EGYPT, JORDAN & TURKEY



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Egypt with Nile Cruise, Jordan & Turkey Tours Duration: 27 days Stay: 22 nights hotels, 3 nights cruise, 1night mid-flight Travel style: Escorted tours with international flights Booking code: TEJTC27M

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27 Days Egypt, Jordan & Turkey Escorted Tours

About the holiday

In a word, "wow" - Egypt, Jordan and Turkey come together in a magnificent tour of ancient monuments, breathtaking landscapes and colourful cultures!

Fly to Cairo where sensational tour guides will escort you through the Egypt's amazing sites. Spend time at the unmissable Great Pyramids and Sphinx of Giza. Discover the many wonders of Aswan and enjoy a 5-star cruise on the River Nile to explore the Temple of Kom-Ombo, stunning Luxor and astounding Valley of the Kings. There's also time to relax at a fully-inclusive Red Sea resort.

Next, travel to magnificent Jordan. The tour includes the chance to float in the Dead Sea and set foot in the famous ancient city of Petra. Embark on a desert jeep safari and sleepover at a Bedouin campsite in Wadi Rum.

This pinch-yourself adventure continues in Turkey, a country filled with jawdropping scenery and captivating cities unlike anywhere else in Europe or Asia. From hovering over sunrise skies from a hot air balloon (optional experience) to exploring the fascinating cave dwellings of Cappadocia and the cascading hot springs of Pamukkale - Turkey is teeming with magical moments. Pay your respects to the soldiers of WWI on the shores of Gallipoli. And, embrace the historian within as you follow your local guide through ancient cities like Pergamum and Hierapolis.

Explore Egypt, Jordan & Turkey with My Travel Experience on tours that offer rich history, ancient intrigue and non-stop adventure!

Why you'll love this trip...

The most incredible collection of ancient sites & amazing temples in one trip! Loads of inclusions, with many meals, local experiences & sightseeing excursions First class hotels to make sure your trip is as comfortable as it is exciting You'll be looked after by expert local guides to make the most of your adventure



Escorted package includes:

Flights - Depart Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth or Canberra Economy class airfares *(please contact us for other cities)* Fly Australia-Cairo, Cairo-Amman, Amman-Istanbul & Istanbul-Australia Internal one-way flight Cairo-Aswan Airline taxes & fuel surcharges

Egypt & Jordan inclusions - Hotels & cruise cabin with private en-suite facilities

11 nights hotels in twin share rooms
3 nights Nile cruise 5-star ship with sundeck, swimming pool & bar
14 meals: 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 6 dinners
Sightseeing as per the itinerary
Modern air-conditioned private minibus/coach
Airport transfers
Services of Egyptologist and expert local guides
Tour leader will be on hand with advice & information

Turkey inclusions - First class hotels with private facilities

- 3 nights Istanbul 1 night Canakkale
- 2 nights Kusadasi
- 1 night Pamukkale
- 1 night Konya
- 2 nights Cappadocia
- 1 night Ankara

Includes hotel taxes, fees & service charges & hotel porterage

21 meals: 11 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 9 dinners

Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach

Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout

Entrance fees per itinerary & wireless earphones for enhanced touring

Package excludes:

Visa fees (where applicable) Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary Egypt entrance fees to sites & monuments - allow approx. AUD\$210 pp Optional tours & activities Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc. Gratuities for tour manager & drivers Travel insurance is essential Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

Subject to confirmation by airlines, hotels, tour companies & local operators. Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.

