# *TURKEY & GREECE TOUR*



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Turkey & Greece Escorted Tours & Flights Duration: 22 days Departs: 2023 & 2024 Stay: 20 nights hotels Travel style: Escorted coach tour with flights from Australia Booking code: TKGTT22M

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# 22 Days Turkey, Greece & Greek Islands with Flights

#### About the holiday

Combine the history, culture and natural wonders of Turkey and Greece in one extraordinary holiday experience!

Begin in Turkey, where you can roam the incredible palaces, bazaars and mosques of Istanbul. Then journey into the bizarre as you explore other-worldly Cappadocian landscapes. Walk among the impressive ancient wonders of Pergamum and Ephesus, as well as the natural treasures of Pamukkale.

Fly to Athens, where you have 3 nights to explore the ancient capital before catching a ferry to the stunning Greek Islands of Mykonos, Ios and Santorini. Immerse yourself in the island life and follow your guide on orientation walks to learn about each island's best beaches, sights and hidden gems.

Appreciate the comfort of premium hotels, along with the convenience and security of travelling on an escorted group tour. Experienced guides look after you throughout, to make sure you get the most out of the amazing journey!

#### Why you'll love this trip...

There is the ideal balance of included activities & time to explore at your leisure Tour Istanbul, Gallipoli, Kusadasi, Fethiye, Pamukkale, Cappadocia & more Travel on a guided tour of Athens, Mykonos, Ios and stunning Santorini The exciting package includes flights from Australia!

#### **Travel dates**

2023 & 2024 - Departs Fridays, from 01 April to 15 October

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

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Escorted tour package includes:

Flights - Return economy airfares to Istanbul & from Athens Fly from Australian capital cities (surcharges may apply) One-way economy airfare from Istanbul to Athens
Accommodation - 20 nights in hotels as per the itinerary, or similar properties 11 nights in Turkey in 4- & 5-star hotels 9 nights in Greece in 3- & 4-star hotels
Meals - 20 breakfasts, 8 dinners
Transportation - Air-conditioned, modern coach or mini-bus Economy class ferry transfers in the Greek Islands
Tour Guiding - Services of experienced tour leaders
Free Wi-Fi - Complimentary hotel Wi-Fi (where available)
Sightseeing - As per the itinerary with local guides
Package excludes:

Tourist visa for Turkey (if applicable) Reserved preferred seating on flights Airport transfers not listed in the itinerary Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary Entrance fees, as outlined in the itinerary (*local costs may vary at time of travel*) Optional tours & activities Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry, WiFi 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 airlines, hotels, tour company & local operators. Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.

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### Experiences on tour & features:

- Feel the beating heart of Istanbul from your hotel in the old town beside monumental landmarks such as the Hagia Sophia. Join an optional Bosphorus Cruise to watch Europe and Asia unfold on your sides.
- In Turkey, stay in hand-picked, centrally located and authentic 5 & 4-Star hotels, and travel in private modern coaches.
- Travel with an expert local guide throughout your trip, get the best introduction and insights into Turkish culture.
- Visit the shores of Gallipoli to honour the fallen during one of the greatest battles of WWI & tour famous ancient cities in Anatolia; Troy, Pergamum, Asklepion and Cappadocia.
- Explore the well-preserved ruins of Ephesus delving into ancient times and soak in the gorgeous Library of Celsus.
- Enjoy the pristine bays and turquoise waters of Fethiye, visit the natural wonderland of Saklikent Gorge and take a boat trip to Dalyan along caretta carettas.
- Walk among cottonlike pools of travertine in Pamukkale and soak in the magical landscape of Cappadocia with options for an unforgettable hot-air ballooning adventure and Turkish Bath.
- No night drives in Turkey; however, some long rides are required to cover all these incredible places.
- Spend 3 nights at the gorgeous Greek Capital, exploring the ancient history and the colourful neighbourhoods of Athens.
- Take a ferry that's designed for open seas and travel in comfort from Athens to the popular islands of Mykonos, Santorini and Ios.
- Stay in hand-picked, comfortable hotels and feast on the delights of the Mediterranean cuisine every day.
- Immerse yourself in the island life, enjoy marvellous beaches and endless summer parties, discover the fascinating history and most importantly, relax and recharge!
- Follow your guide on orientation walks on each island to learn about the best beaches, sights & locales as well as their hidden gems.
- Soak up the sunshine at the infamous Paradise Beach in Mykonos sipping cocktails and partying till sun down.
- Shape your holiday with options for visiting the incredible ruins on Delos Island (near Mykonos), quad biking and taking a boat trip to Santorini's volcano.

