



Egypt: Around Luxor By Janet Wood

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You will note that some of the paragraphs, headings and tips are not complete as these are included purely to demonstrate what type of subjects / topics are covered in the full version. Plus all the photographs are missing.

I have put a white box in the first few photographic places, just to give you an idea of the layout. Also whenever you see this means the content is only available in the full-length eBook. (Please note: the dots are not representative of the length of information missing, which can be anything from a word to a number of sentences.)



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INTRODUCTION:

This ebook is about what to expect from a hotel-based holiday in Luxor. It covers many aspects, including some of the main hotels in Luxor that I have either stayed at, or frequented. This is not a hotel facility ebook, more a pictorial look at some of the different accommodation available in Luxor, plus some useful general information regarding Luxor and the surrounding areas, with a some of my own personal observations thrown in.

It should be noted that I have not been commissioned or asked to endorse any of the hotels mentioned in this ebook. This 'guide' has been put together from my own personal photographs and experiences and basically has been produced to give you an idea of the different types of hotels available, showing where possible, exterior and interior shots, plus things you may have to deal with, or come across during your holiday. This ebook, plus our [Nile Cruise](#) and [Photographing in Egypt](#) eBooks make ideal companions.

Jolie Villa Movenpick,
Luxor Sheraton,
Isis Pyramid,
Le Meridian,

Sonesta St George,
Novotel,
Old Winter Palace,
New Winter Palace,
Mercure Coralia,
Luxor Hilton.

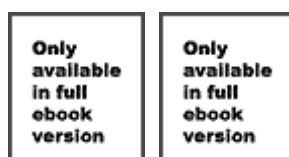
The ebook also contains general information regarding, arrival at Luxor, airport procedure, welcome meeting, medical matters, money matters, standard hotel facilities, eating out, prices (meals, rooms, fares and tipping)), local historical sites, getting around Luxor and a map showing the location of the hotels mentioned above.

This ebook is illustrated throughout with photographs of the following:

- Hotel photographs (Internal and External – some with typical room photographs)
- Luxor map showing the main places to visit.
- Aerial view of the coast of Africa and the Nile valley from thirty two thousand feet
- Example of a Egyptian visa document (2004)
- Typical medication
- Local Taxis / Caleshe / Felucca
- Local bottled water
- View of the Nile (including sunset)
- Belly Dancing
- Ancient Egypt entrance Site tickets
- Historical sites

GENERAL INFORMATION:

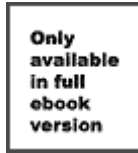
Your first glimpse of Egypt will probably be the North African coastline from thirty-two thousand feet up in the air (below – left). The flight generally takes There are several routes that your flight can take. On my last trip we travelled from the UK over to ... then across.... the..... and..... Once you cross into Egypt Luxor The picture below right shows the meandering route the river takes through the fertile Nile Valley at Luxor.....



The North African coastline and Nile Valley from thirty two thousand feet.

ARRIVAL:

On arrival at the airport you will pass through customs after Below is an example of the visa form in 2003. More information regarding airport procedure is documented in our [Nile Cruise Travel eBook](#).



Travel Visa

An representative of will probably meet you inside the airport, as
reps are not allowed

WELCOME MEETING:

If you are travelling with one of the many travel companies that operate throughout Egypt you will probably be invited to their 'Welcome Meeting' the following morning. They usually.....

On my last visit this was held at Again there is more in-depth information regarding a typical welcome meeting in our [Nile Cruise Travel eBook](#).

I would recommend you attend this meeting, especially if it is your first visit. My reasons for this are;

1. The reps usuallyetc.
2. Plus, they will probably offer you the chance to
3. They can offer you including

MEDICAL ISSUES:

You can read general medical advice at..... Also there is more detailed information contained in our [Nile Cruise Travel eBook](#). Please be aware thatwill not be the same as..... which are amongst the highest in the world. It is not recommended that you

Regarding the hotels, these do However I have experienced on a couple of occasions and probably the most useful practical advice I can offer is;

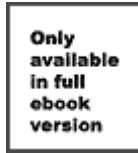
Whilst these are invitingAlso the, particularly the However, against my better judgement on one occasion, I did Unfortunately however, by I was paying the price, with

It has to be said, some of the hotels are better suited for dealing This, in my opinion, is a far better situation. Once such hotel that I have regularly stayed at is

If you do suffer you can obtain, which is the local (See image below) Again more information regarding is available in the [Nile Cruise Travel eBook](#). However this, from my experience, only

If you are reallythat you can get which should is recommended.

