



Travelling to Egypt



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Official Government Website:

New arrival requirements and procedures for travelers to Egypt can be found at:

http://egypt.travel/

Guests are responsible for monitoring this the site regularly as procedures are subject to change without notice.

Do Not Travel When You Feel Sick

If you have traveled in the last two weeks and/or if you have been in contact with people affected or potentially affected by COVID-19, please contact health authorities or your treating physician before leaving on your trip.

Summary of Entry Procedures:

As of the revision date of this document, key procedures for arriving in Egypt are:

- All travelers into Egypt (nationals & foreigners) are required to provide a negative <u>RT (Real Time) - PCR Test</u> certificate for COVID-19 that includes:
 - The RT-PCR certificate must be an original paper certificate from the lab meeting the criteria below. (Copies or printout of electronic delivery is not acceptable.)
 - The test certificate should include:
 - the hour and date of the withdrawal of the sample; (this is the date the arrival window will use)
 - be issued by an authorized accredited lab;
 - must contain the lab's stamp -OR- a QR code (with the required passenger details instead of the lab stamp) and does not contain scraping, cancellation, or additions;
 - indicates the type of sample taken for the swab;
 - indicate the type of test used (RT-PCR);
 - Certificate is accepted in English or Arabic;
 - Note: Vaccinated passengers <u>are not exempt</u> and must provide a valid PCR test for entry into Egypt.
- All passengers (except Egyptian nationals) who have been in or transited/transferred through these countries within the last 14 days will not be accepted for travel:
 - Argentina, Bangladesh, Belize, Bolivia, Bhutan, Brazil, Chile, Columbia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Equador, El Salvador, Guatamala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Mexico, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Sri Lanka, Surinam, Uraguay, Venezuela, and Vietnam

- Travelers entering Egypt via Hurgada (HRG), Marsa Alam (RMF), Sharm El-Sheikh (SSH) and Taba (TCP) Airports have the option to purchase an on-arrival COVID test. See Operational Note Below.
- Travelers arriving from these countries must have a medical certificate with a negative RT-PCR test result with QR code taken at most with in 96-hours before departure of the last direct flight to Egypt.
 - Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China (People's Rep.), Colombia, Ecuador, France (Paris only), Germany (Frankfurt only), Guyana, Japan, Mexico, New-Zealand, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Thailand, USA, United Kingdom (London Heathrow only), Uruguay or Venezuela
- Passengers arriving from any other country must have a medical certificate with a negative RT-PCR test result with QR code taken at most 72-hours before departure of the last direct flight to Egypt.
- Visas on arrival service is open. <u>eVisas</u> purchased in advance are also available from <u>visa2egypt.gov.eg</u>.
- Travelers must have a filled-in copy of the "Traveler Declaration" form prior to receiving a boarding pass. (See Egypt Website – Forms)
- Valid international medical insurance that covers your stay in Egypt is required. (See details below.)
- Egypt's COVID Regulations: When in public, wearing a face and practice social distancing.
- Note that RSA2 and RSA3 Passport Requirement below.
 See Operational Note Below.

Airport Arrival Transfers (Optional)

If you are using (the optional) airport arrival transfers arranged by Aggressor Adventures, be sure to advise your Adventure Planner if you will be arriving with a completed test certificate or will be undergoing testing upon arrival. This is needed so that your transfer can be scheduled correctly.

Don't Be Surprised That:

- Finding a RT-PCR test locally may be difficult.
 - Visit <u>www.TestForTravel.com</u>. This is a database crowdsourced by travelers like you of locations that offer COVID-19 test with fast turnaround times. Visit the site and filter by your state and type of test you require.
- Contact your local government information services, health clinics and hospitals to determine local testing facilities that
 are available.
- Your luggage will be disinfected one or more times. Most likely this will be done using a diluted bleach solution. Choose your luggage accordingly and be prepared for it to happen behind the scenes and not always in your presence.
- You will undergo multiple Temperature Checks and be asked to complete symptom check-list affidavits where you affirm you are symptom free for the past 14 days. This will likely be at airports, immigration stations, hotel check-ins and upon arrival at your Aggressor Adventure.
- Reduced Occupancy loads in taxis and busses may mean longer waits. Prevent delays by using pre-arranged transfers services and ensure a vehicle and driver are waiting for your party only.

International Medical Insurance Explained:

- When searching for travel medical insurance that offers coverage for quarantine and COVID-19 care try using search terms like "Cost Rica Travel Insurance". Costa Rica was the first country to introduce this requirement and many policies are listed this way. While initially written for Costa Rica, they typically offer coverages for travel to many other destinations as well. This policy includes medical care, hospitalization, and expenses for mandatory quarantine.
- The primary form of documentation a traveler should have is a "Visa Insurance Letter."
 - o The letter is commonly associated with the purchase of an International Travel Medical Insurance policy.
- Medical coverage offered by Trip Cancellation and Interruption Insurance or Dive Accident Insurance may or may not
 provide this service, depending on the policy issued. Check with the various providers to determine what is currently
 available.
- Separate International Travel Medical Insurance policies are reasonably priced (\$50 to \$100) based on coverage
 amounts and dates of coverage. Consider purchasing a longer date range (ie, 30 days) to hedge for treatment as some
 policies cannot be extended once purchased.
- Medical Insurance issued by your provider at home may state it provides "international coverage".
 - o Typically, the traveler is required pay all bills directly and submits a claim upon returning home.
 - o Rarely would a "Visa Insurance Letter" be issued since the policy will not pay medical providers directly.

