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21-DAY EGYPT AND TURKEY HIGHLIGHTS TOUR 2024 (Tour Code: ETT)



With our Egypt and Turkey combined tour, you will have a 21-day tour package taking in many highlights in Egypt and Turkey. Starting from Cairo, you will explore the Pyramids, the Sphinx, the Valley of the Kings and many interesting temples while sailing on a relaxing Nile cruise. In Turkey, you will follow Ottoman Empire's footprint to visit Istanbul, Cappadocia's fairy chimneys, the stunning mineral pools of Pamukkale, the Roman ruins in Kusadasi, the classic wooden horse of Troy and the battlefields of Gallipoli. Our Egypt and Turkey tour is a sensory overload and an experience never forgotten.

DAY 01:

SYDNEY/MELBOURNE/BRISBANE/PERTH – DUBAI

EK413, SYDNEY – DUBAI 21:10/05:40 (NEXT DAY)

EK407, MELBOURNE – DUBAI 21:15/05:15 (NEXT DAY)

EK431, BRISBANE – DUBAI 20:55/05:30 (NEXT DAY)

EK421, PERTH – DUBAI 22:20/05:25 (NEXT DAY)

Depart Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane or Perth on Emirate to Cairo, Egypt via Dubai and fly overnight.

DAY 02: DUBAI – CAIRO

EK927, DUBAI – CAIRO 08:15/10:05

Connect your Emirate flight in Dubai and arrive in Cairo in the morning. Upon arrival at Cairo International Airport, our representative welcomes you and assists you through the immigration process. We will transfer you to your hotel in Cairo. You will stay overnight at the hotel in Cairo.

Accommodation: Pyramids Park** or similar**

DAY 03: CAIRO (Full Day tour to Pyramids, Egyptian Museum & Khan El Khalili) (B.L.)

Buffet breakfast at the hotel then start a full day guided tour to visit one of the Seven Wonders. The great Pyramids of Giza (Cheops, Chephren



and Mycerinus) were reckoned by the Greeks to be one of the Seven Wonders of the World. A single pyramid is built with 2.300.000 blocks, each weighing an average of two and a half tones. In the face of such immensity, one cannot help but feel the wonder and awe that, so many writers and artists have sought to convey over the centuries. The Cheops Pyramid is more interesting, because its interior burial chambers are open for inspection by the public. Not far from the Pyramids is the Great Sphinx of Giza, which dates from the time of Chephren (2620 BC). Hewn from natural yellowish limestone and standing 65 feet-high and 187 feet-long, this unforgettable statue combines the head of a Pharaoh with a lion's body. A quick visit to papyrus institute or a perfume shop can be arranged after the visit. Then have lunch at Egyptian food restaurant. And then drive to the Egyptian Museum in Tahrir Square. After the visit of the museum, a short drive through the downtown will take you to Khan El Khalili bazaars; which is one of the most famous worldwide with its amazing narrow alleyways. The visitor can discover small restaurants and workaday cafes where Egyptians & non-Egyptians come to smoke water pipes and enjoy some of the traditional Egyptian drinks in the cafes scattered around the area. Drive back to your hotel and stay overnight in Cairo. Optional tour can be booked to enjoy the spectacular sound & light show by the Pyramids.
Accommodation: Pyramids Park** or similar**

DAY 04: CAIRO – LUXOR (B.L.D.)



Breakfast in the hotel and check out. You will be transferred to Cairo domestic airport for your flight to Luxor. Upon arrival at Luxor, transfer to your cruise. Embark the cruise ship before lunch at 12:00 PM. Enjoy your lunch on board. Visit East Bank (Karnak and Luxor Temples). Have dinner on board and stay overnight on board the cruise ship in Luxor.

Accommodation: MS Tuya Nile Cruise*****
(www.princess-cruise.net) or similar

DAY 05: LUXOR – ESNA – EDFU (B.L.D)

Visit the West Bank – The Valley of the Kings and Queens, the temple of Queen Hatshepsut at El Deir El-Bahari and the Colossi Memnon. Continue sailing to Esna.

Enjoy your lunch and dinner on board. Sail to Edfu. Stay overnight on board the cruise ship.

