

Turkey & Egypt Highlights



For **SINGLE TRAVELLERS 45 Years and Over**
Sunday 23 October - Thursday 11 November 2012
19 days / 18 nights

TURKEY: Istanbul • Gallipoli • Canakkale • Troy • Pergamon • Izmir • Ephesus • Kusadasi • Patmos • Pamukkale • Bursa • Istanbul

EGYPT: Cairo • Luxor • Nile River Cruise • Luxor • Edfu • Kom-Ombo • Aswan • Cairo

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This is the ultimate combination of small group touring with 10 nights in Turkey and 8 nights in Egypt including a Nile River Cruise.

Arrive to Istanbul for a two night stay before heading off to tour Gallipoli, Troy, Izmir, discovering the ancient site of Ephesus, enjoying a relaxing 2 nights in the coastal town of Kusadasi and finally heading back to Istanbul via Pamukkale and Bursa.

Next stop, Egypt! The first glimpse of the Great Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx will leave you in awe. But there's more to Egypt and this tour visits all the top highlights including the impressive Karnak and Luxor temples, including 2 domestic flights for a more relaxed travel schedule.

Tour Highlights

- Istanbul sightseeing including the Blue Mosque
- Gallipoli, see Anzac Cove and visit Lone Pine Cemetery
- Visit the ruins of ancient Troy
- Discover the impressive ruins of Ephesus
- Visit the 'cotton castle' springs of Pamukkale
- Take a day trip to the Greek Island of Patmos
- Overnight in Bursa with a visit to the Green Ottoman Complex
- Visit the top highlights of Luxor; Temples of Karnak & Luxor, Valley of the Kings, Queen Hatshepsut's Temple
- Enjoy a 4 night Nile Cruise
- In Aswan, sail in a felucca
- Enjoy the major attractions in Cairo including the Egyptian Museum
- View the Great Pyramids and the Sphinx

Tour Pace

It's a small group tour with a maximum of 24 travellers with a travel director escorting the group in each country.

The itinerary is set to offer you all the highlights while also maintaining a focus on creating a relaxed pace by including multiple nights of stay in some of the major destinations including Istanbul and Kusadasi in Turkey and in Egypt and in Cairo plus the four night cruise on the River Nile.

In addition, with 13 group dinners including across the itinerary there is the enjoyment of group dining at your hotel, local restaurants or while cruising.

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Book early to secure your place on this small group tour.



TOP 5 REASONS TO BOOK

1. Age-matched holiday groups
2. Travel with like-minded singles
3. Tours provided by leading tour operators
4. Early bird savings with many tours
5. Room-mate matching option

Tour Inclusions

- 19 day small group tour
- 14 nights quality hotels (4-5 star)
- 2 domestic flights, Egypt
- 4 night Nile River cruise
- Touring by air-conditioned coach
- Daily full breakfast
- 5 lunches & 13 dinners including a highlight dinner
- All sightseeing and entry fees as per the itinerary
- Services of an English speaking travel director and local guides.
- All hotel service charges, local taxes, baggage handling and hotel tips.
- Porterage of one suitcase only per person at hotels & on cruise ship
- Arrival transfer day 1 of tour*
- Arrival transfer in Cairo, day 11 of tour
- Departure transfer day 19 of tour*

* transfers only included when your flight is purchased from us as part of your holiday package.

Exclusions:

- Tips to travel director, local guides
- International airfares ~
- Visa costs
- Entry to Pyramids from inside or Mummy room at Egyptian Museum both require an extra ticket.
- Included meals do not include any drinks except Tea / Coffee / water during lunches + dinners on Cruise (no drinks during dinner on trip)

~ your international airfare must also include the flight between Istanbul and Cairo on day 11.

Tour Prices

	Twin Share	Single Room
Tour - Early Bird	\$4345	\$5535
Tour - Standard	\$4495	\$5685
Pre Tour Hotel, Istanbul	\$xxx	\$xxx
PostTour Hotel, Cairo	\$xxx	\$xxx
Forced Single Supplement*	\$800	

All prices are in Australian Dollars
Early Bird Price ends 23 March 2012

ROOM-MATE MATCHING/FORCED SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Avoid the single supplement with our room-mate matching service.

* A single room at the **Forced Single Supplement** price is offered when a room mate match can not be provided (subject to availability of single rooms). This is a reduced price for the single room supplement. This offer only applies to bookings confirmed by 22 June 2012.

