



Itinerary

17 Day Egypt and Turkey Highlights Tour with Flights

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** Any extra nights, optional tours or other amendments, will not be visible on this itinerary.

DAY 1: Depart Australia

Today you will depart Australia on your fully serviced flight to Cairo, Egypt.

MEALS: In flight

OVERNIGHT: In flight

DAY 2: Arrive Cairo, Egypt

Arrival at Cairo airport. Once you have cleared immigration you will be met by our tour representative in the arrivals hall. Do not leave the airport. Please look for a sign with your names on. Then, you be transferred to your hotel for check in. The remainder of the day is at your own leisure.

MEALS: In flight

OVERNIGHT: Barcelo Pyramids, Cairo 4*

DAY 3: Sphinx & Pyramids and Egyptian Museum

Today after breakfast & check out then we start exploring ancient Egypt with a visit to the famous Pyramids. The Great Pyramid of Cheops which was built by manual labor, is the largest of the three main Pyramids and is the only survivor of the Seven Great Wonders of the Ancient World, the Pyramid of Chephren, which is the best preserved, and the Pyramid of Mycerinus. Nearby see the Sphinx, a marvellous sight carved out of a natural rocky outcrop, the lion's body stretching 45m, with its paws 15m long. We will visit the Papyrus Institute and learn how paper was made in ancient times followed by shopping in the Papyrus Museum, Perfume factory and Jewellery shop. Then exploring ancient Egypt with a visit Egyptian Museum where two hours are spent at the richest Museum worldwide accompanied by our guide & enjoying his explanation about the history specially the King Tut's part with the master piece _his golden mask

In the late afternoon, be transferred to the train station to board the overnight train to Aswan. Accommodation aboard the overnight train comprises a two-berth cabin that is converted to bunk beds. All bedding is provided, and Western-style toilets are in each carriage. Bags are stored in the cabin, and airline-style dinner and breakfasts will be served in-cabin.

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Sleeper train, private twin cabin with shared facilities

OPTIONAL: Flight and extra night in Aswan instead of Night Train - \$165 per person

DAY 4: Arrive Aswan ~ Philae Temple & High Dam ~ Embark Cruise (Wednesdays)

Arrival Aswan and meet with your guide to visit High Dam and Philae temple visit Philae temple
The temple of Isis was one of the last ancient Egyptian temples to remain active, as it continued to function until the reign of the Byzantine Emperor Justinian I (527–565 AD), who ordered the foreclosure of all pagan temples. It is here that a priest of Isis named Esmet-Akhom carved the very last dated hieroglyphic inscription, which dates to the late 4th century AD (394 AD). The temple was converted into a Christian church and many inscriptions were deliberately destroyed. Transfer to cruise and check-in and enjoy lunch on board. In the evening you'll experience a traditional Felucca trip around Elephantine Island and enjoy the stunning sunset over the Nile and overlooking the Noble tomb.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: M/S Chateau Lafayette 4*

DAY 5: Aswan & Kom Ombo Temple

Breakfast on board and enjoy a morning at leisure as you soak up the scenery. You have possibility for an optional tour this morning to visit Abu Simbel temple - Extra cost from \$54 depending on group size - payable on arrival.

Enjoy lunch on board while sailing to Kom Ombo. Upon arrival at Kom Ombo we disembark and visit the temple. The building is unique because its 'double' design meant that there were courts, halls, sanctuaries and rooms duplicated for two sets of gods. The southern half of the temple was dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek, god of fertility and creator of the world with Hathor and Khonsu. Meanwhile, the northern part of the temple was dedicated to the falcon god Haroeris ("Horus the Elder"), along "with Tasetnetnofret (the Good Sister, a special form of Hathor or Tefnet/Tefnut and Panebtawy (Lord of the Two Lands). The temple is atypical because everything is perfectly symmetrical along the main axis. Dinner and overnight on board

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner 4*

OVERNIGHT: M/S Chateau Lafayette

DAY 6: Visit Edfou temple and East Bank

After our final breakfast on board we disembark to visit one of the best preserved shrines in Egypt. The temple was built in the Ptolemaic Kingdom between 237 and 57 BC. The inscriptions on its walls provide important information on language, myth and religion during the Hellenistic period in Egypt. In particular, the Temple's inscribed building texts "provide details [both] of its construction, and also preserve information about the mythical interpretation of this and all other temples as the Island of Creation." There are also "important scenes and inscriptions of the Sacred Drama which related the age-old conflict between Horus and Seth.

