

Year 3 and 4 Home Learning

Geography (Egypt) Week 9

Monday

## Ancient Egyptians

Learning Objective:

To be able to use information about Egypt to plan a holiday.

What have we found out so far about what Egypt is like?

Think, pair, share your ideas.



**You looked at some of these pictures this morning and wrote about the weather in Egypt.**

This afternoon I want you to research about Egypt. Jot down your ideas in your work book.



















Can you think of some adjectives to describe what Egypt is like from the pictures you have seen for someone who is thinking of going to Egypt on holiday?



A travel agent has asked us to help them design a new travel brochure to encourage people to go on holiday to Egypt.

What kind of activities could you do on an Egyptian holiday?

Ideas:



What information would you need to include in a travel brochure about Egypt?



**You will use these ideas to support your writing this week.**

<https://www.thomascook.com/holidays/egypt/overview/>

<https://www.thomascook.com/holidays/egypt/things-to-do/> - if you go online, you can get more details about Egypt and magpie vocabulary...

<https://www.thomascook.com/holidays/egypt/weather/>

<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/egypt/top-things-to-do/a/poi/355224>

<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/egypt/attractions/a/poi-sig/355224>

## Key Facts



### Capital

Cairo



### Language

Arabic, Modern Standard Arabic



### Timezone

GMT +2



### Currency

Egyptian Pound (£)



### Flight Time

4-6 Hours

## When's the best time to go?

It's hot, it's sunny, and it's packed full of history: Our Egypt travel advice is to put a trip to this extraordinary and unique country right at the top of your bucket list. Egypt really is a year-round holiday destination. Temperatures often rise above 35°C in summer, and they hover around 20°C in winter. If you like things warm but not too hot then spring and autumn are the best times to go, when temperatures are in the high 20s.

Chances are you won't have to worry about wet weather during your trip, as it hardly ever rains here. It can get chilly when the sun goes down though, so keep this in mind when you're packing your bags. If you're planning on diving during your stay, the water's nice and warm in summer (around 28°C) but can cool down to around 20°C in December and January.

## What should I pack?

Unless you're heading to Egypt in winter, you'll need to pack for hot weather. You'll need plenty of lightweight clothes, and don't forget your sunglasses. Bring your sun cream too, and make it a high factor (30 and above) because the UV rays are pretty intense here. Things can cool down a little in the evening, so bring a lightweight jumper or a jacket to protect yourself from any chills.

Make sure you pack a pair of comfy walking shoes. They'll come in handy if you're planning on trekking through those ancient Egyptian archaeological sites. Women should pack a minimum of one long-sleeved top and a head-covering scarf, as you'll need to cover up when visiting mosques or holy sites.



## Egypt - Weather

Egypt has a hot, dry desert climate. February to April and October to November are the best times to visit for warm sun and blue skies. But watch out for sandstorms caused by the khamsin winds which sometimes hit between March and June. Summer days can get hot at 40°C and above. Winters are mild with cool nights, some clouds and the occasional rain shower.

