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If you are preparing a journey to Egypt, as the UK Director of operations for One World Tours in the UK, here's my best 10 list of spots to go and things to see and do in Egypt...

1. The pyramids at Giza. This may sound apparent but visiting them is not the sole option. You are able to go inside them, ride camels around them and perhaps most spectacular of them all, visit them in the evening and look at the awesome Sound and Light Show at the pyramids. In the darkness of evening, the Sphinx is lit up and narrates the history of the Pyramids.
2. King Tut's Mask. The mask of the child king, just has to be seen personally to be believed. The intricate work is one thing, but there's merely an incredible "aura" of peace around this artifact.
3. Abu Simbel. This can be a real past and present wonder. The past is obvious, but as a present day wonder, not everyone realizes that this entire structure was moved to make way for Lake Nasser. That alone can make it well worth the journey out from Aswan to view it.
4. Valley of the Kings. Luxor and the Valley of the Kings is a true site to behold. In spite of its close links to death, there is a really peaceful feeling there. It should be brought up nevertheless that not all the tombs are really worth seeing.
5. Luxor Temple. This temple is situated directly on the bank of the River Nile and is a great location to stroll at leisure. Ironically an amazing view of this spot can also be seen from the second floor of the McDonalds opposite – sorry it's correct !
6. A Felucca sailing on the Nile. Best taken in Luxor (opposite the entrance to Luxor Temple) this is a simple yet wonderful pleasure. We suggest heading out early in the afternoon, partly because the river gives a welcome rest from the day's heat, but primarily because the return journey will see the sun setting over the Nile and this really is something just not to be skipped.
7. Karnak Temple. This temple complex can be visited either by day or night. Karnak Temple is a large place and is lit beautifully and as you wander around and also the story of its history unfolds, you're really brought to another time and area. The final act takes place overlooking a lake exactly where the temple is stunningly lit and reflected in the still waters before you.
8. Diving in the Red Sea. Diving in places like Hurghada, Dahab and Sharm el Sheikh is a few of the best on the planet and if you're a beginner, where better to discover that at the Red Sea Riviera !
9. A Nile Dinner Cruise (in Cairo) Perhaps a little cliché, but should you can get beyond that, then a Nile river cruise in Cairo is worthwhile doing. The skyline is beautifully lit and as your cruise ship heads out into the dark waters, you're certain to enjoy a romantic evening which you'll never forget.
10. Riding a Camel. It just needs to be done ! The best places are at the pyramids on the West Bank of the Nile in Luxor. Here it could be done nicely in conjunction with a trip on the Nile by felucca (stopping for any camel ride during the afternoon).

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