

# 9 Day 5-Star Best of Egypt & Luxury Nile Cruise

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Discover the world with AVG Travels, where our team of destination experts combines local knowledge with a passion for adventure to offer you the vacation of a lifetime. At AVG Travels, we not only provide an immersive travel experience, prioritize your comfort, safety, and enjoyment, but also showcase the beauty and cultural richness of stunning destinations.

Specialists in touring since 2015, AVG Travels, previously known as Asia Vacation Group, are proud to craft your itinerary and create memories that last a lifetime. Travel with confidence knowing your trip has been thoughtfully crafted by our experts with you personally in mind.

<b>AVG Travels Trusted Partner Tour</b>	<b>Small Group Tour Max 24 Travellers</b>	<b>5-star Hotels</b>
<b>Egyptologist Guide</b>	<b>Luxury Nile Cruise</b>	

## Day by Day Itinerary

Cairo, Luxor, Aswan

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a luxury four night **Nile Cruise** sailing from Luxor to Aswan
- Tour the incredible **Pyramids of Giza** and the **Sphinx** with a Egyptologist local guide
- Explore the antiquities of the vast **Egypt Museum**
- Uncover rich cultural, historical, architectural wonders of **Old Cairo** including the famous **bazaar of Khan el-Khalili**
- Take a guided exploration of **Luxor Museum** home to rich artifacts including pieces from Tutankhamun's tomb
- Discover **Valley of the Kings** and the impressive **Temple of Queen Hatshepsut** in Luxor
- Learn of the rich history and impressive hieroglyphics at **Luxor Temple**
- Visit the treasures of ancient **Edfu** and sail to where time as stood still for a thousand years at **Kom-Ombo**
- Explore the **Temple of Isis** and the **Philae Temple** in Aswan

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Arrive Cairo, Egypt

Welcome to Cairo!

On arrival into Cairo International Airport (CAI), you will be met by a local representative in the arrivals hall and transferred to your accommodation.

Spend the remainder of the day at your leisure.

This afternoon, you will have your Welcome Meeting where you will meet your English-speaking guide and fellow travellers and have an introduction to your tour. Tonight, you may wish to join your group at an optional welcome dinner bookable on tour.

*Please note: when booking international flights, please ensure that your arrival date into the starting city, falls on Day 1 of the itinerary.*

**Meals:** n/a

**Accommodation:** Crowne Plaza Cairo West Arkan 5\* or similar

### Day 2: Cairo

After breakfast, embark on an exciting journey with your expert guide to uncover the wonders of the Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx. Accompanied by your knowledgeable Egyptologist, you'll delve into the rich tapestry of

history spanning thousands of years.

Next, we'll venture into the vibrant heart of Cairo, where you'll visit a selection of key landmarks renowned for their cultural, historical, architectural, and aesthetic significance. This comprehensive tour will provide you with a deeper understanding of Cairo's unique heritage.

Once the guided portion of your day concludes, you'll have some free time to continue exploring at your own pace. Take this opportunity to delve deeper into areas that pique your interest, or simply enjoy a leisurely break. Later in the evening, we will gather again for an included dinner.

**Meals:** Breakfast & Dinner

**Accommodation:** Crowne Plaza Cairo West Arkan 5\* or similar

### **Day 3: Cairo - Luxor**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your included flight to Luxor, where your exploration of the magnificent monuments along the Nile begins. Stroll through the storied remains of ancient Thebes, including a walk along the Avenue of the Sphinx and a visit to the Temple of Amun near Luxor.

Next, board your luxurious 5-star Nile Cruise, which boasts premium amenities such as an outdoor pool. Continue your adventure with a visit to the remarkable Luxor Museum, home to an impressive collection of artifacts, including treasures from Tutankhamun's legendary tomb.

This evening, settle into your comfortable cabin on the cruise as we dock in Luxor. You can choose to experience a captivating sound and light show at the Karnak Temple (bookable on tour – approx. USD\$35pp).

**Meals:** Breakfast & Dinner

**Accommodation:** Steigenberger Legacy Nile Cruise 5\* or similar

### **Day 4: Luxor -**

This morning you will have the chance to float over Luxor valley in a hot air balloon today (bookable on tour – approx. USD\$124pp).

Enjoy breakfast on board before embarking on a captivating exploration of Luxor with your expert Egyptologist guide. Begin your journey by immersing yourself in the splendor of Luxor Temple, where you'll gain valuable insights into ancient Egyptian architecture and religious practices.

