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Cairo Quick Guide

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Welcome

- The purpose of this presentation is to make things easier
- Presentation will provide you with basic information
- The presentation is based on my personal experience
- Feel free to ask any question along the way

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Outline

- Know Egypt
- Know Cairo
- Getting Around
- Getting Connected
- Getting Supplies
- Useful Information

Know Egypt

- Area 1 001 450 km^2
- Capital Cairo
- Population estimated 80 000 000
- Costs on two seas
- Country in two continent (Africa, Asia)

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Know Cairo

- The largest city in Africa
- One of the most populated cities in the world
- Temperatures

  Can reach 45°C in summer, 7°C in winter
- Culturally diverse and vibrant

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Know Cairo

- The national currency is the Egyptian Pound (EGP)
- One Egyptian Pound (EGP) = 100 Piaster's (PT)
- Exchange Rate*

  1 USD = 5.94584 EGP

  1 EUR = 8.50408 EGP

* Extract from www.xe.com website on the 17th of June 2011

Know Cairo

- Egyptian Pound is often called *"livre égyptienne(LE)"*
- Coins

5 PT

10 PT

20 PT

25 PT

50 PT

1 EGP

Know Cairo

- Bills

5 EGP

10 EGP

20 EGP

Know Cairo

- Bills

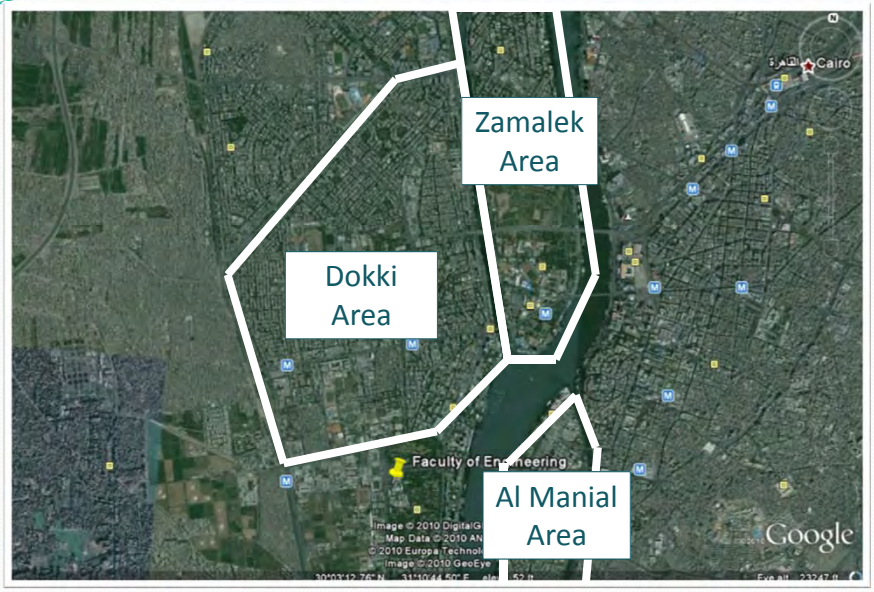
50 EGP

100 EGP

200 EGP

Know Cairo

- The main language is Arabic
- English is widely understood



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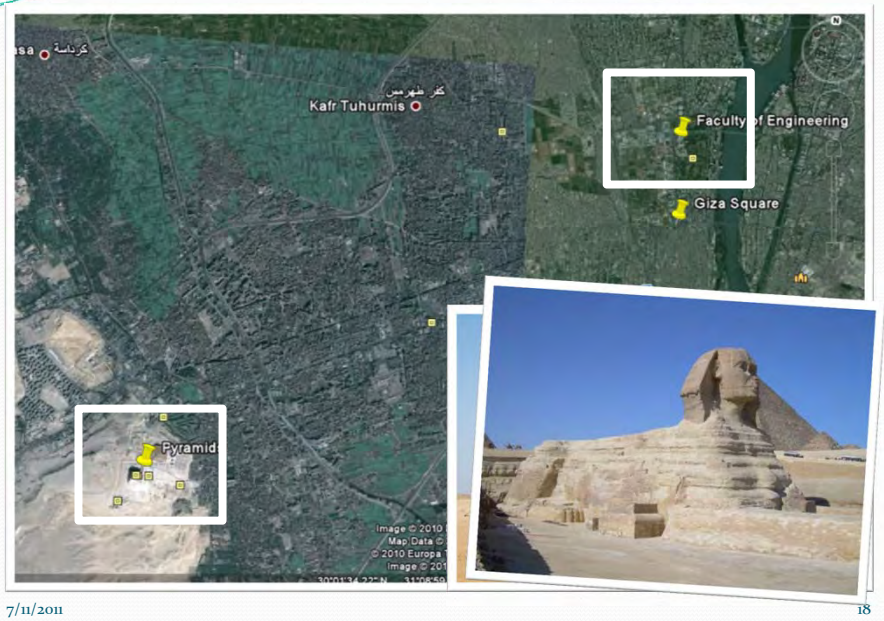

