

How To Avoid Taxi Scams In Egypt

A 5-Minute Guide



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Introduction

Egypt is one of the most beautiful, historic, and inspiring places on Earth.

This guide teaches you the **five taxi scams every visitor must know** so you can travel safe, smart, and with peace of mind.



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SCAM #1 – THE “NO UBER” SCAM



The Scam

At Cairo International Airport, drivers swarm tourists claiming:

- “Uber can’t come here!”
- “Pickup is too far!”
- “No Uber in Egypt!”

Then they quote inflated prices: **1,500... 1,000... okay my brother, 800.**

The Truth

Uber and Didi pick up at the airport. Fares are usually

As of winter 2026: 200-300 EGP for Cairo; 300-400 EGP for Giza.

Avoid It

Order your Uber ride after you clear baggage claim.

If you need to purchase a SIM at the airport, the vendors are right after baggage claim.

Wait until after you acquire your SIM before to order Uber. They usually come within 20 minutes or less.

Walk out to the “Arrivals” image you see in the picture below:



SCAM #2 – THE “I NEED MORE MONEY” SCAM



The Scam

Halfway through the ride, the driver says:

- “The app miscalculated.”
- “The distance is longer.”
- “Traffic is expensive today.”

He wants more money.

The Truth

You owe **only** what the app says. Tip if you want — but **never** out of pressure.

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SCAM #3 – THE “ROAD IS CLOSED” SCAM



The Scam

Driver suddenly claims:

“Road closed! Must take long way! More money!”

The road is perfectly open.

Avoid It

If the driver asks for more money, simply say: **“Let me out here.”**

Then order another ride.

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SCAM #4 – THE “NO INTERNET” SCAM



The Scam

Driver claims his phone has no internet so he “can’t use the app” and you must pay cash — allowing him to charge anything.

Avoid It

Never ride without the app active.

If he says the internet is down:

Get out. Call another ride.

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SCAM #5 – THE “MISUNDERSTANDING” SCAM



The Scam

Driver pretends to misunderstand your destination, takes you somewhere else first — then demands payment for two trips.

How to Outsmart It

- Keep your luggage in the **backseat**, not the trunk.
- When you arrive, pay for **one ride only** and walk away.
- No arguing necessary.

FINAL ADVICE

Egypt is magical — pyramids, temples, energy, history.
But business interactions can be intense.

Stick to Uber, Didi, or Indrive.

Trust your instincts.

Keep your belongings close.

Stay alert when strangers come on overly friendly.

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Judgement Scene Papyrus



The Judgement Scene reflects the values and spiritual beliefs of Kemet, also referred to as Ancient Egypt.

It depicts the judgement of a person's soul as they seek to enter the afterlife known as the Hall of Maati.

Art like this papyrus replicates the papyri of Hunefer and Ani, who were 19th Dynasty scribes. They were each buried with a Pert Em Heru, which is often referred to as the "Book of the Dead". The judgement scene is a part of that burial process.

The papyrus has the image of the cat deity Bast, the three pyramids of the Giza Plateau, and the ankh that is only visible in the dark.

It is made with authentic papyrus paper. It is 36 inches wide x 17 inches long.

[Click here to view the Judgement Scene Papyrus](#)

PAPYRUS ZODIAC OF DENDERA TEMPLE!



This papyrus replicates the great Dendera Zodiac. The Dendera Zodiac is among the most celebrated and enigmatic artefacts of ancient Egyptian astronomy.

This circular zodiac presents a map of the stars, with the twelve zodiacal constellations arranged in a wheel, along with an intricate celestial composition of thirty-six decans, symbolic of ten-day intervals within the 360-day Egyptian civil year.

Papyrus Paper. length 16 inches x height 23 ½ inches

[Click here to view the Dendera Zodiac Papyrus](#)