

Cappadocia

# Welcome to Turkey



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Turkey wraps you up and pulls you in with it's amazing food, beautiful beaches and striking architecture. For me it's the atmosphere that makes a trip here worthwhile, from the exotic Grand Bazaar and Blue Mosque, to the walled Topkapi Palace. Turkey also has vast open spaces and massive mountain ranges with fertile valleys, something to captivate all types of travellers. Take a Balloon flight at sunrise over Cappadocia and admire one of the world's most ancient and stunning landscapes.

Let us share the history and culture of Turkey with you so you can experience the warmth and generosity it has to offer.

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## Hassle-Free Choice

Select from a wide range of travel styles and meticulously organised itineraries sure to suit every taste.

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We are accredited ATAS, the Australian Federation of Travel Agents scheme, proud members of the Australian Federation of Travel Agents (AFTA) and Council of Australian Tour Operators (CATO).

# Full Support

Our local supplier in Turkey is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to our customers for attentive, responsive service. Our travellers return satisfied after every trip due to our helpful team both in Australia and Turkey.

## **Destination Guides**

Should you wish to travel to any of our other destinations please refer to our comprehensive range of travel brochures available in print and online on our website.

## Safe & Easy Booking

Start your trip of a lifetime with a simple phone call or email to your preferred travel agent or us. The cost of your holiday is locked in with a deposit protecting you against exchange rate fluctuations.

## Credit Cards Accepted

We accept payment by travellers Visa and Mastercard.



# A very special Experience awaits you

We have Turkey completely covered with a selection of travel styles and itineraries to suit everyone. All of our programs include special deals with hand-pick hotels, tours, transfer and cruise providers, which makes our Turkish packages perfect for travellers interested in value for money and those looking for a wonderful experience.

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#### Istanbul

Our specially designed Istanbul city stays showcase the best of the Turkish capital and its hidden gems. We offer a selection of programs including must see as well as exclusive experiences. Istanbul packages in combination with Gallipoli visit also available. See from page 34

# **Small Group Tours**

Our large selection of small group coach tours with guaranteed departures with min 2 people are very cost effective. They offer comfortable way of exploring the whole or part of Turkey in an air-conditioned bus with an English speaking only professional guides. Our guides chosen for their knowledge and experience with Australian travellers. Hotels are hand picked and are minimum 4 star and in many cases 5 star offering great facilities and are usually conveniently located.

# One Way Tours

Perfect for those who only wish to visit select areas of Turkey starting in one place and finish in the other. These packages can also be combined together or with other packages, including cruises to Greece.

#### **Gulet Cruises**

A relaxing yacht holiday typical in the south of Turkey's Mediterranean coast where accommodation is provided in basic cabins with a local crew. We offer regular departures as well as private charter. See from page 28

# Self-Drive Programs

For those who wish to visit Turkey and travel independently as offer range of self-drive programs. There is also possibility to tailor make a journey to match your exact wishes.

#### **Private Tours**

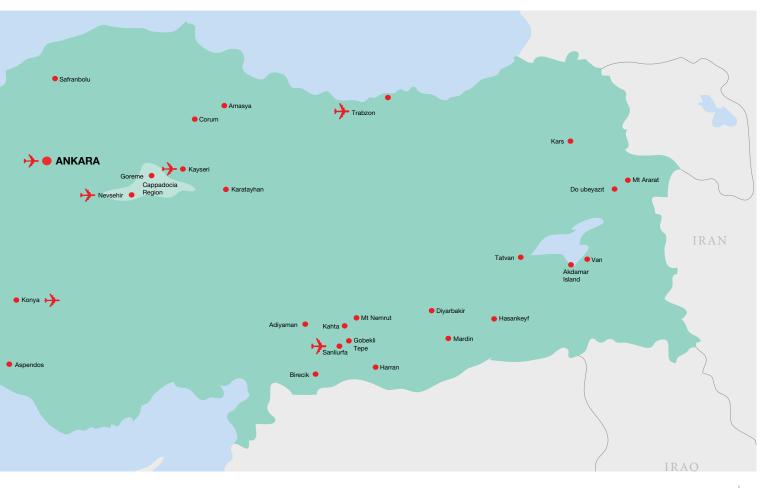
Our private tours are more comprehensive and provide endless option as well as highest level of comfort. All private tours can be modified for any duration, standard of accommodation and can include additional meals and unique experiences if desired. See from page 24

# Create your own Trip

Our Turkey is infinitely flexible. Travelers can choose the duration, standard of accommodation, transportation and destinations. With the help of our knowledgeable, experienced Travel Concierges, you can craft a tailored combination of hotels and resorts, day tours, multi-day couch tours, and even cruises.

# Turkey to Greece Series

There's no need to limit yourself to one country with our Turkey to Greece itineraries. Combine tours and programs in both countries to experience the best of Turkey and Greece including island hopping, flights, cruises, and much more. Due to space limitation only most popular packages are presented but we can customise any program to suite your needs based on required duration, budget and places of interest. See from page 30.



# Touring in Turkey

# Comfort & Convenience

Touring is the best way to see it. You can choose from a selection of private as well as escorted coach tours of various durations and group size. Our escorted coach tours offer an efficient and relaxing way of travelling and let you enjoy the scenery in luxury and comfort while someone else keeps an eye on the road. All the planning and research has already been done for you and tailored into an itinerary that ensures you visit the must-see destinations in Turkey and many more of its secrets along the way. The vehicles used are usually Mercedes Minivans, if group is less than 11 people, 26 seater Minibus for groups 12 to 16 and large comfortable buses for groups over 17. Vehicles with free WiFi are available on some tours. All our escorted coach tours are in English only and all departures are guaranteed with just 2 people.



