

## Travel Advisory for the 119<sup>th</sup> R8C Meeting, 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022, Cairo, Egypt

<https://ieeer8.org/category/committee/meetings/2022-october-cairo/>

Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino  
16 Saray El Gezira Str., Zamalek, Cairo 11211, Egypt  
([caiomarriotthotel.com](http://caiomarriotthotel.com))

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### 1. Meeting schedule

The R8 Committee meeting official meeting days are Saturday and Sunday. The attendees who are present on Friday evening are invited to the presentation by the Egypt Section followed by a welcome reception and dinner. The optional sightseeing activities are self-financed. This schedule is provisional; please check the latest version and the last-minute changes at the [meeting web page](#).

#### FRIDAY, 14 October 2022 – Arrival in Cairo

09:00–13:00 Optional half day sightseeing tours (self financed)

09:00–17:00 Optional full day sightseeing tours (self financed)

17:30–19:30 **Registration** desk open at the Cairo Marriott hotel, Almaz Patio

18:00–19:30 **Welcome reception:** Egypt Section presentation & cocktail, Cairo Marriott, Almaz Patio

19:30–20:00 Walk (5 min) to the boat on the Nile river next to Cairo Marriott hotel

20:00–22:00 **Dinner** on the boat Nile Maxim Restaurant cruising 2 hours on the river Nile (dinner set menu: selection of fresh bread & butter, salad bar, you can select one of the following for your main course: 1) Grilled chicken with herbs served with rice & vegetables, 2) Grilled fillet of sea bass served with rice & vegetables, or 3) Veal Picatta served with rice & vegetables. The Dessert is Nougat Glace.

#### SATURDAY, 15 October 2022

07:00–08:00 **Registration** desk open at Aida Foyer in front of the meeting room

##### 08:00-17:00 Region 8 Committee Meeting Fall 2022 – Day 1

- Meeting room: Aida Ballroom, Cairo Marriott hotel
- 10:00–10:30 Morning Coffee Break Aida Foyer
- 13:00–14:00 Lunch, Almaz Patio
- 15:15–15:45 Afternoon Coffee Break Aida Foyer
- 17:00–17:15 Group picture

17:30–18:15 Bus transfer to the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization

18:30–20:00 Visit of the museum exhibition and Pharaohs mummies (the golden parade)

20:00–23:00 **Gala Dinner** at the museum garden with **Awards Ceremony**

#### SUNDAY, 16 October 2022

##### 08:00–13:30 Region 8 Committee Meeting Fall 2022 – Day 2

- Meeting room: Aida Ballroom, Cairo Marriott hotel
- 10:15–10:45 Morning coffee break in the Aida Foyer
- 13:30–14:30 Adjourn & Lunch in the Omar's Café

#### MONDAY, 17 October 2022 – Departure

09:00–13:00 Optional half day sightseeing tours (self financed)

09:00–17:00 Optional full day sightseeing tours (self financed)

**Registration fee** for the additional Section representatives and other IEEE members, who registered to attend the meeting, covers only the costs of: hotel meeting room package PAX (coffee breaks, lunch & soft drinks, note pads & pens etc.) for Saturday and Sunday; as well as the social events, the Friday welcome reception and dinner on the boat Nile Maxim, and Saturday transport and visit to the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization tour and the Gala Dinner. The registration fee **doesn't include hotel accommodation**. The registration fee of \$ 250 for attendees and \$150 for their companions shall be paid by a credit card when filling out the Google Form [Registration](#): Final confirmation & arrival/departure info, before the deadline 10 August 2022.

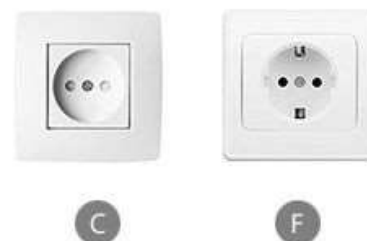
## 2. General Information about Egypt

The official language in Egypt is Arabic, with a good percentage of population who can speak English in business contexts.

**Currency:** The currency in Egypt is the Egyptian Pound (EGP). At the time of writing this document, 1 EUR ≈ 20 EGP, with expectations of Egyptian currency devaluation. In many cases, you may need to pay in cash. Therefore, we recommend having some Egyptian pounds with you that is equivalent to about 100 EUR. You will find banks inside the airport.

