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14d Turkey & Egypt Escorted Tour from \$4499pp twin share

Single supplement from \$1200



**Sunday departures from Australia: 01 February to 18 March, 01 May to 31 May,
01 September to 10 September, 14 October & 30 November 2018**

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Return economy airfares from ALL Australian Capital Cities to Istanbul and Cairo flying with Emirates, Etihad, Qantas or Turkish Airlines
- One way economy flight from Istanbul to Cairo with Egyptair or Turkish Airlines

TURKEY – WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- 6 nights hotel accommodation in Turkey in nice centrally located hotels
- All transport and transfers in AC vehicles
- 24-hour airport arrival & departure transfer service
- Services of a specialist tour guide for all sightseeing tours
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Entrance fees

EGYPT – WHAT’S INCLUDED:

- Meet & assist at Cairo airport
- 2 nights accommodation in 4* hotel on Bed & Breakfast (BB) basis
- 4 nights accommodation on 5* Nile cruise on Full Board (FB) basis
- All transfers in private air conditioned bus
- Baggage handling & portorage
- Sightseeing with entrance fees as per itinerary
- Service & local taxes
- Domestic flights: Cairo/Luxor – Aswan/Cairo

PROPOSED ITINERARY:

Day 1: Depart Australia for Istanbul, Turkey

Day 2: Arrival in Istanbul

HOS GELDINIZ!

Welcome to Turkey! We will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel. After a short briefing about your tour, you will have the afternoon free to rest and explore Istanbul on your own.

Overnight in Istanbul

Day 3: Istanbul - (B/L)

This will be a full-day tour exploring the following:

* The **Spice Bazaar/Egyptian Bazaar** (Misir Carsisi) transports you back to the Silk Road days with its mystical aromas of various spices. Here, you'll also find other shops selling fruits, vegetables, teas, flowers, fish, and Turkish Delight (lokum).

* **Bosphorus Cruise** takes you though the waterway separating the two continents, Europe and Asia; along its shores, you can take photographs of marble palaces and antique wooden Ottoman-era villas that sit beside luxurious modern residences. You will also see Dolmabahce Palace, Beylerbeyi Palace and Ortakoy Mosque.

After lunch, we will visit:

* **Topkapi Palace**, the residence and administrative centre of the Sultans during the Ottoman Empire, was constructed in 1459-1465 shortly after the establishment of Constantinople. You'll see the Treasury that houses the Topkapi Dagger, the 86-carat Spoon Maker's Diamond and the jewel-encrusted bones of St. John the Baptist.

We'll also visit the **Grand Bazaar** (Kapali Carsi - "covered market"). After the tour we will return to your hotel.

Overnight in Istanbul

Day 4: Istanbul - (B/L)

Sites you will see:

* **Blue Mosque/Sultanahmet Mosque (Camii)** built during the reign of Sultan Ahmet I during 1609-1616. It is the only mosque in Turkey with six minarets. Due to its magnificent hand-dyed blue, green and white Iznik tiles it has been named the "Blue Mosque" by Europeans. The central dome is 43 m in height and is 33.4 m in diameter; it also boasts 260 windows.

* **Hagia Sophia/Aya Sofya** is a truly awe-inspiring, 1,400-year-old Byzantine cathedral which houses mosaics, relics and iron work. Hagia Sophia was, for nearly a thousand years, the largest enclosed space in the world, and is still seen as one of the world's most important architectural monuments. It is one of Turkey's most popular attractions, drawn by the sheer spectacle of its

size, architecture, mosaics and art. Built during the reign of Byzantine Emperor Justinian in the 6th century AD.

* **Hippodrome:** the backdrop of chariot races and the centre of Byzantine civic life. Of the ornaments which once decorated it, only three remain: The Obelisk of Theodosius, the bronze Serpentine Column, and the Column of Constantine.

The Obelisk is in the Egyptian style and was erected in 1547 BC and stood 60m tall. The German Fountain is also within the hippodrome area, constructed in Germany to mark German Emperor Wilhelm II's second visit to Istanbul; it was imported and officially opened on January 1 1901. The fountain's three domes are decorated with gold mosaics.

Overnight in Istanbul

Day 5: Istanbul to Canakkale - (B/L/D)

Early in the morning we will drive west, skirting the northern shore of the beautiful Sea of Marmara, heading towards the Aegean Sea.

Sites you'll see today:

***Gallipoli (*Gelibolu*) and the Dardanelles** --After our lunch, we will devote our afternoon to visiting Gallipoli, where fierce World War I fighting took place between Allied forces and the Turkish Army. At ANZAC (Australia and New Zealand Armed Corps) Cove, thousands lost their lives on one fateful dawn morning. We'll also visit other famous WWI battle sites and cemeteries in this area, including Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair. From here, we'll board a ferry and cross the Dardanelles Strait. World War I history buffs will know that the Dardanelles Strait was a strategic crossing point for the Allied armies to cross from Europe into Asia Minor.