# Our Amazing Guides

We take extreme pride in the fact that our professional local tour guides who escort our tours are among the best and most experienced guides in Turkey. They understand the needs of Australian travellers. Benefit from the wealth of knowledge of our guides who are eager to share it with you. Best of all, our guides can help make sure your holiday is as stress-free and relaxing as possible. Let us show you the best Turkey has to offer while you sit back, relax and soak up the beautiful scenery passing by. All our tours are English only and guaranteed departures with 2 people.

# Quality Accommodation

We offer a wide range of hotels In Turkey. Our hotels are conveniently located and have staff who provide friendly and helpful service. They understand the needs of our Australian clientele, and in our view, represent the best value for money. By selecting one of our hotels you can be sure that you will stay at a hotel that many of our previous clients have used and were happy with. For private tours we can hand pick hotels for each individual request. For escorted tours we offer four or five star hotels and with some tours boutique style hotels that are not used for larger coach tours. With each tour we provide the name of the hotel so you know exactly where you will be staying during the tour.



# Glories of Turkey

#### **Departs:** Selected Thursdays

#### Day 1 Thu: Istanbul

Arrive in Istanbul and transfer to your hotel. Welcome briefing in the evening. Overnight Conrad (Deluxe) or Movenpick Istanbul Hotel (FC).

#### Day 2 Fri: Istanbul-Sightseeing

Full day tour of Istanbul which includes Hagia Sophia Church (Museum). This masterpiece of Byzantine architecture is one of the most extraordinary buildings in the history of architecture. Also visit Topkapi Palace, Blue Mosque, Grand Bazaar and Hippodrome where chariot

Gallipoli Troy Canakkale Ankara Cappadocia Pergamum Izmir Ephesus Pamukkale Konya Perge Kos Antalya Aspendos

races and competitive athletic events took place during the Roman period. Optional dinner with belly dancing and entertainment. Overnight Istanbul. (B)

#### Day 3 Sat: Istanbul-Gallipoli-Canakkale

In the morning, drive to Tekirdağ city and visit Barbare Vineyard. Learn about wine making, tour the vineyard and indulge in fine wines. Then depart for Gallipoli, the site of many battles during WWI. Visit Anzac Cove, Lone Pine Cemetery and Chunuk Bair, then overnight near Gallipoli. Caeli Hotel (Deluxe) or Kolin Hotel (FC). (B)

#### Day 4 Sun: Canakkale-Troy-Pergamum-Izmir

Visit Troy founded by Ilus the son of Tros in 3000 BC. Today at the site there stands a symbolic wooden horse that was built to commemorate the legendary war. Continue the tour by driving to Pergamum, the rival city of Ephesus and the capital of the rich Pergamum Kingdom before the Roman Empire. Today lunch will be held in a local village in Pergamum, village people will greet guests and lunch will be held in their houses. After lunch guests will be able to walk around the village and see the true village life in Turkey. After lunch visit Asclepion Ancient Medical Center. Continue to Izmir for overnight at Swiss Grand Ephesus (Deluxe) or Kaya Thermal (FC). (B, L)

#### Day 5 Mon: Izmir-Ephesus & St Mary's House-Izmir

Tour the famous ruins of Ephesus one of the best-preserved ancient cities in the world. During the Roman era Ephesus was an extremely wealthy city, known worldwide as a city of trade, art, entertainment and finance. Then visit St Mary's cottage, it is said that the Virgin Mary spent her last years here and that St. John the Evangelist came here to look after her. Continue to a regional rug production center to have a firsthand experience of this unique art form. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

#### Day 6 Tue: Izmir-Bodrum

Morning departure for Bodrum. Start an explorative tour of the wonderful city of Bodrum on foot. Visit Castle of Saint Peter and the renowned Underwater Museum. Dinner and overnight at The Marmara Hotel (deluxe) or Ramada Resort (FC). (B)

#### Day 7 Wed: Bodrum

Day at leisure. There is the choice of an optional day tour to Greek island of Kos, known for its abundant sandy beaches. Kos is rich with Greek and Roman landmarks. Overnight in Bodrum. (B)

#### Day 8 Thu: Bodrum-Pamukkale

Drive through fertile valleys to Pamukkale. Meaning 'cotton castle', it is a natural site of limestone that cascades down the mountain. The ancient city of Hierapolis was built on top of the white 'castle', and you can still see the ruins of the city. Visit ruins of Roman health spa of Hierapolis and enjoy a swim in your hotel's thermal pool. Overnight at Doga Thermal Health and Spa (Deluxe) or Adempira Hotel (FC). (B, D)

#### Day 9 Fri: Pamukkale-Antalya

After breakfast, depart for Antalya, a resort city and gateway to Turkey's southern Mediterranean region, known as the Turquoise Coast for its blue waters. Remnants remain from Antalya's time as a major Roman port, including Hadrian's Gate, built to honour the Roman emperor's visit in 130 AD and the 2nd century Hidirlik Tower, with its beautiful views of Antalya Bay. Dinner and overnight at Akra Antalya (Deluxe) or Double Tree (FC). (B, D)

#### Day 10 Sat: Perge-Aspendos-Antalya

This morning visit Perge and Aspendos. Rest of the afternoon at leisure to explore Antalia Roman past. Overnight In Antalya. (B, D)

#### Day 11 Sun: Antalya-Cappadocia

Early morning departure for Cappadocia. On the way visit 13th century Caravansaray and later visit underground city of Saratli. Dinner and overnight at unique Cave Style hotel Gamirasu (Deluxe), Utopia (FC). (B, D)

#### Day 12 Mon: Cappadocia

This morning there is the option for an early morning balloon tour over Cappadocia. Experience floating over the volcanic valleys and fairy chimneys as the sun rises over this unique landscape. After breakfast visit Avanos, Pasabagi, Red Valley and Goreme, the open air museum which is a monastic complex of rock churches and chapels covered with frescoes. Brief stop at a regional pottery workshop. Dinner at a special local restaurant to try traditional delicatessen. Optional Whirling dervishes performance. Overnight in Cappadocia. (B, D)