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After getting to know Cairo, the next section will give you the outlines on how to get around.

Getting Around

- Cairo is generally safe
- People are friendly
- Walking around is usually safe all day and night
- Rush hours

  7:00 am – 9:00 am

  4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Getting Around

- Walking Around
  - Streets tend to be crowded
  - Crossing roads might be dangerous

Getting Around

- Walking Around
  - Pavements are often misused

Getting Around

- Taxi
  - Fastest and recommended method
  - Three types exist
    - Black and white
    - White (new taxi)
    - Yellow (Cairo cab)

Getting Around

- Black and white taxi
  - Some are old and damages, don't have meters
  - Negotiate fair before riding

Getting Around

- White taxi
  - New , have meters , AC
  - If driver doesn't turn meter on, ask him to

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Getting Around

- Yellow taxi
  - Can be called in
  - Slightly expensive than white taxi, not commonly encountered

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Getting Around

- Micro Buses
  - Some drivers are reckless
  - Price range from 0.25 to 2 LE per trip

Getting Around

- Mini Buses
  - Some have poor interiors
  - Price range from 0.25 to 2 LE per trip

Getting Around

- Buses
  - General Transportation Buses
  - Prices range from 0.25 to 1 LE per trip

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Getting Around

- Buses
  - Air Conditioned buses
  - Price 2 LE for trip

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Getting Around

- Buses
  - Inter city buses
  - Price depend on trip distance

Getting Around

- Metro
  - Tend to get crowded in rush hours
  - Price 1 LE per trip

Getting Around

- Metro
  - Some carriages are for ladies only
  - Not all lines are underground

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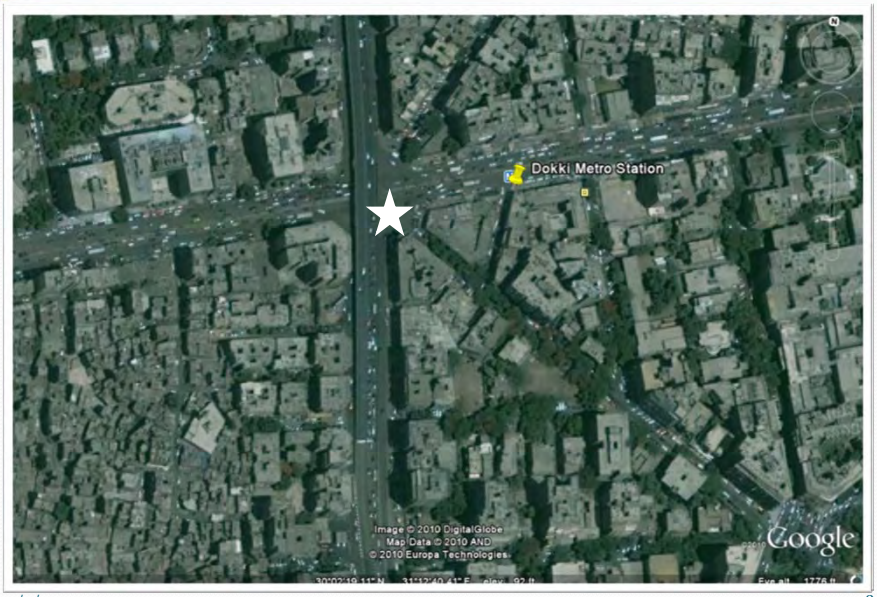

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Getting Around

- Trains
  - Used for between cities travel (www.egyptrail.gov.eg)

Getting Around

- To conclude
  - Taxi's are the fastest and most recommended method
  - Buses are not recommended
  - Metro is recommended for long trips
  - Leave vehicle if you feel unsafe

Now that you know how to move around, its time to get you connected.