# **Itinerary:**

#### Day 1 : Departs Australia

Check in for overnight flights to Turkey.

#### Day 2 : Istanbul

Welcome to Turkey! At the Istanbul airport terminal keep your eyes peeled for the tour operator sign for your transfer to the hotel. Meet in the hotel lobby at 7:00pm for an informal meeting with your group and guide. Until then, you can start to explore Istanbul like climbing to the top of the Galata Tower for epic views or splash some cash at the Grand Bazaar. After the meeting, join in an optional group dinner at a local restaurant to get to know your new travel mates...

- Accommodation Ottoman Legacy Hotel - 5 Star
- Included Activities Welcome Meeting
- Optional Activities Group Dinner

#### Day 3 : Istanbul

After breakfast, we begin to experience the magnificence of Istanbul. We will stroll through the historical heart of the old city, making stops along the way to the Blue Mosque, Hippodrome, majestic Topkapi Palace and the Hagia Sophia. In the afternoon take an optional cruise down the Bosphorus river and see the epic skyline.

- Accommodation
   Ottoman Legacy Hotel 5 Star
- Meals Included Breakfast
- Included Activities
   Sightseeing of Blue Mosque
   Sightseeing of Hagia Sophia
   Sightseeing of Topkapi Palace Museum
- Optional Activities
   Bosphorus Boat Cruise 10 EUR
- Entrance Fees
   Blue Mosque Free
   Hagia Sophia Free
   Topkapi Palace Museum 750 TL

#### Day 4 : Istanbul, Gallipoli

Today we depart for the shores of Gallipoli. A place of important significance for Aussies and Kiwis, we will visit the beach and cemeteries at ANZAC Cove, before paying our respects at memorial sites Chunuk Bair and Lone Pine.

- Accommodation
   Kolin Hotel 5 Star
- Meals Included
   Breakfast, Dinner
- Included Activities

   Sightseeing of Anzac Cove
   Sightseeing of Beach Cemetery
   Sightseeing of Lone Pine
   Sightseeing of Chunuk Bair
   Sightseeing of War Trenches

#### Day 5 : Troy, Kusadasi

You may have heard of Troy from Greek mythology or maybe just watched the Brad Pitt movie, but now you will visit the ruins and archaeological site of the city of Troy, and of course the famous wooden horse. Spend the afternoon in the seaside town of Kusadasi.

- Accommodation Ramada Hotel & Suites by Wyndham - 4 Star
- Meals Included Breakfast, Dinner
- Included Activities Sightseeing of Troy Ancient City
- Entrance Fees Troy Ancient City - 330 TL

# Day 6 : Ephesus, Fethiye

After breakfast, our first stop is the spectacular, well preserved ancient city of Ephesus. Ephesus was cited in the book of Revelations, and historians believe the Gospel of John was written here. Famed for the Temple of Artemis which was completed around 550 BC and is one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. In the afternoon we depart for Fethiye where we can explore the buzzing resort town.

- Accommodation Hotel Greenland - 4 Star
- Meals Included
   Breakfast, Dinner
- Included Activities
   Sightseeing of Ephesus Ancient City
- Entrance Fees
   Ephesus Ancient City 700 TL

# Day 7 : Fethiye, Saklıkent, Oludeniz

After breakfast we make our way to Saklikent, one of the deepest canyons in the world. We will then continue our journey to Oludeniz.

