

Anzac & Ancient Egypt 18 days



ANZAC Day Tours, Gallipoli 2013. Starts: 23 April. Pay your respects at Gallipoli then head to Egypt to explore Pyramids tombs and temples, and round it off with snorkelling or relaxation time on the sunny coast of Dahab

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Istanbul / Ends in: Cairo
- Departs: 23 April 2013
- No local payment required
- Breakfast: 16, Lunch: 3, Dinner: 2
- Hotel Rating: 4 and 5 star
- Tour Guide: Yes

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - [click here](#)
- To book this trip - [click here](#)
- To enquire about this trip - [click here](#)

TOUR MAP:



QUICK WEB LINKS

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Day 1:

Tuesday 23rd April 2013. Welcome to Turkey and the start of your awesome ANZAC experience! Choice of shuttle transfers to hotel. Rest of the day free in Istanbul – a city that straddles both Europe and Asia! Overnight - [Istanbul](#)

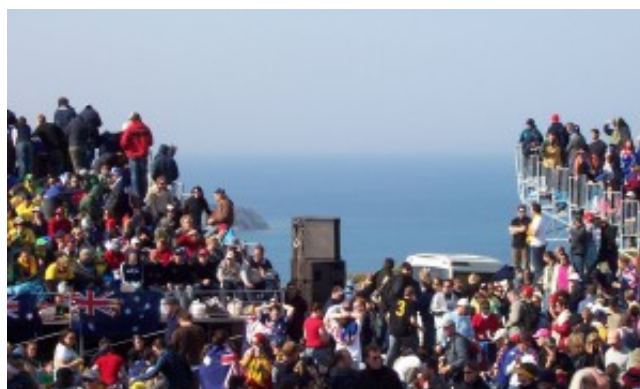
Day 2:

Istanbul - Gallipoli. This morning we drive to the WW1 battlefields on Gallipoli Peninsular. This afternoon, enjoy a guided tour (subject to ANZAC Cove opening hours and traffic conditions) of the evocative war memorials that dot the region, for example; Lone Pine, Chunuk Bair, Johnston's Jolly, the trenches and Kabatepe - the modest ANZAC museum. Early this evening, we'll relax at our exclusive ANZAC Eve Turkish BBQ before later taking our places amongst the many at the Dawn Service site for the atmosphere charged ANZAC Eve vigil. Overnight - Dawn Service site (ANZAC Cove)



Day 3:

First light heralds a poignant bugle call and commencement of the Dawn Service. After the service and armed with your maps, you've a chance to independently explore many of the trenches and memorial sites as you head up to Lone Pine or Chunuk Bair for the Australian or New Zealand National services. Later this afternoon, we return to Istanbul, where upon our late evening arrival, we check into our hotel for a well-earned rest after such an emotion-filled day. (Timing on 25th April subject to coach traffic). Overnight - [Istanbul](#)



Day 4:

This morning we spend a couple of hours cruising the Bosphorus before embarking on a guided sightseeing tour of the old city, taking in the stunning Iznik tiled Blue Mosque, Hippodrome area, Topkapi Palace, the 6th century Hagia Sofia (exterior only) and more. This afternoon time is given for you to explore the mammoth Grand Bazaar and exotic Egyptian Spice Market, the later located opposite from the ferry terminal. From here you can opt to stay and discover the old city by night or return with your guide to our hotel for a little R&R.

When the sun sets, why not enjoy our optional **Istanbul by night bolt on!** With dinner, belly dancers and entertainment at a great Istanbul venue. It's an entertaining evening and a great farewell fling! (transportation included). Overnight - [Istanbul](#)



Day 5:

Saturday 27 April 2013. Today, make your own way to Cairo where your Egyptian adventure begins. Turkish Airlines offers open jaw flights between London, Istanbul and Cairo, check the THY website for more details or we can arrange flights on your behalf! If you provide us with your incoming flight details to Egypt we will be there to meet you at Cairo airport and transfer you to our hotel. Remainder of the day and evening at leisure Overnight - [Cairo](#)

Day 6:

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Cairo - Aswan. Visit to the famous pyramids and lion-headed Sphinx at Giza Plateau. Sole survivors from the ancient Greek-listed Seven Wonders of the World, the pyramids are the planet's oldest tourist attraction! Gaze in awe at Cheops (Khufu) - the largest of the three great pyramids. Constructed from over 2.5 million limestone blocks it is thought to have taken more than 20 years to construct. Continuing to Saqqara, we can explore the myriad tombs and temples at this site and see Zoser's step pyramid - constructed by Imhotep, the pharaoh's chief architect in 27BC! We later enjoy a chance to freshen up then catch the overnight seater train to Aswan. Sleeper cabin upgrade available. Overnight - Train



