

Giza & Gallipoli

15 days | Cairo to Istanbul



ANZAC Day Tours, Gallipoli 2020. Starts: 13th April. Our Giza and Gallipoli is a ready made 15 day combo tour. Start your tour in Cairo - home to the pyramids and Sphinx, travel on to Aswan and the Nile. Jump aboard a traditional felucca and sail to fascinating Luxor before heading back to Cairo. Continue on to Turkey for Anzac Day 2020 at Gallipoli and touring in Istanbul.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Istanbul - explore the old city, Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, Hippodrome, Hagia Sofia and the Underground Cistern
- Bosphorus Strait - discover the strategic waterway dividing Europe and Asia
- Gallipoli Peninsula - step back in time at ANZAC Cove, Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair memorials, battlefields and trenches
- ANZAC Dawn Service and option to attend the New Zealand Memorial Service
- Cairo - gaze in awe at the ancient Pyramids of Giza, explore the Necropolis of Saqqara and see King Tut's treasures at the new Grand Egyptian Museum
- Luxor West Bank - discover exquisite tombs in the Valley of the Kings, the

towering Colossi of Memnon and the beautiful Temple of Queen Hatshepsut

- Luxor - roam around the colossal Temple of Karnak and take an optional tour of the beautifully illuminated Luxor Temple at night
- Kom Ombo - visit the Nile side Temple of Kom Ombo
- Nile cruising - cruise the River Nile from Luxor to Aswan on board a 5 star river cruiser
- Aswan - take leisurely boat trip to Agilika Island to explore the romantic Philae Temple and wander around the colourful souqs

What's Included

- 13 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners
- 4 nights 4 - 5 star hotels (Egypt), 4 nights 3 - 4 hotel (Turkey)
- 1 night at the Dawn Service site
- 4 nights aboard a 5 star Nile Cruiser (en suite cabin)
- 2 overnight trains: Cairo - Aswan and Luxor - Cairo (Private 2 berth sleeper cabin)
- Airport transfers on days 1 and 9 at Cairo Airport. In Turkey airport arrival transfer on day 9 at Istanbul International Airport at any time of day or from Sabiha Gokcen Airport at 11am and 3pm - you must provide your flight details from Cairo

- Guided sightseeing of the Blue Mosque, Underground Cistern, Hagia Sofia and Hippodrome area and Gallipoli
- Guided sightseeing of Galipolli
- Guided touring of Cairo, Giza, Saqqara, Aswan & Luxor
- Visits to the Grand Bazaar and Egyptian Spice Market
- Morning Cruise along the Bosphorus in Istanbul
- Escorted by an English speaking, degree qualified Turkish tour guide in Turkey and degree qualified Egyptologist throughout Egypt
- All relevant transfers and transportation in modern air-conditioned touring coaches/ vehicles

What's Not Included

- Tipping Kitty: Turkey: USD\$20-30pp / Egypt: USD\$50-70pp, paid in local currency
- Entrance Fees: Turkey: USD\$30-40pp / Egypt: USD\$90-110pp, paid in local currency
- International flights, visas and flight from Cairo to Istanbul
- 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. These tips are an entirely personal gesture

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- Attendance Pass for ANZAC. Please see the Trip Notes for information on how to obtain your attendance pass - these are free of charge but need to be registered for in advance.

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Cairo

12th April 2020. Welcome to Egypt! Upon arrival at Cairo airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free to relax or those arriving early can opt to join a Backstreets Tour of Cairo which departs the hotel at 10am. At 7pm this evening meet your guide and the rest of the group at a Welcome Meeting.