Accommodation: MS Tuya Nile Cruise***** (www.princess-cruise.net) or similar

DAY 06: EDFU – KOM OMBO – ASWAN (B.L.D)

Breakfast on board. Visit Horus Temple in Edfu. Afterwards continue sailing to Kom Ombo. Have your lunch on board. Visit the Temple shared by two gods Sobek and Haeroris in Kom Ombo.

After that, sail to Aswan. Have your dinner and stay overnight on board.

Accommodation: MS Tuya Nile Cruise***** (www.princess-cruise.net) or similar

DAY 07: ASWAN (B.L.D)

In the early morning, drive to Abu Simbel to visit the Abu Simbel Temples which are two massive rock-cut temples in the village of Abu Simbel. After this visit, drive back to Aswan and visit the High Dam, Philae Temple and unfinished obelisk. Have your dinner and stay overnight on board.

Accommodation: MS Tuya Nile Cruise*****
(www.princess-cruise.net) or similar



DAY 08: ASWAN – CAIRO (B.L.)

Disembark the cruise ship after breakfast and you are transferred to Aswan airport for a flight back to Cairo. Upon arrival at Cairo Airport, our representative will welcome you at the airport. Have your lunch at Egyptian food restaurant and stay overnight at the hotel in Cairo.

Accommodation: Pyramids Park** or similar**

**DAY 09: CAIRO FREE DAY (B)**

You will have a free day in Cairo to explore this city on your own.

DAY 10: CAIRO – ISTANBUL (B)

MS735, CAIRO – ISTANBUL 14:15/17:35

Breakfast at your hotel. In due time, you are transferred to the airport to board your flight to Istanbul, capital city of Turkey. Upon arrival, you are met and transferred to hotel. You are free at

leisure for the rest of the day. Stay overnight in Istanbul.

Accommodation: Avantgarde Levent (SFC) or similar

DAY 11: ISTANBUL (B)

Enjoy a full day tour including a visit to Topkapi Palace Museum, residence of the Ottoman Sultans between 1453–1852 (excluding Harem). Visit the Hippodrome, which was once the center of life where chariot racing and other public events took place. Tour the Blue Mosque built between 1609 and 1616, famous for its blue ceramic tiles. Your last stop is St. Sophia, a church built in the 6th century Byzantine capital, converted to a mosque by the Ottomans, and now a museum and one of the world's greatest architectural wonders. Join an optional dinner with belly dancing entertainment. Stay overnight in Istanbul.

Accommodation: Avantgarde Levent (SFC) or similar

DAY 12: ISTANBUL – ANKARA (B.D)

This morning you can choose an optional tour of cruise along Bosphorus enjoying the strait that separates Asia and Europe. Its shores are lined with fine neighbourhoods, Ottoman palaces, fortresses, old wooden villas, hotels, parks and gardens, restaurants and cafés. The tour will be ended in Asia side and drive for the capital city of Ankara for overnight. Stay overnight in Ankara.

Accommodation: Holiday Inn Çukurambar (SFC) or similar

DAY 13: ANKARA – CAPPADOCIA (B.D)

Visit the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, a historic caravanserai holding artifacts from up to 7500 years old including the most extensive and valuable collection of Hittite artifacts in the world. Visit the Mausoleum of Atatürk, the father of modern Turkey. Drive to Cappadocia, touring a 13th century caravanserai en-route. Pay a visit to the underground city of Saratli, one of the many underground settlements built for protection and religious reasons. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant and join an optional Whirling Dervishes performance. Stay overnight in Cappadocia.

Accommodation: Mustafa (SFC) or similar

DAY 14: CAPPADOCIA (B.D)

You can take an optional early morning hot air balloon tour and experience floating through volcanic valleys, fairy chimneys and caves at sunrise. After breakfast visit Goreme, a historical region of Turkey, located among the rock formations, which was first



settled back in the Roman period. Many rock churches can still be seen today, as Christianity was then the prevailing religion in that region. Continue to the town of Avanos renowned for its high-quality earthenware. Also visit Pasabagi, Red Valley and attend a brief regional pottery workshop in a cave. Have dinner and stay overnight in Cappadocia.