Enjoy lunch during sailing to Luxor. Upon arrival Luxor, disembark to visit Karnak temple Aptly called Ipet-Sut "The Most Select of Places" by the ancient Egyptians, Karnak Temple was the most important temple in Thebes (modern Luxor), in Upper Egypt. This was where the cult of the great god Amun of Thebes was conducted. As such, it was extremely wealthy and its priesthood held great political power. Continue the visit of East bank to Luxor temple Luxor temple is dedicated to the rejuvenation of kingship; it may have been where many of the pharaohs of Egypt were crowned in reality or conceptually (as in the case of Alexander the Great, who claimed he was crowned at Luxor but may never have traveled south of Memphis, near modern Cairo). Return to cruise for dinner and overnight

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: M/S Chateau Lafayette 4*

DAY 7: Luxor Valley of The Kings ~ Cairo

Disembarkation after breakfast and pick-up to visit Valley of the Kings. This site for this royal burial ground was selected carefully. Its location on specifically the west side of the Nile is significant as well. Because the sun god set (died) in the western horizon in order to be reborn, rejuvenated, in the eastern horizon, the west thus came to have funerary associations. Ancient Egyptian cemeteries were generally situated on the west bank of the Nile for this reason Visit The celebrated temple of Hatshepsut (c.1473–1458 BC), the queen who became Pharaoh, is located here, in Deir al-Bahari, on the west bank of Luxor. Made up of three man-made terraces that gradually rise up toward the sheer cliff face, this structure is truly a sight to behold. The site of Deir al-Bahari was sacred to Hathor, the goddess who nursed and reared every king, including their mythological ancestor, the god Horus, in Egypt's primordial past.

Afterwards you will be transferred to Luxor airport for a short flight back to Cairo. Once in Cairo you will be met and assisted at the airport and transferred to your hotel for checkin. The remainder of the day is free at your own leisure.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Barcelo Pyramids, Cairo 4*

DAY 8: Cairo Free Day

Enjoy a full free day at leisure and possibility to visit Old Cairo churches & Mosques and Khan Khalili market. Take time for some last minute souvenir shopping for gifts to take home. Alternatively take our optional day tour to the Citadel of Salah el-Din and Sultan Hassan Mosque - From \$33 per person depending on group size. This can be booked and paid for on arrival.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Concorde El Salam, Cairo

DAY 9: Cairo ~ Istanbul

Enjoy a final breakfast in the hotel before check out and transfer to the airport for your flight to Istanbul, Turkey. Once through customs, you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel - enjoy the rest of the day at your own leisure. Overnight in Istanbul.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT:

Ramada Hotel & Suite Golden Horn

DAY 10: Istanbul City Tour

After breakfast you will depart for the Istanbul City Tour. Explore Topkapi Palace - the great palace of the Ottoman sultans from the 15th to the 19th centuries. The palace houses an exquisite collection of crystal, silver, and Chinese porcelain. Robes worn by the sultans and their families, the famous jewels of the Imperial Treasury, miniatures, and the Holy Mantle; enshrining relics of the Prophet Mohammed. Next on the list is the Sultanahmet Imperial Mosque built in the 16th century by the architect Mehmet, it is also known as the 'Blue Mosque' because of its magnificent interior decoration of blue Iznik tiles. Outside the Blue Mosque we find the Hippodrome. The Ancient Hippodrome was the scene of chariot races and entertainment. The Hippodrome comprises of three monuments; the Obelisk of Theodosius, the bronze Serpentine Column and the Column of Constantine. After lunch we'll head to the Grand Spice Bazaar for an opportunity to shop before returning to your hotel.

