

Travel Advisory

Egypt



Level

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Reconsider travel

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Reconsider travel to Egypt due to **terrorism**. Exercise increased caution in Egypt due to **the Embassy's limited ability to assist dual national U.S.-Egyptian citizens who are arrested or detained**.

Do not travel to:

- The Sinai Peninsula (with the exception of travel to Sharm El-Sheikh by air) due to **terrorism**.
- The Western Desert due to **terrorism**.
- Egyptian border areas due to **military zones**.

Country Summary: Terrorist groups continue plotting attacks in Egypt. Terrorists may attack with little or no warning, and have targeted diplomatic facilities, tourist locations, transportation hubs, markets/shopping malls, western businesses, restaurants, resorts, and local government facilities. Terrorists have conducted attacks in urban areas, including in Cairo, despite the heavy security presence. Terrorists have targeted religious sites, to include mosques, churches, monasteries, and buses traveling to these locations.

Due to risks to civil aviation operating within or in the vicinity of Egypt, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has issued a Notice to Air Missions (NOTAM) and/or a Special Federal Aviation Regulation (SFAR). For more information U.S. citizens should consult the [Federal Aviation Administration's Prohibitions, Restrictions and Notices](#).

Local law prohibits protesting or demonstrating without a permit. Being near anti-government protests can draw scrutiny from Egyptian police and security forces. U.S. citizens have been detained for participating in protests and for posting content on social media perceived as critical of Egypt or its allies.

The U.S. Embassy may have a limited ability to provide consular services to dual U.S.-Egyptian citizens. Egyptian law considers dual citizens to be Egyptian citizens.

Read the [country information page](#) for additional information on travel to Egypt.

If you decide to travel to Egypt:

- Stay alert in locations frequented by Westerners.
- Avoid demonstrations and crowds.

- Obtain comprehensive medical insurance that includes medical evacuation.
- Enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive Alerts and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Follow the Department of State on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- Review the [Country Security Report](#) for Egypt.
- Visit the CDC page for the latest [Travel Health Information](#) related to your travel.
- Prepare a contingency plan for emergency situations. Review the [Traveler's Checklist](#).

Sinai Peninsula – Level 4: Do Not Travel

The Sinai Peninsula remains a particularly dangerous area, with frequent attacks on security forces and civilians.

The U.S. government has limited ability to provide emergency services to U.S. citizens anywhere in the Sinai Peninsula as U.S. government employees are not authorized to travel to these areas (with the exception of the beach resort of Sharm El-Sheikh; travel to Sharm El-Sheikh is only permitted by air). Visit our website for [Travel to High-Risk Areas](#).