**COVID-19:** Passengers are no longer required to take a COVID-19 test to fly to Egypt. Entry restrictions were lifted on June 17, 2022. All COVID-19 procedures are relaxed, no need to wear mask anywhere. Previously, travelers who did not have a valid vaccination certificate needed to take a COVID-19 PCR or antigen test before flying. As situation may change until October please check the web links Egypt Online Visa <https://www.egyptonlinevisa.com/travel-restrictions/> and International Air Transport Association (IATA) <https://www.iatatravelcentre.com/world.php> before your travel.

**Electricity:** The standard voltage is 220 V at the standard frequency of 50 Hz. The electric plugs types of C and F. 220V, 50 Hz, type C and F of power plugs and sockets for portable appliances.



## 3. How to get from Cairo airport to the hotel

Cairo airport web page: <https://www.cairo-airport.com/>



Fig.1. Cairo International Airport terminal map

**Important note:** If your trip is on a large plane, please be prepared for possible delays at the baggage-claim belts. On Friday, the traffic is always less heavy than usual, especially before 4 pm. The time from the airport to the hotel is usually 40 minutes at those conditions.

When you are planning for leaving the hotel to the airport, please take into consideration that Monday and Sunday are the heaviest traffic days in Egypt. Plan to have 90 to 120 minutes to reach the airport from the hotel. Also, the departing passengers should allow extra time for check-in (arrive at the airport at least two hours prior your departure), security and other processes at the terminals.

