



CHAMPION SERVICES TRAVEL – BLACK TO EGYPT KNOW-B-4-U-GO

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 do our very best at pleading your case.*

Egypt Government Mandates & Requirements: Preparing for your travel- you are required to show an official fully vaccinated covid-19 vaccine card. If you are not fully vaccinated, you may be asked to show a negative COVID test result no less than 48 hours prior to travel. An Egypt “Health Wellness Form” may also be required before entering Egypt (Instructions from CST to be addressed). **All international travelers entering Egypt must have travel protection insurance with medical coverage included!**

Travel Documents: Travel documents will be ready and issued approximately 2 weeks prior to departure. The date for our document gathering, hosted by Champion Services Travel is “**TO BE DETERMINED” (TBD)**. **In the event, the airlines have not released our E-Tickets in time for our meeting; 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 your travel documents out for you. For those living outside of the Washington DC, Maryland, and Virginia area, your documents will be mailed with signature request. Please advise if someone is picking them up for you.*

International Departure/Location: Egypt Airlines from Dulles International (IAD) Depart 12:00NOON– Arrive Cairo (CAI) 4:30am next day. With new added pre-check procedures, it is **IMPERATIVE** to arrive at the airport a minimum of 3-4hours 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. **Return home schedule: EG FLT – Depart CAI 11:20pm – Arrive home (IAD) at 5:10am next day. Subject to change**

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 have all documents at hand including necessary COVID-required paperwork. Proceed through Transportation Security Administration (TSA) 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; this includes 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. 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: **Pack your Passport and bring extra copies! A visa is required for Egypt at an additional \$50 per person. CST has arranged to have them processed in advance and will be collected 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!

Nubian Village & School Donations: For our visit to the Nubian Village... Optional donations of 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 ranging from 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 medications, 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 area so that we can proceed through customs. 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 coach. 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. (You may also want to pack in your carry-on, an extra set of clothing, or swimsuit to change into, in the event our rooms are not ready)

Dress-Up Time: There will be a “**Traditional Galabaya**” Party night onboard our Nile Cruise. On the Galabaya night, everyone is encouraged to dress Egyptian. Not to worry, you can purchase your very affordable Egyptian wear in Egypt...in fact we highly recommend it! This is your opportunity to get dressed up and honor the Egyptian Culture!

Our Deluxe Cruise Ship: Lounge; Unique classical motifs decorate the walls and ceiling of the Lounge, which features a dance floor and stages nightly entertainment. A full-service bar serves a wide range of cocktails and beverages. **Piano Bar;** Elegant and sophisticated, the Piano Bar is lit by a dramatic, handmade chandelier and serves a variety of cocktails and beverages. **Sun Deck Bar;** Surrounded by breathtaking views of the Nile, the Sun Deck serves refreshing cocktails, beverages, and snacks. **Main Dining Room;** Located on the lower deck, our Main Dining Room, designed with sophistication and style, serves breakfast and lunch buffets as well as à la carte dinners. Dress code for dinner is smart casual.

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.

Gratuities: It is customary as a group to offer gratitude to our Tour Guides, Drivers and, Land Handlers. The recommended amount for tipping is \$12 per person per day (11-days on ground & handling = \$132 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 your envelope.* CST will collect them upon arrival in Egypt at the first hotel check-in!

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 for a free quote, and purchase... we recommend you purchase travel insurance no later than 3-4 weeks prior to your travel date. Travel Guard is only an option; you can also shop around and compare the different companies, costs & coverages. Make sure it includes medical coverage.

Global Entry Application: Optional – You must apply early as it may take weeks for the process

https://globaltraveler-pplication.com/?utm_keyword=global%20entry&utm_campaign=16518673097&gclid=EAAlQobChMI94u-7uWC9wIVtcmUCR2ZqwD6EAAAYASAAEgIvOfD_BwE

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? Yes, you will need proof of a COVID-19 Vaccination with a QR Code. If you do not have a QR Code, and or you are not vaccinated, proof of a negative PCR COVID Test taken within 72 hrs. of travel is required! 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.

Returning to the US Covid Testing: Group testing will be arranged prior to our departure. Cost to be determined if needed, and is at the responsibility of the traveler.

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

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. 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. Also, if you have a Facebook account, through your fb messenger, you can also talk and face-time with 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 \$10 & 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 you in the country, on our tour days, and in our room on the cruise.

Returning Home: Repeating we may be required to take a covid test in Egypt before returning to the US. A group testing will be arranged if needed (cost is at the travelers expense). After our wonderful CST Egypt Tour experience, we are expected to return to Dulles Intl. Airport Tuesday early morning at **5:10am**

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.

***** Frequent Q&A *****

What amenities does the hotel offer?

5 Star accommodations with Nile views, rooftop pool, themed restaurants & lounges to choose from, and around the clock concierge services.

What amenities are on the Nile Cruise?

The newest ship of the Sonesta Nile fleet is the Sonesta St. George I Nile Cruise, with 47 deluxe cabins and 10 suites. Noted as one of the most elegant ships on the Nile, the St. George offers a full-service spa and fitness center, restaurant, bars, nightly entertainment and guided excursions.

- LED 43 inches TV, equipped with the latest technology and featuring a live sailing channel
- Double-glass panoramic French windows that open to bring in fresh breezes from the Nile *Internet access *Direct-dial telephone
- Individual climate control * Electronic door locks * Mini-bar * Safe * Hair dryer
- Bathrooms equipped with spa unit; including steam bath, Jacuzzi and water massage
- Elevators on board

What Optional Tours are available to us while in Egypt?

- Hot-Air Balloon Ride, early morning departure - approx. \$130 per person (PP- full details to come)
- Abu Simbel Tour, one of the most recognizable ancient sites in Egypt. The larger of the two temples contains four colossal statues of a seated pharaoh Ramesses II (1303-1213 B.C.) at its entrance, each about 69 feet (21 meters) tall. Cost TBA
- Optional evening Light & Sound Show at Karnack Temple in Luxor – Cost approx. \$25 pp

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!

Egypt Weather Chart Average

