

Turkey & Tutankhamun

16 days | Istanbul to Cairo



From Ottoman Istanbul, the battlefields of Gallipoli, Roman ruins, the Aegean Coast and the stunning mineral pools of Pamukkale, to the Pyramids, the Valley of the Kings and felucca sailing in Egypt. Take in the best of Egypt and Turkey in 16 days.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Istanbul - Sultanahmet, Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, Hippodrome, Hagia Sofia and Basilica Underground Cistern
- Gallipoli - ANZAC Cove, Lone Pine & Chunuk Bair memorials and trenches
- Roman ruins of Pergamum and Ephesus
- Pamukkale Thermal Pools and Roman Hierapolis
- Carpet weaving demonstration and leather house visit
- Cairo - Pyramids and Sphinx at Giza Plateau, Necropolis of Saqqara, Egyptian Museum
- Aswan - High Dam, Philae Temple, River Nile
- Nile felucca cruising - islands en route
- Temple of Kom Ombo
- Valley of the Kings, Colossi of Memnon, Temple of Queen Hatshepsut

What's Included

- 14 breakfasts and 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- 6 nights 4 star and special class hotels in Turkey, 5 nights 4 - 5 star hotels in Egypt
- 2 nights aboard a felucca (open deck)
- 2 nights overnight trains: Cairo - Aswan and Luxor - Cairo (Private 2 berth sleeper cabin)
- Airport arrival transfer in Turkey day 1 and departure shuttle on day 8 at 11am and 1:30pm to Istanbul Airport
- Cairo - Airport arrival transfer on day 8 and departure transfer on day 16
- Touring of Istanbul, Gallipoli, Ephesus, Pergamum, Pamukkale Hierapolis
- Touring of Cairo, Giza, Saqqara, Aswan & Luxor
- Escorted by degree qualified tour guides in Turkey and Egypt
- All relevant transfers and transportation in private air-conditioned vehicles
- Flight from Denizli (Pamukkale) to Istanbul

What's Not Included

- Tipping Kitty: USD\$100-120pp, paid in local currency
- Entrance Fees: USD\$160-180pp, paid in local currency
- International flights (including the flight from Istanbul to Cairo), visas and tipping
- Tip for your tour guides in Turkey and Egypt. We recommend you allow USD\$5 - 7 per person, per day. For your driver

in Turkey we recommend USD\$2 per person per day. Tipping of these persons mentioned above is an entirely personal gesture

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Istanbul

Saturday. Hello Turkey! Arrive Istanbul and transfer to our hotel. Spend the afternoon at leisure consider heading out to explore the city. **Overnight - Istanbul**

Day 2 : The Old City



Guided tour of the city that spans Europe and Asia. Tour the Hippodrome area, Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace and the Underground Cistern. **Overnight - Istanbul (B)**

Day 3 : Gallipoli

Istanbul – Gallipoli. Our first destination is Gallipoli where we'll enjoy a guided tour of the historical battlefields, carefully tended cemeteries, Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair

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memorials, and of course – ANZAC Cove.

Overnight - Canakkale (B)

Day 4 : Troy and Coastal Kusadasi



Gallipoli – Kusadasi. Heading south, we enjoy a guided tour of Homer's Troy, famed for the Trojan wooden horse and fabled Helen. Continuing to the Roman acropolis of Pergamum - the cultural and political capital of its time, we tour the impressive temple ruins, library and medical facilities. Afterwards we visit a local leather emporium for a spot of shopping, en route to coastal Kusadasi. Enjoy the hotel facilities. **Overnight - Kusadasi (B)**

Day 5 : Legendary Ephesus



Today, we explore legendary Ephesus and see the ruins of the great Temple of Artemis - one of the Seven Ancient Wonders. Under the Romans, Ephesus, was a vast city with a population upwards of 250,000 and was an extremely important city in the Roman empire. Make sure you stroll the streets of this ruined city, taking stops at some of the highlights such as the Library of Celsus, the gymnasium of Vedius and the great theatre. Afterward, we stop by a local carpet weaving house to witness a demonstration of how these beautiful rugs are made and how centuries old traditions have been passed down to modern day carpet weavers. **Overnight - Kusadasi (B)**

Day 6 : Pamukkale Travertines



Kusadasi - Pamukkale. Tour the ancient town of Hierapolis and the magnificent white calcium terraces of Pamukkale. You can walk barefoot along the terraces allowing the mineral rich waters to wash over your feet or opt for a dip in the hot springs renowned for their therapeutic powers since Roman times. Continue to our hotel for an evening at leisure.

