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Heliopolis is home to many of Cairo's wealthy including the Presidential Palace, while the middle-class suburb of Giza has expanded within sight of the Pyramids. Old Cairo lies south of central Cairo where visitors are intrigued by its twisting streets, medieval buildings and oriental bazaars. Cairo is a rare combination of multiple commercial centers and quiet, ox-ploughed fields edged by quaint brick-house neighbourhoods. A quiet cruise on the River Nile or the pulsating night life, Cairo will charm you with its many attractions.

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- **Exploring Cairo**

The Pyramids, Sphinx, Tutankhamun's tomb, treasures of the Egyptian Museum, Nile Island of Gezira, Island of Roda. Mosque and Coptic churches.

- **Shopping**

Khan-El-Khalili Bazaar, The Street of the Coppersmiths (An-Nahassin), jewelry shops on Sharia Abdel Khalek Sarwat and Sharia al-Muizz li-Din.

- **Unforgettable Souvenirs**

Pharaonic souvenirs, papyrus paintings and antiques, brass and copper items.

- **Currency**

Egyptian Pound

- **Location**

Officially the Arab Republic of Egypt, a country in north-eastern Africa bordered by the Mediterranean Sea to the north and the Red Sea to the east, Sudan to the south, and Libya to the west. The principal geographic feature of the country is the Nile River.

- **Language**

While Arabic is the official language, English and French are widely spoken. It is not uncommon to hear people speaking Italian, Greek, Armenian and Sudanese in Cairo and Alexandria.

- **Climate**

Generally dry the temperatures vary between 13°C to 40°C in the winter.

- **Flying Time**

Flying time from Muscat: 4 Hours 15 Minutes.

- **Time Difference**

GMT +2 Hours (GMT +3 Hours from May to September).