

EGYPT

Follow in the Footsteps of the Holy Family, Alexander the Great & Ancient Pharaohs

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aktiv planet travel dispatch

EXPLORE BOLDLY. TRAVEL RESPECTFULLY.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to prepare travelers not just for the journey ahead, but for meaningful, respectful engagement with the cultures, landscapes, and people they encounter. Through each dispatch, we aim to inspire curiosity, deepen understanding, and build a sense of shared adventure — empowering travelers to explore boldly, connect authentically, and move through the world with intention.

Purpose of an aktiv planet travel dispatch

An aktiv planet travel dispatch aims to:

1. Prepare with Purpose

It provides practical information and cultural context so travelers feel confident, informed, and grounded. From packing tips to etiquette guides, the dispatch ensures that everyone arrives not just ready to explore, but ready to connect.

2. Deepen Cultural Understanding

Each dispatch highlights the people, history, customs, and unique spirit of the destination. It promotes respectful travel by fostering curiosity and awareness — turning a trip into a meaningful cultural exchange.

3. Build Excitement

It builds anticipation and unity among travelers. Through sneak peeks of the itinerary, local phrases, and fun facts, the dispatch fuels that "we're-really-going!" energy and invites travelers to imagine themselves there.

4. Strengthen the aktiv planet Community

The dispatch encourages communication and collaboration — travelers are reminded to check shared documents, use the questions section, and stay engaged with the aktiv planet team and each other.

5. Deliver in aktiv planet's Voice

Written in a tone that's warm, curious, respectful, and just a little playful, the dispatch reflects aktiv planet's core values: responsible adventure, cultural respect, curiosity, and connection.



Your Itinerary at a Glance



This is not just a trip — it's an epic voyage through time. Over 13 days, you'll see Egypt in ways that most people only dream about.

Here's a taste of what's in store:

Holy Family Sites in Cairo: Visit sacred places tied to one of the most beloved journeys in history

Cairo "Classics": The Great Pyramids & the Sphinx, amazing museums, cobbled streets, a living, breathing connection to Egypt's layered history

Alexandria: Ancient catacombs, its National Museum, and the modern marvel of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina

Saqqara: A treasure trove of lesser-visited sites, including its Step Pyramid and a mix of ancient churches and synagogues — all without the crowds

Five unforgettable days on the Nile: Our cruise is more than a ride, it's a floating hotel with front-row seats to the wonders of ancient Egypt. Every bend of the river reveals another jaw-dropping view, and we'll step ashore to explore legendary sites, such as the Valley of the Kings, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, Philae Temple, Karnak Temple, and Luxor Temple

Why October is the Perfect Time to Go



Egypt in October is travel gold.

Perfect weather: The intense summer heat is over, replaced with warm, sunny days averaging around 85°F (29°C) and pleasantly cool evenings around 65°F (18°C). The air is clear, the skies are a brilliant blue, and it's comfortable enough to wander from morning to night.

Ideal for sightseeing: You can roam through temples, tombs, and bustling city streets without feeling like you're baking in a giant outdoor oven. This means more energy to enjoy each experience, and no need to hide in the shade every 5 minutes.

Picture-perfect light: The softer autumn sun casts a golden glow over the Pyramids, temples, and the Nile, turning every view into a postcard moment. Shadows stretch longer, colors appear warmer, and whether you're snapping photos or just taking it all in, the atmosphere feels almost cinematic.

Lively but not overwhelming: There's a wonderful buzz at the major sites, with markets, museums, and cafes alive with activity, yet without the shoulder-to-shoulder crowds of peak season. You'll have space to absorb the magic around you.

From the breezes of Alexandria to graceful feluccas drifting past as you sip mint tea on the boat's terrace, October wraps Egypt in the kind of comfort that invites you to slow down, breathe deeply, and savor every single moment.

Visa & Entry Requirements

Health & Safety



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Egypt requires a tourist visa for entry, and **aktiv planet is covering the cost for you.** Even better, we'll take care of the entire visa process upon your arrival, so you can skip the usual lines, paperwork hassles, and stress. Just be sure your passport has at least 6 months validity beyond your travel dates. We'll handle the rest behind the scenes, making your journey as smooth and seamless as possible from the moment you land. No extra forms, no confusing steps — just pure excitement and anticipation for the amazing week ahead!

Health & Safety

Your comfort and well-being are a top priority, and we'll be doing our utmost to ensure you travel smart and safe.

Health tips:

- Always drink bottled water to avoid tummy troubles.
- Stay hydrated: the Egyptian sun is glorious, but it will sneak up on you if you're not sipping water regularly.
- Be mindful of food hygiene and wash hands or use sanitizer before meals.

Safety measures:

- Tourist Police are present at most major attractions.
- For extra peace of mind, we'll have our very own security detail throughout the trip.



Money & Budgeting



Egypt uses the Egyptian Pound (EGP). While credit cards may be accepted in hotels, larger stores, cash is still king in local markets, small shops, and some attractions where card machines may not be available.

Tips for money management:

Many banks in the U.S. can order Egyptian Pounds for you before you travel — be sure to ask your bank. This can save you from costly ATM fees and give you peace of mind having local currency on hand as soon as you arrive.

Keep plenty of small bills handy for tipping. Tipping (or baksheesh) is customary and highly appreciated for good service, from your guide and driver to waitstaff and hotel staff. And trust me, you'll be treated wonderfully when you show appreciation!

Consider carrying a small coin purse or zip pouch. Egyptian currency comes in many denominations, and keeping it organized makes transactions quicker and easier.

A quick note on haggling:

In Egypt, haggling is a time-honored tradition and part of the fun of shopping in bazaars and markets. Don't hesitate to politely negotiate. Smile, stay friendly, and be prepared for a bit of back-and-forth.



We Can't Wait!



This trip promises to be nothing short of **extraordinary**, a journey where history, faith, and adventure come alive side by side. Together, we'll **follow in the footsteps of the Holy Family, Alexander the Great, and the ancient Pharaohs**, walking the same paths that shaped civilizations and inspired legends. Imagine the shared awe, and stories we'll create as we cruise the Nile, stand beneath the Pyramids, and wander through temples and monasteries. From Alexandria's Greek heritage to the bustling streets of Cairo, every step will deepen our connection, not just to Egypt, but to each other as a community of curious explorers and friends.

Contact **Demosthenes Euclid** at agocnyyouth@gmail.com to:

1. Make your second deposit
2. Provide all required traveler details so we can keep everything running smoothly

And look for the 2nd travel dispatch in about one month! The aktiv planet team is as excited as you are, and we're counting down the days until we explore Egypt together.



Let the journey
transform you.