Besides its spectacular beaches, glittering waters and breathtaking natural scenery, Oludeniz is also popular for its water sport. Here you can relax on the exquisite beach or join one of the adventure activities including paragliding and microlighting. Late in the afternoon we depart for our overnight stay in Fethiye.

- Accommodation
   Hotel Greenland 4 Star
- Meals Included
   Breakfast, Dinner
- Included Activities
   Sightseeing of Saklikent
   Sightseeing of Oludeniz
- Optional Activities Paragliding - EUR 120
- Entrance Fees
   Saklıkent 13 TL
   Oludeniz Beach 7 TL

# 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.

- Accommodation Hotel Greenland - 4 Star
- Meals Included
   Breakfast, Dinner
- Included Activities
   Dalyan Boat Trip
   Mud Bath
   Iztuzu Beach
- Optional Activities Mudbath Iztuzu Beach
- Entrance Fees
   Mud Bath 50 TL
   Iztuzu Beach 20 TL

# Day 9 : Fethiye, Pamukkale

It's time to get your cameras out, because today is a photographer's dream! Today we will visit Pamukkale, or 'cotton castle' in Turkish. Pamukkale is a natural site that contains hot springs and travertine, giving the appearance of terraces made by carbonate minerals left by the flowing water. Spend time bathing in its pools, or explore the natural and unusual landscape.

- Accommodation Hierapark Hotel - 5 Star
- Meals Included Breakfast, Dinner
- Included Activities
   Sightseeing of Pamukkale White Terraces
- Entrance Fees Pamukkale White Terraces - 700 TL

# Day 10 : Pamukkale, Cappadocia

Today we sit back and relax on the coach, as we head to Cappadocia. Watch the amazing Turkish scenery unfold before us and see small towns and villages as we pass on by. In the afternoon, we will visit Derinkuyu Underground City, a city complete with a church, wells, food stores, and even stables which is all located 60m under the ground. End the day with an optional traditional Hamman (Turkish bath).

- Accommodation Avrasya Hotel - 4 Star
- Meals Included
   Breakfast, Dinner
- Included Activities
   Sightseeing of Derinkuyu Underground City
   Sightseeing of Ihlara Valley
- Optional Activities Turkish Bath Experience - 30 EUR
- Entrance Fees
   Derinkuyu Underground City 300 TL

# Day 11 : Cappadocia

Rise and shine, it will be an early start for our optional sunrise hot air balloon ride over the stunning landscapes and fairy chimneys of Cappadocia. Or if preferred enjoy a leisurely start to the morning before we all fill up on breakfast. We will explore the UNESCO World Heritage listed Göreme, and tick off bucket list sights along the way including Göreme Musuem, Pigeon Valley, Uchisar and Cavusin. In the afternoon we will visit local handicraft manufacturers and learn about traditional art. Tonight get your dancing shoes on for our optional Turkish night.

- Accommodation Avrasya Hotel - 4 Star
- Meals Included Breakfast, Dinner
- Included Activities
   Goreme Open Air Museum Visit
   Sightseeing of Cavusin
   Sightseeing of Pigeon Valley
   Sightseeing of Uchisar

- Optional Activities
   Turkish Night Show 35 EUR
   Hot Air Balooning 290 EUR
- Entrance Fees Goreme Open Air Museum - 480 TL

### Day 12 : Cappadocia, Ihlara, Istanbul

This morning we visit the dramatically beautiful Ihlara Valley before departing for Istanbul where we arrive late in the evening.

- Accommodation
   Orka Royal Hotel 4 Star
- Meals Included
   Breakfast

#### Day 13 : Istanbul to Athens

Our trip will end after we say goodbye to our new friends over breakfast, bid you safe travels, and check-out of the hotel (11:00am). Please tax a taxi the airport for your flight to Athens.