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Special Features:

- Visit the Great Pyramids and Sphinx at Giza plateau
- Visit the Pyramid of Zoser at Sakkara
- Visit the Philae Temple and High Dam of Aswan
- Explore Aswan at your leisure
- Visit the Temple of Kom-Ombo
- Sail the River Nile on a 5-star cruise ship
- Discover the East bank of Luxor; see temples of Karnak & Luxor
- Visit the Valley of the Kings; see Hatsheput and Colossi of Memnon
- Relax at an all-inclusive Red Sea resort
- Shop for souvenirs at the Khan El Khalili bazaar
- Visit the Egyptian Museum to see mummies, sarcophagi & more!
- Traverse the desert on a 4x4 safari & sleep in a tented camp in Wadi Rum
- Tuck into an authentic Jordanian dinner & enjoy some stargazing
- Discover the breathtaking Red Rose City of Petra
- Float in the famous waters of the Dead Sea
- Explore the Crusader stronghold of Kerak Castle
- Follow a local guide on a tour of the Jordanian capital of Amman
- At Gallipoli, visit the Anzac Cemetery & pay your respects at the memorial
- Tour the 4000-year-old city of Troy immortalised in Homer's epic poem, The Iliad
- Visit Pergamum, a kingdom dating back to the 4th century, home to the Roman center of Asclepion
- View Hierapolis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, famed for its sacred hot springs
- Visit the Mausoleum of Kemal Ataturk, founder and first president of the Turkish Republic

Itinerary:

DAY 1: Depart for Egypt

DAY 2: Arrive Cairo

Welcome to Cairo! A friendly local representative will receive you and help you with the passport process. Make your way to your hotel where you will find your Egyptologist tour guide who will accompany you throughout your trip. Take part in the tour briefing to learn what awaits you. Head to your room for a good night's sleep before your adventure commences in the morning!

DAY 3: Giza Pyramids - Sphinx - Sakkara

Fuel up for your first day of iconic Egyptian experiences! Follow your guide to the mesmerising Giza pyramid complex and revel in some of the country's most famous attractions. See the Great Pyramids and Sphinx with your own ease. Discover the majesty of the Zoser step pyramid and Pharaonic tombs. Spend the evening relaxing in your Cairo hotel.

DAY 4: Aswan - Philae Temple - Nile Cruise

Your included flight arrives in Aswan and then you make your way to the water to board a Nile cruise ship. Freshen up and get ready to be astounded by the sight of the High Dam of Aswan. Learn more about the history of the construction of the dam, and the creation of Lake Nasser, which necessitated the relocation of thousands of citizens and very important monuments. This includes Abu Simbel, which is on the itinerary tomorrow. Continue onwards to Agilkia Island to explore the Temple of Isis at Philae. Return to Aswan and overnight at the hotel.

DAY 5: Nile Cruise - Kom-Ombo

Enjoy the amazing views as we continue to navigate the Nile on our 5-star cruise ship. Opt-in on an excursion to the Abu Simbel complex - to massive temples at the southernmost tip of ancient Egypt's borders. These Nubian Monuments have been around since the 1200s, when it was carved from the mountainside! Stopover at the Temple of Kom-Ombo this afternoon to learn more about the crocodile god Sobek, and the falcon god Haroeris. Overnight on the cruise ship as we make our way to Luxor.

DAY 6: Luxor - Karnak Temple - Nile Cruise

Disembark along the East Bank of Luxor and take a tour of this exciting destination. Experience the majesty of the Karnak temple complex in person - these grand monuments are remnants of ancient Thebes. Discover the historic Luxor temple, where you'll wander down the mesmerising Avenue of Sphinxes. Overnight at your hotel in Luxor and get ready for another full day of Egyptian adventuring.

DAY 7: Valley of the Kings - Hatshepsut - Hurghada

Lovers of history, assemble! Enjoy breakfast and head for the world-famous Valley of the Kings to explore the tombs of King Tutankhamen and other New Kingdom pharaohs. Discover the Temple of Hatshepsut and visit the striking Colossi of Memnon. Board our air-conditioned bus to Hurghada on the Red Sea and overnight at your hotel after enjoying an included dinner.

DAY 8: Hurghada : Free Day

Make the most of your free day Hurghada. Enjoy one of the many activities on offer at the resort. Explore the beach, keep cool in the pool, or simply relax. Alternatively, you can also go snorkelling or scuba diving along the amazing coral reefs. Breakfast, dinner and lunch are included today. Overnight at Hurghada.

