

# ***DELIGHTS OF TURKEY TOUR***



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Turkiye Tour with Premium Hotels & Flights

Duration: 13 days

Stay: 11 nights hotels, Overnight flights

Travel style: Escorted coach tour with flights from Australia

Booking code: TURTDG13M

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# 13 Days Turkey Delights Escorted Coach Tour

## About the holiday

The history and wonders of Turkey come to life on this escorted tour!

Visit Istanbul's great sights and lively bazaars. Tour the 4000-year-old city of Troy and the kingdom of Pergamum that dates back to the 4<sup>th</sup> century. View the cascading thermal pools at Pamukkale and UNESCO World Heritage-listed Hierapolis. Enjoy time exploring the dreamlike landscapes of Cappadocia, learn about the founder of the first Turkish Republic in Ankara and much more.

Appreciate the comfort of first class hotels along with the convenience and security of travelling with an escorted group. An experienced guide looks after you throughout, to make sure you get the most out of the amazing journey!

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

Enjoy the comfort of 4- & 5-star accommodation during the trip

There is the ideal balance of included activities & time to explore at your leisure

Stay in Istanbul, Canakkale, Izmir, Antalya, Cappadocia & Ankara

Flexibility to add optional tours of Ephesus, Whirling Dervishes or a balloon ride

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

## Travel dates

**2024 & 2025-** Departs regularly from April to October

*Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price may vary depending on your travel date. Please contact us for available dates & travel at other times of the year.*

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## Escorted tour includes:

- International return economy class flights to Istanbul
  - Fly from Australia capital cities with checked luggage
- 11 nights First Class accommodation in 4- to 5-star hotels
  - 3 nights Istanbul
  - 1 night Canakkale
  - 2 nights Izmir
  - 2 nights Antalya
  - 2 nights Cappadocia
  - 1 night Ankara
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Hotel portorage
- 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
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring

## Package excludes:

Airport transfers - transfers can be pre-booked on request for a fee

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

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 hotels, tour company & local operators.***

***Prices may vary depending on travel dates & departure city.***

***Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.***

## Experiences on tour & highlights:

- Discover Istanbul's extraordinary sights including Topkapi Palace and the Hippodrome
- Tour the classical 4000-year-old city of Troy immortalized in Homer's epic poem, *The Iliad*
- Explore Pergamum, a kingdom dating back to the 4th century, home to the Roman centre of Asklepion
- Visit Hierapolis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- View the thermal pools at Pamukkale's "cotton castle" of cascading snow-falls
- Tour the Mausoleum of Kemal Ataturk, founder and first president of the Turkish Republic

## Itinerary:

### DAY 1, Monday - Depart for Turkey

### DAY 2, Tuesday - Arrive in Istanbul

Arrive in Istanbul, at the crossroads of Europe and Asia and make your own way to the hotel (transfer can be pre-booked for an additional fee). Balance of the day is at leisure. Your tour will begin with an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager at approximately 7:30 PM, followed by a light dinner. We recommend that you select flights which arrive no later than 4 PM

**Overnight:** Istanbul

**Meals:** Dinner

### DAY 3, Wednesday - Morning City Tour of Istanbul

Embark this morning on a tour\* of Istanbul, the only city that straddles two continents. Your tour includes the newly restored Blue Mosque, showcasing an impressive combination of blue Iznik tiles and intricate stonework. Then, visit St. Sophia, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This great Byzantine Basilica was built in the 6th century, and was later converted to a mosque. Afterward head to the Hippodrome, the place where chariot races and competitive athletic events took place during the Roman period. Conclude with a visit to Topkapi Palace, residence of Ottoman Sultans housing the richness of 700 years

*\*Due to traffic congestion the order of sightseeing may change*

**Overnight:** Istanbul

**Meals:** Breakfast

### DAY 4, Thursday - Spice Market, Troy, Drive to Canakkale

This morning, head to the lively Spice Market with its unforgettable aromas. Afterward, depart Istanbul and drive towards the city of Canakkale. Proceed to the classical city of Troy.

