Travel Information for *Footsteps of Faith: A Biblical Exploration of Egypt*

The following information should be helpful when booking your international flights to/from Egypt. Please email a copy of your itinerary to pll@principia.edu as soon as you have purchased your flights.

Passport and Visa Information

Travelers to Egypt must have a valid passport. Please ensure that your passport has sufficient blank pages for entry and exit stamps and that it is valid for six months after the date of your return from this program.

Tourist visas for Egypt can be obtained in advance or upon arrival. If you are a citizen of the United States, Australia, Canada, Mexico, or United Kingdom, your tourist visa for Egypt is included in your registration and will be provided upon arrival by our travel partner, Holy Kemet. If you are not a citizen of the above countries, please contact the nearest diplomatic or consular office of the country/countries you plan to visit to obtain specific entry requirements. The current cost for an Egypt visa upon arrival is USD $30 (subject to change).

Arrival in Cairo, Egypt

- **Arrival:** Any time on Friday, October 30, 2026
- **Airport:** Cairo International Airport (CAI)
- **Airport Assistance:** A representative from our travel partner, Holy Kemet, will assist with visa formalities and luggage collection. You will also be transferred to the hotel where a Holy Kemet representative will assist with check-in.

Early arrival information:

- **Arrival:** If you plan to arrive before October 30, your arrival time will be communicated to the in-country representative.
- **Airport Assistance:** You will still be met at the airport by a Holy Kemet representative who will assist with visa formalities and escort you to your hotel at no additional cost.
- **Hotel accommodations:** for early arrival must be pre-arranged at an additional cost.

Independent arrival:

If you are arriving early and arranging your own hotel booking, a Holy Kemet representative will assist with visa formalities at the airport. You will be responsible for arranging transportation to meet the group at the hotel for the beginning of the tour. Holy Kemet can also arrange private transportation for $50 to $90 per person depending on the destination.

If you are not met by a representative, you can purchase a visa at the airport (cash only) and use a limo, taxi, or Uber to reach your hotel. Prices range from $25 to $75 per car, plus tips for the driver.

Hotel recommendations for early arrival: Our travel partner, Holy Kemet, can assist with booking accommodations for early arrivals or post-tour extensions at the following hotel:

Le Meridien Airport Hotel

- **Cost:** Double Room – $225/night; Single Room - $200/night
- **Includes:** Breakfast, taxes, and service charges

Departure from Egypt

If you are participating in the main tour only:

- **Departure:** You may schedule your departure flight after 10 p.m. on Thursday, November 12 or any time on Friday, November 13, 2026
- **Airport Assistance:** A Holy Kemet representative will assist with departure procedures
- **Hotel Checkout:** The group will stay at Le Meridien Airport Hotel on November 12. You can use the hotel facilities until 12:00 p.m. on November 13. If you have a late flight, you can stay in the hotel lobby. With advance notice, Holy Kemet can help to arrange day use of a hotel room at Le Meridien Airport Hotel. Day use is typically from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at 60% of the regular room rate. After 5 p.m. the full room rate is charged.

If you are traveling on the Sinai post tour:

- **Departure:** We will depart from Sharm El Sheik on Monday, November 16 at 3:20 p.m. and arrive in Cairo at 4:20 p.m. Your flight from Sharm El Sheik to Cairo is arranged by Holy Kemet and already included in your trip registration cost.
- **Recommended Departure Time from Cairo to Home:** To ensure a smooth international connection and to allow ample time for airport procedures and any unforeseen delays, please book your international flight home from Cairo on November 16 at 9:30 p.m. or later or early on Tuesday, November 17.
- **Hotel Assistance:** For added comfort before your flight, extra nights at Le Méridien Cairo Airport Hotel (directly connected to Terminal 3) are available upon request for an additional cost.
- **Early Morning Flights:** If you need to leave early, we can make arrangements to ensure you catch your flight. Additional fees may apply.

Main Tour Domestic Flights

These domestic flights are included in the Main Tour and booked by our travel partner, Holy Kemet.

- **Cairo to Luxor (Wednesday, November 4)**
- **Aswan to Abu Simbel (Wednesday, November 11)**
- **Abu Simbel/Aswan/Cairo (Thursday, November 12)**

Additional Stay Options

If you would like to extend your stay, Holy Kemet can book an extra night at **Le Meridien Airport Hotel:**

- **Cost:** Double Room - $225/night; Single Room - $200/night paid in cash directly to Holy Kemet
- **Includes:** Breakfast, taxes, and service charges
- If you prefer to extend your stay at a different hotel, Hely Kemet can help with arrangements and airport transfer for an additional fee. The supplement will be added to your trip balance before departure.