Overnight - Pamukkale (B)

Day 7 : Goodbye Turkey, Hello Egypt

Friday. Pamukkale - Istanbul - Cairo. After breakfast and hotel check out we make our way to Denizli airport for our onward flight to Istanbul arriving at approx 8:50am where our representative will be waiting to meet you. You will now need to independently book your flight from Istanbul to Cairo, as is not included in the cost of this tour. Please only book a flight departing Istanbul later than 1pm. Turkish Airlines and Egyptair offer flights between Istanbul and Cairo, check the THY or Egyptair websites for more details.

Upon arrival at Cairo Airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. At 7pm meet your Egyptian guide at the Welcome Meeting.

Overnight - Cairo (B)

Day 8 : Pyramids of Giza & Saqqara

This morning we visit Egypt's most iconic site - the awe-inspiring pyramids and huge Sphinx at the Giza Plateau. You can also opt to enter Chephren or Mycerinus pyramids, depending upon which is open on the day. After, we visit a government supervised papyrus emporium before traveling onto the necropolis of Saqqara - a myriad of ancient

tombs and temples. the highlight is Zoser's step pyramid - constructed by Imhotep, the pharaoh's chief architect in 2700 BC!

Overnight - Cairo (B)

Day 9 : The Egyptian Museum



Cairo - Aswan. This morning we visit the Egyptian Museum for an informative guided tour. A mind-boggling array of relics and antiquities from almost every period of ancient Egyptian history are housed in the museum, making it one of the foremost in the world. Arguably the most famous exhibit is the solid gold funerary mask of King Tutankhamen. Opt to see also the Royal Mummies, if you wish. Note: the new Grand Egyptian Museum is set to open in 2020 (exact date yet to be released). Once open it will be visited in place of the current Egyptian Museum.

We return to our hotel for free time, you may wish to have dinner or swim in the hotel pool before this evening's overnight train to Aswan.

Overnight - Sleeper train (B)

Day 10 : Temple of Philae

Arrive Aswan and check into our hotel. Today, we visit the High Dam and travel by boat to the Temple of Philae and a perfume oil emporium. Then there is free time to shop in the colourful souqs or sit back and watch an amazing sunset. **Overnight - Aswan (B)**

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Days 11-12 : Felucca sailing



Aswan - Nile felucca cruise. Optional early morning drive to Abu Simbel, the famous the rock-cut temple of King Ramses II. This afternoon, we board our Nile felucca for a 2 night cruise downstream. Relax, top up your tan and chat with new friends as the felucca gently plies its route. A stop will also be made at the Temple of Kom Ombo on day 12. 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** (B:2, L:2, D:2)

Day 13 : Luxor

Kom Ombo - Luxor. Arrive in Luxor and opt to visit the wonderfully illuminated Luxor Temple by night (book/pay locally). **Overnight - Luxor** (B)

Day 14 : Valley of the Kings



Luxor - Cairo. Today we tour West Bank, visiting the Colossi of Memnon, Valleys of the Kings and the colonnaded Temple of Hatshepsut. After time for lunch, we explore the giant Temple of Karnak - a spectacular complex of sanctuaries, pylons, chapels, halls and obelisks, all dedicated to the Theban gods and to the greater glory of Egypt's Middle and New Kingdom rulers. Tonight we return to Cairo by sleeper train. **Overnight - Sleeper Train** (B)

Day 15 : Cairo - free time or Khan el Khalili Bazaar



Cairo. After arriving to Cairo this morning the day offers free time for you to relax, shop and explore. You may wish to join us on an optional visit Khan el-Khalili bazaar to pick up some last minute souvenirs. **Overnight - Cairo** (B)

Day 16 : Cairo

Sunday - Cairo. Hotel check out and included onward departure transfer to airport. **Overnight - Cairo** (B)

HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.

Ramada Old City

A member of the reputable Ramada chain, the Istanbul Old Town property is modern and comfortable with excellent amenities. Guestrooms are bright and spacious with contemporary amenities. Two restaurants are on offer and our personal favourite is the wonderful roof top restaurant, serving delicious local cuisine coupled with a magnificent view of the City and Sea. The perfect way to end the day. Located very close to the Historical part of the city with major Monuments are all walking distance.