Tour this 4000-year-old city and legendary centre of the Trojan War, made immortal by Homer's epic poem The Iliad. Arrive and check into the hotel with free time before dinner

**Overnight:** Canakkale

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

#### **DAY 5, Friday - Pergamum, Drive to Izmir**

This morning, drive to Pergamum, a powerful kingdom during the ancient Hellenistic period, and visit the Asclepion, the ancient Roman spa centre. Enjoy lunch in a local village before continuing to Izmir, a city believed to be the birthplace of Homer, where you will arrive in the late afternoon

**Overnight:** Izmir

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### **DAY 6, Saturday - Full Day in Izmir**

Spend a full day at leisure in Izmir. 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. Following the tour, visit a leather factory to shop, or return to the hotel

**Optional:** Full Day Ephesus & House of Virgin Mary with Lunch

**Overnight:** Izmir

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

#### **DAY 7, Sunday - Necropolis & Hierapolis at Pamukkale**

Today, depart in the early morning from Izmir and drive to Pamukkale en route to Antalya where you will arrive in the evening. Visit the Necropolis and the ancient city of Hierapolis "Holy City", situated atop the Pamukkale hot springs, which together constitute a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Pamukkale hot springs have served as a thermal bath since the 2nd century B.C., primarily for the ailing and elderly, many of whom have retired here

**Overnight:** Antalya

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

#### **DAY 8, Monday - Full Day in Antalya**

Spend the day at leisure in Antalya. Founded by King Attalos of Pergamum as "Heaven on Earth," Antalya is an international resort city that has become a prime destination in Turkey. Join the *optional* Cruise by Wooden Boat & Antalya Archaeological Museum. Board a charming wooden boat and cruise along the beautiful coast. Take in the magnificent views of the rugged cliffs, hidden coves and golden sandy beaches.

After disembarkation, visit the Antalya Archaeological Museum with its artifacts dating back over 2500 years. Take a city tour of Antalya that includes Hadrian's Gate, the Clock Tower, city walls dating back to the 2nd century

**Optional:** Cruise by Wooden Boat & Antalya Archaeological Museum

**Overnight:** Antalya

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 9, Tuesday - Visit Caravanserai of Sultanhan en route to Cappadocia**

Depart for Cappadocia, visiting the magnificent Caravanserai of Sultanhan en route. Continue to Nevsehir in Cappadocia. Upon arrival in Cappadocia, visit a carpet atelier and watch a demonstration of carpet weaving. After, check into 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, Dinner

### **DAY 10, Wednesday - Full Day in Cappadocia**

Awake very early to participate in the *optional* hot air Balloon Ride that takes you soaring over the Cappadocian landscape with its fairy chimney rock formations. Cappadocia is home to rock-cut temples, ancient underground cities, and unparalleled landscapes. Spend the day at leisure or, join the *optional* full day Cappadocia tour. Visit the Open-Air Museum in the Goreme Valley to see the early Christian churches and the Ozkonak Underground City. Afterward, visit a carpet atelier and watch a demonstration of traditional Turkish carpet weaving. The tour ends at the village of Avanos, famous for its pottery-making tradition. Return to the hotel with free time before dinner tonight

**Optional:** Cappadocia Balloon Ride (AM)

**Optional:** Full Day Cappadocia

**Overnight:** Cappadocia

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 11, Thursday - Travel to Ankara, Mausoleum of Kemal Ataturk**

This morning, depart for Ankara, the capital 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, exhibits Anatolian archaeological artifacts, as well as artifacts from the Paleolithic Age to the present

**Overnight:** Ankara

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 12, Friday - Return to Istanbul**

Depart for Istanbul, arriving in 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 during dinner, bid farewell to your Tour Manager

**Optional:** Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise & Grand Bazaar (PM)

**Overnight:** Istanbul

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 13, Saturday - Depart Turkey**

This morning check out of the hotel, then make your own 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, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.**

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