

TREASURES OF TURKEY



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15 Days Treasures of Turkey Small Group Tour

Duration: 15 days

Departs: 2022 select dates

Stay: 15 nights hotels (5-star rating)

Travel style: Escorted small group tour - max. 12 people

Booking code: TURKT15M

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About the holiday

This small group tour of Turkey offers the perfect blend of cultural discovery, marvellous wonders and golden beaches!

Travel in comfort and style while embracing the vibrant Turkish culture bridging Europe and Asia in all manners. Marvel at grandiose palaces, mosques and bazaars of Istanbul before cruising along the Bosphorus. Discover the impressive ancient wonders of Pergamon & Ephesus and the natural treasures of Pamukkale. Embrace the calm and serenity on the beaches of Fethiye. Explore other-worldly Cappadocia with its astounding fairy-chimneys.

Indulge in the vast and delicious Turkish cuisine while dining like sultans. Stay in carefully chosen 5-star hotels and enjoy the services of your local tour leader, who's always on hand to make sure you get the most out of the amazing journey!

Why you'll love this trip...

Enjoy the comfort of 5-star accommodation throughout the trip

Small group tour up to 12 people per departure, suited to travellers 35+ years

Tour Gallipoli, Troy, Ephesus, Perge and the ancient Pamphylian city

Experience a traditional mud bath, local cuisine, whirling dervishes and more

Travel with an English-speaking tour guide to make the most of your trip

Travel dates

Departs Istanbul in 2022

17 June, 01, 15, 29 July, 05, 19, 26 August, 09, 23 September, 07, 21 October

Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price may vary depending on your travel date.

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Escorted tour includes:

Accommodation

- 14 nights 5-star hotels in twin rooms with private en-suite facilities
 - *Single travellers have the option to pay a single supplement to ensure a private room*

Meals - 14 breakfasts, 13 dinners

- *Vegetarian options available for all meals on request*

Transport

- Modern air-conditioned coach with reclining seats and toilet onboard
- Ferry across the Dardanelles, Bosphorus Cruise
- Private airport transfers

Sightseeing

- Services of your English-speaking tour leader, who will be on hand with advice and tips to ensure that you get the most from your trip
- Entrance fees to all sights, as per the itinerary

Services

- Luggage portering
- All taxes and fees included

Package excludes:

International flights - please request airfare quotes

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc.

Gratuities for guides, representatives & drivers

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

Subject to confirmation by hotels, tour company & local operators.

Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.



Flexible Tour Bookings!

Pay 21 Days Before Departure

To offer more flexibility and greater peace of mind, the due date for the final balance of payment is now reduced to 21 days prior to the departure date. This reduces risk and means you won't lose your money by locking in a great deal early.

Pay Less Up Front

Pay only \$210 per person deposit to lock in a great deal for the tour of your dreams.

No Change Fees

There will be no penalties or fees to alter your tour booking up to 21 days prior to your departure date. This includes changes to: the tour, departure date, destination and/or passenger name.

If you need to change your tour booking:

- Notify us in writing at least 21 days before your departure if you are unsure about travelling and you will be given the option to keep any monies paid toward the original booking as Future Travel Credit, usable on a tour departing until 31 December 2022.
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Itinerary:

Day 1: Istanbul

Meet the marvellous merge of Europe and Asia at the magical Istanbul to embark on a cultural discovery through ancient lands. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel by a local representative at the airport. In the afternoon, join the welcome meeting at the hotel lobby with your fellow travellers and Tour Director. Greet the diverse and incredibly tasteful Turkish cuisine tonight on an optional group dinner, make sure to leave room for delicious desserts.

Day 2: Istanbul City Tour

Journey to the heart of Istanbul old town and witness the perfect blend of ancient and modern unfold before you. Stroll with your expert local guide through the Hippodrome, visit the charming Blue Mosque and the mysterious Cistern Basilica. Enjoy an exquisite meal worthy of Sultans next to the magnificent Hagia Sophia. Haggle your way through the famous Grand Bazaar, visit countless monuments and embrace the local culture. In the afternoon meet the breath-taking Bosphorus in all its charm as you cruise in-between Europe and Asia.

Day 3: Istanbul - Gallipoli - Canakkale

After a delicious breakfast, we leave for the famous shores of Gallipoli. As you drive through the scenic countryside, we recharge at the lovely village of Kesan over a delicious meal. Arriving in Gallipoli in the afternoon, we pay our respects to the fallen Turkish and Australian soldiers who bravely fought here during World War 1, still commemorated every year in April. Witness the now-green battlefields, visit the Anzac Cove, Lone Pine, Chunuk Bair and other important historical sites. We continue towards Canakkale with a picturesque ferry ride just in time for dinner and a recharging stay at our hotel.

Day 4: Canakkale - Troy - Pergamon - Izmir

A day filled with epic adventure awaits. In the morning, we visit the ancient city of Troy and witness the ruins of the once glorious city with a special place in mythology and history. Pose with the famous Trojan Horse before departing for Pergamon. Home to healing waters and ruins of the Asklepion medical centre, it is one of the most important centres of healing of the Roman world. Following the cultural overload, we rest at the seaside metropolitan Izmir - the perfect place to immerse yourself in the Turkish seafood culture and raki.

