

Overview

Head of State	President Mohamed Hosni Mubarak
Area	1,002,000 km ²
Borders	To the North: the Mediterranean Sea To the South: Sudan To the East: the Gaza Strip, Israel and the Red Sea To the West: Libya
Climate	Mild Winter, hot and dry in Summer
Capital	Cairo
Major cities	Alexandria, Aswan, Luxor, Port Said, Suez, Sharm El-Sheikh
Time	GMT + two hours
Population	69.3 million (2004)
Languages	Arabic (official), English and French (widely spread)
Religion	Muslim (94%), Coptic Christians and others (6%)
Education	Years Compulsory for ages 6-15 years – Literacy...total adult: 55.6%
Currency	Egyptian Pound (EGP)
Exchange Rate	US\$ 1 = L.E. 5.78 and Euro 1 = L.E. 7.3