DAY 9: Red Sea - Hurghada

Enjoy another free day full of fun and relaxation in Hurghada today! Make the most of the range of activities on offer at the resort. Dive deep and experience ocean life on a scuba diving or snorkelling trip. Alternatively, take it easy - soak up the sun next to the pool or on the beach. Indulge in delicious food and drinks as breakfast, lunch and dinner are all included again today. Spend your last evening on the Red Sea coastline getting some rest and relaxation as tomorrow it is time to make our way to Cairo.

DAY 10: Hurghada - Cairo

It's time to travel to Cairo, Egypt's sprawling capital city. Take a trip through history when you join an outing to the Egyptian Museum. Get to know more about Egypt's fascinating history, which stretches back thousands of years and catch a glimpse of the treasures found in King Tutankhamun's tomb! Afterwards, we pay a visit to the Cairo Bazaar, Khan El Khalili. Located in Cairo's historic centre, this colourful bazaar is filled with an eclectic mix of things to eat, see and buy!

DAY 11: Cairo: Free Day

Spend a free day exploring the bustling city of Cairo at your leisure! Today, you can also choose to join a trip to Alexandria on the Mediterranean Coast. Named after its founder, Alexander the Great, Alexandria is a historic seaside city. Visit the fortress, catacombs, and souks and experience relics from bygone days. See the beautiful beaches and take in the views along the seafront. Make a stop at one of the inviting cafes and restaurants found along the seafront corniche. Return to Cairo where we will be spending the night.

DAY 12: Cairo - Amman - Wadi Rum

Get ready for a desert adventure as we make our way to Wadi Rum! Start the day with breakfast before we make our way to Cairo Airport to catch a flight to Amman in Jordan. Once we land in Amman, we will head to Wadi Rum and see the amazing desert landscapes. After checking in at our desert camp where we will be spending the night, we will explore the area on a two-hour 4x4 Jeep safari! After a day filled with desert-adventure, enjoy an authentic Jordanian dinner by the campfire. Finish your day off with some spectacular stargazing.

DAY 13: Wadi Rum - Petra

Hop aboard - we're off on a full-day trip to the gorgeous Rose City of Petra. Explore this ancient UNESCO site on horseback and by foot. Behold the world-renowned Treasury, which was carved from the limestone rockface. Learn more about this fascinating city and see all the major attractions, including the majestic Amphitheater. Overnight at a hotel in Petra.

DAY 14: Petra - Dead Sea - Kerak - Amman

Board the coach to head for the Dead Sea as we leave Petra behind. Experience first hand what it feels like to float in the dense, salty water that is purported to have healing properties. Pay a visit to the impressive Kerak Castle, a relic from the 1100s. Make your way to Amman and book in at the hotel this evening.

DAY 15: Amman city tour

Join in on a tour of the city of Amman after breakfast. Follow your guide to some of the best-loved sights in the city, including the Roman Temple of Hercules, the 8th-century Umayyad Palace complex, and more. Overnight at the Amman hotel and get ready to head home in the morning.

DAY 16: Amman to Istanbul

Your tour of Egypt and Jordan concludes today. We trust you had a wonderful time as we transfer you to Amman airport for you flights to Istanbul.

Arrive in Istanbul, at the crossroads of Europe and Asia and make your way to your hotel. Balance of the day is at leisure. Tonight, attend orientation meeting with a Welcome Drink at approximately 7:30 PM with your Tour Manager and fellow travellers.

