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CAIRO, Dec. 22—All the hotels in Egypt are booked virtually solid through the end of March, Mohyeddin Shazly, Director of Tourism, said today. International travel agencies had informed him they had been obliged to turn down thousands of overflow requests for reservations.

Mr. Shazly said that a total of 315,496 visitors by the end of November had already made 1954 a record year for tourism here since before World War II. He had no pre-war figures, but he believed it was the best tourist year Egypt had ever had.

September was the record month, according to the Tourism Department, with 40,967 arrivals of foreigners who stayed more than twenty-four hours in Egypt —the international criterion for a revenue-contributing visitor.

The number of qualifying visitors in 1953 was 250,059 and in 1952 it was 206,053.

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