PRE-DEPARTURE CONTACT SERVICE

With your permission, we share your first name, state and email (or other preferred contact method) with the other travellers booked with us. It's a popular choice, especially as most guests usually book solo. This contact list is provided after bookings close.

About Us

At *arendezvous travel & leisure* we offer holiday groups for single travellers. All trips are age-matched so there's more chance you'll share your journey with like-minded travellers.

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Itinerary for Turkey & Egypt Highlights 2012



Day 1 - SUNDAY 23 September 2012 ARRIVE ISTANBUL (2)

On arrival you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel.* Later attend a Welcome Briefing with your Trafalgar Representative.

* transfer included when you purchase your flight as part of your package.

Day 2 - MONDAY 24 September 2012 ISTANBUL SIGHTSEEING AND AT LEISURE

Your day starts with a visit to the impressive Topkapi Palace, which has a superb position overlooking the Bosphorus. Then to the magnificent St. Sophia's Basilica built originally by Constantine the Great. This evening dinner will be at your hotel. (BB D)

Day 3 - TUESDAY 25 September 2012 ISTANBUL - GALLIPOLI - CANAKKALE

Depart for Gallipoli and visit the poignant battlefields where many of the fiercest battles of World War I took place including Anzac Cove. Then we make our way to Canakkale. (BB D)

Day 4 - WEDNESDAY 26 September 2012 CANAKKALE - TROY - PERGAMON - IZMIR

This morning visit the legendary city of Troy, immortalised by Homer in the stories of King Priamus, Hector, Paris and the beautiful Helen. See the archaeological excavations that have revealed nine separate periods of settlement and, of course, the symbolic replica wooden Trojan horse that commemorates the epic war machine that was constructed in the 13th century BC. Then stop at the ancient kingdom of Pergamon where you will visit the Asclepion Medical. Then continue on to your hotel. (BB D)

Day 5 - THURSDAY 27 September 2012 IZMIR - EPHEBUS - VIRGIN MARYS HOUSE - KUSADASI (2)

First to the ancient city of Ephesus where your walking tour includes the Great Theatre, which was built by the Romans between 41 and 117 AD and is still used today. Other sights include the Temple of Hadrian guarded by a head of Medusa and the House of the Virgin Mary. Then on to the coastal town of Kusadasi for our two night stay. (BB D)

DAY 6 - FRIDAY 28 September 2012 KUSADASI - DAY TRIP TO PATMOS

Today, we take a day cruise to Patmos* which is sometimes being called the "Jerusalem of the Aegean". We take an excursion to the cave where St John wrote The Book of Revelations in 95AD. This evening upon our return to the hotel we will enjoy dinner. (BB L D)

* Patmos Excursion is subject to weather conditions

DAY 7 - SATURDAY 29 September 2012 KUSADASI - PAMUKKALE

After breakfast, we drive to Pamukkale, where we enjoy a relaxing day by your hotel's blissful thermal pools. This evening you will enjoy a highlight dinner at a local restaurant. (BB HD)

Day 8 - SUNDAY 30 September 2012 PAMUKKALE - HIERAPOLIS - BURSA

After breakfast, visit the ancient ruins of

Hierapolis, then continue north to the city of Bursa. (BB D)

Day 9 - MONDAY 01 October 2012 BURSA - ISTANBUL (2)

Visit the Green Ottoman Complex this morning and the old silk market. Then cross the Marmara Sea and return to Istanbul where you will visit the vast and bustling Grand Bazaar. (BB)

DAY 10 - TUESDAY 02 October 2012 ISTANBUL AT SIGHTSEEING AND AT LEISURE

This morning visit the fascinating and impressive Blue Mosque, famous for its six minarets and beautiful blue Iznik tiles. Then visit the Byzantine Hippodrome where chariot races and competitive athletic events took place. Then the rest of the day is at leisure. This evening, we enjoy dinner at a local fish restaurant at a fisher village called Kumpapı with two glasses of wine included. Kumkapı (KOOM-kah-puh, "Sand Gate") is an old Ottoman Greek and Armenian fishermen's district near the Sea of Marmara shore due south of Istanbul's Grand Bazaar. The Kumkapı district is centered on a small plaza where six streets meet. It's surrounded by seafood restaurants, and restaurants line many of the streets radiating from the plaza. (BB FD)

Day 11 - WEDNESDAY 3 October 2012 DEPART ISTANBUL - ARRIVE CAIRO

This morning, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Cairo (this international is not included with tour price.)