MEALS:

Breakfast, Lunch

OVERNIGHT: Ramada Hotel & Suite Golden Horn

DAY 11: Istanbul ~ Gallipoli. Gallipoli Tour

An early morning departure (approx. 6am) for our visit of Gallipoli and the famous battle fields. We will arrive at Gallipoli around 12 o'clock for a restaurant lunch before heading to the battle fields. Visit Gaba Tepe Museum, Ariburnu Cemetery and Anzac Cove and then onto the Beach Cemetery, Shrapnel Valley and Plugge's Plateau all important sites in English and Australian World War 1 History. Overnight in Canakkale.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Troia Tusan Hotel

DAY 12: Troy ~ Pergamon ~ Kusadasi

After breakfast depart for the city of Troy (30 minute drive). Visit the famous archeological and mythological site of Troy, home of the Trojan Horse and Helen of Troy. After Troy tour, we embark on a 3 hour drive to Pergamon taking in the countryside. Lunch break around 1:00pm followed by a tour of the magnificent acropolis of Pergamon. Its impressive temples and library made it a renowned cultural and political centre in its time. Pergamon is a city famous for jewellery, stones and silver. So on the way, we will visit a jewellery centre for an opportunity to shop. Arrive Kusadasi around 6:00pm. Overnight in Kusadasi.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Comfort Ada Class Hotel

DAY 13: Kusadasi ~ Ephesus ~ Sirince

After breakfast depart the hotel for a fully guided tour of Ephesus, one of the best preserved ancient sites in the world en-route, visiting the Temple of Artemis, Curetes street, famous Roman baths, Celsus Library and the Grand Theatre. Lunch around 1:00pm.

Onto a Turkish carpet weaving centre followed by Sirince Village Tour with the unique construction style of the Anatolian Greeks. The houses on the slope are all original with their white paints. Sirince Village also has a fantastic reputation for making some of the best wines in Turkey - especially fruit wines. We will visit the vineyards and it is time to learn how to make fruit wine with Turkish wine makers. In the evening you will be tested about your knowledge of making fruit wine!

On the way we will visit one of the famous leather production centres of the region, where you will have the opportunity to get a good factory rate while avoiding the constant heckling that is well known in the markets of Turkey. Enabling you to enjoy the shopping experience whilst gaining the knowledge of the ancient craftsmen. Overnight in Kusadasi.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Comfort Ada Class Hotel

DAY 14: Kusadasi ~ Pamukkale

After breakfast pick up from hotel around 8.30am headed for Pamukkale. We will check in at the hotel around 12 o'clock and have lunch. In the afternoon visit the calcium terraces of Pamukkale also known as the cotton castle and the ruins of Hierapolis, then take a walk around this natural phenomenon and have the option of lying in the warm waters of the natural springs. Overnight in Pamukkale.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Pam Thermal Hotel

DAY 15: Pamukkale ~ Istanbul

Breakfast in the hotel prior to check out. Then we transfer to the airport for a short flight back to Istanbul for a final day in the city. Upon arrival transfer to your hotel for check in and spend the remainder of the day for last minute souvenir shopping at your own leisure.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Ramada Hotel & Suite Golden Horn

DAY 16: End of Tour ~ Departure

Today is the end of your epic trip. After breakfast and checkout you will be transferred back to the airport in time for your onward flight. We hope you have had an amazing vacation with MyHoliday2 and we hope to see you again next time!

MEALS: Breakfast, In-flight

OVERNIGHT: In-flight

DAY 17: Arrive Home

Today you will arrive back in Australia.

MEALS: In-flight

EXTENSION TOUR

DAY 15: Pamukkale ~ Antalya

Days 1-14 are the same as above. The extension itinerary continues as below...

