Essential Travel Phrasebook
English ↔ Arabic (with Dialect Notes)

# Greetings

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| English Phrase | Arabic (MSA) Translation | Pronunciation (MSA) | Dialect Notes |
| Hello | مرحباً | marHaban (MAR-ha-ban) | Egyptian: أهلاً (ah-lan), Gulf: هلا (hala) |
| Good morning | صباح الخير | sabāḥ al-khayr (sa-BAH al-khayr) | Egyptian: صباح الفل (sabāh el-full) |
| Good afternoon | مساء الخير | masā’ al-khayr (ma-SAH al-khayr) | Levantine: مسا الخير (masa l-khayr) |
| Good evening | مساء الخير | masā’ al-khayr (ma-SAH al-khayr) | Same as afternoon |
| Goodbye | وداعاً | wadaa‘an (wa-DA-an) | Egyptian: مع السلامة (ma‘a-s-salāma) |
| How are you? | كيف حالك؟ | kayfa ḥāluka? (KAY-fah HAH-loo-ka) | Egyptian: إزيّك؟ (izzayyak?) |
| Nice to meet you | تشرفت بلقائك | tasharraftu biliqā’ika (ta-shar-RAF-tu bee-lee-KA-ik) | Levantine: تشرفت فيك (tsharrafna feek) |

# Daily Interactions

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| Please | من فضلك | min faDlik (min FAD-lik) | Egyptian: لو سمحت (law samaḥt) |
| Thank you | شكراً | shukran (SHOOK-ran) | Egyptian: متشكر (mutashakkir) |
| Excuse me | عفواً | ‘afwan (‘AF-wan) | Levantine: لو سمحت (law samaḥt) |
| I’m sorry | آسف | aasif (AA-sif) | Egyptian: متأسف (mit’assif) |
| Do you speak English? | هل تتكلم الإنجليزية؟ | hal tatakallam al-injleeziyyah? | Levantine: بتحكي إنجليزي؟ (btiḥki Injleezi?) |
| I don’t understand | لا أفهم | laa afham (LAA af-ham) | Egyptian: مش فاهم (mish faahim) |
| Could you speak more slowly, please? | هل يمكنك التحدث ببطء أكثر؟ | hal yumkinuka at-tahadduth bibuT’ akthar? | Egyptian: ممكن تتكلم بالراحة؟ (mumkin titkallim bil-raaha) |

# Directions

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| Where is …? | أين …؟ | ayna …? (AY-na …) | Levantine: وين …؟ (wain …?) |
| Does this [bus/train] go to …? | هل يذهب هذا [الباص/القطار] إلى …؟ | hal yadhhab hadha [al-bas/al-qitar] ila …? | Egyptian: الباص ده بيروح …؟ (il-bas da biyrooh …?) |
| Which way is …? | أي طريق إلى …؟ | ayyu tariq ila …? (ay-yoo ta-REEQ ee-la …) | Levantine: أي طريق …؟ (ay tari’ …?) |
| How do I get to …? | كيف أصل إلى …؟ | kayfa aṣil ila …? (KAY-fah AH-sil ee-la …) | Egyptian: إزاي أروح …؟ (izzay arooH …?) |
| Turn left | انعطف يساراً | in‘aTif yasāran (in-‘A-tif ya-SAR-an) | Egyptian: لف شمال (liff shimaal) |
| Go straight | اذهب مباشرةً | idhhab mubāsharatan (idh-hab moo-BA-sha-ra-tan) | Egyptian: على طول (ala tool) |
| Where is the bathroom? | أين الحمام؟ | ayna al-Hammām? (AY-na al-ham-MAM) | Egyptian: فين الحمّام؟ (feen il-hammam) |

# Travel (Transportation & Accommodation)

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| I have a reservation under the name of … | لدي حجز باسم … | ladayya ḥajz bism … (la-DAY-ya HAJZ bism …) | Egyptian: عندي حجز باسم … (andi ḥagz bism …) |
| Do you have any vacancies? | هل لديكم غرف شاغرة؟ | hal ladaykum ghuraf shāghira? (hal la-DAY-kum GHU-raf SHAH-ghira) | Levantine: في عندكم أوضة فاضية؟ (fi ‘indakum oda faadiya?) |
| I’d like to check in, please. | أود تسجيل الوصول، من فضلك | awaddu tasjil al-wuSool, min faDlik | Egyptian: عايز أعمل check-in (ayiz a‘mil check-in) |
| Where is the train/bus station? | أين محطة القطار/الباص؟ | ayna maḥaTTat al-qiṭar/al-bas? | Levantine: وين محطة الباص/القطار؟ (wain maHatit il-bas/il-qiTaar?) |
| I’d like a ticket to \_\_, please. | أريد تذكرة إلى \_\_، من فضلك | ureedu tadhkira ila \_\_, min faDlik | Egyptian: عايز تذكرة لـ \_\_ (ayiz tazkara li \_\_) |
| How much is a ticket to \_\_? | بكم تذكرة إلى \_\_؟ | bikam tadhkira ila \_\_? (bi-KAM taz-ki-ra ila \_\_?) | Levantine: قديش التذكرة لـ \_\_؟ (addeesh it-tazkara la \_\_?) |
| Can I get a taxi, please? | هل يمكنني الحصول على تاكسي؟ | hal yumkinuni al-ḥuSool ‘ala taksi? | Egyptian: ممكن تاكسي؟ (mumkin taksi?) |