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Three Perfect Days in Cairo - A Journey Connected Travel Guide

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The great pyramids of Giza are the most famous attractions in Cairo. But there are many delightful places to experience and explore, from the mosques of Islamic Cairo to the churches of Cairo's Coptic population, or to the temples of the city's Jewish community. Be prepared for an expansive history lesson and cultural education of the religious and cultural blending that has taken place in this fascinating city.

Cairo also swells with markets and bazaars to explore. Drink in the flavour of everyday life of the denizens of this metropolis. And for the chic visitor, there are luxury hotels and boutiques to explore for unforgettable jewellery, clothes and antiques. The extensive array of international cuisine that marks this city provides a taste for whatever any traveller may desire, and of course the option to experience the delicious and unforgettable cuisine of Egypt.



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Cairo - Do & See

The Pyramids at Giza have been the longtime favourite tourist attraction of greater Cairo, but with the rich textured religious history of this city, there are many sights and areas of town worth exploring. Visit the opera house, take a ride on a camel, interact with local merchants, or even get a guided tour through the city! It's all possible, the only limits are the ones you create for yourself, whatever your choice, the city will welcome you with open arms!



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Al Saleh St., 2 Abd El-Malek Ln

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Haret Al Darb al Asfar, Cairo

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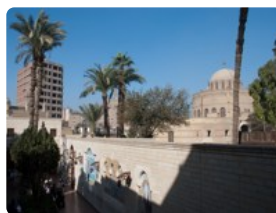
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Cairo Dining, Bars, and Nightlife



Cairo - Dining

There is a limitless array of international cuisine to choose from in every price range in Cairo. This is definitely not a place where you need to worry about going hungry! There are several different neighbourhoods in Cairo, hence the neighbourhood location for each restaurant is listed after the address. This will be important to know when taking a taxi.



Abou el-Sid

157 Sharia 26th of July, Zamalek
+20 1144147339

Abou el-Sid has a sumptuous, languorously sensual Oriental inspired décor with equally impressive food. Home-style Egyptian cuisine dominates the menu, with authentic dishes that are difficult to find elsewhere.



La Bodega

157 Sharia 26th of July, Zamalek
+20 2 2735 0543

La Bodega is an excellent restaurant serving unique Italian dishes as well as creative international cuisine set in a lavish décor. The elegant cocktail lounge has its own cigar humidior.



L'aubergine

5 Shar'a Sayed al-Bakry, Zamalek
+20 2 273 80080

L'aubergine is eternally one of Cairo's most popular restaurants. The menu changes frequently, but is always inventive and a reliably good mixture of western and Egyptian cuisine.



Felfela Restaurant

15 Hoda Shaarawy Street, off Talaat Harb Street
+20 2 2395 5557

Felfela Restaurant is a buzzing restaurant equally popular with locals and tourists. Funky décor make for a lively environment and all-Egyptian food make this eatery well-deserving of its popularity.



Maestro Italian Restaurant

Omar Ibn El Khattab St. Heliopolis, Cairo
+20 2 2480 0100

Maestro is one of the best Italian restaurants in town and a great place to go to for dinner for two, family or business dinner. It is located on the first floor of the InterContinental Cairo Citystars Hotel.



Shiva

11 Mohamed Ebeid Street, Heliopolis
+20 2 2690 6453

Shiva is an Indian restaurant which is located in the Karvin Hotel. The food with all the spices is amazing and the environment makes you feel at home. The waiters are friendly and helpful and do not mind taking pointers if you would have any.



Fayruz Lebanese Restaurant

Omar Ibn El Khattab St., Heliopolis
+20 2 2480 0009

If you have never tried Lebanese food before you are in for an experience. There are few things that will make your mouth water such as grilled Lebanese meat will do, along with a fresh delicious salad.



Birdcage

Corniche El Nile Street, Garden City
+20 2 2795 7171

Birdcage is an excellent Thai food restaurant located in Semiramis Intercontinental Hotel. The exotic water decor by the entrance makes you feel as if you stepped into Thailand and the flavour of the dishes enhances the feeling.



Osmanly

12 Ahmed Ragab Street, Corniche El Nile
+20 2 2798 0000

Before the first meal is served you will be brought a pitcher of jasmine water to wash your hands and a warm towel to dry them. Then you can enjoy a delicious Turkish dinner at the welcoming Osmanly.



Sabaya

Corniche El Nil, Semiramis InterContinental Cairo
+20 2 2798 8000

Another delicious restaurant serving Lebanese food, Sabaya's great central location means it is usually quite busy. But the food is so good it will be worth the wait. The attention to detail in the decoration and ambiance is also worth noting.

Cairo - Cafés

There are both Western style and Egyptian cafés in Cairo. Tourists might feel most comfortable at the Western style cafés, as the Egyptian cafés are very traditional and only patronized by men.



Sufi

12 Sayed El Bakry Street, Zamalek
+20 2 27381643

A very well organized library with a relaxing atmosphere which is great for studying, business meetings, and daydreaming. Grab a cup of coffee and enlighten your mind, or meet up with some locals!