Welcome to Cairo! You are met at Cairo Airport and transferred to your hotel. Wander through ancient, bustling streets in the City of a Thousand Minarets or simply relax after your journey. (BB)

Day 12: THURSDAY, 04 October 2012 CAIRO - LUXOR - NILE CRUISE (4 NIGHTS)

Fly to Luxor and on arrival, visit the enormous temple complex at Karnak, featuring the Temple of Amun and the amazing Avenue of the Sphinx. Board your luxury cruise ship in time for lunch*. Later visit the Grand Temple of Luxor before returning to your cruise ship for dinner. (B L D) * Cruise Ship name is subject to confirmation closer to departure time.

Day 13: FRIDAY, 05 October 2012 NILE CRUISE: LUXOR - EDFU

Discover the Valley of the Kings in the Theban Hills west of the Nile, where tombs were built for the powerful nobles of the New Kingdom. Visit the Temple of Medinet Habou, the burial site of Ramses III. Admire Queen Hatshepsut's impressive temple at Deir el-Bahri. View the Colossi of Memnon, carved from quartzite sandstone. Later, sail to Edfu. (B L D)

Day 14: SATURDAY, 06 October 2012 NILE CRUISE: EDFU - KOM-OMBO

Visit Egypt's best-preserved cult temple at Edfu, dedicated to the falcon god Horus. Relax and admire the scenery as you sail upstream to Kom-Ombo - little has changed in a thousand years! This evening, dress up in traditional clothing and experience a fun-filled Egyptian Dinner and Galabeya Party. (B L D)

Day 15: SUNDAY, 07 October 2012

NILE CRUISE: KOM-OMBO - ASWAN

Tour the Temple of Kom-Ombo, dedicated to the crocodile-headed god, Sobek. Sail from Aswan in a traditional felucca across the Nile to see the Botanical Gardens on Kitchener's Island. A blood-red sunset is common in Aswan, all the more breathtaking with the silhouette of dozens of feluccas set against it. (B L D)

Day 16: MONDAY, 08 October 2012 DISEMBARK - ASWAN - CAIRO (4 NIGHTS)

Disembark in Aswan to explore the High Dam. Visit the Temple of Isis on the Island of Philae. See the Unfinished Obelisk. Later, take the optional excursion to the mighty Sun Temple of Abu Simbel - a once in a lifetime opportunity - where four giant stone statues of Ramses II guard the temple's entrance (must be pre booked before departure). This evening fly back to Cairo from Aswan. (B)

OPTIONAL: ABU SIMBEL EXCURSION BY AIR

A highly recommended optional excursion to Abu Simbel from Aswan to visit the fabulous reconstructed temples of Ramses II and Nefertari. The journey by air takes approximately forty minutes in each direction and allows approximately seventy-five minutes at Abu Simbel to visit the temples and the impressive concrete dome.

Day 17: TUESDAY, 09 October 2012 CAIRO SIGHTSEEING

Thousands of years of history are brought to life during your full day of sightseeing. See the ancient Citadel, built to protect the city from the Crusaders. Marvel at the Alabaster Mosque's ornate interior and the Sultan Hassan Mosque, one of the masterpieces of Mamluk architecture. Visit the Hanging Church of St. Mary in Old Cairo and see Tutankhamun's priceless treasures at the Egyptian Museum, discovered by Howard Carter in the Valley of the Kings in 1922. Spend the evening as you wish. (BB)

Day 18: WEDNESDAY, 10 October 2012 CAIRO - PYRAMID EXCURSION

See the limestone Colossus of Ramses II and the giant Alabaster Sphinx at Memphis. Admire the Step Pyramid at Sakkara, which heralded the beginning of the pyramid age. Marvel at the Great Pyramids of Giza, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. See the enigmatic Great Sphinx - the oldest monumental sculpture in the world. This evening we enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant or hotel subject to availability. (BB FD)

Day 19: THURSDAY, 11 October 2012 DEPART CAIRO

Today you leave this mysterious, ancient country. Say goodbye to your travelling companions and your Travel Director as you prepare for your trip home. Airport transfers will be provided when you have purchased your flight with us as part of your total package. (BB)

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