

## Full Itinerary & Trip Details

# 14 Day Istanbul To Cairo Combined Tour

Welcome to Istanbul! Enjoy our Egypt connections and travel Turkey and Egypt together with us where you can experience the taste of ancient Egypt and the metropolitan Turkey alike.



**PRICE STARTING FROM**

€ 1165 € 1165

**DURATION**

14 days

**TOUR ID**

22814

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 : Istanbul - Arrival Day

Upon our arrival at Istanbul International Airport, your guide will meet, assist and transfer you to the hotel. Istanbul's original name is Byzantium then Constantinople. It is a most fascinating city, which actually crosses two continents Europe and Asia. It is a city of amalgamation of bazaars, minarets, mosques, churches, palaces, and restaurants catering to every one's taste, museums, customs and twelve million people. Overnight in Istanbul.

## **Day 2 : Istanbul City Tour and Domestic Flight to Kusadas?**

Breakfast and Dinner Included

Our journey begins in Istanbul, the only city in the world situated on two continents. Today we discover the Byzantine and Ottoman treasures of Istanbul. We visit Hippodrome and the Obelisk brought from Egypt. Then our next visit is the Blue Mosque with its six minarets. Visit St. Sophia. This ancient basilica, built by Constantine the Great in the 4th century and reconstructed by Justinian in the 6th century, is one of the architectural marvels of all time.

Afternoon we will visit the Topkapi Palace, which was the residence of the Ottoman sultans, with its fabulous treasure chambers. Lunch break at 13:00 pm. After the lunch, Murtis Tour will take you to the Grand Spice Bazaar, which is a unique atmosphere with reasonable prices for your shopping.

Here you will find; Exotic Spices and Herbs, Turkish Baklava, Turkish Delights, Turkish Coffee, nuts and fruits, small souvenirs such as Ceramic Handicrafts, Evil Eyes totems, all naturel olive oil, soaps and many other goods in Souvenir Shops and stores. After the tour, transfer to Istanbul Airport for our domestic flight to Izmir. Upon arrival transfer to your hotel in Kusadas?. Overnight in Kusadas?.

## **Day 3 : Kusadasi - Ephesus Tour - Turkish Village Sirince**

Breakfast and Dinner Included

After breakfast at 08.30, we depart from hotel for 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, Grand theatre and House of the Virgin Mary. Lunch break around 13.00. After the lunch, we will visit a place, which continues to perform one of the oldest arts of Turkey; a carpet-weaving center.

After that, we will have a Turkish Village Tour. Sirince's construction style today belongs to 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 see 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 centers of the region, where you will have the opportunity to get a good factory rate. On this guided tour, you will avoid the constant nagging and sometimes bullying that is well known in the markets of Turkey. Enabling you to enjoy the shopping experience whilst gaining the knowledge of the ancient craftsmen. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi.

## **Day 4 : Kusadasi - Pamukkale Tour**

Breakfast and Dinner Included

At 08.30, after breakfast, we depart for Pamukkale. We visit the calcium terraces of Pamukkale (cotton castle) and the ruins of Hierapolis, then walk around this natural phenomenon and have the option of lying in the waters of the natural springs. Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale.

### **Day 5 : Pamukkale - Denizli to Nevsehir / Kayseri airport and Cappadocia**

Breakfast and Dinner Included

After breakfast, we depart for Denizli airport for our domestic flight to Cappadocia. Transfer from Kayseri airport to your Cave hotel. The rest of the day is yours to explore Cappadocia. Overnight in Cave Hotel in Cappadocia.

### **Day 6 : Cappadocia Tour**

Breakfast and Dinner Included

After breakfast between 08:00 am and 09:30 am pickups from hotel. Your tour consultant will give you final timing one day before.

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 workshop, 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. 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. Overnight in Cappadocia.

### **Day 7 : Cappadocia to Istanbul**

Breakfast Included

Today we will depart to Cappadocia Airport for our domestic flight to Istanbul at night. Overnight in Istanbul.

### **Day 8 : Istanbul to Cairo**

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, we check out from the hotel and depart by international flight to Egypt. Arrival to Cairo airport. From the airport you will be transferred to your hotel and overnight in Cairo.

### **Day 9 : Egypt Pyramids Cairo**

Breakfast Included

After breakfast start your full day visiting the Egyptian museum of antiquities. Visit the great Pyramids - Cheops, Chephren and Mykerions. Cheops is the most colossal ever built. Next is a close -up look at Sphinx. Optional tour to the Sound and Light show at the Pyramids. Overnight in Cairo.

### **Day 10 : Cairo - Aswan - 3 Nights Nile Cruise**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

After breakfast, we will transfer you to airport for your flight to Aswan. Upon arrival Aswan Airport, we will arrange the transfer you to the port for embarkation to the cruise ship before lunch. We will have a stop and visit Philae Temple and High Dam.

Philae Temple was dismantled and reassembled (on Agilika Island about 550 meters from its original home on Philae Island) in the wake of the High Dam. The temple, dedicated to the goddess Isis, is in a beautiful setting which has been landscaped to match its original site. Lunch and dinner will be included on board. At last, the cruise ship will sail to Kom Ombo. Dinner and overnight onboard the cruise ship.