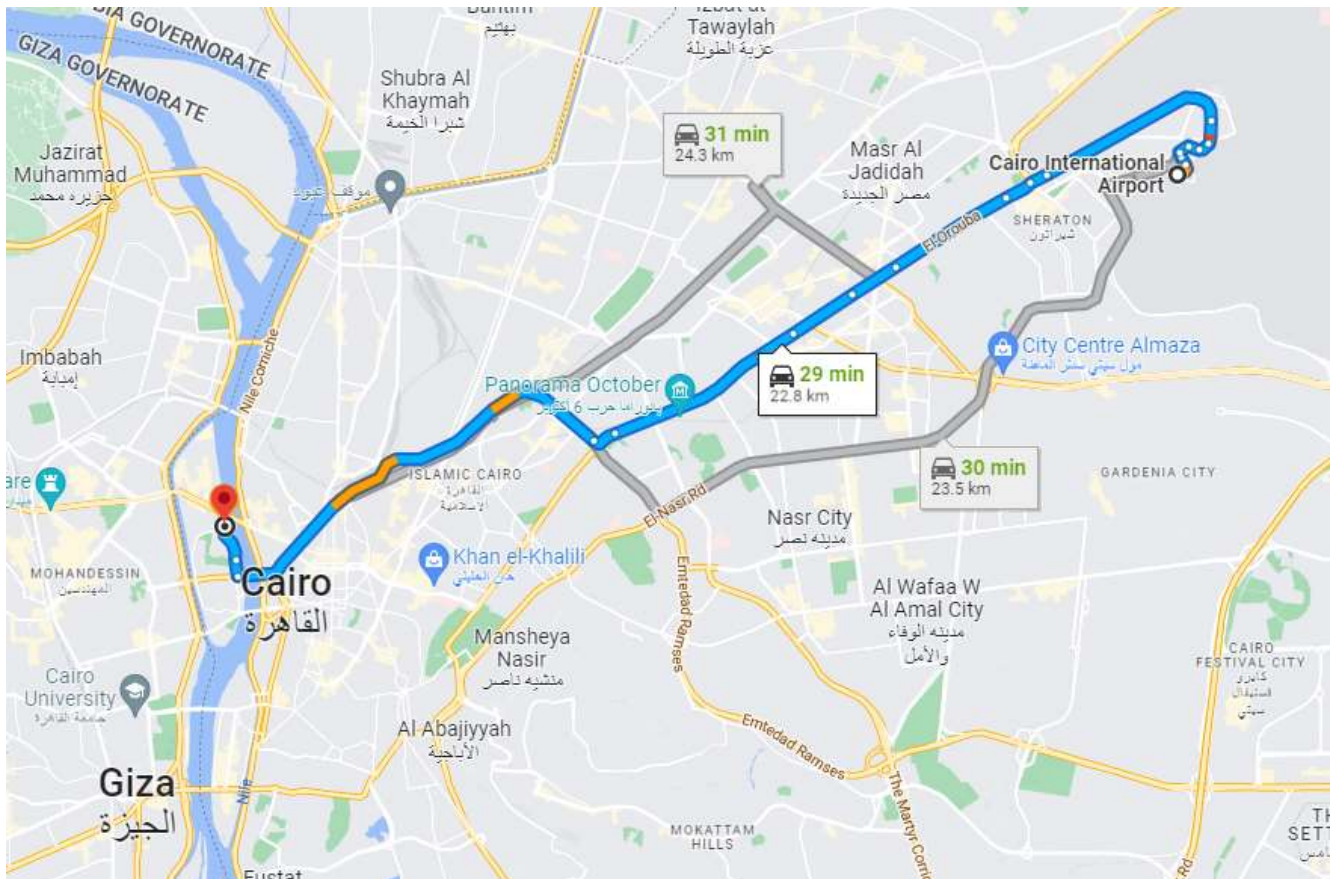


Fig.2. Directions form Cairo International Airport to the Cairo Marriott hotel by car ([Google maps](#))

**Shared taxi on arrival Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and departure Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022:**

The best option for airport transfer is to use tourist agencies services (Menatours or Visit Egypt Tours) that offer to meet your tour manager waiting for you and carrying a board with your group's name, assist before the immigration and customs formalities, receiving the luggage and transfer with air conditioned vehicle to Cairo Marriott Hotel (arrival) or from Cairo Marriott Airport (departure) to Cairo International Airport with any of the airport limousine companies. Price:

1 Pax	2 Pax	3 Pax	4 Pax	5 Pax
65 USD	33 USD	22 USD	17USD	15 USD

The local Egypt organizing team can facilitate taxi shearing by group formation according to the participants’ arrival time on Friday, as well departure on Sunday/Monday. Please provide us with the exact arrival and departure date and time using the second Google Form “[Registration](#) – Final confirmation & arrival/departure info”. More info and service provider contacts will be available after the registration deadline of 10 August 2022 when all arrival/departure times are submitted.

Many airline companies experience flight delays this summer. In case you flight is delayed and you are going to miss the scheduled shared taxi for you, please send message to the service provider as soon as you are informed about the flight delay, so that your transportation can be rescheduled. In case this is



not possible, and you miss the scheduled transportation, use one of the options explained below for self transfer to the hotel.

You can also contact the agencies and arrange your airport transfer yourself:

- Menatours contact details for inquiries: Menatours, Mrs. Hala Bahnasy / Mrs. Christiana Vadis, Telephone: 0020237482231, email: [business@menatours.com.eg](mailto:business@menatours.com.eg), [www.menatours.com.eg](http://www.menatours.com.eg).
- Visit Egypt Tours, Tel:+202 24143150, Fax +202 24177994, G.S.M +201001131995, [www.visitegypttours.com](http://www.visitegypttours.com), [email.info@vegpyttours.com](mailto:email.info@vegpyttours.com), [email.Mohamedfathy@vegpyttours.com](mailto:email.Mohamedfathy@vegpyttours.com)

**Other self airport transfer options:** The recommended transportation way is a limousine from the airport counter, right after the customs and before leaving the airport building at Terminal 3 and Terminal 2. The approximate price is around 30 EUR. Most of the drivers do not speak English. Tourists are often targeted by free taxi drivers in the arrival hall. Try to avoid strangers who offer taxi within the hall or just outside it. Although it is usually safe, it is not recommended. The old black and white taxis usually do not have a meter and prices are negotiated before traveling. The white taxis have meters.

**Information from Cairo Airport website [Car Rental \(cairo-airport.com\)](http://CarRental(cairo-airport.com))**

There are several ways to leave Cairo airport upon arrival. The most convenient way is by one of the numerous "limousine services". Pick-up points are in front of the terminals (curb side). The prices are fixed depending on the destination and the car category. Category A is luxury limousines (e.g. Mercedes-Benz E-Class), Category B is Micro Busses for up to seven passengers, Category C is mid-sized cars (e.g. Mitsubishi Lancer) and new Category D is London Taxis. **Location:** To ride a Limousine at Cairo Airport you just need to go to the limousine counter inside the arrival hall, after getting your baggage and just after you leave the customs. **Companies:** For Terminal 2, the company that provides the service is On-Road Sixt. For Terminal 3, there are more companies, there are many companies including AlHaseeb, Blue citystars, Pioneer, Targets Limo and many others. Please check the website and filter by your arrival terminal.

