

# ***TREASURES OF TURKEY TOUR***



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## Turkey Tour with Premium Hotels

Duration: 15 days

Stay: 14 nights hotels (5-star rating)

Travel style: Escorted coach tour

Booking code: TRKTC15M

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## About the holiday

Prepare for an unforgettable journey through Turkey, where the rich patchwork of Turkish culture seamlessly bridges the continents of Europe and Asia.

Begin your adventure by immersing yourself in the grandeur of Istanbul, where opulent palaces, majestic mosques and bustling bazaars await your exploration. For those seeking serenity and rejuvenation, the pristine beaches of Fethiye offer an oasis of calm. Then, venture into the surreal landscapes of Cappadocia, where you'll marvel at the towering fairy-chimneys and lunar-like terrain.

Surrender to the natural allure of Pamukkale, where the cascading terraces of calcium-rich waters create a mesmerizing spectacle. From tasty kebabs to decadent desserts, savour the exquisite flavours of Turkish cuisine as you dine like royalty, surrounded by the opulence and splendour of the Ottoman Empire.

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

Enjoy the comfort & ease of a group tour, with a maximum of 20 travellers

This premium tour is packed with inclusions, even restaurant tipping is covered

Tour Istanbul, Gallipoli, Izmir, Pamukkale, Fethiye, Antalya, Cappadocia & more

You'll be looked after all the way by an expert Travel Director

## Travel dates

**2024 & 2025** - Departs select Saturdays, contact us for your preferred date

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

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### **Escorted tour includes:**

**Airport Transfers** - Complimentary private airport transfers on arrival & departure

**Accommodation** - 14 nights in 5-star hotels

**Meals** - 14 breakfasts, 13 dinners

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

Ferry across the Dardanelles from Eceabat to Canakkale

Bosphorous cruise in Istanbul

Domestic flight between Cappadocia & Istanbul

**Travel Director** - Local & expert Travel Director throughout the tour

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

**Sightseeing** - As per the itinerary with entrance fees included

**Luggage Service** - Seamless baggage handling, delivered to your room at every hotel

**Free WiFi** - Complimentary hotel internet access (where available)

**Gratuities & Fees** - All tips at the hotels & restaurants

Includes all taxes & portorage fees

### **Package excludes:**

Flights to Turkey - contact us for the latest airfare deals from Australia

Visa fees (if required)

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.*

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## Itinerary:

### Day 1 : Arrive 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 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 a group dinner, make sure to leave room for delicious desserts.

- **Accommodation**  
Hilton Hotel Borphorus
- **Optional Activity**  
Group Dinner

### 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. Enjoy some personal leisure time in the old town, discover hidden gems 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.

- **Accommodation**  
Hilton Hotel Bosphorus
- **Meals Included**  
Breakfast, Dinner

### **Day 3 : Istanbul - Gallipoli**

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 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.

- **Accommodation**  
DoubleTree by Hilton Canakkale
- **Meals Included**  
Breakfast, Dinner

### **Day 4 : 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 Asklepiion 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.

- **Accommodation**  
Izmir Marriott Hotel
- **Meals Included**  
Breakfast, Dinner

### **Day 5 : 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.

- **Accommodation**  
Doga Thermal Health & Spa
- **Meals Included**  
Breakfast, Dinner

### **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, starting our all-inclusive (food & local beverages) stay at this summer paradise.

- **Accommodation**  
Jiva Beach Resort
- **Meals Included**  
Breakfast, Dinner

### **Day 7 : Fethiye & Saklikent**

Wear your walking shoes and keep your cameras ready. On a breath-taking excursion to Saklikent 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.

- **Accommodation**  
Jiva Beach Resort
- **Meals Included**  
Breakfast, Dinner
- **Optional Activities**  
Paragliding - approx. \$190

## **Day 8 : Fethiye & Dalyan**

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**  
Jiva Beach Resort
- **Meals Included**  
Breakfast, Dinner

## **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.

- **Accommodation**  
Ramada Plaza Antalya
- **Meals Included**  
Breakfast, Dinner

## **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.

- **Accommodation**  
Ramada Plaza Antalya
- **Meals Included**  
Breakfast, Dinner

## **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 and replay cherished moments of cultural discovery before we go out for dinner.

Alternatively, you may join a live show of whirling dervishes to witness the unique divine ritual, an unforgettable experience.

- **Accommodation**  
Dedeman Konya Hotel
- **Meals Included**  
Breakfast, Dinner
- **Optional Activity**  
Whirling Dervishes - Approx EUR 30

### **Day 12 : Konya - Cappadocia**

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. 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.

- **Accommodation**  
DoubleTree by Hilton Avanos
- **Meals Included**  
Breakfast, Dinner

### **Day 13 : Cappadocia & Goreme Open-Air Museum**

Rise early to join the hot-air balloon experience, 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.

- **Accommodation**  
DoubleTree by Hilton Avanos
- **Meals Included**  
Breakfast, Dinner
- **Optional Activities**  
Hot Air Ballooning - Approx EUR 290
- Turkish Night - Approx EUR 40

#### **Day 14 : Cappadocia - Istanbul**

Today, we take a short flight to Istanbul. Arriving at your Istanbul hotel in the afternoon, haggle your way through the famous Grand Bazaar to find the perfect souvenir for your loved ones and yourself!

- **Accommodation**  
Hilton Hotel Bosphorus
- **Meals Included**  
Breakfast, Dinner

#### **Day 15 : Depart 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). Complimentary airport transfers are available all day, have a safe and smooth journey!

- **Meal 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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