### **Day 11 : Kom Ombo - Edfu - Luxor - 3 Nights Nile Cruise**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Today, after breakfast, we will have a tour to visit Kom Ombo Temple, the building is unique because its 'double' design meant that there were courts, halls, sanctuaries and rooms duplicated for two sets of gods. Then the cruise ship will be continuing sail to Edfu where is the site of the Ptolemaic. Lunch will be served on board. Upon arrival Edfu, we will visit Horus Temple which is an ancient settlement. Afterwards, we shall continue our sail to Luxor via Esna Lock. As the site of the Ancient Egyptian city of Thebes, Luxor has frequently been characterized as the "world's greatest open air museum", as the ruins of the temple complexes at Karnak and Luxor stand within the modern city. During your day on cruise, there is a Galabia party, where you will be encouraged to get Egyptian outfits and wear the local Galabia. Dinner and overnight onboard the cruise ship.

### **Day 12 : Luxor - 3 Nights Nile Cruise**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Today, after breakfast, we will arrive Luxor and we will visit the West bank of Luxor. Valley of the

Kings was the royal cemetery for 62 Pharaohs. The only entrance to this place was a long narrow winding path. This was a secret place, where sentries were placed at the entrance of the Valley, as well as along the top of the hills, in the hopes of discouraging tomb robbers, who had in the past plundered all royal tombs, including the treasures of the Pyramids!

Some thefts were probably carefully planned, but others were spur of the moment, as when an earlier tomb was accidentally discovered while cutting a new one and workmen took advantage of the opportunity. This may have happened when KV 46 was found during the cutting of KV 4 or KV 3 nearby.

The tombs in the Valley range from a simple pit, to a tomb with over 121 chambers and corridors. Hatshepsut temple at Dier El Bahar is one of the most characteristic temples in the whole of Egypt, due to its design and decorations. It was built of limestone, not sandstone like most of the other funerary temples of the New Kingdom period. Colossi of Memnon are two massive stone statues of Pharaoh Amenhotep III.

For the past 3400 years (since 1350 BC) they have stood in the Theban necropolis, across the River Nile from the modern city of Luxor. After lunch, we shall visit the East bank of Luxor. Karnak Temple is the largest Temple in the World! The complex contains a group of Temples such as the Great Temple of Amon Ra, The Temple of Khonso, The Ipt Temple,

The Temple of Ptah, the Temple of Montho and the Temple of the God Osiris. A 20m high, mud brick enclosure walls, surrounded all of these buildings. Luxor Temple or The Temple of Luxor, is among the most beautiful Temples in Egypt. It was known in the New Kingdom period as Ipt-Rsyt, which means the southern shrine. This was to differentiate between this Temple and Karnak Temple, which was the northern house of Amon Ra. After the tour, we will back to the cruise ship and enjoy the dinner which is follow by belly dancer show. Dinner and overnight onboard the cruise ship.

### **Day 13 : Luxor - Cairo Tour**

Breakfast Included

After your breakfast which will be served on board, we will check out from the cruise and we will transfer you to the airport for your flight back to Cairo. Upon arrival Cairo, transfer to your hotel and you will be given your room key. The rest of the day is leisure for you. Enjoy your last day in Egypt, do little shopping to buy some souvenirs for your friends and family. Dinner and overnight in Cairo.

### **Day 14 : Egypt - End of Tour**

Breakfast Included

Today is the end of the tour, it's time to say goodbye with you. Regarding your flight departure time, we will arrange your transfer to Cairo International Airport for your international flight back home. We hope your tour was a memorable one and we would like to see you in future in one of our tours again. Have a nice trip back home and thanks for choosing us.

## **Includes**

- 2 nights hotel in Cappadocia

- Guided Istanbul city tour
- Professional English - speaking tour guides
- 2 nights hotel in Istanbul
- Guided Istanbul Bosphorus cruise
- Guided Ephesus tour
- Guided Pamukkale tour
- 2 nights hotel in Kusadasi
- 1 nights hotel in Pamukkale
- Arrival airport transfer from Istanbul airport
- 8 dinners
- Guided tour in Cappadocia
- 3 nights' hotel accommodation in Cairo
- Return airport transfer to Cairo International Airport
- 3 nights on Cruise board Aswan & Luxor
- Guided Pyramids Tour
- Guided Aswan Tour
- Guided Luxor Tour
- All transfers in Cairo, Luxor and Aswan
- English speaking Egyptologist guide
- 13 breakfasts
- 3 lunches
- Guided 2 Days Luxor Tours
- All entrance fees for all museums mentioned in the itinerary
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking private coach

## **Excludes**

- International flights
- Insurance: All types
- Turkey entry visa
- Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry
- Any others expenses which are not mentioned at the included section
- Domestic flight from Cappadocia to Istanbul
- Domestic flight from Istanbul to Izmir
- City tax
- Tipping
- Please Note: Domestic flight price for adult travelers is approximately Euros: 50,00 for one way and for under 2 years old, approximately Euros: 20,00 as an insurance policy.
- Domestic flight from Denizli to Cappadocia
- Domestic flight from Cairo to Aswan
- Domestic flight from Luxor to Cairo

## **Routes**

## **Available On Dates**

12 August, 2020 - 31 March, 2022 Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

## **Hotels**

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