### Choose a Destination

#### Current Weather



30°

Clear

#### Weather Predictor Your next five days

Choose Arrival date **18 May 2020**



41°

Clear

May 18th

42°

Clear

May 19th

42°

Clear

May 20th

43°

Clear

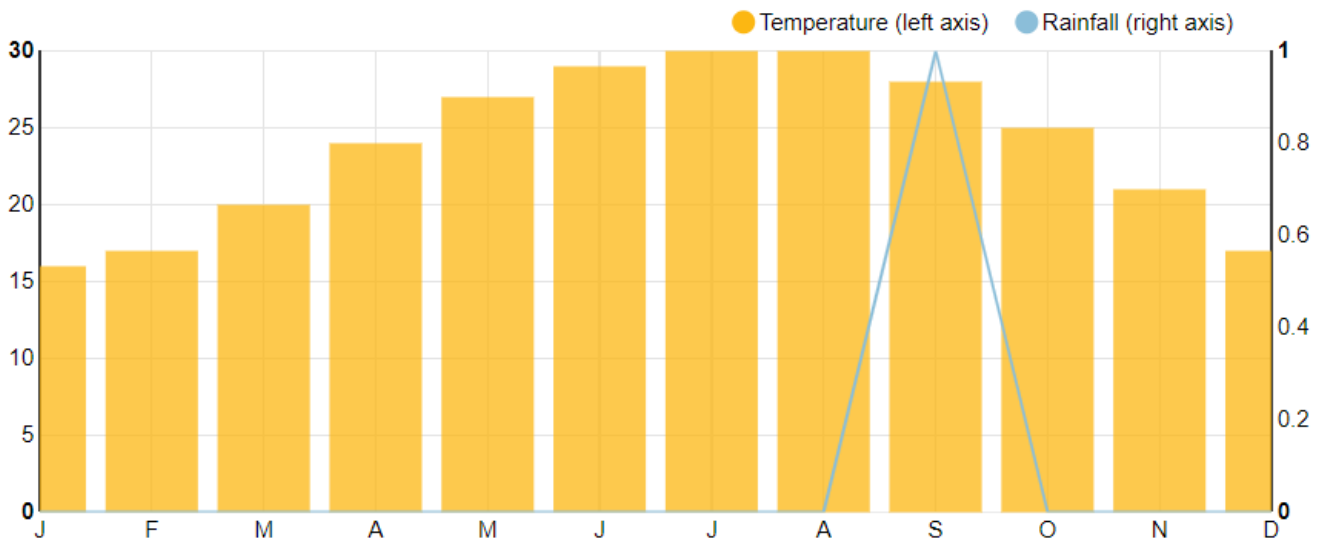
May 21st

41°

Clear

May 22nd

#### Weather Bar Chart Average monthly temperature and rainfall for the location



## Things to do in Egypt

Think of Egypt and images of sand-covered tombs, towering Giza pyramids, and the iconic Sphinx come to mind. From ancient sights to souks, Red Sea diving and desert safaris, Egypt offers some of the most spectacular sights and one-of-kind experiences found anywhere on the planet. Here's just some of the best things to do in Egypt. Put as many on your To Do list as possible!

### **Visit the Cairo's ancient sites**

A visit to Egypt's awe-inspiring historical sites are an unforgettable highlight of any trip here. Just a short 30-minute trip from Cairo, you can marvel at the last remaining ancient wonders of the world at the Pyramids of Giza, or take a selfie at the feet of the famous Sphinx.

### **Cruise along the great Nile**

In-the-know travellers know the best way to visit Egypt's tombs and temples is with a cruise along the mighty River Nile. Sail down the world's longest river and explore Egypt's sights at the same time. Many cruises begin at the breathtakingly beautiful Luxor, where the two enormous seated figures of Ramses II greet you at the Temple of Luxor's entrance and Karnak's perfectly carved hieroglyphics and obelisks completely live up to their hype. You'll take in the Valley of the Kings, where Tutankhamen was unearthed, as well Edfu, Kom Ombo, and the spectacular Abu Simbel. A Nile cruise often ends at Aswan, where the sunrise will leave you dumbstruck.

### **Marvel at the natural landscape**

Once you've seen Egypt's man-made wonders, you'll think nothing can compare to their ability to make your jaw drop. That is until you've seen what Mother Nature's created here! Stretches of sandy beaches, Siwa Oasis' hot springs, offshore coral reefs that are ideal for diving or a sun rise in one of the vast deserts, there are plenty of things to do in Egypt that take in the country's natural beauty.

### **Shop for souvenirs in the souks**

Enjoy your free time and stroll through the maze of narrow alleys to find a unique souvenir to take home. You'll find souks, or street markets, are open from early morning to sunset, and have everything from jewellery to miniature pyramids.