#### Day 13 Tue: Cappadocia-Ankara

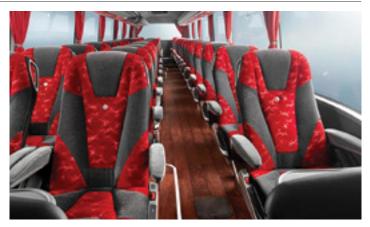
This morning, depart early for Turkey's capital city of Ankara. Enjoy an afternoon tour of the Ataturk Mausoleum and the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, that houses the most extensive and valuable collection of Hittite artifacts in the world, including those from the Old Hittite Kingdom, the Assyrian Trade Colonies, the Late Hittite kingdoms, the Phrygian and Urartian cultures. Enjoy dinner at a special local restaurant. Overnight in Ankara at the Ankara Sheraton Hotel (Deluxe) or Divan Ankara. (FC). (B, D)

#### Day 14 Wed: Ankara-Istanbul

After breakfast drive to Istanbul. Optional afternoon tour including a cruise on the Bosphorus with a visit to the exotic Spice Market. Tonight enjoy a farewell dinner with the rest of your tour group. Overnight in Istanbul at Conrad (Deluxe) or Movenpick Bosphorus (FC). (B, D)

#### Day 15 Thu: Istanbul

After breakfast transfer to Istanbul Airport. (B)



Luxurious Business Class Seats



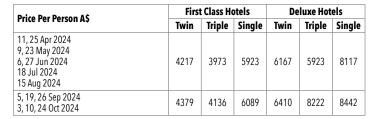
Doga Thermal Health & Spa



Gamirasu Hotel

#### **HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- Luxurious Small Group tour (max 22 People) with English speaking guide
- Transportation by A/C coach with Business class seating
- 14 nights accommodation choice of Deluxe or First class hotels
- Luggage handling
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Entrance fees, luggage handling, service charges and local taxes





A\$400 Per person (Deluxe) or A\$200 (First Class) Per person discount if paid by 31 Dec 2023

# Jewels of Turkey

#### **Departs:** Saturdays

Note: This tour can also start on Sundays with 1 night accommodation & sightseeing in Istanbul at the end instead of the beginning of the tour.

#### Day 1 Sat: Istanbul

Upon arrival you will be met by our representative and transferred to your Hotel. Rest of day at your own leisure. Overnight at Double Tree By Hilton Piyalepasa or similar.

#### Day 2 Sun: Istanbul

Full day guides tour of most fascinating sites of Istanbul. First stop is Topkapi

Palace, a setting for state occasions and royal entertainments of the Ottoman Sultans, then visit the famous Hagia Sophia as well the Sultan Ahmet Mosque. Known to many as the Blue Mosque, this practicing mosque gains its nickname from the thousands of blue tiles which adorn the interior. Afternoon visit to Spice Bazaar. Overnight at Doubletree by Hilton Piyalepasa. (B)

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#### Day 3 Mon: Istanbul-Gallipoli-Canakkale

Morning drive south to the Gallipoli peninsula with the Aegean Sea to the west and the Dardanelles straits to the east. Visit Anzac Cove, Nek, Chunuk Bair, and Lone Pine before crossing the Dardanelles by car ferry to Canakkale. Dinner and overnight at Kolin Hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 4 Tue: Canakkale-Troy-Pergamum-Kusadasi

This morning continue south to the legendary site of Troy, now known to all as the location where the Trojan War took place. Walk the same streets where the Hero Hector once strode. After crossing Mount Ida arrive to Pergamum. Explore this ancient city perched atop a high acropolis. See the ruined temples and amphitheatre before getting back onto the coach for the drive to Kusadasi. Overnight in Kusadasi at Charisma Deluxe (SC) or Casa Del Sole (FC). (B, D)

#### Day 5 Wed: Kusadasi-Ephesus-Sirince-Kusadasi

After breakfast visit Turkey's most famous site: Greco-Roman city of Ephesus. See the colonnaded streets, temples, tombs and even toilets. Continue on to the marvellous village of Sirince where we will be able to do shopping and taste delicious wines. Return to Kusadasi for overnight Charisma Deluxe (SC) or Casa Del Sole (FC). (B, D)

#### Day 6 Thu: Kusadasi-Pamukkale

This morning drive through the lush plains and cotton farms to Pamukkale. Enjoy

some free time at the lime cascades and discover the histories behind the ancient spa retreat of Hierapolis. Perhaps experience some of the delights the ancients felt while swimming in Cleopatra's pool. Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale at Adem Pira Hotel Pamukkale (SC) or Lycus River (FC) or similar. (B, D)

#### Day 7 Fri: Pamukkale-Koycegiz-Fethiye

Drive to the lakeside town Koycegiz, where we take a boat cruise to Turtle Beach and enjoy some pampering at the local mudbath. Continue to Fethiye for overnight at Marina Boutique Hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 8 Sat: Fethiye-Kayakoy-Oludeniz-Fethiye

Visit the Greek Village of Kayakoy. Once a thriving Greek town with over 1000 houses, two churches, 14 chapels and two schools, deserted when the 25,000 Greeks were repatriated to Greece. Explore the ghost town before driving on to Oludeniz for opportunity see the famed Blue Lagoon. Enjoy swimming in the crystal clear waters or sunbathing on the golden sandy beach. (B)

#### Day 9 Sun: Fethiye-Antalya

Today we will drive to Antalya. Take a walk in the Old Town featuring beautiful architecture and see the Hadrian Gate. Then also visit Duden Waterfalls in Lara. Overnight Antalya. (B)