Next, visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, an extraordinary monument honoring one of Egypt's most influential female pharaohs. Marvel at the majestic Colossi of Memnon, the colossal statues that have guarded the valley for centuries.

After a day rich in discovery, return to your luxurious cruise ship and set sail towards the charming city of Edfu. Continue to explore Egypt's timeless landscapes and delve deeper into its rich cultural heritage as you cruise along the Nile.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**Accommodation:** Steigenberger Legacy Nile Cruise 5\* or similar

### **Day 5: Luxor - Edfu - Kom-Ombo**

Begin your day by uncovering the ancient treasures of Edfu. As you sail upstream, you'll journey to Kom-Ombo, a place where time seems to have stood still for centuries. Explore the traditional architecture and local way of life as you wander through the charming village with your Travel Director.

In the evening, enjoy a traditional dinner on board our cruise, featuring a selection of local delicacies that offer a true taste of the region's culinary heritage.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**Accommodation:** Steigenberger Legacy Nile Cruise 5\* or similar

### **Day 6: Aswan -**

Sail in deluxe style to Aswan, where you have the option to embark on a remarkable excursion to Abu Simbel. This excursion is a must for history and archaeology enthusiasts. Discover the awe-inspiring temples carved into the bedrock, dedicated to Pharaoh Ramesses II, and marvel at the impressive detail of these monumental structures (bookable on tour – approx. USD\$129pp).

In the evening, consider joining the optional Nubian Village Visit for a truly unique experience, enhanced by live music that captures the spirit of the region. As you set sail towards the village, enjoy a ride on traditional feluccas,

the iconic sailboats that have traversed the Nile for centuries. Witness the stunning sunset as it casts shimmering reflections on the water, creating a magical atmosphere. (Bookable on tour – approx. USD\$32pp)

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**Accommodation:** Steigenberger Legacy Nile Cruise 5\* or similar

#### **Day 7: Aswan - Cairo**

Start your day with a visit to the Temple of Isis, an ancient sanctuary dedicated to the revered divine mother of the pharaohs, and then proceed to the Philae Temple, renowned for its exquisite architectural design and historical importance. These temples offer a deep dive into the rich spiritual and cultural heritage of ancient Egypt.

After your exploration, you'll transfer to Aswan airport for your included flight back to Cairo. Upon arrival you will be transferred to your hotel where the remainder of the day is yours to spend as you wish before enjoying an included dinner at your hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast & Dinner

**Accommodation:** Crowne Plaza Cairo West Arkan 5\* or similar

#### **Day 8: Cairo**

After a restful break, we'll dive deeper into the vibrant city of Cairo, allowing you ample time to enjoy your exploration at a leisurely pace. Accompanied by our expert local guide, embark on the next leg of our sightseeing adventure. Visit the Egyptian Museum, home to a vast collection of ancient artifacts, and explore the Citadel of Saladin along with the Mosque of Mohammed Ali. Discover the Hanging Church and experience the lively atmosphere of the famous Khan el-Khalili bazaar.

In the late afternoon, you'll have the freedom to explore Cairo on your own terms. Take this opportunity to revisit your favorite sights or discover new ones, ensuring that you capture the essence of your Cairo experience. In the evening, your dinner reservation awaits at your hotel, where you can relax and reflect on your day's adventures.

**Meals:** Breakfast & Dinner

**Accommodation:** Crowne Plaza Cairo West Arkan 5\* or similar

#### **Day 9: Depart Cairo**

Unfortunately, today marks the end of your time in Egypt. At a suitable time, you will be transferred to Cairo International Airport (CAI) in time for your departure flight.

We hope you have enjoyed your journey through Egypt with Asia Vacation Group.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** NA

## **INCLUSIONS**

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- **Small group touring with a max 24 guests**
- 8 nights in 5-star accommodation throughout including a 4-night luxury Nile cruise
- Tipping at all the hotels and restaurants, all taxes and portage fees
- Daily breakfast, 3 lunches & 7 dinners
- Private airport transfers on arrival and departure dates.
- Internal domestic flight in Egypt from Cairo to Luxor and Aswan to Cairo in economy class
- Escorted by professional, English-speaking Egyptologist local guide
- All sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary

## **EXCLUSIONS**

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- International airfares
- Visas
- Travel insurance
- Tipping to local guides

- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses

## DEPARTURE DATES: PRICE IS QUOTED IN AU\$ PER PERSON

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
<b>Saturday</b> 26 Oct 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 03 Nov 2024	AU\$3,999		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 02 Nov 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 10 Nov 2024	AU\$3,999		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 09 Nov 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 17 Nov 2024	AU\$3,999		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 16 Nov 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 24 Nov 2024	AU\$3,999		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 23 Nov 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 01 Dec 2024	AU\$3,999		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 30 Nov 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 08 Dec 2024	AU\$3,999		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 07 Dec 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 15 Dec 2024	AU\$3,999		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 14 Dec 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 22 Dec 2024	AU\$3,999		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 21 Dec 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 29 Dec 2024	AU\$4,499		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 28 Dec 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 05 Jan 2025	AU\$4,499		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 11 Jan 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 19 Jan 2025	AU\$3,998		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 25 Jan 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 02 Feb 2025	AU\$3,998		<a href="#">Book</a>
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<b>Saturday</b> 05 Apr 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 13 Apr 2025	AU\$3,998		<a href="#">Book</a>

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<b>Saturday</b> 03 May 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 11 May 2025	AU\$3,999		<a href="#">Book</a>
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<b>Saturday</b> 31 May 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 08 Jun 2025	AU\$3,999		<a href="#">Book</a>
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<b>Saturday</b> 20 Sep 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 28 Sep 2025	AU\$3,999		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 04 Oct 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 12 Oct 2025	AU\$3,999		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 18 Oct 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 26 Oct 2025	AU\$3,999		<a href="#">Book</a>
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## OPTIONAL TOURS

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### FINE PRINT

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#### FLIGHT INFORMATION

This is a **land package** only.

If you would like to add airfares to your booking, please select the departure city where we have the economy return flights add-on for your selection. If you would like to book the business class or premium class, please contact us anytime and our ticketing expert would assist you. Currently we use Emirates Airlines or similar.

#### Flight requests, amendments or preferences

We understand customers may wish to request changes to their included airfares. If you wish to fly with a certain airline, land at a certain time or change your flight in other ways we will gladly provide you with a personalized quote tailored to your specific requirements.

We would be more than happy to provide you with a quote for the following requests:

Airline Preferences – You may wish to fly with a particular airline

Cabin Preferences – These include upgrading to premium economy or business class

Extensions (start and end cities must remain the same) – You may request to extend your stay pre or post tour.

Meal Requests – You may request a specific meal for dietary requirements.

Seat Requests – If you would like to request particular seating. However please note, not all airlines allow the selection of pre-purchased seat arrangements.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

##### AVG Travel Trust Partner Tour

AVG Travel have sourced a local, trusted partner to operate this tour. Our team has carefully vetted the itinerary and on-ground operations to ensure our AVG Travel clients are in good hands.

##### Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences however any changes are beyond our control.

##### Single Supplement

Single supplement is **\$1,750 per person** in addition to the twin share price.

##### Physical Requirements

A reasonable level of fitness is required. Participants should be comfortable navigating stairs, boarding and disembarking from the coach and ship, and walking reasonable distances, typically around 2 kilometres per day or more. Whilst in the Plitvice Lakes, some of the boardwalks may be slippery and uneven. Please disclose any physical conditions at the time of booking to assess suitability for the tour.

##### Tipping

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package.

Industry standard is USD\$10-15 per person per day – however the final amount you may wish to give, is completely at your discretion.

##### Group Size

Minimum: 4

Maximum: 24

##### Visa & Passport information

It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of return and must have more than 2 blank pages.

A visa is required to enter Egypt at a cost of USD25 for a single-entry visa and USD60 for a multiple-entry visa (subject to change).

You can obtain a tourist visa on arrival. Please ensure you have a non-Egyptian credit card or US dollars in cash.

Bring the required amount, as ATMs may not disperse USD or other foreign currency.

Alternatively, you can obtain an e-visa, Refer to <https://visa2egypt.gov.eg/> for full details and requirements.

IMPORTANT: Visa requirements may change at any time without notice. You should contact the nearest high commission/embassy or consulate for the latest details.

#### **Children**

Children under the age of 15 years will not be permitted to travel on this tour.

#### **Travel Insurance**

Travel insurance is recommended to protect yourself against the unexpected. In addition to the support that a policy may provide, you may be asked to present a copy of your travel insurance documentation while traveling. We have partnered with **NibTravel Insurance** to offer our customers competitive rates for their travel insurance. You can book Comprehensive or Essentials cover for your domestic, international or multi- trip journeys simply with us.

#### **HOW TO EXTEND YOUR STAY**

Pre & post Tour Accommodation Cairo including breakfast and private arrival transfer – \$660 per room, per night for double/twin/single

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