Overnight: Istanbul

DAY 17: Istanbul City Tour

Embark on a half day morning tour of Istanbul, the only city that straddles two continents Your tour includes the Rustem Pasha Mosque, a 16th century Ottoman Mosque famous for its large quantities of Iznik tiles, which are set in a very wide variety of floral and geometric designs. Continue to the Hippodrome, the place where chariot races and competitive athletic events took place during the Roman period. You will also visit St. Sophia - the great Byzantine Basilica built in the 6th century. Then, onto the lively Spice Market with its unforgettable aromas. Spend the remainder of the day at leisure. Alternatively, choose to partake in the optional tour to the Topkapi Palace residence of Ottoman Sultans and the Grand Bazaar, where bargaining is an art. This evening, savor dinner together Optional: Half Day Istanbul with Topkapi Palace (PM) Overnight: Istanbul Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 18: Anzac Cemetery, Drive to Canakkale

This morning, drive to the town of Gallipoli, site of the famous Ottoman victory against the Allies during World War I. Visit the Anzac Cemetery, a memorial to the casualties of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, whose fame grew back home as word of their heroic efforts spread. Afterwards, cross the Dardanelles by ferry and continue to the Canakkale province, located in northwest Turkey, where you will arrive in the early evening Overnight: Canakkale

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 19: Visit Troy, Pergamum, Drive to Kusadasi

This morning, proceed to the classical city of Troy. Tour this 4000-year-old city and legendary center of the Trojan War, made immortal by Homer's epic poem The Iliad. Then, drive to Pergamum, a powerful kingdom during the ancient Hellenistic period, and visit the Asclepion, the ancient Roman spa center. Continue to Kusadasi, a city believed to be the birthplace of Homer, where you will arrive in the early evening Overnight: Kusadasi

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 20: Full Day in Kusadasi

Enjoy a full day at leisure in Kusadasi. Or, join the optional tour to Ancient Ephesus where the Temple of Artemis, one of the "Seven Wonders of the Ancient World," once stood. Walk along the 2000-year-old marble streets; see the Great Theatre, the Odeon, the Fountain of Trajan, Temple of Hadrian, and the Library of Celsus. Visit the peaceful House of the Virgin Mary, believed to be her last residence and the Basilica of St. John. Following the tour, participate in an optional leather factory visit to shop or return to the hotel Optional: Full Day Ephesus & House of Virgin Mary with Lunch Overnight: Kusadasi Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 21: Pamukkale Hot Springs, Necropolis, and Hierapolis Depart Kusadasi and drive to Pamukkale, famous for its mineral-rich hot springs and white terraces. Visit the Necropolis and the ancient city of Hierapolis "Holy City," a UNESCO a World Heritage Site situated atop the Pamukkale hot springs. The Pamukkale hot springs have served as a therapeutic thermal spa since the 2nd century B.C. Tonight, gather together for dinner Overnight: Pamukkale Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 22: Travel to Konya

Today, travel from Pamukkale, the "Cotton Castle," to Konya, a city renowned for its Seljuk architecture and also as the home of the "Whirling Dervishes." Arrive in the afternoon and visit the Mausoleum of Mevlana with its distinctive fluted dome of turquoise tiles. View works of the 13th century leader Mevlana Celaleddin Rumi, one of the greatest mystical poets of Islam. The Mevlevi Sufi order was founded to follow his teachings. After exploring the museum, join your fellow travelers for dinner together

Overnight: Konya Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 23: Visit Caravanserai of Sultanhan en route to Cappadocia

Depart for Cappadocia, visiting the magnificent Caravanserai of Sultanhan en route. Afterward, visit Guzelyurt, a fine example of cave dwellings and Greek influences in the Cappadocia region. Following lunch, continue to Nevsehir in Cappadocia. Upon arrival in Cappadocia, visit a carpet atelier and have a demonstration of carpet weaving. After, check in to your hotel with free time before dinner. Tonight, attend the optional Whirling Dervish performance; their captivating mystical ritual connects one in infinite spinning to perfect harmony Optional: Whirling Dervishes Performance (PM)

Overnight: Cappadocia

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 24: Morning Sightseeing in Cappadocia