**Buses:** City Busses (all Cairo directions) and busses for destinations for all other Governorates (West Delta, Upper Egypt, East Delta, and Super Jet) most are air-conditioned. Departures are from the Bus Station located in the parking area in front Terminal 1 only. Bus transportation takes approximately 1 hour and 40 minutes. **The public transportation from/to the airport is not recommended.**

**Information from the hotel website:** Marriot Hotel airport transfer service ([cairomarriotthotel.com](http://cairomarriotthotel.com))

To arrange for an airport pick up and transfer from Cairo International airport to our hotel, please send us your flight details and confirmation number at least 24 hours prior to your arrival date to [mhrs.caieg.reservations@marriotthotels.com](mailto:mhrs.caieg.reservations@marriotthotels.com), phone number: +20 2-22652293. Transfer fees can be charged to your room bill. Distance from the hotel: 23 km, price: Toyota \$63 or Mercedes E-Class \$103.

**Uber taxi** will be in the order of \$30-45, depending on the time of the arrival and departure. In peak hours, prices are nearly doubled. Friday is the least transportation peak and Monday is the highest.

## 4. Hotel address, check-in/check-out

**Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino** ([cairomarriotthotel.com](http://cairomarriotthotel.com))

16 Saray El Gezira Str., PO Box 33, Zamalek, Cairo 11211, Egypt

Phone: 0020 2 27283000, Fax: 0020 2 27283001

**Check-In** time on arrival day 03:00 PM. Guests arriving before 3:00 PM will be accommodated as rooms become available.

**Check-Out** time on departure day 12:00 PM. Hotel porters will arrange to hold luggage of those guests leaving the hotel late in day. This service is subject to availability.

Any incidental charges (e.g. mini bar, laundry etc.) will be paid by each individual.



Fig.3. Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino and the small green floating boat for the dinner on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022 shown in the front of the image (the white one is stationary)

### **Booking extra days at Cairo Marriot:**

The hotel room is reserved for you for up to 3 nights, only for the dates 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> October. You can book and pay individually for extra days at Cairo Marriot. The discounted prices for IEEE attendees are \$170 for single room and \$190 for double room, with breakfast (inclusive of 28.96 % service charge and VAT). These rates apply for three days before or after the R8C meeting days, which is between 11<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022, however, confirming the rooms will be as per hotel availability. To book extra days outside the 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> October, using IEEE reduced rates, get in touch directly with the Marriot reservations department via MHRs,Cairo Egypt EBC [mhrs.caieg.ebc@marriotthotels.com](mailto:mhrs.caieg.ebc@marriotthotels.com).

### **Booking extra days at other Cairo hotels:**

You can book and pay individually for extra days at other less expensive hotels in Cairo, range for pricing of about \$60 for a good one. Information is given in part 8.

### **Organizing team contacts:**

If you have any questions or need help from the organizing team, you can call/write to:

Prof. Dr. Ahmed Hassan Yousef, IEEE Egypt Section Chair,  
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Mobile: +389 70 330 421(WhatsApp, Viber, Skype: karadzinov), email: [L.Karadzinov@ieee.org](mailto:L.Karadzinov@ieee.org)

## **5. Meeting room name and location**

The hotel consists of two towers (Fig.3) and a palace between them. The meeting room at the hotel reserved for us is Aida Ballroom (1 & 2), area 480 m<sup>2</sup>, situated on the mezzanine floor in the Palace. The U-shape will be set up for the Section Chairs, and for the other participants in the classroom style sitting.

Dress code: business formal, semi-formal or business casual.

The coffee breaks will be in the Aida Foyer in front of the meeting rooms. Ongoing tea & coffee station will be available all the time during the meeting.

The Friday Egypt Section presentation & cocktail will be at the Almaz Patio, roof of the Cairo Marriott Palace building with a panoramic view of the Nile. The Friday dinner will be served on the Nile Maxim Boat floating restaurant while cruising 2 hours on the Nile. The boat is located 5 min walk from the hotel.

