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Information for applicants

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Egypt links north east Africa with the Middle East. It has a population of over 94 million, some 20 million of whom live in the Greater Cairo Region. Egypt is almost three times the size of Germany in terms of land area, but only around 5% of this land is inhabitable. The Nile is the country's lifeline, providing over 90% of its water supply.

Climate and sights

Cairo has a warm and arid desert climate, with an average annual temperature of 22°C and daily maximum temperatures of up to 40°C between May and September.

Egypt's cultural assets include the pyramids of Giza, the Karnak temple complex and the tombs in the Valley of the Kings. Historic Cairo, the old Islamic quarter of the city, was added to UNESCO's World Heritage List in 1979. St Catherine's Monastery and Wadi Al-Hitan were subsequently included in 2002 and 2005 respectively, the former as a Cultural Heritage Site and the latter as a Natural Heritage Site.

Medical care

Medical care is readily available in Cairo, which has several hospitals meeting international standards. Private medical care is provided by internationally trained GPs and specialists and well equipped private clinics. Nonetheless, you should have any plannable surgery and diagnostics carried out in Germany.

You do not need to have the yellow fever vaccination if you are travelling to Egypt directly from Germany. The German Federal Foreign Office recommends reviewing and completing the standard course of vaccinations specified in the Robert Koch Institute's current immunisation schedule.

Accommodation

Most colleagues live in Zamalek, Maadi, Dokki or Mohandessin. You can also find apartments and houses in compounds, many of which have their own sports facilities, outside of the central district (for instance, in 6th of October City or New Cairo). Most apartments are either partially or fully furnished. GIZ can put you in touch with professional estate agents and provide rent advance loans if required.

Shopping and leisure

Shopping is straightforward, with a good range of stores selling all daily essentials in Cairo. Most neighbourhoods have supermarkets stocking local and imported goods and major shopping malls can be found on the outskirts of the city.

The city has several gyms, some for men or women only, and a range of private sports clubs offering activities such as swimming and tennis. Theatres, museums and local cultural institutions contribute to a diverse cultural offering. The city also hosts annual jazz and film festivals.

Accompanying partners and children

Accompanying spouses are granted a residence permit, though this does not allow them to take up employment.

There is an excellent range of German and international schools, while multi-lingual kindergartens and day-care centres provide care for young children.

Working for GIZ in Egypt

For over 60 years, GIZ has been implementing projects throughout the country on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). There are currently 50 seconded experts and 250 national personnel working for GIZ in Egypt. The working language is English, and Egyptian colleagues can assist during meetings with partners.

Find out more

<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/aussenpolitik/laenderinformationen/aegypten-node>

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