Day 5: Izmir - Ephesus - Pamukkale

Drive along the coast to the amazing ruins of ancient Ephesus, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Stroll the incredibly well-preserved ancient city and the impressive library. With a short ride away from the marvellous wonders, you will visit Virgin Mary's house in the mountains - where she is believed to have lived her final days. Our next stop will be of culinary discovery at a lovely restaurant in the countryside

famously known for delicious Gozleme. Heading further inland, we arrive in our hotel at the Cotton Castle of Turkey, Pamukkale. Rest up, relax or even savour the spa or massage services of your hotel. Your seat for dinner is already reserved at the hotel restaurant.

Day 6: Pamukkale - Fethiye

Walk in shallow pools of calcar with breath-taking scenery unfolding before you in terraces of snow-white travertines. Famously known for its mineral-rich waters and healing properties, Pamukkale region has welcomed endless visitors over millennia. Delve into history at the ancient city Hierapolis, witnessing the majestic amphitheatre of 15,000 seats and ever-impressive acoustics. Heading out towards the sounds of waves through pine forests, we arrive in Fethiye for a comfortable rest at the hotel.

Day 7: Fethiye - Saklıkent

Wear your walking shoes and keep your cameras ready. On a breath-taking excursion to Saklıkent Canyon, hike through the incredible gorge, enjoy the riverside café, or even try rafting - always surrounded by spectacular nature. A wonderland of nature, the canyon is frequented by countless nature and adventure lovers. Return to Fethiye for a recharging afternoon atop the sandy beaches of Oludeniz.

Optional Experiences: Paragliding

Day 8: Fethiye - Dalyan - Fethiye

Our next stop is Dalyan, a small town situated along the south-western coast popular for its natural and unspoiled beauty. We will join a boat trip to visit the most popular mud bath in Turkey, and we then continue to Iztuzu beach, homeland of world famous Caretta Caretta turtles. After a fantastic boat ride we will reach Iztuzu sandbar with fine sand and turquoise sea.

Day 9: Fethiye - Antalya

Breathe in the clean scent of the sea and forests and Drive along the stunning coastline towards Antalya. Giving a break at a marvellous local restaurant for lunch, we will arrive to our hotel in the afternoon. Antalya is a hugely popular seaside resort with endless beaches and premium service. Dinner at the hotel and personal leisure time in the evening.

Day 10: Antalya - Perge - Aspendos

Today, our first stop will be Perge located 15 km east of Antalya, and home to remarkable ruins of ancient Pamphylian city. The acropolis here holds incredible mosaics dating back to the Bronze Age. With a short drive away lies Aspendos, the sister town of Perge. Aspendos is known for having the best-preserved theatre of antiquity. Imagine an amphitheatre maintained in excellent quality over 2,000 years and an unbelievable capacity of 12,000! Its incredible acoustics haven't aged a day. We return to Antalya to rest up after an epic adventure.

Day 11: Antalya - Konya

The journey continues towards Konya, home of the famous whirling dervishes - members of the Sufism order. You can relax at your hotel over dinner and replay cherished moments of cultural discovery. Alternatively, you may join a live show of whirling dervishes to witness the unique divine ritual, an unforgettable experience.

Day 12: Konya - Cappadocia

Meet the diverse Turkish culture and its various facades today. Starting with an 8-century-old center of education and architectural beauty, Karatay Madrasa, continue to the Museum and Mausoleum of Mevlana. Meet the ideas and works of the famous scholar, poet and theologian of the 13th century, which have lived in his teachings of understanding and acceptance to this day. From cultural to natural wonders, we travel inland towards the other-worldly Cappadocia. One of the most popular sites in Turkey, the famous region is decorated with stunning caves and fairy-chimneys: unique formations of eroded volcanic rocks and tuff. Starting the adventure at Avanos - famous for its top-quality clay, learn all about pottery-making at an interactive workshop. After a long day of cultural discovery, relax at your hotel and join your group over dinner at the hotel.

Day 13: Cappadocia

Rise early to watch the sunrise of a lifetime from a hot-air balloon, flying over the magical fairy-chimneys. A bucket-list item for all keen travellers, it is an experience not to be missed (please bear in mind that this optional experience is dependent on weather conditions). As you disembark your balloon, you will get the chance to explore the wondrous formations up close at Goreme Open-Air Museum, a UNESCO World Heritage site. The soft rock has allowed for both nature and people to carve incredible underground cities, chapels, cave houses and much more. These impressive millennia-old underground structures have sheltered countless Christians escaping the Roman Empire in the 4th century and housed Orthodox monks in the 12th century. Here you'll witness the wonders of nature as well as each culture engraved in the fabric of this marvellous geography. Later on, delve into one of the finest and oldest crafts of Turkey at its home as we visit a carpet-weaving workshop?. Stopping for a lunch to remember at our hand-selected local, you can savour the delicious local cuisine together with excellent local wines. There will time to rest at your hotel in the afternoon, or join an optional Wine Tasting experience, Cappadocia's generous soil cultivates a variety of premium wines. Following dinner at your hotel, you may continue your cultural adventure with an optional Turkish Night experience displaying many colourful facades of Turkish folklore. Optional Experiences: Hot-air Ballooning, Wine Tasting, Turkish Night

Day 14: Cappadocia - Istanbul (By Flight)

Today, we take a short flight to Istanbul. Arriving at your Istanbul hotel, enjoy your personal leisure time. If you're up for a final cultural adventure, why not join the optional Turkish Night with Dinner?

Day 15: Istanbul

Our marvellous adventure comes to an end over breakfast with newfound friends. Make sure to bid farewells and exchange numbers before checking-out of the hotel (at 11:00). Complementary airport transfers are available all day, have a safe and smooth journey!

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