Accommodation: Mustafa (SFC) or similar



DAY 15: CAPPADOCIA – PAMUKKALE (B.D)

Drive to Pamukkale. Enroute, enjoy the beautiful sceneries along the highway. Have dinner and stay overnight in Pamukkale.

Accommodation: Colossae Hotel (SFC) or similar

DAY 16: PAMUKKALE – IZMIR (B.D)

Visit the unique cotton fortress of Pamukkale, with its white lime cascades formed by mineral springs, and the ruins of the Roman health spa of Hierapolis. Proceed to Izmir for dinner and overnight. Stay overnight in Izmir.

Accommodation: Blanca Hotel (SFC) or similar

DAY 17: KUSADASI, EPHESUS AND ST. MARY’S HOUSE – IZMIR (B.D)

Tour the famous ruins of Ephesus, an important cultural center of the ancient world, and explore 2,000 year-old marble streets, a theatre, the Library of Celsius, a gymnasium and Hadrian’s Temple. Take a short drive to see St. Mary’s stone cottage where it is believed Virgin Mary spent her last years accompanied by St. John. Continue to a regional rug production center to have a firsthand experience of this unique art form. Join an optional afternoon tour of Sirince. Stay overnight at Izmir.

Accommodation: Blanca Hotel (SFC) or similar

DAY 18: PERGAMUM – TROY – CANAKKALE (B.D)

Visit the ancient Medical Center Asclepion in Pergamum and then continue to Troy with its famous wooden horse, best known for being the setting of the Trojan War and many cities built on top of each other. Continue to Canakkale for overnight.

Accommodation: Iris Hotel (STC) or similar

DAY 19: DARDANELLES – GALLIPOLI – ISTANBUL (B.D)

In the morning, drive to Gallipoli, the site of many battles WW1. Visit Anzac Cove, Lone Pine Cemetery and Chunuk Bair, and then drive to Istanbul, where you will visit the Grand Bazaar. Enjoy a Farewell Dinner and stay overnight in Istanbul.

Accommodation: Avantgarde Levent (SFC) or similar

DAY 20: ISTANBUL – DUBAI (B)

EK122, ISTANBUL – DUBAI 20:05/01:20 (NEXT DAY)

You will be at leisure until transfer to airport for your Emirate flight to Sydney or Melbourne, Australia via Dubai.



DAY 21: DUBAI – SYDNEY/MELBOURNE/BRISBANE/PERTH

EK414, DUBAI – SYDNEY 02:00/22:30

EK408, DUBAI – MELBOURNE 01:50/22:10

EK430, DUBAI – BRISBANE 02:50/22:40

EK420, DUBAI – PERTH 02:45/17:20

Connect your flight from Dubai to Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane/Perth in the early morning. Arrive in Australia in the afternoon or in the evening. Your unforgettable Egypt and Turkey tour ends.

Departure Date: 10 May 2024 **Return Date:** 30 May 2024

Departure Date: 06 September 2024 **Return Date:** 26 September 2024

Tour Price: \$7,680 per person, twin or double share

Single supplement: \$1,390

Price includes:

1. Emirates Airlines or Qatar Airways return economy class air-ticket: Australia – Dubai or Doha – Cairo//Istanbul – Dubai or Doha – Australia;
2. Airport tax and fuel surcharge;
3. Egypt Airlines international air-tickets with tax from Cairo – Istanbul;
4. Egypt Airlines domestic air-tickets with tax: Cairo – Luxor//Aswan – Cairo;
5. Twin or double share accommodation at 4-star hotels in Egypt and Superior First class in Turkey as listed in the itinerary or similar;
6. 4-nights twin share accommodation at a 5-star Nile cruise ship as stated in the itinerary or similar;
7. Meals as stated in the itinerary;
8. Sightseeing tours with admission fees included in the itinerary;
9. Transfers and transport throughout the trip by A/C vehicle;
10. Service of professional English-speaking local guide.

Price excludes:

1. Travel insurance;
2. Turkey visa fees (currently \$110, subject to change), Egypt (\$70);
3. Optional tours;
4. Personal expenses;
5. Gratuities to guide and driver (US\$8 per person per day to your guide and driver to share);
6. Any meals or services not mentioned in the itinerary.