After breakfast, about 10am we will depart for Antalya. Morning tea en route to Antalya and once we arrive for checkin and lunch. The remainder of the day at your leisure. Dinner and Overnight in Antalya.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Best Western Khan Hotel

DAY 16: Antalya Old City Tour and Waterfalls

After breakfast 9am pick up from the hotel. Drive to Antalya old City (Kaleiçi) Marina, Clock Tower, Hadrian's Gate, Broken Minaret, H?d?rl?k Tower: Kaleici is a small historic part of Antalyas modern city, also known as the Old City of Antalya. In history it was once the sprawling modern Roman town, then the Byzantine Empire, then Seljuks, and finally the Ottoman Turkish town. The Hadrian's Gate (or Hadrianus Gate or The Three Gates is a triumphal arch which was built in the name of the Roman emperor Hadrian. Antalya's broken wonder is the Broken Minaret of the Korkut Mosque, which itself was built originally as a Roman temple in the 2nd century AD, and thus did not have a minaret at all. H?d?rl?k Tower is a landmark tower of tawny stone in Antalya, Turkey, where Kaleiçi meets Karaalioglu Park. It is believed to be built in the Hellenistic era on a square plan and later turned into a circular tower in 2nd century AD and was either used as a fortification or a lighthouse in the past. We have lunch then depart for Duden waterfalls. All the streams of the region aim at finding their way into the Mediterranean and they pour down the slopes of the Taurus, sometimes overland sometimes underground and reaching their destination, result in lovely waterfalls, of which there are more than twenty. Lunch at the Hotel. After tour come back to hotel and spend the rest of the day at your leisure. Overnight in Antalya

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Best Western Khan Hotel

DAY 17: Antalya ~ Konya ~ Cappadocia

After breakfast at about 8am we will head off to Konya. 2.5 hour later we stop for a morning tea break and after some rest drive to arrive in Konya for lunch at 1:00pm. After lunch visit the imposing green - tiled Mausoleum of Mevlana, the mystic founder of the Sufi sect (Whirling Dervishes). After the Konya Mevlana tour drive to Cappadocia. Arrival to Cappadocia around 6:30pm and check into your hotel. If you wish to join our optional activity of Ballooning for tomorrow, please contact with your guide and register because it

will take place early the next morning. Overnight in Cappadocia.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Antique House Cave Hotel, Cappadocia

DAY 18: Cappadocia Tour with Underground City and Goreme Open Air Museum

After breakfast between 08:00 am and 09:30 am pick ups from hotel. Final timing one day before will be given you by your tour consultant.

We will drive you to Ozkonak Underground City, one of the best preserved Underground cities in Cappadocia. Then visit to Uchisar Castle, the highest point of Cappadocia. After Uchisar, you visit Goreme Open Air Museum, the Heart of Cappadocia. Goreme Open Air Museum is famous for frescoes dating to 10th century describing the life of Jesus Christ and monks. Next stop is Cavusin, which is an abandoned village with old cave Greek houses. After Cavusin you go to the restaurant in Avanos to have lunch. After lunch, you visit a pottery work shop, to see how to make potteries. Then you go to Love Valley . Love Valley Cappadocia is a hidden valley with scenic formations to say the least. Despite the resemblance to man hood, these amazing rock formations are far from man-made. After Love Valley you visit another workshop to see Cappadocian handwoven carpets and kilims. Next stop is Devrent Valley, which is also called Imagination Valley, where you can see natural rock formations looking like animals. Then you head to a wine shop in Urgup for wine tasting. Last stop is Three Beauties, three beautiful fairy chimneys with their hats, which is the symbol of Cappadocia. This tour will end approximately at 18.00 and you will be returned back to your hotel.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Antique House Cave Hotel, Cappadocia

DAY 19: Cappadocia ~ Istanbul

Enjoy breakfast and your last morning at leisure in Cappadocia before checking out of the hotel and transferring to the airport. Take a short flight back to Istanbul where you will spend the remainder of the day free at leisure for some last minute souvenir shopping before you flight home tomorrow.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Ramada Hotel & Suite Golden Horn

DAY 20: End of Tour ~ Departure

Enjoy a final breakfast in the hotel prior to check out. You will be transferred to the airport for your return flight home.

MEALS: Breakfast, In-flight

OVERNIGHT: In-flight

DAY 21: Arrive Home

Today you will arrive back in Australia.

MEALS: In-flight