Awake very early to participate in the optional hot air Balloon Ride that takes you soaring over the magnificent Cappadocian landscape with its incredible fairy chimney rock formations - the feeling is both serene and sublime. Then, explore Cappadocia with your group to see Guvercinlik, Uchisar, Pasabag, and the Devrent Valley. Famed for temples and houses cut directly into the region's spectacular rock formations, Cappadocia has captivated travellers for centuries. Perhaps, opt to join the optional half day tour of Cappadocia that includes the Open-Air Museum in Goreme Valley; see early Christian churches decorated with unique frescoes. Explore the village of Avanos, famous for its beautiful old houses and onyx, and visit a local pottery shop. The tour ends at the fascinating Ozkonak Underground City, built on the northern slopes of Mt. Idis. Return to the hotel with free time before dinner tonight

Optional: Cappadocia Balloon Ride (AM). Optional: Half Day Cappadocia (PM) Overnight: Cappadocia

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 25: Ankara, Mausoleum of Kemal Ataturk

This morning, depart for Ankara, the capital and the second largest city of Turkey. Upon arrival, visit the Mausoleum of Kemal Ataturk, founder and first president of the Turkish Republic. Leading up to the Mausoleum, also known as the Anitkabir, lies a vast brick courtyard and monumental avenue lined with NeoHittite stone statues and cenotaphs beneath its colonnades. The most noted cenotaphs within the complex are those of General Ismet Inonu, a close comrade of Ataturk's and his successor, and that of Ataturk himself, a large and highly decorative marble cenotaph, beneath which lies his tomb. Continue to the Anatolian Civilizations Museum - built in two Ottoman buildings located near Ankara Castle. The Museum, being among exceptional museums with its unique collection, exhibits Anatolian archaeological artifacts, as well as artifacts from the Paleolithic Age to the present Overnight: Ankara Meals: Breakfast

DAY 26: Travel to Istanbul

Depart for Istanbul, arriving in the early afternoon. Leisure time to explore on your own on this last day in Turkey. Perhaps, embark on the optional cruise along the Bosphorus, the winding straits separating Europe and Asia. View humble fishing villages and suspension bridges set against the dramatic outline of the Strait. Afterwards, visit the Grand Bazaar, where bargaining is an art. Tonight, attend a festive Farewell Dinner with your newfound friends Optional: Half Day Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise & Grand Bazaar (PM) Overnight: Istanbul Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 27: Depart Turkey Make your way to the airport for your departure flight Meals: Breakfast

Please note: The day by day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road conditions, river water levels, public holidays, travel restrictions and a multitude of other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible and open minded in this regard.

Accommodation:

We use a variety of hotels in each destination, so you may stay in a hotel different to the properties listed here. Hotels are selected closer to departure date; you will receive a confirmed list one week prior to your departure date.

Cairo - Pyramids Resort by Jaz Nile Cruise - 5-star Nile Cruise Hurghada - Samara Bay Hotel Wadi Rum - Hasan Al Zawaideh
Petra - La Maison Hotel
Amman - Sparr Hotel
Istanbul - Legacy Ottoman Hotel, Millennium Golden Horn Hotel, Renaissance Istanbul, or Polat Bosphorus Hotel
Canakkale - Kolin Hotel
Kusadasi - KoruMar Hotel
Pamukkale - Colossae
Konya - Hotel Novotel Konya
Cappadocia - Dinler Hotel Urgup
Ankara - Holiday Inn Ankara

Egypt entrance fees:

Please note that entrance fees for the following experiences on this tour are not included in the tour price. Please keep them in mind as you budget for your trip. Entrance fees (Egyptian pounds per person): 540 EGP, Giza Pyramids & the Sphinx 450 EGP, Sakara Pyramid 500 EGP, Egyptian Museum 450 EGP, Philae Temple 360 EGP, Kom Ombo 450 EGP, Karnak Temple 400 EGP, Luxor Temple 620 EGP, Valley of the Kings 380 EGP, Hatshepsut Temple *Please note: Entrance fees are subject to change.*

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