Getting Connected

- Cell phones
  - Three cell phone operators

Mobinil	(www.mobinil.com)
Vodafone	(www.vodafone.com.eg)
Etisilat	(www.etisalat.com.eg)

Getting Connected

- Cell phones
  - All operators are the same
  - Cost depends on scheme (around 20 PT per min.)
  - International cost is around 2 LE per minute.

Getting Connected

- Internet Connection
  - DSL connection need a land line

link DSL	(www.linkdsl.com)
Vodafone DSL	(www.vodafone.com.eg)
Etisalat DSL	(www.etisalat.com.eg)

  - Cost*

512/128	95 LE/month
1024/256	145 LE/month

* Extract from link DSL website

Getting Connected

- Internet Connection
  - USB modem are easier
  - Cell phone operators are the providers
  - Cost*

1.5 GB/month	100 LE / month
Unlimited	150 LE / month

* Extract from Vodafone.com

Getting Connected

- Internet Connection
  - Internet connection is available on campus
  - Some coffee shops provide free internet access

After getting connected, the next section will give you brief information on how to get your basic needs

Getting Supplies

- General supplies
  - Markets are plentiful
  - You might have to ask for what you want

Getting Supplies

- Fruits and Vegetables
  - You can pick items yourself
  - Items are sold in kilograms

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Getting Supplies

- Super Markets
  - Can get most of the supplies
  - Walk through markets
  - Most commonly encountered is Metro market (www.metro-markets.com)

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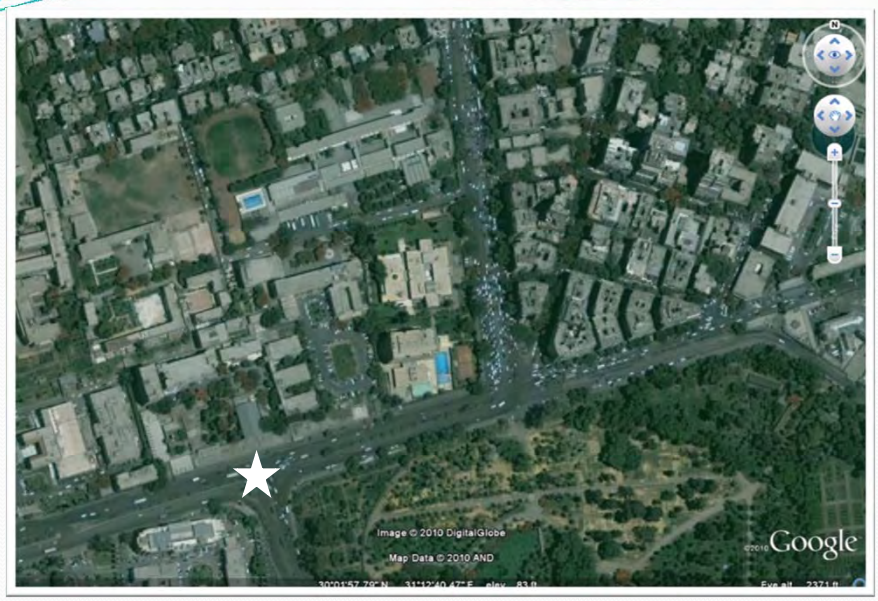

Getting Supplies

- Hypermarkets
  - Located on the outskirts of Cairo
  - Difficult to reach without a car

Getting Supplies

- Pharmacies
  - Commonly encountered
  - Don't need prescription

Getting Supplies

- Fast food restaurants
  - Commonly encountered
  - Home delivery is available
  - Phone number found on yellowpages.com.eg, menu found on otlob.com

Getting Supplies

- Drinking water
  - Tap water is generally safe
  - Preferred to use bottled water
- Food Safety
  - Not all fast food shops are clean
  - Always check the expiration dates

And finally, some useful numbers and websites.

Useful Information

- Important Numbers
  - Police 122
  - Ambulance 123
  - Fire Brigade 180
  - Information center 140

Useful Information

- Important Websites
  - www.masr.gov.eg
  - www.cu.edu.eg
  - www.eng.cu.edu.eg
  - www. ewaseet.net
  - www.yellowpages.com.eg
  - www.otlob.com

Thank you