Iris Hotel

The Iris is a modern, low rise hotel with spacious, comfortable rooms and a good size swimming pool. The hotel provides free Wi-Fi connection and has an enviable beach front location. You can enjoy a delicious meal at the outdoor restaurant with views across the ocean.



Carina Hotel

With panoramic views across the turquoise waters of the Aegean sea, the Carina Hotel boasts bright, spacious room with a stylish antique decor. Within walking distance of the hotel are a number of beaches as well as the restaurant, bars and shops of Kusadasi. Enjoy a bite to eat at the restaurant or sip on a cocktail at the poolside bar.



Richmond Ephesus Resort Hotel

With a beautiful sandy beach lining the shore between the hotel and the sea, the Richmond Ephesus Hotel is a perfect place to relax. Take a dip in one of the two pools or enjoy a delicious dinner and drink at one of the three restaurants. Rooms are spacious and comfortable with air conditioning throughout the hotel.

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Colossae Thermal Spa Hotel

Set in landscaped gardens, the Colossae Thermal Spa Hotel has an enviable location in Pamukkale. Guest rooms are spacious and tastefully decorated and offer a wonderful level of comfort, ensuring a good night's sleep. The on site thermal spa offers guests the chance to relax, revitalise and enjoy what this region is most famous for. Breakfast can be eaten outside on the terrace while dinner is often taken by the shimmering water of the pool.



Holiday Inn Cairo Maadi

Overlooking the Nile and offering distant views of the Great Pyramids of Giza, this Holiday Inn provides the perfect location for your stay in Cairo. Each guestroom features a balcony (not Nile View as standard) and is well-equipped with modern amenities including free WiFi. Evenings can be spent enjoying international or Egyptian cuisine and unwinding with a cocktail at one of the hotel's bars. Thanks to the friendly hotel staff, you'll soon feel at home. And with panoramic views of the city from the rooftop lounge and pool, there's no better place to base yourself for exploring Egypt's ancient wonders.



Steigenberger Hotel el Tahrir

Ideally located in the heart of downtown Cairo, the Steigenberger Hotel El Tahrir is right by the lively Tahrir Square. Guestrooms offer peace and quiet away from the high-energy of the city, with contemporary decor and sound-proofed windows overlooking views of Cairo. The wellness facilities are state-of-the-art, including a fitness centre, outdoor pool and sauna and massage rooms. Be sure to take advantage of the poolside bar and delicious hotel restaurant, or enjoy the option of 24-hour in-room dining.



Le Meridien Heliopolis

Just a short drive from Cairo's Old Town and international airport, the 5-star Le Meridien Heliopolis combines comfort with convenience. The guest rooms are spacious and equipped with air-conditioning, satellite television and a minibar, plus there's complimentary WiFi throughout the property. Dining options include a choice of four on-site restaurants, serving Egyptian and international cuisine. Guests can also enjoy live entertainment and cocktails at The 51 Bar. During the warmer months hotel guests can take a dip in the outdoor pool or relax on a sun lounger on the terrace. There's also a fitness centre and tennis courts for those who like to stay active whilst on holiday.



Tolip Hotel

Set in manicured gardens, the Helnan Aswan is an elegant hotel with impressive views of the Nile. Guest rooms are spacious with modern interiors and located next to the beautiful pool. Wi-fi is available in the lobby and by the pool. There are also two

restaurants and bars, a bowling alley, a swimming pool and a cinema. Why not relax by the pool before exploring the rest of Aswan.



Felucca Sailboat

Feluccas are simple, traditional Egyptian sailboats that have plied the Nile since ancient times. Feluccas carry between 10 - 12 passengers comfortably. The boat's deck is draped with soft colourful cushions that serve as your lounging area during the day and as your sleeping area at night. A support boat travels alongside your felucca and is on hand if you need to use the toilet. The support boat is also where your meals are prepared and eaten. You'll need to bring a sleeping bag/sheet (or hire for a nominal cost) and a towel with you. The crew, as well as being experienced sailors, are responsible for the preparation of the included meals.



Sonesta St. George Hotel

An elegant and luxurious classical hotel, the Sonesta's sophistication will ensure you a comfortable stay. The hotel has a sweeping terrace with fantastic views of the Nile, a grand entrance of polished marble and handsomely appointed furnishings with exquisite detail and a beautiful health spa. All its rooms offer views of the city or the river, complemented by a wide range of restaurants and cafes. Just minutes away you will find the temples at Luxor and Karnak, home to two of ancient Egypt's most famed sanctuaries.