Over a 9-month campaign, more than half a million soldiers lost their lives in the struggle to control this strait and the nearby Gallipoli peninsula. Still today, many villagers in this quiet and peaceful region speak of seeing ghosts wandering the cemeteries and hearing the sounds of battle.

***Canakkale** will be our final destination for today and where we will spend our evening. After dinner, you might want to stroll the harbor wall; here, locals buy sunflower seeds and take evening strolls with their families to watch the sunset. When they reach the end of the promenade, they turn around, perhaps buy ice cream and walk again. Why not join them?

Overnight in Canakkale

Day 6: Canakkale to Istanbul - (B/L)

We continue our scenic drive along the Aegean, stopping for photo opportunities and perhaps to indulge the taste buds at one of the many farmer road side stands that sell olives, figs, pistachios, and other seasonal fruits. We then will head east towards Troy.

***Troy (*Truva*)** is the ancient site written about by Homer in the classic *Iliad*. It dates back to approximately 3,000 BC and has been the site of nine different cities through the thousands of years it has been in existence. Upon entering Troy, a large wooden Trojan horse full-scale reproduction will dominate your view. You'll definitely want to climb up and get your picture taken! There is also a small museum on-site to help you get oriented.

After lunch, you will depart from Canakkale for a comfortable bus transfer back to Istanbul; upon arrival you will be transferred to your hotel.

Overnight in Istanbul

Day 7: Free day Istanbul- (B)

Today is a free day to explore Istanbul and its treasures at leisure

Overnight in Istanbul

Day 8: Istanbul to Cairo, Egypt (B)

Gule, Gule! Farewell! It is time to go home. We will transfer you to the airport and wish you well, asking you to keep Turkey in your heart, and hope that our paths will cross again. Fly from Cairo to Egypt to start your Ancient Egypt Tour

Day 8: Cairo

Upon arrival in Cairo, you will be met by our travel representative in Egypt and transferred to your hotel for overnight.

Day 9: Cairo (Pyramids, Museum)

After breakfast your private Egyptologist tour guide and driver will pick you up and start your tour. Drive to Giza and visit the Pyramids. See the Great Pyramid, a royal burial chamber and the Sphinx. Lunch en route. Visit the Egyptian Museum; this houses a magnificent collection of Pharaonic antiquities, especially the golden treasures of Tut Ankh Amun. Return to hotel for overnight (B,L).

Day 10: Luxor (Karnak & Luxor Temple)

Breakfast at hotel, transfer to Cairo airport for your flight to Luxor. Upon arrival to Luxor, our representative will pick up you for embarkation on your Nile Cruise. visit the great Luxor Temple and the magnificent Karnak Temple of Amun with its famous Hypostyle Hall and the 134 huge columns, the Statue of Ramses II, the Obelisk of Queen Hatshepsut and the Sacred Lake. Overnight in Luxor (B, L, D).

Day 11: Luxor (West Bank)

In the morning your sightseeing in Luxor includes the West Bank (Thebes) where some of the richest treasures in the world exists, including the Tomb of Tut Ankh Amun (optional) and other royal tombs including Ramses VI in the Valley of the Kings, you will be able to visit some of these tombs. Visit Hatshepsut funerary temple at Dier El Bahari and the Colossi of Memnon. Then transfer back to your Cruise for lunch. In the afternoon you will sail through the locks of Esna to Edfu and dinner on board and Overnight. (B, L, D).

Day 12: (Edfu & Kom-Ombo)

In the morning, Sail to Edfu, visit Edfu temple, than sail to Kom Ombo, where you will visit the Sobek Temple, dedicated to the two gods, which offers beautiful murals and reliefs. Sail to Aswan and Overnight (B, L, D)

Day 13: (High Dam, Philae temple, Felucca)

After breakfast you will visit the High Dam, and Philae Temple. In the afternoon you will sail on an Egyptian felucca around Elephantine Island and the Botanical Gardens on Kitchener Island and the Agha Khan Mausoleum. Overnight in Aswan (B, L, D)

Day 14: Final departure

After breakfast, disembarkation from the ship, transfer to Aswan airport for your flight back to Cairo, then transfer for your final departure.

END OF SERVICES:



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CANCELLATIONS

Cancellation fees will be levied relative to the amount of notice given as follows:

Days' Notice	90 or more	75-90	65-75	65-1
	Loss of Deposit and 50% loss of fare	75%	85%	100%

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