#### Day 10 Mon: Antalya-Aspendos-Konya-Cappadocia

After breakfast departure to Konya, stopping enroute at Aspendos and view its majestic theatre. Upon arrival in Konya, tour the monastery of the Mevlana and his Whirling Dervishes. Visit the museum and learn the history behind this unusual dance and religion. Afternoon drive to Cappadocia via Seljuk a fine example of an ancient Silk Road. Overnight and dinner in Cappadocia at Crown Plaza Nevsehir (SC) or Burcu Kaya hotel (FC) or similar. (B, D)

#### Day 11 Tue: Cappadocia

Full day touring the unique region of Cappadocia known for its landscapes and Fairy Chimneys. First stop is to the Kaymakli underground city. One of the largest underground settlements, the tunnels and rooms are still used today for storage, cellars and stables. Continue on to the Open Air Museum at Goreme, a reminder of the Christians who once used the natural landscape to hide from the raiding Muslim parties. Finish the day with a visit to the natural fortress in Uchisar. Optional Turkish Folklore evening with dinner. (B)

#### Day 12 Wed: Cappadocia-Ankara-Safranbolu

Optional morning balloon ride to enjoy watching the sun rise from the air over the fantastic scenery below. After breakfast at the hotel, depart for Safranbolu via the capital of Turkey. Upon arrival in Ankara, visit the Mausoleum of the founder of the Republic of Turkey, Ataturk. Visit the museum detailing specific events of



Turkey's history. Continue on to the city named after Saffron, Safranbolu, which is still produced today, nearby. Dinner and overnight at a special category traditional hotel - Imren Lokum Konagı. (B, D)

#### Day 13 Thu: Safranbolu-Istanbul

Today enjoy a morning tour of the interesting UNESCO World Heritage Listed village of Safranbolu. Be sure to taste some of its famed Turkish Delight before the drive back to Istanbul. Upon arrival, enjoy an afternoon visit to the Grand Bazaar. Overnight in Istanbul at The Kent hotel in old town. (B)

#### Day 14 Fri: Istanbul

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer at 9am or 13:00 to Istanbul Airport airport. (B)

Price Per Person A\$	Fi	First Class (FC)			Special Category (SC)		
	Twin	Triple	Single	Twin	Triple	Single	
6 Jan; 3 Feb; 26 Mar 2024	2980	2843	4523	3337	3155	5034	
6, 13, 27 Apr 2024 4, 11, 25 May 2024 1, 8, 15, 22 Jun 2024 6, 13, 20, 27 Jul 2024 3, 10, 24, 31 Aug 2024 7, 14, 21, 28 Sep 2024 5, 12, 19 Oct 2024	3820	3605	5568	4266	4059	6260	
2 Nov; 14 Dec 2024 4 Jan; 1 Feb; 15 Mar 2025	3465	3288	5235	3889	3681	5860	



A\$200 (SC) or A\$100 (FC) Discount per room if paid by 31 Dec 2023

#### Black Sea Extension

#### Day 14 Fri: Instabul-Trabzon

After breakfast transfer to Istanbul airport for flight to Trabzon. Visit Sumela Monastery nestled into the side of rocks in a famous valley in Macka.The 1000-year-old Monastery of the Virgin Mary at Sumela is among the most impressive sights of Turkey's Black Sea coast. It's 35 to 45-minute hike uphill from the parking lot to the monastery entrance. The land around the monastery is now preserved as Altindere National Park. Transfer to Novotel Hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 15 Sat: Trabzon-Istanbul

After breakfast, transfer to airport for flight back to Istanbul. Transfer to hotel. Day at leisure. (B)

#### Day 16 Sun: Istanbul

After breakfast transfer to the Istanbul Airport at 09:00 or 13:00. (B)

- Small group coach tour, with free 4G wifi on board
- Transportation by A/C coach
- English speaking guide throughout
- 13 nights accommodation in four and five star class hotels
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Entrance fees, luggage handling, service charges and local taxes For the Black Sea Extension 16 Days domestic flights: Istanbul- Trabzon- Istanbul

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Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
6 Jan; 3 Feb; 26 Mar 2024	4035	3781	5490
6, 13, 27 Apr 2024 4, 11, 25 May 2024 1, 8, 15, 22Jun 2024 6, 13, 20, 27 Jul 2024 3, 10, 24, 31 Aug 2024 7, 14, 21, 28 Sep 2024 5, 12, 19 Oct 2024	5020	4728	6691
2 Nov; 14 Dec 2024	4635	4343	6306





# Charming Turkey

#### **Departs:** Fridays

#### Day 1 Fri: Istanbul

Upon your arrival, you will be met by our representative before transfer to your Hotel. Overnight Arena hotel old town.

#### Day 2 Sat: Istanbul Full Day tour

After breakfast at the hotel, a guided tour to Topkapi Palace, St. Sophia, Blue Mosque and the Grand Bazaar will commence. The day ends with an overnight stay in Istanbul. (B)

#### Day 3 Sun: Istanbul-Cappadocia After breakfast, transfer to airport for

flight to Kayseri. Upon arrival visit Turasan wine factory and enjoy tasting beautiful wines of Cappadocia. Then continue for an exciting jeep safari adventure in Cappadocia. Driving from Goreme to Cavusin through Love Valley, we'll make frequent photo stops en route. Arriving into Cavusin town walk up to the old city carved on to the rocks and see the Church of St. John the Baptist, one of the oldest cave churches in Cappadocia Next head to Ortahisar via the Rose Valley. After visiting the picturesque Ortahisar Castle continue to Uzengi Valley, our drive takes us along the brook bank, where we'll be able to see the pigeon houses carved into the rocks. Later we arrive into Mustafapasa Village (Sinasos), a former Greek town that was inhabited by the Greeks until the population exchange in 1924. After some relaxing time in the town

