotels and shops. ATM machines mostly accept Visa and Master Cards. If you cannot find an ATM machine in your vicinity, you can, still obtain cash at their Misr Banks. Please know, monies pulled from their ATM will be Egyptian Pounds. (NOT US-\$) **Banks may not accept US \$100 notes issued before 2006.** If you wish to convert your currency, you can, as US-\$ are accepted in many banks and other places. Torn & tattered money will not be accepted! We also recommend that you contact your credit card provider alerting them of your travel plans

**Gratuity:** It is customary as a group to offer gratitude to our Tour Guides, Drivers and, Land Handlers. The recommended amount for tipping is \$11 per person per day (11-days on ground & handling = \$121 per person... *we ask that you place your \$US-Dollars in a sealed envelope, with your name and the amount you placed inside on the outside of envelope.* CST will collect them upon arrival in Egypt at the first hotel check-in! Or you can send in advance with final payment to CST

**Travel Protection Insurance:** It is mandatory and **not too late** to protect your investment. For Travel Protection Insurance option, you can visit our website anytime [www.all4champion.com](http://www.all4champion.com) for a free quote, and purchase... we recommend you purchase travel insurance no later than 4 weeks prior to your travel date. Travel Guard is only an option; you also shop around for your own travel insurance company.

**Drinking water in Egypt?** Although you can drink water from the tap in Egypt, we recommend “Bottled Water” always which can easily be purchased at convenient stores or through our tour guides. Cost is nominally priced. It is safe to brush your teeth with tap water. WE will provide bottled water on our tour days.

**Do I need Vaccinations?** Proof of a COVID-19 Vaccination and a negative PCR COVID Test is required to enter Egypt. Repeating; other immunizations are not a requirement for US Citizens traveling to Egypt, however, US citizens should be up to date on their childhood immunizations. If you have special medical needs, we recommend you consult with your physician.

### **Phone Adapters & Power Converters:** Do I need Power Adapters (USA to Egypt)?

Yes, Electrical Power Specifications in Egypt. International AC outlet adapters do not convert electric current. If your appliance does not accept 220-240 volt current, serious damage can result if you do not also use a step down transformer to convert the current to 110-120 volts. Step down transformers convert 220/240 volt electricity to 110/120 volts for American appliances.

Egypt Socket Type:



Adaptor Samples:



Make sure to invest in a Universal Adaptor. An adaptor can be purchased at most Walmart, Staples and or electronic stores. The cost is minimal.

### **How do I dial an International Phone Number from the USA?** *(This information is best left for your family at home)* **Egypt Country Code: +20, then the number provided**

**Your Cell Phone:** You may be able to use your own cell phone while in Egypt if you have an international plan with your server. Check with your cell phone provider for international usage, activation, and per minute rates. Purchasing a rental phone in these countries may be expensive. FYI: there is an "AP" that is also FREE, called WhatsApp. It allows you to message and call friends and family. Switch from SMS to WhatsApp to send and receive messages, calls, photos, videos, documents, and Voice Messages. Cell phone to cell phone... you and your loved ones will have to download this app to your cell phone to communicate... check it out. If you have a Facebook account, and through your fb messenger, you can also talk and face-time your loved ones for FREE!

### **What do I dial in an Emergency?**

In case of an Emergency whilst in Egypt – dial, [122](#) or [126](#) or [128](#)

### **Hotel Information:**

Fairmont Hotel Cairo, Egypt

Address: 2005, Nile Corniche, Egypt

Phone #: [+20 2 24619494](#)

Sonesta Cruise Lines, Egypt

Address: 3 El Tayaran Street Nasr City Cairo, Egypt

Phone #: [+1 800 766-3782](#)

Basma Hotel, Aswan, Egypt

Address: El fanadek st., Aswan Gov. 81111, Egypt

Phone #: [+20 97 2484001](#)