Once you are beginning tothen If you explain your problem they will If your is I would recommend



Local Expect to pay around

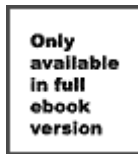
MONEY AND SECURITY MATTERS:

Most of the hotels have However they will You will also need Also you will be able to get There are also again there will be a small charge. It should be noted that since this year any hotel cannot You best bet is to use your etc. The National Bank of Egypt is At present you are only allowed to per person. If you wish to check outplease

Most hotels have where you can for a daily charge. I would suggest you

MAP OF LUXOR:

The map below shows where most are situated in the town centre of Luxor. You will notice that most of these are situated along the Many of these are For example to the New Winter Palace.

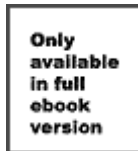


Map of Luxor town centre

However I would NOT recommend,drop into one of the many which are situated between the two.

It should be noted that the are and you should An average price forfrom to should cost you approximately

HOTEL INFO:



Typical Room and Meal rates (2004)

Rooms:

The typical layout ofhotel is very similar in most hotels. As you enter you usually find You can see an example of this under the New Winter Palace

Hotel section. Along the straight wall to your right is usually the There is usually two You can see example of typical bedroom under the New Winter Palace, Luxor Hilton and Mecure Coralia Hotels.

Meals:

Meal times are usual,in order to accommodate For example Breakfast is always The only exception on demand. The menu is

A typical breakfast will include a choice of

Evening meals are moreand can be a

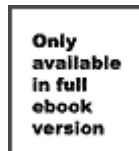
In my opinion is totally unnecessary. My reasons for saying this are:

1. You are limiting
2. More likely than you will want to (Thedo not)
3. Also you do not actually which will be the same.
4. Also if you are unable due toyou will again lose out.

So, in my experience does not

Average Prices (2003):

A local beer will set you back around and a 2 litre bottle of water around An evening meal in a hotel will cost on average



Local bottled water

Eating out can be a good I tend to and they also have a wide variety of different style Again your..... e.g. etc.

The onlyrestaurant in Luxor is at the some up Although I.....it is very good, with wonderful views of the Nile.

However, if you are after something a little bit special, than I can recommend We ate there on our last holiday and the bill, including a bottle of sparkling white wine, came to for the two of us, of which the wine costThe famous for being patronised by famous people such as

You will find that many of the hotels hold and once again your information.

A few local dishes / drinks:

..... local delicacy and are served grilled, with rice.

.....and rolled into fingers and barbequed.

.....; barbequed served often with roasted vegetables.

.....; A delicious dish of served with and fried onions.

.....: Adrink made from (I find it very pleasant)
.....: A very strong and acquired taste. (I don't like it –me!)

Phoning from your hotel You can buy which will last about
Personally I When not in use you can always Most hotels have some
form of the most popular being

br>

TIPPING:

Restaurants and bars do of the bill. Although tipping
Porters are usually offered A maid per week. A coach driver A
guide about

There is concern by the Egyptian government being encouraged to
.....rather This is because For example, Egyptian..... is
approximatelyan hour. Therefore if you are thinking of giving something, offer
..... or better still

CAR, BIKE AND MOPED HIRE:

Many tour operators do I have to say

BAZAARS:

The main market areas are situated off Haggling is a must if you want to
get a good price. Roughly speaking, expect to pay Goods to look out for
are; More information about bartering (and how to deal with it) is available in
our [Nile Cruise ebook](#).

DUTY FREE SHOP:

This shop is situated behind the It sells Also a recently
introduced law means tourists can only Also you have and the shop
is closed If you do decide to visit you must I

ALCHOLIC DRINKS:

Beers in the hotels can So, to drink in way of
. Obviously This can come in handy if you have

GETTING AROUND LUXOR:

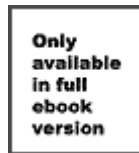
The most frequently used forms of transport in Luxor are;

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When using the The men will If you don't want They will keep trying to So you will It should be noted that the tour operators do notbut it also has to be said that most tourists ignore this advice I do be a times, if the or traffic is heavy.

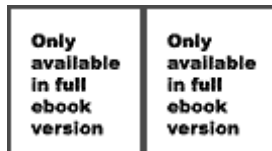
Generally speaking I when visiting the sites, but other hotels It really depends on with the driver. At the time of writing (Nov 2003) the average price fromto was approximately

Tip: If you are intending to visit the say you are, (C F AND G on map), otherwise you will be!# They never like to miss out on



Local Taxi

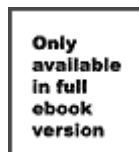
Regarding the you may notice that some If you do decide totell the driver why you have chosen then hopefully the conditionsimprove.



..... on the main Corniche road through Luxor.

