

Egypt: Evacuation and Logistics Information

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USG-Chartered Flight Information

- Persons seeking transport out of Egypt via USG-chartered transportation should contact the U.S. Department of State and Embassy Cairo by sending an email to EgyptEmergencyUSC@state.gov or by calling 1-202-501-4444; please provide the following information:
 - Name, age, place of birth, U.S. passport number, and any special medical needs
 - Immediate family members (spouses and children) who are not American citizens must be documented for entry into the safe haven country and/or the U.S.
- USG will reassess the need for additional chartered flights after February 3 due to availability of commercial flights and decreased demand of USG evacuation flights
- All American citizens who wish to depart Egypt on a USG flight should immediately proceed to the Cairo International Airport (CAI); do not wait for a call from the U.S. Embassy

USG-chartered Flight Information

- American citizens wishing to travel on U.S. Government chartered flights must arrange their own transport to CAI
- OSAC constituents continue to utilize the Ring Road for travel to CAI; however, reports indicate that road travel to CAI is becoming increasingly difficult
 - Road travel to CAI can take upwards of 4 hours
 - Road travel after curfew is not advised; roving gangs of bandits have been reported
 - In the event of demonstrations, American citizens should remain in their residences or hotels until the demonstrations subside
- Western hotel contacts indicate limousine services are still transporting passengers to CAI
- The Egyptian Government has imposed a curfew from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
 - Do not leave your dwelling during these hours

Overland Routes: Ring Road Route South – al Tharir



Overland Routes: American University Cairo



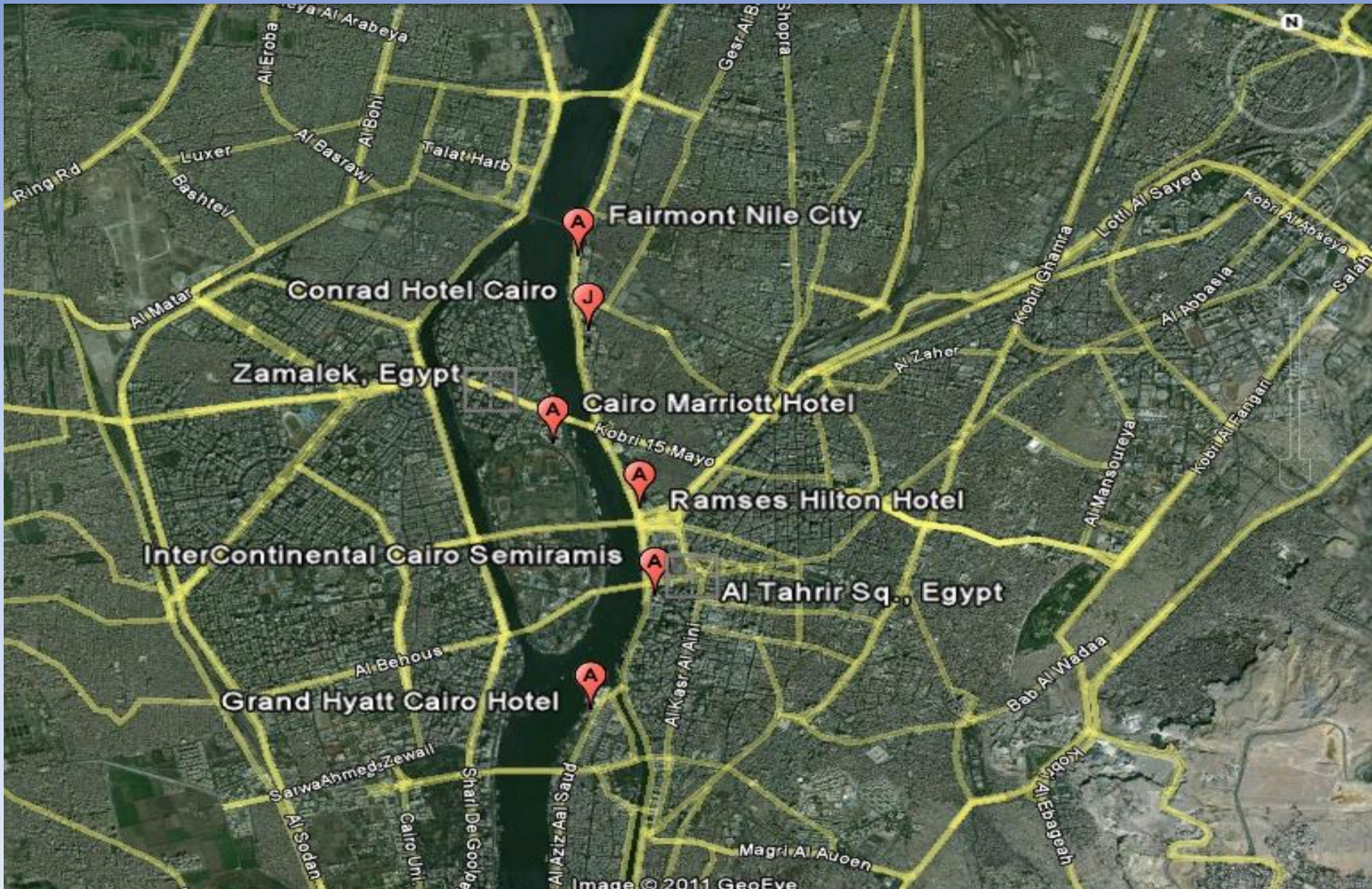
Approximately 25 miles from American University Cairo to Cairo International Airport