Note: If you would like to extend your stay we offer an Alexandria Day Trip on the Saturday before your tour starts or on the final day and can arrange pre/post tour accommodation upon request. **Overnight - Cairo**

Day 2 : Pyramids & Saqqara

Discover Egypt's main attraction today as we visit the incredible Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx. The largest of the pyramids, Cheops, was the tallest man-made building on Earth for 3,800 years. Experts still can't agree how the ancient Egyptians constructed the pyramids with their limited technology - it remains a mystery. We continue to the necropolis of Saqqara, home to the famous Pyramid of Djoser. This ancient monument dates back to around 2700BC and is surrounded by countless tombs and burial sites. After our tour, we return to Cairo for the evening. **Overnight - Cairo (B)**

Day 3 : The Grand Egyptian Museum



Cairo - Aswan. Today we visit the new Grand Egyptian Museum, which houses a giant exhibition containing the treasures of King Tutankhamun. Many pieces on show are being displayed for the first time and artefacts have been brought together from across Egypt and the world to this one fantastic location. The museum also makes use of new technology including virtual reality. After our visit, the afternoon is free to relax at the hotel, before we board the night train to Aswan this evening. **Overnight - Sleeper Train (B)**

Day 4 : Luxor & Dendera



We arrive into Luxor this morning and drive to Dendera which is one of Egypt's best preserved temple complexes, located 60km north of Luxor. This vast complex covers 40,000 square meters and its temples, chapels and shrines were gradually built over thousands of years. Dendera's crowning glory is the 2000 year old Temple of Hathor with its exquisitely decorated ceiling. After our guided tour of this incredible site we return to Luxor where the afternoon is free to spend at leisure. Take a stroll around town or enjoy a refreshing swim in the pool and soak up the sunshine. This evening there is an optional visit to view the beautiful Temple of Luxor at night. Book and pay locally. **Overnight - Luxor**

Day 5 : Valley of the Kings & Karnak Temples

4000 year-old Luxor is ancient Egypt at its very best and this morning we visit Luxor's famous West Bank. Our first stop is the famous Valley of the Kings, which is studded with beautifully decorated tombs, including the tombs of Ramses II, Seti I, Amenhotep II and of course, King Tutankhamen. After exploring this incredible site we travel on to visit the beautiful limestone, colonnaded

Temple of Hatshepsut, who was one of only three Egyptian ruling queens. On the West Bank we'll also see the imposing 18m-high Colossi of Memnon, which are all that remains of the temple of the hedonistic Amenophis III.

Returning to the East Bank we check-in on board a 5 star Nile cruiser which will be our home for the next four nights. Enjoy lunch and some rest and relaxation on board before we visit the colossal Temple of Karnak later this afternoon. More than a temple, Karnak is 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.

Overnight - Nile Cruising (B, L, D)

Day 6 : Nile Cruising



Nile cruising. Today we set sail downstream to Edfu. Relax on deck and go for a swim, soak up the sunshine and enjoy the views as we cruise the River Nile. **Overnight - Nile Cruising (B, L, D)**

Day 7 : Kom Ombo Temple

Nile cruising. Enjoy another day relaxing on board the cruiser as we sail the Nile to the Temple of Kom Ombo today, which is dedicated to Sobek the crocodile god, and Horus the falcon-headed god. This temple is unusual because everything is architecturally doubled and perfectly symmetrical along the main axis of the temple including twin halls, courts, colonnades, sanctuaries and entrances. After a guided tour of the temple we continue our journey, arriving into Aswan this evening. **Overnight - Nile Cruising (B, L, D)**

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Day 8 : Aswan, Abu Simbel & the Philae Temple

Consider the optional early morning excursion to the Temples of Ramses II at Abu Simbel today. Please see our Abu Simbel by Road add-on for more info. Alternatively you can spend the morning at leisure.

This afternoon we take a short motorboat trip to Philae Temple - dedicated to the goddess Isis. The temple dates from 4th century BC but the Ptolemies and the Romans up to 3rd century AD built most of the existing structures. In danger of being completely submerged by the rising water of Lake Nasser, in 1972 UNESCO stepped in and an 8-year rescue effort was undertaken to relocate the entire temple 20m higher on nearby Agilika Island. Upon returning to Aswan we visit a perfume oil emporium.

Overnight - Nile Cruising (B, L, D)

Day 9 : Aswan at leisure

Aswan - Cairo. Today offers free time for you to discover Aswan - your way. Consider a visit to the Old Cataract Hotel, where Agatha Christie wrote the novel Death on the Nile or opt for a visit to the well-curated Nubian Museum.