Day 7:

Arrive Aswan and check into our hotel. Today, we visit the High Dam and travel by boat to the Temple of Philae, dedicated to the goddess Isis. Remainder of day and evening free. Overnight - [Aswan](#)

Days 8 - 9:

Aswan - Nile felucca cruising. Optional early morning air excursion to famous Abu Simbel. This afternoon, we board our Nile felucca for a 2 night cruise upstream toward Kom Ombo. Relax, top up your tan and chat with new friends as the felucca gently plies its route. Stops are made en route at local villages and at the waterside Temple of Kom Ombo. If sailing by felucca is not your style, consider upgrading to a 5 star luxury Nile Cruise with our Nile Cruise Upgrade. Overnight - [Felucca Cruise](#)



Day 10:

Kom Ombo - Edfu - Luxor. Disembarking near Kom Ombo we visit the temple before travelling to the Temple of Horus at Edfu, a huge complex that began construction in 237 BC! We then continue to Luxor. Home of the legendary Valley of the Kings and Temple of Karnak, 4000 year-old Luxor is ancient Egypt at it's best. Enjoy some rest and relaxation. Tonight, an optional visit to the Temple of Luxor is available alternatively, enjoy the facilities of our hotel. Overnight - [Luxor](#)

Day 11:

Luxor - Cairo. Why not watch the sunrise from the heady heights of a hot air balloon - take the optional hot air balloon ride over Luxor and see it come alive in the morning sun. Early today, we visit Luxor's famous West Bank. The twin seated statues known as the Colossi of Memnon represent the first view of what is to come. We then visit the legendary Valleys of the Kings and the imposing ramped and limestone - colonnaded Temple of Hatshepsut. Hatshepsut was one of only 3 Egyptian ruling queens. Perhaps the most famous tomb in the Valley of the Kings is that of the boy-King Tutankhamen. Archaeologist Howard Carter discovered his intact and treasure -filled tomb in 1922. Taking a break, we later visit the colossal Temple of Karnak.

There's time for R&R by the hotel swimming pool this afternoon, before returning to Cairo by overnight seater train. sleeper cabin upgrade available. Overnight - Bus



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Day 12:

Arriving into Cairo, we set off on a guided tour of the Egyptian National Museum of Antiquities. The museum is home to an extensive collection of some 120 000 ancient Egyptian antiquities, with a representative amount on display and the remainder in storerooms. You can choose to visit the Royal Mummy Room, where 9 royal mummies from the New Kingdom is displayed. The afternoon and evening offer free time or there is the option to take part in a city tour. Overnight - [Cairo](#)

Day 13:

Cairo - Dahab. Today we cross the Suez Canal and travel onto Dahab, located on the Red Sea. Dahab has developed from a hippy village to a respected haven with a solid infrastructure for SCUBA divers, snorkellers and travellers seeking sun, sea and relaxation. The waterfront is dotted with laid back cafes, bars and shops, perfect for eating, drinking or relaxing with a little retail therapy. You've 4 whole days to do as you please. Overnight - [Dahab](#)



Days 14 - 16:

Enjoy time at leisure in Dahab. Optional activities (book and pay locally) include a snorkelling excursion to the Blue Hole. 80 metres deep, the Blue Hole boasts an abundance of colourful coral, fish and marine life. Most of the aquatic species live within the first 5 metres beneath the sea level, allowing even the novice a fantastic display of the underwater world.

You can also opt for an energetic climb to the summit of Mt Sinai and visit St Katherine's Monastery or camel and jeep treks into the surrounding Sinai Desert.

If you would like to extend your stay in Dahab, consider our exciting range of 4 day dive bolt-ons or hop over to Jordan for a 5 day middle eastern treat on our Petra & Wadi Rum bolt-on. Overnight - [Dahab](#)



Day 17:

Dahab - Cairo. After a leisurely breakfast we return to Cairo. The remainder of the day and evening offer free to enjoy Cairo your way. You can enjoy the remains of the day shopping and exploring Cairo. Perhaps take a cab to Cairo's Khan al-Khalili bazaar and enjoy a few hours wandering through the many alleyways. It's a top spot for the purchase of ornate free-standing tobacco pipes, pharaonic tat, belly dancing costumes, spices and carpets. Overnight - [Cairo](#)

Day 18:

Friday 10 May 2013. Hotel check out and included onward transfer to airport.

WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- Istanbul - old city, Blue Mosque, Hippodrome, Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia and the Underground Cistern
- Cruise along the Bosphorus Strait
- Gallipoli Peninsular - ANZAC Cove, Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair memorials, National Services of Australia or New Zealand
- Battlefields and trenches
- ANZAC Dawn Service
- Cairo - Pyramids and Sphinx at Giza Plateau, Necropolis of Saqqara, Egyptian Museum
- Aswan - High Dam and Philae Temple
- Nile felucca cruising - islands en route
- Kom Ombo - Temple of Kom Ombo
- Edfu - Temple of Horus
- Luxor - Temple of Karnak
- Valley of the Kings and Queens, Colossi of Memnon and

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- Temple of Queen Hatshepsut
- Dahab - Red Sea coast - swim, relax, opt to snorkel or scuba dive in the clear coastal waters

travellers, this evening out at a traditional Turkish venue includes a tasty 3 course meal and live entertainment including belly dancers. A top night out!

What's Included

- 13 breakfasts, 3 lunches including our ANZAC Eve Turkish BBQ and 2 dinners
- Turkey: 3 nights 4 star & Special Class hotels, 1 night ANZAC Cove. Egypt: 7 nights 4 - 5 star hotels, 2 nights aboard felucca (open deck) and 1 night seater train: Cairo - Aswan. Sleeper cabin upgrade possible!
- 1 overnight bus - Luxor - Dahab
- Airport arrival transfer on day 1 from Ataturk International Airport at any time of day or from Sabiha Gokcen Airport at 2.30pm and 8pm.
- Airport arrival transfer to Cairo on day 5 and departure transfer to Cairo airport on day 15.
- Guided sightseeing of the Blue Mosque, Underground Cistern, Topkapi Palace, Hippodrome, Hagia Sofia (exterior only) and Gallipoli
- Afternoon Bosphorus cruise - Istanbul
- Escorted by an English speaking, degree qualified Turkish tour guide in Turkey and degree qualified Egyptologist in Egypt
- Modern air-conditioned touring coach
- Commemorative ANZAC hoodie/ jumper
- Touring of Cairo, Giza, Saqqara, Aswan, Edfu and Luxor
- All relevant transfer and transportation in private modern air-conditioned vehicles
- 3 days Dahab - Red Sea stay - swim, sun and sand

What's Not Included

- International flights, visas and flight from Istanbul to Cairo
- Tip for your tour guides in Turkey and Egypt. We recommend you allow \$3 - 5 USD per day, per traveller. Tip for your driver in Turkey and Felucca Crew/ Nile Cruise staff in Egypt, we recommend you allow \$10 USD for each. Tipping of these persons mentioned above is an entirely personal gesture
- Entrance Fees: \$90-110 USD
- Tipping Kitty: \$50-70 USD

BOLT-ONS:

Make the most of your time away! Listed below are the optional activities that are available on this trip. Please note that you will need to book these prior to travel as we cannot always guarantee availability of these activities once you are on holiday.

Istanbul by Night - USD \$99

When you've explored Istanbul by day, its time experience the city at night! As well as being a great way to get to know your fellow

PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$1,879

Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. Due to capacity restraints we do not offer single rooms on the Turkey component of this ANZAC tour. We will match up all single travelers with another fellow passenger of the same sex. We can also do this in Egypt, should you choose. Alternatively it is possible to book a single room for the Egypt component of your holiday and the single supplement detailed below can be added to the 'Twin/Double' price, allowing for the comfort of single room from days 5 - 18. If booking pre or post tour accommodation in either Istanbul or Cairo, single travellers will need to pay the single supplement for nights booked. Please note that the connecting flight between Istanbul-Cairo or v.v. is not included in the cost of the tour and will need to be arranged independently, or contact us and we will be happy to arrange it for you.

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Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
23 APR - 10 MAY	USD \$1,879	USD \$369

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23 APR - 10 MAY	USD \$1,879	USD \$369

POSTCARDS:

Here's what some of our past travellers have written in to us and said about their experiences on this trip.

Dear on the go, I have been meaning to write for ages but time has got away from me. I would like to thank everybody involved in my brilliant tour of Turkey and Egypt. I took part in the Anzac and Ancient Egypt tour in April and had the time of my life. Anzac was incredible and something I have wanted to do my whole life and Egypt was amazing especially finishing the whole tour off in Dahab. This made for a relaxing finale. Thank you again and keep up the good work, Lachie.

Lachlan Turner, Jul 2010

I had a great time on the tour. So worth flying over from Australia to experience Anzac Day and of course see the pyramids! I had a wonderful time. Thank you.

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Taryn Schultz, May 2010

What a great tour! Great idea to combine the Anzac experience with Egypt! I will treasure some great memories from this trip.

Stephanie B, May 2010

Anzac day was amazing. It is hard work but a pilgrimage all Aussies have to do at some point in their lives. My tour was great and now I am off to Egypt which I can't wait for. Keep up the good work and thanks to everyone both in London and Turkey. Cheers.

Julia G, May 2010