### **Step back in time at Egypt's museums**

Talk a walk around the Egyptian Museum and see one of the world's most important collections of ancient artefacts. From mummies to Tutankhamun's iconic death mask, it's a real adventure through time the whole family will enjoy. It's well worth



visiting one of the many other museums in Egypt too, like the Egypt Papyrus Museum and Solar Boat Museum.

## Explore two religions

Once you've visited all ancient Egypt has to offer, stroll around some of the most important medieval sites of Islam and Coptic Christianity. Take a tour around one of the many Coptic sites, some are at least 1600 years old and still used as convents, churches and monasteries. The historic Monastery of St Anthony, Hanging Church and Coptic Museum are all worth a visit. Discover some of Islam's oldest and most beautiful architecture too, like the Ibn Tulun, Al-Mu'ayyad Shaykh, Al-Azhar, Al-Hakim, and Al-Aqmar mosques.



### [1. Hurghada Grand Aquarium Egypt](#)

The Egyptian resort of Hurghada has all the classic ingredients you need for some serious relaxation. Sunshine? Check. Beautiful beaches? Check. Warm, deep blue seas? Check.

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### [2. Senzo Mall Egypt](#)

Get your retail therapy fix at the fabulous Senzo Mall; the largest shopping complex of its kind in the Red Sea Riviera. Escape the midday heat and browse the extensive fashion and homeware stores.

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### [3. Makadi Water World Egypt](#)

Enjoy family fun at Egypt's largest water park, Makadi Water World, in the heart of the Red Sea Riviera. Choose from 50 different rides, including an adrenaline-fuelled 19m free-fall slide

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### [4. Makadi Bay Dominican Republic](#)

Makadi Bay's location on the Red Sea makes it the perfect destination for diving. There are several superb diving spots dotted across the coast

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### [5. Kite Surfing In El Gouna Egypt](#)

If you're after a different sporting activity on the water, why not have a go at kite surfing? El Gouna is said to be the best location in the country for this adrenaline-fuelled sport.

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### [6. Diving In El Gouna Egypt](#)

El Gouna is one of the best resorts in the country for snorkelling and scuba diving, so take the unique opportunity to explore a breathtakingly beautiful underwater world.

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## [7. Day Trip To Luxor Egypt](#)

It would be a shame to travel all the way to Hurghada and not make a day trip to the ancient city of Luxor whilst you're there. It's just a four hour drive from Hurghada, which makes it such a popular excursion for holidaymakers.

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## [8. Explore The Pyramids Egypt](#)

What's great about Hurghada holidays is that you're surrounded by golden sandy beaches; excellent bars, restaurants and shops; and some of the best marine life in the world. But it also serves as an ideal location to base yourself

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## [9. Learn to scuba dive in the Red Sea](#)

There are many reasons why the Red Sea is right up there as one of the best diving spots in the whole world. Think professional instructors; clear, calm and warm waters; and some of the most vibrant and colourful marine life that you could ever wish to set your eyes upon.

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## [10. Explore Mahmya Island Egypt](#)

The beach of Mahmya tops Tripadvisor's list of things to do whilst on holiday in Hurghada. So it's definitely a must-see for anyone who visits Hurghada for themselves.

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## [11. Excursion To Cairo Egypt](#)

Make the journey to the country's capital city of Cairo and learn everything there is to know about the rich and entrancing history of the nation.

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## [12. Soho Square Egypt](#)

Think bright lights, international restaurants, great shops and exhilarating shows and you'll get a sense of what to expect at this exciting and upmarket entertainment district.

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### **13. Visit the Old Town Market**

Chilling out by the hotel pool all day is all well and good. But sometimes it's nice to mingle amongst the locals and get a real taste of their way of life.

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### **14. Dive In Sharm El Sheikh Egypt**

Sharm El Sheikh offers everything that you could possibly need to take the plunge and see the fascinating and colourful world that exists beneath us.

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