El Fishawy

El-Fishawi Alley, Khan al-Khalili
+20 2 590 6755

One of Cairo's oldest and most famous tea houses, that has been managed by the same family and has been open 24 hours a day since 1773. A traditional Egyptian style tea house, also known as an ahwa, popular with tourists for fantastic people-watching. This is an Egyptian style coffee house that is frequented by all types of people, so tourists will feel comfortable while still getting to experience the local cafe flavour.



Beano's

48 El Marsafi St., Zamalek
+20 2 736 2388

Beano's is a Starbucks-esque style coffee house, but with more character and better coffee than its source of inspiration. They also serve delightful pastries, snacks and ice cream.



Cilantro

157 26 July St, Omar Al Khayam
+20 2 736 1115

Cilantro is a stylish, trendy Continental style café with a wide range of sandwiches, salads and snacks, as well as good coffee and pastries. A great alternative to go to for a snack.



Simonds

112 26th of July Corridor, Omar Al Khayam
+20 2 735 94 36

Simonds is Cairo's only authentic Italian café. They serve the best cappuccino in the city, as well as fresh fruit juices and delicious pastries.



El-Abd

25 Talaat Harb St. Downtown, Cairo
+20 2 392 4407

This café serves the best Egyptian pastries in Cairo and is eternally crowded for a delightful taste of local life. If you are not a fan of pastries then they have an amazing ice-cream selection.



Cairo - Bars & Nightlife

There are two main types of bars in Cairo: traditional Egyptian style bars, known as "cafeterias" and typical Western style bars. The "cafeterias" have solely male customers and serve small plates of food. Both men and women are welcome and will feel comfortable and at ease in the Western style bars, which often serve food as well.

There is a pulsing variety of vivacious nightlife in Cairo. Most of the large, upscale hotels have nightclubs attached to them, and most of these are a safe bet for a good night out.





Pub 28

28 Shagaret Al Dor, Abu Al Feda
+20 2 27350972

Pub 28 is a cosy Western-style bar with a neighbourhood feel to it. It's especially popular with the over 30 crowd. Besides wine, cocktails, and many types of local beers, they also serve soups, salads, and pasta.



Deals

El Sayed El Bakry St., Zamalek
+20 2 736 0502

Deals is a typical British pub with a contemporary twist. It is popular with a younger set that enjoy lively, boisterous venues. They invite you to a night of food, funky music and a good atmosphere.



Pour Vous Roof Top Bar

The Nile Zamalek Hotel, 21 El Maahad
+20 022 735 3471

Serving mostly as a student bar, it can provide a sense of relaxation during the weekday as it is much more calm. With a nice view, cheap food and drink, you can expect a nice relaxing experience and you may even meet some locals to learn from.



Riverside

16, Montazah St
+20 121 280 1290

This unique boutique hotel hugs the bank of the Nile and offers great views from the top floor. Cosmopolitan dining can be enjoyed every night, and on the weekends guest DJs bring the beats to this dressy club.



Almaz

Swiss Inn Hotel, Hegaz Square
+20 2 3337 1552

Located in the Swiss Inn Hotel in Mohandessin, Almaz features chill out and oriental classical music, along with a wide selection of drinks and especially delicious Egyptian cuisine.

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Cairo - Tourist Information



Cairo International Airport

Heliopolis, Cairo

Terminal one: +20 2 265 3308 / Terminal two: +...

Cairo International Airport is located 25 km northeast of the city centre. There are 2 terminals: Terminal II is the new terminal and services most international flights, while Terminal I, the old terminal, is the hub for EgyptAir and services both their domestic and international flights. There are large official taxis (called "limousines") that charge a fixed rate for a trip to the city centre. A taxi for the same ride will involve some heavy haggling, so the official taxi may be the easier option.

There are two city busses and a mini-bus that takes you to and from the Airport. Bus number 356 is the designated airport service, which is a large white, air conditioned, luxury coach. It runs to the city centre at Midan Abdel Moniem Riad (behind the Egyptian museum) and charges extra per large luggage item. Local bus No 400 also goes to the city centre, as well as minibus No 27. The bus stand is at the far end of the car park.



Public transport

The local buses are like a carnival ride, as they rarely come to a full stop to let passengers on and off! There is a mini-bus that has set routes like the normal bus, but they are smaller and carries fewer passengers, but on the other hand -actually stops properly to let people on and off!



Taxi

Taxis are inexpensive in Cairo, and the way that most tourists navigate the city. It is important to fix a price before you get into a taxi, and always haggle over the price. Attempting to take advantage of naive tourists is a favourite pastime of Cairo taxi drivers.



Post

Midan Ataba, Cairo

+20 2 2396 1695

The Central Post Office is located at Midan Ataba and is open 7am-7pm.



Pharmacy

6C-Asmaa, Fahmy District

+20 2 19600

This pharmacy is open 24 hours:

El Ezaby Pharmacy



Electricity

220V AC, 50 Hz



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