

ESSENTIAL TURKEY TOUR



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Turkey Tour with Premium Hotels

Duration: 10 days

Stay: 9 nights hotels (4 & 5-star rating)

Travel style: Escorted coach tour

Booking code: TRKET10M

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10 Days Essential Turkey Tour

About the holiday

Combine the history, culture and natural wonders of Turkey in one escorted tour!

Discover welcoming traditions, together with countless unique travel experiences. Roam the incredible palaces, bazaars and mosques of Istanbul before cruising right between Europe and Asia. Then journey into the bizarre as you explore other-worldly Cappadocia and balloon over fairy-chimneys. Walk among the impressive ancient wonders of Pergamum and Ephesus, also marvel at the natural treasures of Pamukkale. Pay your respects for the fallen at the shores of Gallipoli before returning to Istanbul.

Appreciate the comfort of deluxe hotels, along with the convenience and security of travelling on an escorted group tour. 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...

There is the ideal balance of included activities & time to explore at your leisure
Tour Istanbul, Cappadocia, Pamukkale, Ephesus, Troy, Canakkale, Gallipoli & more
Travel with an English-speaking tour guide to make the most of your trip

Travel dates

Competition winner can choose a departure between 11 January to 29 March, 2025

Departures are subject to availability and confirmation at time of booking. Booking conditions apply.

Ask us about adding flights to Turkey or extending your holiday
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Escorted tour includes:

Accommodation - 9 nights in 4- & 5-star hotels

Meals - 9 breakfasts, 6 dinners

Transportation - Air-conditioned, modern coach or mini-bus.

Airport Transfer - From Istanbul Airport and Sabiha Gokcen Airport (on day 1)

Tour Guiding - Services of experienced guides licenced by the Ministry of Tourism.

Free Wi-Fi - Complimentary hotel Wi-Fi (where available)

Sightseeing - As per the itinerary (entrance fees not included)

Blue Mosque

Hagia Sophia

Topkapi Palace Museum

Derinkuyu Underground City

Goreme Open Air Museum

Cavusin

Pigeon Valley

Uchisar

Ihlara Valley

Pamukkale White Terraces

Ephesus Ancient City

Asklepion Ancient City

Troy Ancient City

Anzac Cove

Beach Cemetery

Lone Pine

Chunuk Bair

War Trenches

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

Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.

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Package excludes:

Flights to Turkey - contact us for the latest airfare deals

Airport transfer at end of the tour

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 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 and booking conditions apply.

Tour experiences & 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.
- Stay in hand-picked, centrally located and authentic 5 & 4-Star hotels and ride 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 and Cappadocia.
- Explore the well-preserved ruins of Ephesus delving into ancient times and soak in the gorgeous Library of Celsus.
- 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; however, some long rides are required to cover all these incredible places.

Itinerary:

DAY 1 : Arrive Istanbul

Welcome to Turkey! At the Istanbul airport terminal keep your eyes peeled for the local representative's 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, 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**
Group Dinner

Day 2 : Istanbul City Tour

After breakfast, we begin to explore the magical old town of Istanbul. 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 - 25 EUR
Topkapi Palace Museum - 1500 TL

Day 3 : Istanbul, Cappadocia

Today we sit back and relax in the coach. Watch the amazing Turkish scenery unfold before us and pass by small towns and villages. We'll drive through the capital city of Ankara before reaching Cappadocia. In the afternoon, visit Derinkuyu Underground City, complete with a church, wells, food stores and even stables all located 60m under the ground. End the day with an optional traditional Hamman (Turkish bath).

- **Accommodation**
Avrasya Hotel - 5 Star
- **Meals Included**
Breakfast, Dinner
- **Included Activities**
Sightseeing of Derinkuyu Underground City
- **Optional Activities**
Turkish Bath Experience - 30 EUR
- **Entrance Fees**
Derinkuyu Underground City - 13 EUR

Day 4 : 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 Museum, Pigeon Valley, Uchisar and Cavusin. Tonight, get your dancing shoes on for our optional Turkish Night.

- **Accommodation**
Avrasya Hotel - 5 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 Ballooning - 290 EUR
- **Entrance Fees**
Goreme Open Air Museum - 20 EUR

Day 5 : Cappadocia, Konya

It's time to hit the road to Konya, home of the famous whirling dervishes - members of the Sufism order. Along the way we will stop at Ihlara Valley, a unique honeycombed canyon with rock-cut underground dwellings and churches from the Byzantine period. You can relax and replay cherished moments of discovery at our overnight stay in Konya.

- **Accommodation**
Novotel Konya Hotel - 5 Star
- **Meals Included**
Breakfast, Dinner
- **Included Activities**
Sightseeing of Ihlara Valley

Day 6 : Konya, Pamukkale

Meet the diverse Turkish culture and its various facades today. Starting with an 8-century-old centre of education and architectural beauty, Karatay Madrasa, continue to the Museum and Mausoleum of Mevlana, also globally known as Rumi. Explore the ideas and works of the famous scholar, poet and theologian of the 13th century, whose teachings of understanding and acceptance have lived on to this day.

From cultural to natural wonders, we travel towards to the Cotton Castle of Turkey, Pamukkale. Your seat for dinner is already reserved at the hotel restaurant.

- **Accommodation**
Hiera Park Deluxe Hotel - 5 Star
- **Meals Included**
Breakfast, Dinner
- **Included Activities**
Sightseeing of Karatay Madrasa - 3 EUR
Mevlana Museum Visit

Day 7 : Pamukkale, Ephesus, Kusadasi

Get your cameras ready, as it is time to 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. The ancient city of Hierapolis was built on top of the white castle and people have bathed in its pools for thousands of years. Our next 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. We will sleep overnight in the seaside town of Kusadasi.

- **Accommodation**
Signature Blue Resort - 5 Star
- **Meals Included**
Breakfast, Dinner
- **Included Activities**
Sightseeing of Pamukkale White Terraces
Sightseeing of Ephesus Ancient City
- **Entrance Fees**
Pamukkale White Terraces - 30 EUR
Ephesus Ancient City - 40 EUR

Day 8 : Kusadasi, Troy, Canakkale

After breakfast we will depart for ancient city of Troy. 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. We stay overnight in Canakkale and you'll have the evening to relax.

- **Accommodation**
Kolin Hotel - 5 Star
- **Meals Included**
Breakfast, Dinner
- **Included Activities**
Sightseeing of Troy Ancient City
- **Entrance Fees**
Troy Ancient City - 27 EUR

Day 9 : Canakkale, Gallipoli, Istanbul

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. In the afternoon, we will drive back to where our adventure began, Istanbul.

- **Accommodation**
Legacy Ottoman Hotel - 5 Star
- **Meals Included**
Breakfast
- **Included Activities**
Sightseeing of Anzac Cove
Sightseeing of Beach Cemetery
Sightseeing of Lone Pine
Sightseeing of Chunuk Bair
Sightseeing of War Trenches

Day 10 : Depart Istanbul

Today we say goodbye to our new friends over breakfast and check-out of the hotel by 11:00am.

Meals Included

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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