#### transfer to MDC Cave Hotel or Yusuf Yigitoglu in Cappadocia. (B, D) Day 4 Mon: Cappadocia Full Day tour

Early in the morning an optional Balloon tour is available. Then, full day excursion in Cappadocia including visits to the Kaymakli Underground City, Open Air Museum in Goreme and natural fortress in Uchisar. Lunch in a cave rest. to taste famous Pottery Kebap. Here, opportunity to discover and understand the rich history behind local handicrafts like hand-made carpets, Turkish tiles, onyx and potteries. Optional night tour with a Turkish show and dinner is available tonight. Overnight stay in Cappadocia. (B, L)

drive back to Goreme via Pancarlik, Pigeons and Babaccik valleys. After the tour

#### Day 5 Tue: Cappadocia-Konya-Pamukkale

Early departure for Pamukkale. On the way, visit the 13th century Seljukian masterpiece Sultanhan Caravanserai before arrival in Konya. After visiting the Mausoleum of Mevlana, we continue our drive to Pamukkale for an overnight stay at Adem Pira Hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 6 Wed: Pamukkale-Izmir

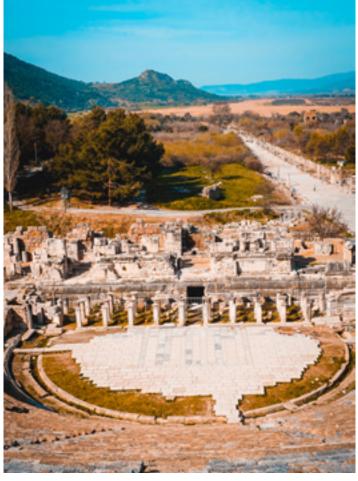
After breakfast, visit the ancient Hierapolis with the magnificent Necropolis, graveyard and the lime cascade. Thereafter, we continue our drive to Selcuk to visit Temple of Artemis "one of the seven wonders of the ancient world" then continue to Izmir for overnight at Kaya Prestige. (B, D)

#### Day 7 Thu: Izmir-Ephesus-Sirince-Izmir

Morning drive to Ancient city of Ephesus where we will visit its magnificent library, theater and temples. Lunch in nomadic tent in Selcuk to taste Turkish Gozleme Continue to marvelous village of Sirince where you be able to experience one of the most beautiful villages in Turkey. You can do shopping and taste delicious wines of the village. Return to Izmir for overnight stay. (B, L, D)







**Ephesus** 

#### Day 8 Fri: Izmir-Pergamum-Canakkale

Early departure for Bergama to visit the Asklepion with its well preserved remains before continuing to Troy; the site where the legendary Trojan War took place. Drive to Canakkale for an overnight stay at Kolin Hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 9 Sat: Canakkale-Gallipoli-Istanbul

After breakfast, cross the Dardanelles then continue to Gallipoli to visit Anzac Cove, Nek, Conk Bair, Lone Pine and 57th Regiment Memorial. Arrival in Istanbul for an overnight stay at Arena Hotel located in Old City. (B)

#### Day 10 Sun: Istanbul-Back Streets tour

We will start our tour from Spice Market area learning about spices which dominated Ottoman cuisine. We will try Turkish Delight and nuts. We will experience the smells and the colours of Istanbul. Then we will walk through Galata Bridge to Galata area. We will stop to taste sherbet (spice juice), nuts and baklava, one of the most popular desserts in Turkey. Galata district is coming a cultural center with design shops, heute culture designers, wine cellars, boutique hotel. We taste Turkish coffee, maybe sesame pretzel and roasted chestnuts on the way to Beyoglu. After arriving Beyoglu we will have the chance to taste fried mussels, mussel dolma, pickles etc. After the tour you will be transferred back to your hotel. (B)

#### Day 11 Mon: Return

After breakfast transfer to the Istanbul Airport at 09:00 or 13:00. (B)

- Small group coach tour, with free 4G wifi on board
- English speaking guide throughout
- Transportation by A/C coach 4-5\* star hotels in tour, Boutique style hotel in Istanbul, Cave style hotel in Cappadocia
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Economy class airfare Istanbul-Capadocia Entrance fees, luggage handling, service charges and local taxes
- Traditional food and local beverages tasting in Istanbul
- Jeep safari and wine tasting in Cappadocia

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
26 Apr 2024 3,10 May 2024 7, 21 Jun 2024 12 Jul 2024 16,13 Sep 2024 4 Oct 2024	4004	3850	5737



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# **Essence of Turkey**

### 11 Days

#### **Departs:** Sundays

#### Day 1 Sun: Istanbul

Transfer from Istanbul airport to hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Evening welcome briefing. Overnight Movenpick Bosphorus.

#### Day 2 Mon: Istanbul

Enjoy a full day tour including a visit to Topkapi Palace Museum, residence of the Ottoman Sultans between 1453–1852 (excluding Harem). Visit the Hippodrome, which was once the center of life where chariot racing and other public events took place. Tour the Blue



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#### Day 3 Tue: Istanbul-Ankara

This morning depart on an optional Bosphorus cruise and enjoy the strait that separates Asia and Europe. Its shores are lined with fine neighbourhoods, Ottoman palaces, fortresses, old wooden villas, hotels, parks and gardens, restaurants and cafés. The tour will be ended in Asian side and drive to the capital city Ankara for overnight at Divan Hotel or similar. (B, D)