Late this afternoon, we board the overnight train (twin berth sleeper cabins provided) for our journey back to Cairo.

Overnight - Sleeper Train (B)

Day 10 : Cairo to Istanbul

Cairo - Istanbul. Arriving into Cairo this early this morning the Egyptian section of your tour comes to an end with included transfer to the airport for your flight to Istanbul. The flight to Istanbul isn't included in the cost of the tour. Turkish Airlines offers open jaw flights into Cairo and returning from Istanbul, check their website for more details or we can arrange flights on your behalf! If you provide us with your incoming flight details to Turkey we will be there to meet you at Istanbul airport and transfer you to our hotel.

If you are arriving to Istanbul early, you may wish to consider joining our Optional

Backstreets Of Istanbul Tour taking place today. The tour commences at 9am. For further details of the excursion, please see our tour Trip Notes. Alternatively, spend the day independently exploring Istanbul – a city that straddles both Europe and Asia!

Overnight - Istanbul (B)

Day 11 : Istanbul Old City Tour



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, Topkapi Palace, Hippodrome area, the 6th century Hagia Sofia, the ancient Underground Cistern and more. This afternoon time is given for you to explore the mammoth Grand Bazaar and exotic Egyptian Spice Market, the latter is located opposite the ferry terminal. Afterwards, you can opt to stay and discover the old city by night or return to the hotel.

Overnight - Istanbul (B)

Day 12 : Gallipoli - WW1 Battlefields



Istanbul - Gallipoli - Canakkale/Ayvalik. Today we explore ANZAC Cove and the many memorials dotted across the WW1 battlefields. Our guided tour takes in sights including ANZAC Cove, Lone Pine Memorial and cemetery, Chunuk Bair Memorial and cemetery, the Nek, Johnston's Jolly and the many fortified trenches still clearly visible

amongst the scrub after all these years.

Overnight - Ayvalik/Canakkale (B)

Day 13 : ANZAC Eve at Gallipoli



Canakkale/Ayvalik – Troy - Kilitbahir - Gallipoli. This morning we enjoy a short-guided tour of Troy. The legend of the lost city of Troy and Homer's poetry was brought to life by its rediscovery in 1863. We then continue to the village of Kilitbahir, situated on the eastern shore of the Gallipoli peninsula, and dominated by the fortress of the same name. You'll have some free time this afternoon before early this evening we make our way to Anzac Cove. Once we're in Anzac Cove you are free to visit the memorials and trenches that dot the area before taking our places amongst the many at the Dawn Service site for the atmosphere-charged ANZAC Eve vigil.

Overnight - Dawn Service site (ANZAC Cove) (B)

Day 14 : Istanbul

Gallipoli - Istanbul. Today, the 25th April is the reason we came to Turkey and Gallipoli. Dawn and first light signals the commencement of the annual Dawn Service, attended by Australian, New Zealand and other foreign dignitaries, military personnel and a strong following of regular Australian and New Zealand folk. The poignant and emotive service commemorating this important and historical date allows us time to reflect. Let's not forget.

The service lasts for an hour and public wreath laying at the ANZAC Memorial site is possible afterwards. Later this morning Australians have the opportunity to visit the Lone Pine Memorial Service. Our New Zealanders are invited to attend the New Zealand service at Chunuk Bair later on in the morning

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Everyone will be picked up after the service at Chunuk Bair (exact time and location to be confirmed with your guide). We anticipate an early afternoon departure time from Gallipoli for onward travel to Istanbul. Crossing the Dardanelles by ferry we will arrive into Istanbul later this afternoon.

Overnight - Istanbul

Day 15 : Istanbul

26th April 2020. Our tour concludes after breakfast and hotel check out at 12 noon. This morning or later today after hotel check out, consider venturing over to the colossal Grand Bazaar for some of those last minute souvenir purchases.(B)

PRICES / DATES INFO

Prices shown are per person when there are 2 persons 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 gender on your tour, this can be arranged, thus avoiding the single person supplement. Please note that if booking pre or post tour accommodation, single travellers will need to pay the single supplement for nights booked.

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Date	Twin Share	Single
12 Apr	GBP 1,780	GBP 2,705

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