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REGULATIONS FOR THE RESUMPTION OF TOURISM TO EGYPT



Introduction

Egypt is looking forward to the safe return of inbound tourism. The Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, in coordination with the Ministry of Civil Aviation, the Ministry of Health and Population, and the Egyptian Tourism Federation has put forward this guide for outlining the hygiene safety regulations in hospitality establishments, tourism activities, archeological sites, museums, airports and onboard Egyptian aircrafts

After the abrupt halt of international tourism and travel due to the spread of COVID-19 worldwide, the Egyptian Government set Hygiene Safety Regulations in compliance with the recommendations of the World Health Organization (WHO), and a "Hygiene Safety Certificate" has been approved as a pre-requisite for hospitality establishments, tourism activities, archeological sites and museums to resume their operations and receive visitors. Egypt has set a timeline for resumption of tourism in light of the newly set regulations. This was preceded by complete disinfection of all hospitality establishments (hotels and restaurants), archaeological sites and museums, conducting necessary training and awareness programs for employees and workers in the tourism sector.

On **May 15, 2020**, Egypt started to gradually re-open hotels and resorts that have obtained the "Hygiene Safety Certificate", to receive domestic tourism, with a maximum occupancy rate of 25%. The occupancy rate was then increased to 50% on **June 1, 2020**.

In cooperation with the Tourism Chambers and international consulting firms specialized in the field of hygiene, MoTA conducts regular inspections of certified hospitality establishments to ensure efficient implementation of the set regulations.

As of **July 1, 2020**, Egypt will receive inbound tourism in certified hotels and resorts located in coastal governorates (Red Sea, South Sinai and Matrouh) with maximum occupancy rates of 50%.

Those three governorates have had excellent epidemiological results, in addition to having equipped hospitals (public and private). It is worth mentioning that travel between the three governorates and other governorates in Egypt are not allowed (until further notice).

Museums and archeological sites, closed since the March 23, 2020, will gradually re-open. Regulations for the resumption of Tourism to Egypt mentioned herewith are subject to regular review and update in light of new developments.

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