#### Day 4 Wed: Ankara-Cappadocia

Today visit the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, a historic caravanserai holding artifacts from up to 7500 years old including the most extensive and valuable collection of Hittite artifacts in the world. Visit the Mausoleum of Ataturk, the father of modern Turkey. Drive to Cappadocia, touring a 13th century caravanserai enroute. Pay a visit to the under-ground city of Saratli, one of the many underground settlements built for protection and religious reasons. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant and join an optional Whirling Dervishes performance. Overnight in Cappadocia at Mustafa Hotel or similar (B, D)

#### Day 5 Thu: Cappadocia

Today we recommend an optional early morning hot air balloon tour to experience floating through volcanic valleys, fairy chimneys and caves at sunrise. After breakfast visit Goreme, a historical region of Turkey, located among the rock formations, which was first settled back in the Roman period. Many rock churches can still be seen today, as Christianity was then the prevailing religion in that region. Continue to the town of Avanos renowned for its high quality earthenware. Also visit Pasabagi, Red Valley and attend a brief regional pottery workshop in a cave. Overnight in Cappadocia. (B, D)

#### Day 6 Fri: Cappadocia-Pamukkale

After breakfast drive to Pamukkale. Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale. Overnight Adempira Hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 7 Sat: Pamukkale-Izmir

Morning visit the unique cotton fortress of Pamukkale, with its white lime cascades formed by mineral springs, and the ruins of the Roman health spa of Hierapolis. Proceed to Izmir for dinner and overnight at Kaya Thermal. (B, D)

#### Day 8 Sun: Izmir-Kusadasi-Ephesus-St. Mary's House-Izmir

Tour the famous ruins of Ephesus, an important cultural center of the ancient world, and explore 2,000 year-old marble streets, a theater, the Library of Celsius, a gymnasium and Hadrian's Temple. Take a short drive to see St. Mary's stone cottage where it is believed Virgin Mary spent her last years accompanied by St. John. Continue to a regional rug production center to have a firsthand experience of this unique art form. Join an optional afternoon tour of Sirince. Return to Izmir for overnight. (B, D)

#### Day 9 Mon: Izmir-Pergamum-Troy-Canakkale

Drive to Pergamum and visit the ancient Medical Center Asclepion. Continue to Troy with its famous wooden horse, best known for being the setting of the Trojan War and many cities built on top of each other. Continue to Canakkale for overnight at Kolin Hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 10 Tue: Canakkale-Dardanelles-Istanbul

In the morning depart for Gallipoli, the site of many battles WW1. Visit Anzac Cove, Lone Pine Cemetery and Chunuk, and then drive to Istanbul and visit the Grand Bazaar. Enjoy a Farewell Dinner. Overnight in Istanbul at Movenpick Bosphorus (B,D) **Day 11 Wed: Istanbul** 

After breakfast transfer to Istanbul airport. (B)

#### **HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- Regular Group Tour (max 40 People) with English speaking guide
- Transportation by A/C coach
- 10 nights accommodation choice of First class
- Luggage handling
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Entrance fees, luggage handling, service charges and local taxes

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
21 Jan; 11, 25 Feb 2024	2267	2186	3567
10, 24, 31 Mar 2024	2592	2511	3892
14, 21, 28 Apr 2024 12, 19, 26 May 2024 2, 9, 23 Jun 2024 7, 21 Jul 2024 4, 18 Aug 2024	2917	2836	4054
1, 15, 22, 29 Sep 2024 6, 13, 27 Oct 2024	3079	2998	4298
10, 24 Nov 2024 8, 22 Dec 2024 19 Jan, 9 Feb 2025	2673	2592	3973
9. 16. 23 Mar 2025	2917	2836	4054

Note: This tour is also available using moderate category hotel. Please contact us for rates.



A\$200 Per person discount if paid in full by 31 Dec 2023

# Classical Turkey

#### **Departs:** Fridays

Note: This tour can also start on Saturday or Sunday with Istanbul part at the end instead of the beginning of the tour.

#### Day 1 Fri: Istanbul

Upon arrival you will be met by our representative and transferred to hotel. Welcome briefing. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. Overnight at Avantgarde Levent Hotel, Istanbul.

#### Day 2 Sat: Istanbul

After breakfast at the hotel, a guided tour of Istanbul to Topkapi Palace home of the Ottoman Sultans, currently a

Gallipoli Canakkale Ankara Cappadocia Pergamum Izmir Ephesus Pamukkale Konya Selcuk Pamukkale Konya

museum reflecting the glory of Óttoman Empire, Sultans and their way of living, St. Sophia one of the most extraordinary buildings in the history of architecture and the fourth biggest Cathedral in the world with its 56m high dome. Complete exciting day admiring the Grand Bazaar and the Blue Mosque an impressive structure with its beautiful domes and semi domes, nice courtyards and six slender minarets and the Grand Bazaar. The day ends with an overnight stay in Istanbul. Overnight in Avantgarde Levent hotel. (B)

#### Day 3 Sun: Istanbul-Ankara-Cappadocia

After breakfast, depart for Ankara and visit Mausoleum of Ataturk and its Museum. This is the burial place of the national hero who founded modern Republic of Turkey. After a short stop depart for Cappadocia enjoying a picturesque trip along the Salt Lake. Late evening arrive in Cappadocia for overnight at MDC Cave Hotel or Yusuf Yigitoglu. (B, D)

Note: For those who wish to avoid long drive we offer possibilities to upgrade to flight from Istanbul to Cappadocia including additional transfers to and from airport.

#### Day 4 Mon: Cappadocia

Early in the morning an optional Balloon tour is available. After breakfast start fascinating tour of Cappadocia and its amazing rock formations. Walk through several levels of the underground city - hiding places of early Christians and admire Open Air Museum in Goreme with its eleven refectories, rock-cut churches, tables and benches dated from the 10th, 11th and 12th centuries. Lunch in a cave restaurant to taste famous pottery Kebap. Afternoon view the natural fortress in Uchisar - the highest peak in the region and the most prominent land formation of the region. The Uchisar Castle is a larger-than-life sculpture. Opportunity to discover and understand the rich history behind local handicrafts like hand-made carpets, Turkish tiles, onyx and potteries. In the evening optional Turkish show including dinner. Overnight stay in Dinler Urgup (Superior Hotel) or MDC Cave Hotel or Yusuf Yigitoglu. (B, L).