### **US Embassy Egypt:**

Address: Qasr Ad Dobarah, Qasr an Nile, Cairo Governorate, Egypt

Phone: [+20 16872](#)

*(We highly recommend you leave a copy of the above information along with your Passport copy with your loved ones)*

### **Extra Spending Money Needed:**

- Meals not included in itinerary, average \$8 & up depending on selections and location
- Shopping & personal purchases are at your own discretion
- Extra pieces of luggage outside of the allowed included, cost is subject to change per airlines discretion
- Bottled water & selective beverages outside of what will be provided to us in the country on our tour and dining days. During our dining on the Sonesta Nile Cruise, you may also purchase 2 liter bottled water at a very low cost US\$1-\$3

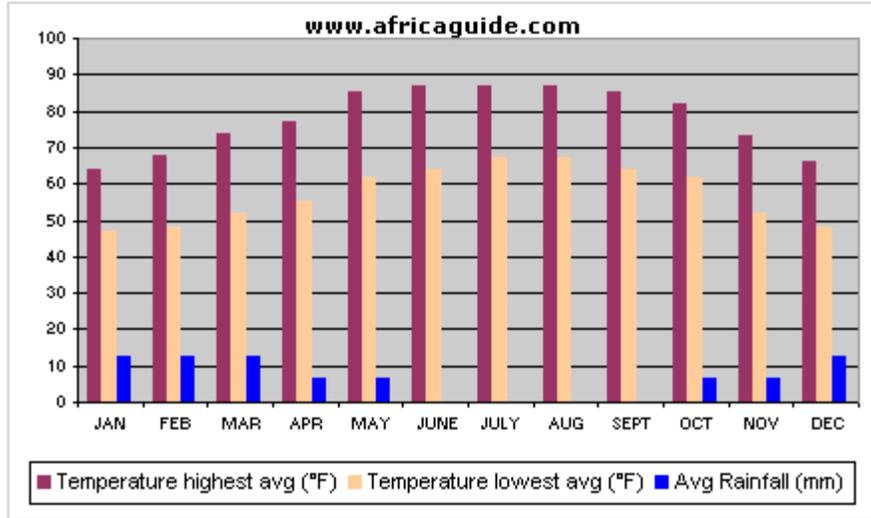
**Returning Home:** After our wonderful CST Egypt Tour experience, we are expected to return to Dulles Intl. Airport approximately Tuesday morning at **5:10am 10May 2022**

- **Special note:** *Due to Egypt being a Muslim country its air lines does not supply Alcohol beverages during their flights, however, if you wish, you are allowed to bring your own desired alcohol beverage onboard the plane with you as long as it is within the allowed ounces of liquid per TSA or, you may also purchase from the Duty Free store at the airport and collect at time of boarding the plane. The Flight Attendance's will supply you with glasses, ice or beverages to accommodate your beverage of choice.*

### **Before You Leave:**

- Get a good night's sleep.
- Drink plenty of fluids, preferably water.
- Eat light and easily-digested food.
- Take a rapid walk or shower.
- Wear loose-fitting clothing, comfortable shoes and, if necessary, support stockings.
- Consult your doctor on the usage of anti-embolic medications before you fly.
  - Avoid smoking.
- Avoid crossing legs for long periods when seated.
  - Avoid taking sleeping tablets.

### Egypt Weather Chart Average



**\*\*\* Itinerary and schedules are subject to change without notice\*\*\***  
*Tour notices & updates will continue as needed...*

**From your travel agent, Bernadette Champion:**

*I am providing my cell phone number for urgent matters during our travel dates **ONLY!** Please respect my request. 240. 305-1969 (I am also connected to Facebook Messenger & WhatsApp) I cannot guarantee you my cell phone service will always operate perfectly outside of the US.*

***We look forward to your safe departure & return!***

*Samples of men & women Galabaya wears.  
These wears are very affordable and easily purchased throughout Egypt!*



Womens Galabaya Wears



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