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Steigenberger Nile Palace

The Steigenberger Nile Palace is a grand hotel and stylishly furnished, with many rooms overlooking the Nile River. The hotel has a health club with massage rooms, sauna, steam room and fitness room, and a tennis court on the roof, not to mention a riverside pool. Its four restaurants offer a choice between Nubian, Lebanese, Italian, and Thai cuisine.



PRICES / DATES INFO

Departure dates noted with a 'G' are guaranteed to operate. All other departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 2 persons. Prices shown are per person travelling when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the 'Per person' price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same sex on your tour, this can be arranged, thus avoiding the single person supplement.

PRICES / DATES 2019

Date	Twin Share	Single
19 Oct	AUD 3,745	AUD 5,035
02 Nov	AUD 3,345	AUD 4,635
30 Nov	AUD 3,345	AUD 4,635

PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
11 Jan	AUD 3,345	AUD 4,635
15 Feb	AUD 3,345	AUD 4,635
29 Feb	AUD 3,845	AUD 5,135
14 Mar	AUD 3,845	AUD 5,135
28 Mar	AUD 3,845	AUD 5,135
04 Apr	AUD 3,845	AUD 5,135
11 Apr	AUD 3,945	AUD 5,235
02 May	AUD 3,545	AUD 4,835
23 May	AUD 3,545	AUD 4,835
13 Jun	AUD 3,545	AUD 4,835
27 Jun	AUD 3,545	AUD 4,835
11 Jul	AUD 3,545	AUD 4,835
18 Jul	AUD 3,545	AUD 4,835
25 Jul	AUD 3,545	AUD 4,835
01 Aug	AUD 3,545	AUD 4,835
08 Aug	AUD 3,545	AUD 4,835
15 Aug	AUD 3,545	AUD 4,835
22 Aug	AUD 3,545	AUD 4,835
05 Sep	AUD 3,845	AUD 5,135
19 Sep	AUD 3,845	AUD 5,135
26 Sep	AUD 3,845	AUD 5,135
03 Oct	AUD 3,845	AUD 5,135
10 Oct	AUD 3,845	AUD 5,135
17 Oct	AUD 3,845	AUD 5,135
31 Oct	AUD 3,845	AUD 5,135
21 Nov	AUD 3,845	AUD 5,135
26 Dec	AUD 3,945	AUD 5,235

PRICES / DATES 2021

Date	Twin Share	Single
09 Jan	AUD 3,345	AUD 4,635
27 Feb	AUD 3,845	AUD 5,135
13 Mar	AUD 3,845	AUD 5,135
27 Mar	AUD 3,845	AUD 5,135
03 Apr	AUD 3,945	AUD 5,235
17 Apr	AUD 3,845	AUD 5,135
01 May	AUD 3,545	AUD 4,835
15 May	AUD 3,545	AUD 4,835
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12 Jun	AUD 3,545	AUD 4,835
26 Jun	AUD 3,545	AUD 4,835
10 Jul	AUD 3,545	AUD 4,835
17 Jul	AUD 3,545	AUD 4,835
24 Jul	AUD 3,545	AUD 4,835
31 Jul	AUD 3,545	AUD 4,835
07 Aug	AUD 3,545	AUD 4,835
14 Aug	AUD 3,545	AUD 4,835
21 Aug	AUD 3,545	AUD 4,835
28 Aug	AUD 3,545	AUD 4,835

PRICES / DATES 2021

Date	Twin Share	Single
11 Sep	AUD 3,845	AUD 5,135
18 Sep	AUD 3,845	AUD 5,135
25 Sep	AUD 3,845	AUD 5,135
02 Oct	AUD 3,845	AUD 5,135
09 Oct	AUD 3,845	AUD 5,135
16 Oct	AUD 3,845	AUD 5,135
23 Oct	AUD 3,845	AUD 5,135
06 Nov	AUD 3,845	AUD 5,135
20 Nov	AUD 3,845	AUD 5,135
04 Dec	AUD 3,845	AUD 5,135
18 Dec	AUD 3,945	AUD 5,235

PRICES / DATES 2022

Date	Twin Share	Single
08 Jan	AUD 4,095	AUD 5,575
22 Jan	AUD 4,095	AUD 5,575
26 Feb	AUD 4,095	AUD 5,575
05 Mar	AUD 4,595	AUD 6,075

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