MEETING ROOMS

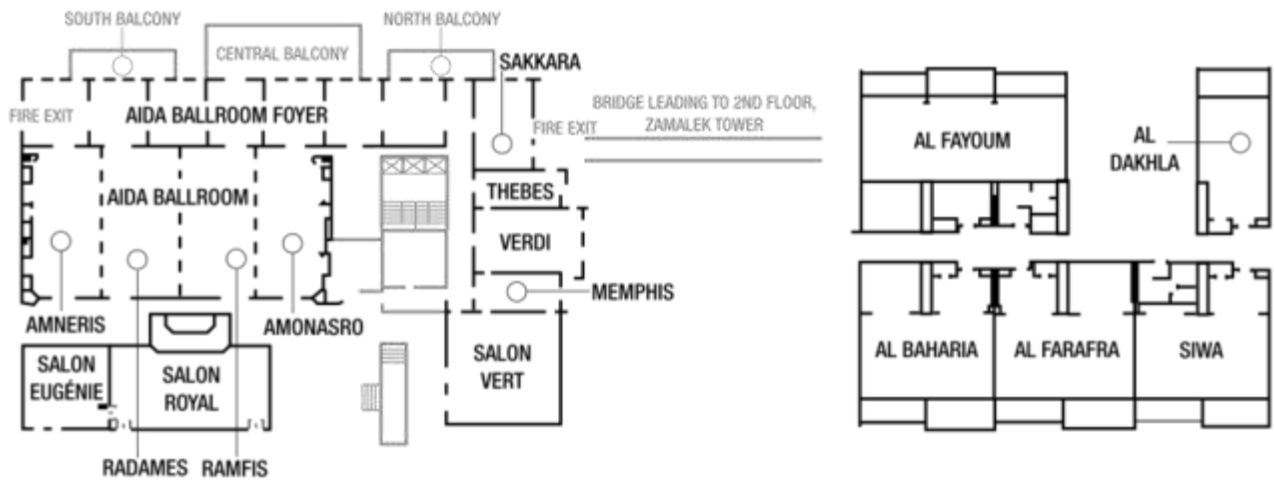


Fig.4. Meeting rooms at Cairo Marriott hotel, Aida Ballroom reserved for the IEEE R8C meeting

6. Cairo Weather

Web sites: [Cairo, Cairo, Egypt Monthly Weather | AccuWeather](#)  
[Cairo, Egypt - October Weather - Holiday Weather \(holiday-weather.com\)](#)

**Weather in October:** The average temperature still reaches a high of 30°C (that's about 86°F) during the day and dips to lower than 18°C (about 64°F) at night. Usually, there is no rain during October and there are around 10 hours of average daily sunshine. As it is still extremely warm, take care when you are out and about to wear sunscreen with a high SPF and seek shelter from the sun during the hottest parts of the day. Have a bottle of water with you. Sat, 15 Oct, sunrise 5:55 am, sunset 5:25 pm.



Fig.5. Cairo weather in Oct 2021



## 7. Social events

(1) **Friday, 18:00–19:30 Welcome reception:** Egypt Section presentation & cocktail, Cairo Marriott, Almaz Patio, roof of the Palace with a panoramic view of the Nile



Fig.6. Cairo Marriott, Almaz Patio on the Palace roof, overlooking the Nile Maxim Boat



(2) **Friday, 20:00–22:00 Nile Maxim Boat floating restaurant and Dinner:** The boat is located 5 min walk from the hotel. The dinner will be served while cruising 2 hours on the river Nile.



Fig.7. Floating boat and restaurant Nile Maxim (the smaller green one)



**(3) Saturday, 17:30–22:00 Cairo National Museum of Egyptian Civilization Tour and Dinner**

The buses will wait for us at the front gate of the Marriot Hotel. The NMEC (National Museum of Egyptian civilization) tour is arranged with guides. It comprises all the civilizations that passed through Egypt starting 35,000 years ago, passing all the Pharaonic families' era, then through the Greek and Roman eras, the Coptic and Islamic eras, and then the contemporary period. It is also the permanent residence of the 22 Royal mummies transferred during the Pharaohs' Golden parade on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022. This Museum doesn't just display antique but also the stories behind it, which might be a number of pieces or objects put together to tell you a story about motherhood, cooking, medicine, or music, and how a piece in a certain era has relation with other eras. For more details about the museum, please visit [NMEC - National Museum of Egyptian Civilization](#). You can see the [historic timeline](#), visit the [main hall](#), the [mummies hall](#) and the [dye house](#).