Welcome to Greece! On arrival at Athens Airport, please catch a taxi to your hotel. Reminder of the day is free to explore the Greek capital.

- Accommodation The President Hotel - 4 Star
- Meals Included Breakfast
  - Included Activities
     Welcome Meeting
  - Optional Activities
     Group Dinner

#### Day 14 : Athens

Let's start our tour in Athens, one of the world's oldest cities with history spanning back over 3000 years and is considered the birthplace of Western Civilization. Take a step back in time and explore an amazing array of historical and cultural sites in our city tour including: the National Library, the Academy, Constitutional Square and Parliament, The Temple of Zeus, and of course, the iconic Parthenon and Acropolis. The night is free for you to explore more of this incredible city.

- Accommodation
   The President Hotel 4 Star
- Meals Included
   Breakfast
- Included Activities
   Athens City Tour
- Entrance Fees Acropolis - EUR 20

#### Day 15 : Mykonos

Rise and shine, we have an early start to catch the ferry from Athens to Mykonos. In the afternoon, we explore Mykonos town, and its white washed houses.

- Accommodation
   Giannoulaki Hotel 4 Star
- Meals Included Breakfast
- Included Activities
   Orientation Walk in Mykonos Town
- Optional Activities
   Group Dinner

#### Day 16 : Mykonos

The day is yours to soak up the sunshine, swim in the sea or chew through your memory card taking pics of cute windmills and quaint streets. Or discover the birthplace of Apollo by taking an optional tour to Delos Island. Tonight, hit the bars and restaurants and dance the night away!

- Accommodation
   Giannoulaki Hotel 4 Star
- Meals Included
   Breakfast
- Optional Activities
   Delos Island Tour EUR 50

#### Day 17 : Mykonos

Make the most of your free day in Mykonos today! Discover charming hidden gems of the famed island, enjoy golden sands of vibrant beaches, taste local recipes at a traditional tavern... Your options are endless!

- Accommodation Giannoulaki Hotel - 4 Star
- Meals Included
   Breakfast

#### Day 18 : Mykonos, Ios, Santorini

Today we sail to los for a marvellous day under the Mediterranean sun. Get orientated on a walking tour around los with your tour leader, see its golden beaches and characteristic Aegean houses set on the hilltop. In the afternoon, we go to magical Santorini.

- Accommodation
   New Haroula Hotel 3 Star
- Meals Included Breakfast
- Included Activities
   Orientation Walk in Ios and Santorini

#### Day 19 : Santorini

Today, we will wander through the town of Fira to get our bearings. See why the blue door houses and white church domes make Santorini the iconic postcard town of Greece. Santorini is formed from volcanic activity, and from the caldera witness the most epic sunset and breath-taking views. Spend the evening at your leisure in Santorini with fascinating views at your backdrop.

- Accommodation
  - New Haroula Hotel 3 Star
- Meals Included
   Breakfast
- Optional Activities
   Quad Biking EUR 35-55
   Wine Tasting EUR 30

#### Day 20 : Santorini

We've got a free day today. Relax on the red or black sand beaches, wander the streets and browse through the shops of the main town or take an optional quad biking tour. Explore the island's volcano and check out an active crater and hot springs in our optional volcano tour. The choices are endless!

- Accommodation
   New Haroula Hotel 3 Star
- Meals Included
   Breakfast
- Optional Activities
   Volcano Tour EUR 20

#### Day 21 : Santorini, Athens

Raise the anchor, today we are departing by ferry for our final stop, Athens. Tick off any last-minute sightseeing and soak up all that Greece has to offer.

- Accommodation The President Hotel - 4 Star
- Meals Included
   Breakfast

# Day 22 : Depart Athens, Fly to Australia

Our trip will end here (11:00am) in Athens. Fill up on your last breakfast and say goodbye to ancient Greece. Make your own way to the airport for flights to Australia.

• Meals Included Breakfast

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