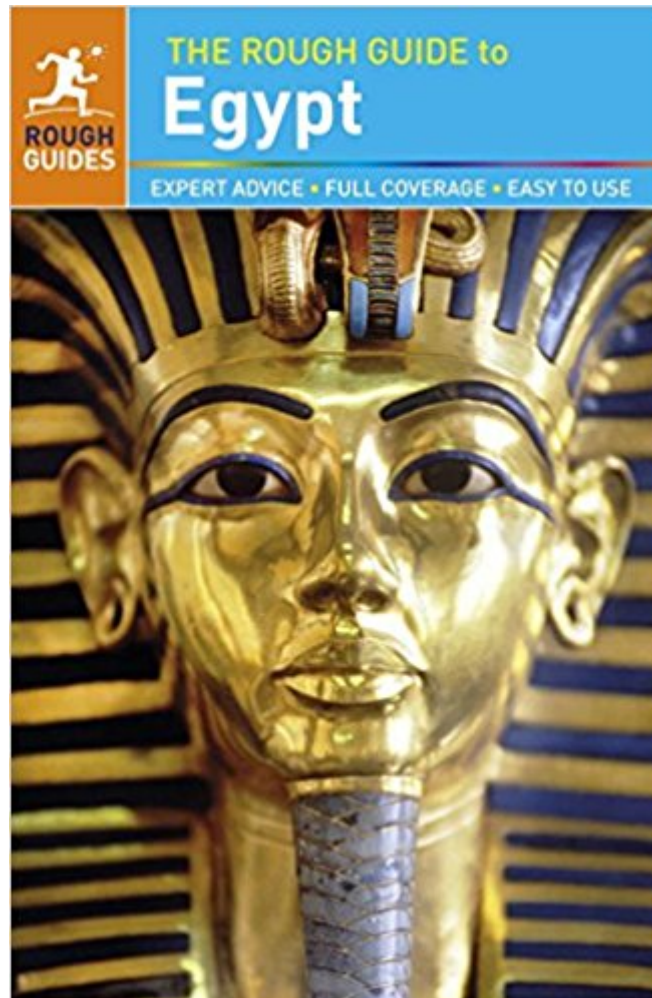




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Synopsis

Packed with practical tips on where to find the best hotels, restaurants and bars, this book provides a comprehensive guide for the traveller to Egypt. It also provides an informed discussion of Egyptian culture, past and present.

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Customer Reviews

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Egypt is an enormous country and one would need many weeks to properly see the whole place. My time being limited, I only was able to visit Cairo, the various sites along the Nile in Upper Egypt, and of course the Pyramids at Giza (located outside of Cairo a bit). As such, this review will not deal with certain sections of the book on, for example, the Red Sea. Didn't get there. This is a very helpful guide and I am certainly pleased I had it with me in Egypt (in spring 2014). The book came out in 2013 and was presumably researched/written in 2012/early 2013 but it feels very up to date. The book has several very helpful blurbs/pages on ancient Egyptian religion scattered throughout the book. Those are great but it would have been better if they were gathered together in one section. As it is, the reader is constantly forced to skip around and consult the index to find the sections on the various Egyptian gods, etc. (You will consult these again and again.) One thing I discovered while visiting the many ancient Egyptian historical sites is that you are confronted by a mythology and symbolism every bit as developed as, for example, ancient Greek gods and myths. Like it or

not, you really need to know the basics of the ancient Egyptian religion in order to understand what you are looking at when you go to an Egyptian temple. The carvings at one temple are often reproduced in another, so it's just important to have the basic gods and stories down. The history section of the book is useful, of course, but my traveling companion and I constantly found ourselves wanting the author to use dates rather than epoch terms such as "Old Kingdom", "Middle Kingdom", "New Kingdom" and "Late Period". I'm sure that those terms are very useful for Egyptologists and help organize a lot of historical scholarship, but for the tourist they are a lot less useful than simply providing a date would be ("2000 BC" for example). One minor criticism regards the relative importance the book assigns to Abydos and Dendara. We felt that the author's enthusiasm for Abydos was too great and the discussion of Dendara was too dismissive. To be clear, Abydos was interesting, but much less interesting than Dendara, both of which are usually visited on a day trip from Luxor. As of this writing in spring 2014, this seems to be the most up to date book on Egypt. It's a great time to go due to the lack of tourists. The Egyptian economy could also use more tourism dollars. Go!

I travelled independently in Egypt for two weeks and time and again this was the book that went in my backpack, not LP Egypt (even though it is more recent). The Rough Guide simply has more information in it--you will be far better off being guided through the temples and tombs of the country with it than the LP. Be aware that pricings are off, but the essential content you'll use the guide for is excellent.

Almost information overload but what an excellent book-- even to read after you've been to a sight. We kept this one at the hotel but brought the Top 10 guide book (also purchased through) while we were out. This book is a bit outdated with the prices. We just returned from Cairo and Luxor visit (Feb 4-10, 2017)

Terrific guide on Egypt that is a bit different than the Lonely Planet and the DK ones. Less photos and more info on lots and lots of places and restaurants. At the end six pages on books on Egypt that contain really everything written on Egypt, except maybe the novels of Pauline Gedge and the beautiful novel by Finnish author Mika Waltari; "Sinuhe the Egyptian"

Having just finished a one month trip of Egypt, this provided almost all the information I needed but slightly outdated. Prices were well off, but I never rely too much on them. Many transport things are

now better and a small explanation of basic gods would be nice.

I like Rough Guides because they spend less time on "shopping" and "entertainment" and focus more on the culture and historical aspects of the destination. The Guide to Egypt is no exception.

Great book! Very informational when traveling in Egypt.

The Kindle version is very time-consuming and irritating to use. I wanted to find Luxor, but there is no entry for Luxor in the skimpy table of contents. I had to go to "The Nile Valley" and manually page through about 7% of the guide to get to the information on Luxor. Then, I bookmarked the page so I wouldn't have to waste so much time in the future, but when you have several bookmarks it is difficult to tell which is which. They are no substitute for a real, usable table of contents--something that is sorely lacking in the Kindle version. A guidebook is no good if you can't find what you need. I would not recommend purchasing the Kindle version of this guidebook.

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