Overland Routes: Cairo International Airport



General location of Western hotel chains from Cairo International Airport

Western Hotel Chains



- Once American citizens arrive at CAI, they may proceed to the Terminal 1, Hall 4 (HAJJ or VIP Hall)
- American citizens and their spouses and children are required to have valid travel documents
- U.S. Embassy Cairo will assist with travel documents
 - U.S. citizens who do not hold a valid U.S. passport or visa should contact the U.S. Department of State and Embassy Cairo by sending an email to EgyptEmergencyUSC@state.gov or by calling 1-202-501-4444
- Scheduled chartered flights will transport U.S. citizens and their immediate family members (spouses/children)
- CAI is closing its doors at 4:00 p.m. each day; new visitors and passengers are not permitted after this time; doors will reopen at 7:00 a.m.

What Should Travelers Bring?

- Travelers should bring valid travel documents and any necessary medications
 - Travelers may bring one suitcase and one small carry-on item
- American citizens seeking evacuation should be prepared for a substantial wait at the airport; travelers are advised to bring:
 - Food
 - Water
 - Diapers
 - Other necessary toiletries with them to the airport
- American citizens requesting evacuation will be asked to sign paperwork promising to reimburse the U.S. Government for flight costs at a later date
 - Exact flight costs are not available but should be comparable to a one-way commercial flight to a safehaven location

- Most international air carriers continue to operate to and from CAI, albeit with layovers, including:
 - KLM
 - British Airways
 - Air France
 - Lufthansa
- OSAC constituent reports indicate that CAI appears to be operating with limited disruptions
 - Security screening has not been affected and is working properly
- Most international air carriers have been forced to adjust the timing of their flight operations due to the Egyptian Government's curfew
 - EgyptAir has canceled flights scheduled to depart during the curfew

Other Airport Information

- Alexandria's Borg El Arab Airport (HBE) is open
 - American citizens must secure a commercial flight to depart Egypt from HBE; charter flights are not available
 - Passengers must have a ticket purchased before they can enter HBE
 - A U.S. Consular Affairs officer is stationed at the airport to assist American citizens
 - Passengers are required to pay approximately \$50 to enter these terminals
- Constituent reporting indicates that some American citizens have been turned back by the Egyptian military while en route to the airport because of security concerns

For Additional Information

- Sign up for the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#) in order to receive embassy notices
- Monitor www.osac.gov for additional security updates
- Review previous OSAC reporting on Egypt's political demonstrations
- Email the [OSAC Coordinator for the Middle East and North Africa](#) or call 571-345-7746