#### Day 5 Tue: Cappadocia-Konya-Pamukkale

Early departure for Pamukkale. On the way visit the 13th century Seljukian masterpiece Sultanhan Caravanserai, before arrival in Konya town known mostly as a home of Whirling Dervishes. After visiting the Mausoleum of Mevlana continue to Pamukkale for an overnight stay. Overnight at Adem Pira Hotel and opportunity to sample the effects of outdoor and indoor thermal pools of the hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 6 Wed: Pamukkale-Selcuk-Izmir

Today visit Pamukkale - white terraces of carbonate minerals left by the flowing water as well as ancient Hierapolis with the magnificent Necropolis. After lunch

break drive to Selcuk to visit remains of the Temple of Artemis 'one of the seven wonders of the ancient world' then overnight at Kaya Prestige. (B, D)

#### Day 7 Thu: Izmir-Ephesus-Sirince-Izmir

Morning drive to ancient city of Ephesus city founded by the female warriors known as the Amazons. Walk the 2000 year old marble streets while listening to the fascinating history of this ancient Greco-Roman city told by our guide. Visit the magnificent theatre, temples and library, one of the most beautiful structures in Ephesus. It was built in 117 A.D. as a monumental tomb for Gaius Julius Celsus Polemaeanus, the governor of the province of Asia. The grave of Celsus was beneath the ground floor, across the entrance and there was a statue of Athena over it because Athena was the goddess of the wisdom. Lunch in nomadic tent in Selcuk to taste Turkish Gozleme. Then, continue to traditional village of Sirince. Dinner and overnight at Kaya Prestige. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8 Fri: Izmir-Pergamum-Canakkale

Early departure for Pergamum. Visit the Asklepion the ancient medical center where ancient treatments included psychotherapy, massage, herbal remedies and the interpretation of dreams. The Asklepion was more like a modern spa than a hospital: therapy included mud and bathing treatments, music concerts, and doses of water from the sacred fountain. Continue to Troy the site where the legendary Trojan War took place. Dinner and overnight in Canakkale. Kolin Hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 9 Sat: Cannakkale-Gallipoli-Istanbul

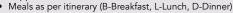
After breakfast cross the Dardanelles and continue to Gallipoli, the famous site where so many Australians lost their lives during the battles in 1915. Stop at Anzac Cove, the Nek, Chunuk Bair, Lone Pine, and see the 57th Regiment Memorial. Continue to Istanbul for overnight at Kent Hotel. (B)

#### Day 10 Sun: Istanbul

After breakfast transfer to the Istanbul Airport at 09am or 13:00. (B)

#### **HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- Small group coach tour with English speaking guide throughout
- Transportation by air conditioned coach with Wi Fi
- 9 Nights accommodation in first class hotels (choice of hotel in Cappadocia)



• Entrance fees, luggage handling, service charges and local taxes



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Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single	Twin	Triple	Single	
12 Jan; 9 Feb; 8, 22 Mar 2024	2202	2056	3034	2433	2372	3434	
5, 12, 26 Apr 2024 3, 10, 17, 31 May 2024 7, 14, 21, 28 Jun 2024 5, 12, 19 Jul 2024 2, 9, 16, 30 Aug 2024 6, 13, 20, 27 Sep 2024 4, 11, 18 Oct 2024	2772	2618	3735	3049	2849	4197	
1 Nov; 20 Dec 2024	2526	2356	3480	2795	2726	3942	

Supplement for upgrade to flight option on day 3: A\$500 per person. Includes: transfer to airport in Istanbul, economy class airfare to Cappadocia and transfer to hotel.





Fethiye

# Ottoman Highlights with Rhodes

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#### 17 Days

#### Denarts: Fridays

#### Day 1 Fri: Istanbul

Upon arrival you will be met by our representative and transferred to your Hotel. Rest of day at your own leisure. Overnight at luxurious Avantgarde Levent hotel.

#### Day 2 Sat: Istanbul

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a guided tour to Topkapi Palace, St. Sophia, Blue Mosque and the Grand Bazaar. The day ends with an overnight stay in Avantgarde Levent. (B)

#### Day 3 Sun: Istanbul-Ankara-Cappadocia

After breakfast, depart for Ankara to visit the Mausoleum of Ataturk and its Museum. This is the burial place of the national hero who founded the modern Republic of Turkey. Afterwards depart for Cappadocia. After a picturesque trip along the Salt Lake arrive in Cappadocia for an overnight stay at the MDC Cave Hotel or Yusuf Yigitoglu. (B, D)

#### Day 4 Mon: Cappadocia

Optional: Early morning Balloon Tour over Cappadocia. Afterwards enjoy a full day excursion through Cappadocia including visits to the Kaymakli Underground City, Open Air Museum in Goreme and natural fortress in Uchisar. Stop for lunch in a Cave Restaurant to taste the famous pottery kebabs. Discover and understand the rich history behind local handicrafts like hand-made carpets, Turkish tiles, onyx, and potteries. Optional evening Turkish show with dinner available. Overnight MDC Cave Hotel or Yusuf Yigitoglu. (B, L)

#### Day 5 Tue: Cappadocia-Konya-Pamukkale

Early departure for Pamukkale. visit the 13th century Seljukian masterpiece Sultanhan Caravanserai before arrival in Konya. After visiting the Mausoleum of Mevlana, continue to Pamukkale for an overnight at Adempira Hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 6 Wed: Pamukkale-Fethiye