Tip: Theseats are usually either some Watch out fortest before you!!

A is a lovely By law, the before the so it's quite to see a dramatic backdrop. (Remember to take your camera!) An average price (Nov 2003) was approximately Other popular day trips and where the is situated.



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Tip: You will be constantly asked to One thing to remember if you do decide to go – make sure! Otherwise you will just It has to be said that interested in your money than! Before deciding check to see if the and that other

Tip: You can(not much to see) and but be aware to be paid. The former will chargewhilst the latter,will charge you Besides has a

Tip: If you decide to be and make sure they! Don't expect it to but at least

MISCELLANEOUS:

Clocks go back

Friday

85% of the

.....varies from year to year and is calculated by It lasts for, during which time they are not allowed to

If you see try to effectively be interrupting

Some do not have

PHOTOGRAPHING IN LUXOR:

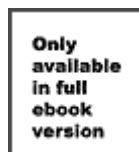
You can find information on what to photograph in Luxor in our [Photographing in Egypt eBook](#), which contains the main sites and some photographic advantage spots plus hints and tips.

HOTELS SECTION

Jolie Ville Movenpick Hotel: (No 1 on map)

Thishotel is actually located which is centre of Luxor and is reached

The hotel does have One of the best things I like about the hotel is situated in the foyer, where you can If only other hotels would follow suit!!



Main Entrance

I have to say, from the outside, the hotel looks more like but looks can be deceptive and the Movenpick is In the foreground is one of the local Theseare Luxor. However, because of the hotel'syou will probably need The same can also be said of the Luxor Hilton Hotel

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Garden area at front of the hotel

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Hotel's swimming pool

The Movenpick has a large beautiful swimming pool that has no..... The pool is approximatelyat its widest point. The sunbathing area has

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Panoramic Garden area and picturesque Nile

Above is a panoramic view of the beautiful gardens at the rear of the hoteland..... hotel's..... There is a for visitors

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The Movenpick has lovely views of the Nile

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ABOVE AND BELOW: Main foyer and bar area inside the Movenpick hotel.

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View of the shop area.

The hotel haswhich are situated in The restaurant offers a wide variety of world cuisine including,.....

There is live entertainment most evenings facilities and include There is also a golf courseThere is a hotel grounds, which is

Personal observations

I love the

The is one of the best in Luxor.

..... costs Egyptian pounds for 1 hour orEgyptian pounds for half an hour.

The hotel is somewhat In fact I have to say two of my favourite hotels are

The Movenpick is reputed to have the bestand I can concur with this.

The hotel is

Hotel Details:

Address:

Star Rating:

The rest of the information on each of the other hotels available in the FULL EBOOK I have omitted from this extract as the above Movenpick Hotel example clearly demonstrates the type of information that will be covered in the FULL EBOOK VERSION.

AND FINALLY:

To round off this ebook I have listed a few Luxor historical sites below, which you will probably visit whilst you are there.

LOCAL SITES AND TICKET COSTS (2003)

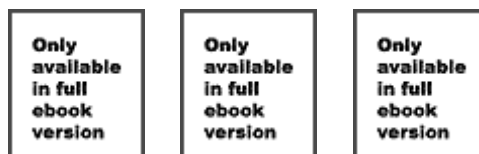
If you do some sightseeing on your own than I would strongly recommend that you Alternatively you could The reason I Always remember to The main sites cater for this

Regarding the order in which to see the sites? but I would say, you're will be to the If you are limited is the quickest way. However since I would actually recommend you If you are planning on a will be looking at approximately plus maybe a tip. Plus your And rememberit a godsend!

My personal favourite places on the West Bank are;, and

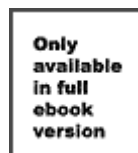


TEMPLES: who will constantly, don't Just tell I know you don't want to but..... Theyyou show any signs of uncertainty.



Tickets : Valley of The Kings: Karnak Temple: Luxor Temple

Other places you may wish to visit around Luxor are; the, the newly opened,areas, held at, and a little further a field,



Shops and tourist on the West Bank

I would strongly recommend that you read up on the ancient sites before you leave home, and take a good Egyptian travel guidebook with you. I have listed some of the most popular on our [website](#). You can also find a number of [Arabic Phrase books](#), which may come in handy.

Also if you are intending taking a Nile cruise we have another [ebook](#), which covers this topic and is full of general and practical information, including many hints and tips. If you would like suggestions on what to photograph whilst you are in Egypt then I would recommend you check out my [Photographing in Egypt](#) ebook.

All three eBooks contain information you will be hard pressed to find in one place and are must reads before you travel!

Best Regards,
Janet

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