Travel Tips:

- Stay cool and hydrated.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Wear your mask.
- Practice good social distancing.
- Maintain a temperature log for the 7 days leading up to your departure.
- Consider "Cancel for Any Reason" trip cancellation and interruption insurance to maximize financial protections.

Pack Your Preferred PPE:

- One or more masks. Avoid paper ones as they can get wet on a boat.
- Pack a buff or gator which works well as a mask and can be worn around your neck when eating.
- Your preferred hand sanitizer (enough for the entire trip)
- A non-porous container to store your mask in.

Operational Notes for Joining RSA2, RSA3, or Nile Queen Adventures

- Guests are required to show proof of a negative COVID-19 test result as part of the pre-boarding checks for their adventure.
- Any guest using "test upon arrival" in the 4 approved Egyptian destinations, will need to arrive 1 day early and overnight in a hotel so that adequate time is allowed for them to obtain then report showing negative results. Guests "waiting" for results to return, will not be permitted to board. (See Summary of Entry Procedures on previous page for list of airports.)
- Guests arriving in-country who proceed directly to their adventure (yacht/river cruise) within one day (i.e.: arrive on Friday and board on Saturday) will be able to join the adventure using the same test results utilized to enter the country.
- Guests who arrive early and tour other parts of Egypt will be required to submit a negative COVID-19 test (Antigen or PCR) that has been sampled within the last two days to qualify for embarkation (i.e., test on Thursday or Friday and board on Saturday).
- Guests participating in back-2-back Aggressor Adventures (for the same adventure or changing adventures) will be
 required to complete the Antigen Rapid Test or PCR-Test (with negative results) between each adventure. This uses the
 same logistics as Return Travel Testing (see below). The cost of the test is billed to your onboard account.
- Guests traveling on the Nile Queen are granted a 3-day window (test on Wednesday, board on Saturday) when moving to another Aggressor Adventure destination and utilizing a PCR test.
- Guests with a COVID-19 vaccination card reflecting completion at least two weeks before arrival in Egypt are exempt.
 PLEASE NOTE: A negative test result (or test on arrival for qualified airports) is still required to enter the country regardless of being vaccinated or not.

RSA2 & 3 Operational Notes:

- RED SEA AGGRESSOR II SCANNED PASSPORT REQUIREMENT: Guests traveling on Red Sea Aggressor II must email a copy of their passport photo page to RedSeaAggressorII@Aggressor.com prior to arrival. This is an Egyptian security requirement that the necessary departure authorizations can be obtained.
 - o In the subject line include "Passport", your name, your departure date, and reservation number. (ie: Passport, Speaker, L, 03-Oct-2020, Res-12345).
- RED SEA AGGRESSOR III SCANNED PASSPORT REQUIREMENT: Guests traveling on Red Sea Aggressor III must email a copy
 of their passport photo page to RedSea@Aggressor.com a minimum of 7 days prior to arrival. This is an Egyptian security
 requirement that the necessary departure authorizations can be obtained.
 - In the subject line include "Passport", your name, your departure date, and reservation number.
 (ie: Passport, Speaker, L, 03-Oct-2020, Res-12345).

Return Travel Testing Resources:

- RSA2 Guests (departing from Hurghada): "Return Travel Testing" services are now available. For those needing testing, a medical lab tech will visit the yacht Friday afternoon after returning to the dock. Antigen Rapid Tests are now available. The cost is USD 35 and can paid in cash. The lab will deliver results in 1-2 hours to the boat. PCR Testing is also available. The cost is USD 75 to 100 (depending on the lab) and can be billed to your on-board account. The lab delivers results to the boat in 24 hours.
- RSA3 Guests (departing from Port Ghalib): "Return Travel Testing" services are now available for RSA3 guests. For those needing testing, medical lab techs will visit the yacht early Friday morning (while at sea). The cost is USD 70 and can be billed to your on-board account. PCR Testing is also available. The cost is USD 100 and can be billed to your on-board account. The lab will email the results Saturday morning.
- For ANQ (Nile Queen) Guests: "Return Travel Testing" services are now available for Nile Queen guests. For those needing testing, a medical lab tech will visit the boat Wednesday afternoon in Aswan. They will administer a nasal swab required to process a PCR Test. The lab will email the results in 30 hours. The cost is USD \$130 and can be paid by cash (USD or Egypt Pounds) directly to the company performing the tests. At this time Antigen Rapid tests are not available.

Pre-Departure Guest Temperature Log

Departure Date:	Aggressor Adventure:
Departure Date:	7.661 C3301 7.44 C11641 C.

	Morning	Afternoon
	Temperature Check	Temperature Check
	Please write measured body temperature in box (i.e.: 98.6 f)	Please write measured body temperature in box (i.e.: 98.6 f)
7 days before departure	96.01)	90.01)
6 days before departure		
5 days before departure		
4 days before departure		
3 days before departure		
2 days before departure		
1 day before departure		
Departure Day		