Fig.8. NMEC museum

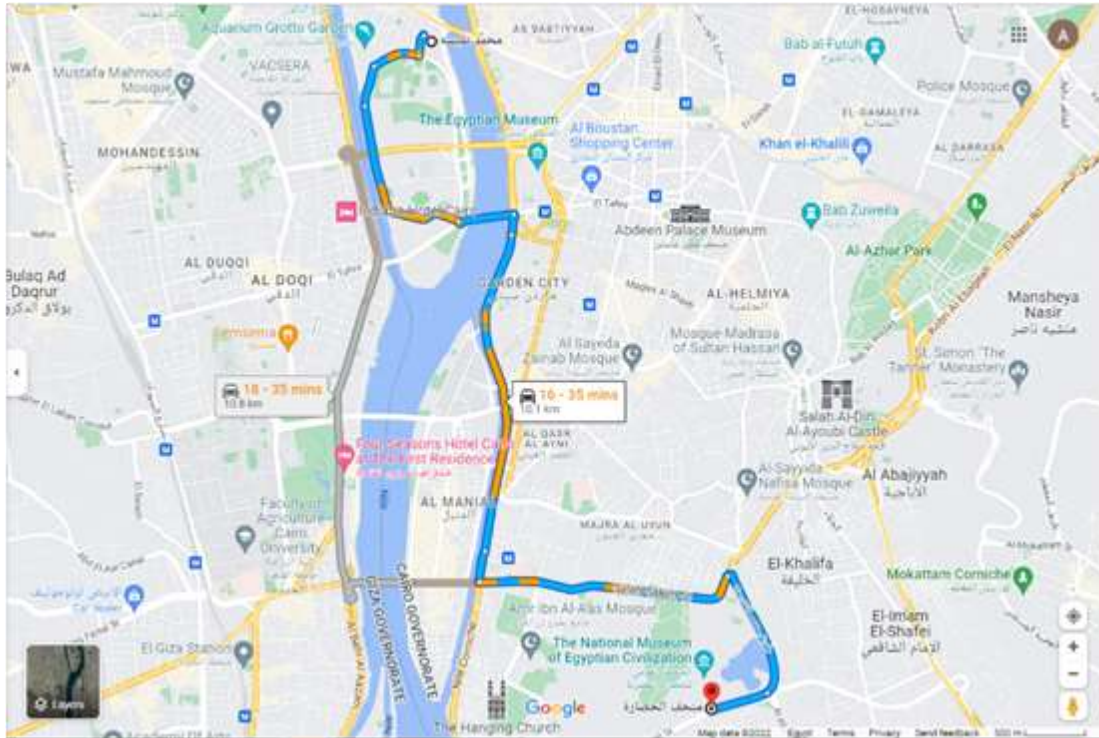


Fig.9. Route between the Marriott hotel and the NMEC museum is about 40 minutes, 10 km ([Google](#))

**(4) Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct /Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022, 09:00–13:00, Half Day Tour Great Giza Pyramids** (optional and self financed). Due to the special interest to the Great Giza Pyramids, morning half day tours may be organized for the participants. It includes all pickup and drop off transfers from the hotel, entry fees, expert tour guide, bottle of water and all transfers by private air conditioned vehicle. At the agreed time and pick up spot, your Egyptology specialist tour guide will meet you to move together by the modern A/C Coach to start visit **The Great Giza Pyramids Plateau**. It includes the three pyramids of **Cheops, Chephren and Mykerions**. The Great Pyramid is one of the seven wonders of the ancient world and the only one that still in existence today. Near the pyramids is the Sphinx, who is the area protector, with the body of a lion and the face of king Chephren. People visiting the Pyramids are allowed to enter inside any of the pyramids, up till the king's room, but a special entrance ticket is needed. After the tour the driver will transfer you to the point where you met wishing all the best and hoping to serve you again.

