

EGYPT

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Egypt is a country that links northeast Africa with the Middle East dating back to the pharaohs' reign. The Nile River and Delta, Egypt's heartland, were home to one of the Middle East's ancient civilizations. Egypt is the most populous region in the Arab world! Islam is the official religion and Arabic is the spoken language. The monetary unit is the [Egyptian Pound \(EGP\)](#).

[Cairo, the capital](#), is the largest city in the country set on the Nile River. Egyptians celebrate the national day on the 23rd of July, which marks the Egyptian Revolution. Saad Zaghloul, the Egyptian Revolutionary and Statesman, is the national founder of Egypt.

Red, white, and black are the national colors of the Egyptian flag. Red symbolizes the blood of the martyrs, white is for peace, and black reflects the dark period of occupation.

The national anthem starts with *Biladi* which means "my homeland". It was written by Mohamed Younis al-Qady and the music was composed by Sayed Darwish. Poetry has played an essential role in Egyptian culture. [The Prince of Poets, Ahmed Shawqi](#), leader of the Modern Literary Egyptian Movement is considered the national poet.

We can't talk about Egypt without mentioning the great Pyramids! [The Great Pyramid of Giza](#) is the most ancient and largest in Egypt thus it's the national monument,

"Tahtib" which refers to dancing with a stick, is the national folk dance that is performed to the tune of *Mizmar*. The national dress is the "Kaftan" worn over the *gallabiyya*; a long garment with long sleeves.

Almost everybody is familiar with Egypt's Kushari! This national dish, popular street food, is made of rice, lentils, chickpeas, and macaroni, topped with hot tomato sauce and fried onions! Now whether it's daytime or nighttime, Egyptians love their cup of tea! Tea is the national drink.

The Egyptian lotus flower is the national flower. It's a symbol of the sun and rebirth, while [hyphae thebaica](#) is the national tree. It is a type of palm tree with edible fruit.

Egypt's national bird is the steppe eagle and the golden eagle is the national animal.

Football is by far the most popular sport and is thus the national sport of Egypt.

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