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# TABA BORDER CROSSING TRAVEL GUIDE

## Israel & Egypt



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## Important Eligibility Notice

This guide is intended primarily for U.S. and other foreign passport holders. Israeli citizens should verify current eligibility and requirements through official channels before attempting to cross. All procedures, fees, and policies are subject to change by government authorities at any time.

**Before You Go** Crossing the Taba border involves several outdoor walking segments. Proper preparation will help ensure a smooth and efficient experience.

**Weather & Conditions** Expect warm, dry desert conditions with occasional strong winds, particularly near the Israeli exit area. Dress lightly, protect yourself from sun exposure, and secure any loose items (kippahs, scarves, papers, etc.).

## Required & Recommended Items

**Required:** valid passport (minimum 6 months validity recommended).

**Required:** \$25 US Dollar in **cash** per passenger.

**Recommended:** Additional small change in U.S. dollars (for minor expenses or tips,).

**Recommended:** A bottle of water (liquids are allowed and advisable).

**Recommended:** Light, easy-to-carry luggage (the entire crossing is completed on foot) Sun protection (hat, sunglasses, sunscreen) a clip or scarf to secure head coverings.

## Local Item Restrictions:

These items are **NOT** allowed in Egypt, security personnel will confiscate any prohibited items during screening, so do not attempt to bring them.

**Drones** are strictly prohibited in Egypt. Professional or high-resolution camera lenses above 50MP are strictly prohibited.

**Estimated Crossing Time:** Under typical conditions, the crossing usually takes more than 1.5 hours. It is recommended to allow 2 hours for the full process, from arrival on the Israel side to final exit on the Egypt side.

## 1 Israeli Soil:

Menachem Begin Border, Taba Land Crossing Terminal Arrive by private vehicle or taxi. Public transportation options are limited. Exit process begins outdoors under a simple covered area. Seating and air conditioning are minimal. Conditions are basic and partially exposed.

### What to Expect

**Israeli Exit Fee:** Pay the Israeli crossing fee, currently listed as 120 NIS per person. Contactless credit cards are typically accepted. Retain the receipt, it will be required during the process. Children up to 2 years old are exempt from the crossing fee.

**Payment Verification Booth:** Proceed to the payment verification booth to present your receipt for scanning.

**Passport Control** Proceed through passport control via automated kiosks or staffed booths.

### Duty-Free and Transition to the Egyptian Side

**Due to regional conditions,** duty-free and other non-essential facilities in the terminal may be closed. In-case duty-free is closed, you will be directed to proceed directly to the end of the terminal. A glass door on the left leads directly into the Egyptian border zone. In-case duty-free is open, you will be directed through the duty-free area and along the standard exit route toward the Egypt border zone.

## 2 Egyptian Soil:

After passing through the glass door from the Israeli side, you will be on Egyptian soil and continue on foot toward the Egyptian border facilities checkpoint sequence.

**Be Advised:** All documentation is printed in Arabic, including Numbers. If anything is unclear, politely request clarification.

**Passport Review** Checkpoint 1: is a small control point where officers typically review passports. This process is usually brief.

**Outdoor Walk** to Checkpoint 2: You will then walk approximately two minutes outdoors, without shade or shelter, to the Checkpoint. Waiting outside in line should be expected due to the hut's limited capacity.

**Security Screening** (X-Ray Hut) Checkpoint 2 is a small hut equipped with an older X-ray machine. All suitcases and larger bags are screened. Travelers may be asked to remove certain items from pockets if requested, though full emptying of personal belongings is not typically required.

**Outdoor Walk** After screening, there is a short additional outdoor walk (approximately 40 seconds), also without shade, before reaching the main Egyptian processing hall.

### 3 **Main Egyptian Border Hall:**

You will enter a large processing hall. The facility is functional but basic in structure and may appear busy. An officer at one of several small booths will collect passports for your group or family. You will be asked to clearly state your intended destination within Egypt: **Taba, Dahab, Sharm el-Sheikh, Cairo.**

You will receive a paper template **payment slip** that the officer fills in by hand, reflecting your declared destination within Egypt. **Retain** the paper document, it will be required during the process.

**Important:** Provide accurate and consistent information. Authorities will verify your stated route, and inconsistencies will result in delays or refusal of entry.

#### 4 **Passport Processing:**

Officers will review visa requirements (if applicable), verify entry eligibility, and place the Egyptian entry stamp in your passport. Travel onward to Egypt mainland (Cairo) requires a full Egyptian visa, and needs to be pre-arranged.

#### 5 **Payment processing:**

Present your completed destination slip to the officer, who will issue your "payment voucher". This voucher must be presented at the designated payment counter in the next step.

#### 6 **Paying the Fee (The Outside Booth):**

Exit the hall and walk across the short internal roadway (1.5 mins) to the payment counter. Present your payment voucher. The cashier will confirm the amount due, collect your payment, and provide your receipt.

**Important:** Keep the receipt. It is often required at security or police checkpoints to confirm that payment was completed.

**\$25 US Dollar** is the updated standard fee for destinations such as Sharm, Dahab, or Cairo.

Payment is typically accepted in U.S Dollar **Cash ONLY**. Credit cards and any other foreign currency are **not** accepted.

## 7 Final Vehicle Check (Outside Border Compound):

After completing border processing and boarding your taxi, minibus, or private vehicle, a final police checkpoint may occur shortly after exiting the border area.

**Officers may:** Review destination slips and documents. Confirm declared destinations match the driver's statement. Conduct brief inspections if inconsistencies arise. This is a routine procedure and is generally completed quickly.

## 8 Traveling In Egypt General Notes:

Photography and filming in public areas may be restricted.

**Avoid:** taking photos or videos of police personnel, checkpoints, or roadblocks, **is strictly prohibited** and can lead to unnecessary complications.

**Recommended:** Bring a portable power bank, outlets are unreliable!

**Mobile Connectivity:** SIM cards typically function near the border up to approx. 1 mile inside Egypt, then activate roaming service.

**Recommended:** Download offline maps before departure.

**Cellular signal range** often limited during the journey and resumes upon entering populated areas. Tip: Keep one person in your group reachable by phone.

## Returning to Israel via Taba

Re-entry into Israel is typically faster in total processing time but involves more detailed security questioning.

In standard conditions, the process often takes approximately 30 minutes, though timing can vary during peak periods or heightened security situations. Exiting the border on the Israeli side usually involves **heavy TAX control**, be prepared for checks before leaving.

**Border Opening Hours:** Taba Border Crossing is typically open 24 hours per day. Operating hours and accessibility remain subject to government security directives and may change without notice. Travelers should verify conditions prior to departure.



### Traveler Warning



Taba to Cairo by land Total drive, almost 9 hours.

Google Maps shows about 4.5 hours, but this is incorrect and not updated. It reflects a direct route that is closed, and travelers must be aware this information is wrong.

**Actual driving time**, including stops, breaks, and the Suez Canal crossing (typically 30 to 40 minutes, sometimes longer) is nearly **9 hours**.

**Route conditions:** limited communication, and misleading map directions.

## **COORDINATION & ASSISTANCE**

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### **Scope of Services:**

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Our Focus We prioritize calm execution, organized processes, and professional coordination under dynamic conditions, with safety and security as our top priorities.

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