Tours / Number of participant / Rates per person	01 Pax	02 Pax	03 Pax	04-5 Pax
<b>Half Day Pyramids</b>	<b>110 ,- \$</b>	<b>65 ,- \$</b>	<b>50,- \$</b>	<b>40 ,- \$</b>

**Small Group 6–15 pax rate is 35 \$ per person; Group 16+ rates is 30 \$.**

The local Egypt organizing team can facilitate group formation to use the reduced group rates. Google Form for expressing your interest for this one, as well the other tours described in part 8, can be accesses at the following link: [4. Sightseeing Cairo](#).

## 8. Other sightseeing events before, during and after the R8 meeting

As many companions expressed their intent to join the tourist program during the meeting time, Egypt section approached some tourism companies for offers that may be interesting. They offer additional half day (09:00–13:00) and full day (09:00–17:00) sightseeing tours, as well as 3–5 days pre or post trips in Cairo, Alexandria, and the Egyptian resorts. Examples:

- Half Day Egyptian Museum (Prices for 1 Pax = 110 USD up to 5 Pax = 40 USD)
- Half Day Sakkara area and steps pyramids (Prices for 1 Pax = 105 USD up to 5 Pax = 40 USD)



- Half Day Coptic Cairo (Prices for 1 Pax = 100 USD up to 5 Pax = 30 USD)
- Half Day Islamic Cairo (Prices for 1 Pax = 100 USD up to 5 Pax = 30 USD)
- Full Day Egyptian Museum + Citadel (Prices for 1 Pax = 155 USD up to 5 Pax = 55 USD)
- Full Day Coptic Cairo+Islamic Cairo+Khan El Khalili bazaar (1 Pax = 145 \$ up to 5 Pax = 50 \$)
- Full Day Memphis + Sakkara (Prices for 1 Pax = 160 USD up to 5 Pax = 62 USD)
- Full Day Old Cairo + Islamic Museum (Prices for 1 Pax = 110 USD up to 5 Pax = 42 USD)
- Full Day Pyramids – Sakkara – Memphis (Prices for 1 Pax = 165 USD up to 5 Pax = 70 USD)
- Full Day to Alexandria Catacombs + Pompey’s Pillar + Qaitbay Citadel Sound and Light Show
- Sound and Light Show (Group Rate 35 USD Min 15 Pax)
- El Moez Street + Khan El Khalili (Group Rate 35 USD Min 15 Pax)
- 2 nights 3 days Cairo
- 6 nights (Cairo 2 night + 4 Nights Nile cruise Luxor / Aswan)
- 6 nights (Cairo 2 night + 4 Nights Marsa Allam)

Detailed information is presented in the following documents:

[Mena Tours](#) Company: This document has been received by Egypt Section from Visit Egypt. It contains sightseeing options and contact information.

[Visit Egypt](#) Company: This suggested sightseeing document has been received by Egypt Section from Visit Egypt. It contains sightseeing options and contact information. Some pre and post event trips for more days are suggested in [this document](#).

[Travco Travel Company of Egypt](#): Please note that the information on the website is correct. However, booking from the website has been tested by Egypt Section and it was not working. We approached Travco top management, and they will provide two emails for customizing the tours, sending the offers and invoices and providing their bank details for payment.

The local Egypt organizing team can facilitate group formation to use the reduced group rates. Google Form for expressing your interest for these tours can be accessed at the following link: [4 Sightseeing Cairo](#). If you want to have a private tour with your companion, please contact the travel agency directly yourself.

**Moving to other hotels in Cairo** for extra days before and after the meeting is applicable of course. However, October is a crowded tourist season. The expected range for pricing is about \$60 for a good one. The best places are Zamalek, Dokki, Mohandessi, Downtown and Heliopolis. Try to ensure that the hotel is in a large street, not a small one. It is always safe in Cairo but just to avoid any possibility of missing the street if your GPS is not working for any reason. You can contact the local team before you finalize your booking by emailing to: Mohamed Hatem [mohamed.hatem@zewailcity.edu.eg](mailto:mohamed.hatem@zewailcity.edu.eg) and Mahmoud Ghars Aldin [mahmoud.gharsaldin@ieeeypegypt.org](mailto:mahmoud.gharsaldin@ieeeypegypt.org) .