After breakfast scenic drive to Fethiye known for its natural harbor, blue waters and numerous rock tombs including the 4th-century B.C. Rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight at Alesta Yacht. (B, D)

#### Day 7 Thu: Fethiye

After breakfast transfer to Fethiye Harbour to board a local motor boat. Enjoy the spectacular blue waters, sail pass by various islands on this trip, some that can only be seen from the boat. Our captain will stop on a few of them so there will be time for swimming and a lunch break. After the day on the water transfer back to hotel for overnight. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8 Fri: Fethiye

Day at leisure. Visit the famous beach at Ölüdeniz which is sheltered by a lagoon, and Butterfly Valley is a designated nature reserve or relax by the hotel pool. (B, D)

#### Day 9 Sat: Fethiye-Marmaris

After breakfast end of services or free transfer to Fethiye or Marmaris Port for embarkation on ferry to Rhodes. Upon arrival transfer to hotel in Rhodes. (B)

#### Day 10 Sun: Rhodes

Day at leisure. Explore town on foot or book an optional local sightseeing tour. Start your tour with a drive to Mount Smith, once the Acropolis of Ancient Rhodes. From the tumbled massive pillars of the Temple of Athena, the view encompasses the Temple of Apollo, the Stadium of Diagoras and the port. Entering the fortified city through the Amboise Gate, you shall continue your tour on foot, following your guide through the narrow, cobblestone streets. The most imposing building of medieval Rhodes, the Palace of the Grand Masters dominates the end of the street of the Knights. Built in the 14th Century, it astonishes you with its unique

architecture and an unrivalled patina of time. Walking down the street of the Knights and passing through numerous, colourful shops, one can admire the 15th Century Hospital of the Knights, which now houses the Archeological Museum. (B)

#### Day 11 Mon: Rhodes

Today we recommend optional tour to Symi island. At around 09:00 in the morning, the boat sets sail from Mandraki harbour to the beautiful island of Symi. After a relaxing cruise near the Greek and Turkish coastline we reach our first stop being the tiny cove of Panormitis, on the island of Symi. Here you can visit the very famous monastery of St Michael before sailing to the main harbour of Symi. Upon arrival, you will have time at leisure to explore the quaint shops in search for natural sea sponges and cooking spices or have lunch in one of the local taverns overlooking the harbour before returning back to Rhodes. The return to Mandraki harbour will be at approximately 17:30. Symi is one of the most picturesque and unspoilt of the Dodecanese Islands. (B)

#### Day 12 Tue: Rhodes-Marmaris-Pamukkale

Transfer to Rhodes port for ferry to Marmaris. On arrival transfer to Pamukkale for dinner at Adem Pira Hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 13 Wed: Pamukkale-Izmir

After breakfast, visit the ancient Hierapolis with the magnificent Necropolis, graveyard and the lime cascade. Afterwards continue the drive to Selcuk to visit Temple of Artemis 'one of the seven wonders of the ancient world' then continue to Izmir for overnight stay at Kaya Prestige Hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 14 Thur: Izmir-Ephesus-Sirince-Izmir

Morning short drive to Ancient city of Ephesus to visit its magnificent library, theatre and temples. Enjoy lunch in nomadic tent in Selcuk to taste Turkish Gozleme. Then, continue to the marvelolus village of Sirince to experience one of the most beautiful villages in Turkey. Do some shopping or taste the delicious wines of the village. Return hotel for overnight. (B, L, D)

#### Day 15 Fri: Izmir-Pergamum-Troy-Canakkale

Early departure for Pergamum to visit the Asklepion with its well preserved remains before continuing to the site where the legendary Trojan War took place. Continue to Canakkale for an overnight stay at Kolin Hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 16 Sat: Cannakale-Gallipoli-Istanbul

After breakfast, cross the Dardanelles then continue to Gallipoli to visit Anzac Cove, Nek, Chunuk Bair, Lone Pine and 57th regiment memorial. Continue to Istanbul for an overnight stay at Kent Hotel. (B)

#### Day 17 Sun: Istanbul

After breakfast transfer to the Istanbul Airport at 09am or 13:00. (B)

- Small group coach tour with English speaking guide while in Turkey
- Transportation by air conditioned coach with Wi Fi
- 16 nights accommodation in first class (4 star) Hotels
- Boat tour in Fethiye
- Meals as per itinerary
- Return ferry tickets Marmaris Rhodes
- Private return transfers in Rhodes
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Entrance fees, luggage handling, service charges

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
3, 10, 31 May 2024 7, 14, 21, 28 Jun 2024 5, 12 Jul 2024 2, 9, 16, 30 Aug 2024 6, 13, 20, 27 Sep 2024	5779	5478	8332



# Western Turkey Highlights

#### Day 1 Sat: Istanbul

On arrival transfer from Istanbul Atatürk airport to hotel. Tonight you have a welcome meeting in Doubletree by Hilton Piyalepasa Hotel.

#### Day 2 Sun: Istanbul

After breakfast at the hotel, we will have a full day guided tour including visits to: Topkapi Palace, Hippodrome Square - the place of the Roman races, Blue Mosque and the Grand Bazaar where you can purchase some incredible bargains. Continue to Hagia Sophia,



unquestionably one of the finest buildings of all time. Built by Constantine the Great, its immense dome rises 55m above the ground. This building has been a Cathedral, Catholic Church, Mosque and now Museum. Tour concludes with a visit to Spice Bazaar. Overnight at Doubletree by Hilton Piyalepasa. (B)

#### Day 3 Mon: Istanbul-Gallipoli-Canakkale

Morning departure to Gallipoli, which is most notable for the offensive waged by the Allies, including Australia and New Zealand, in World War I. Pay your respects at ANZAC Cove and visit The Nek, Chunuk Bair, Lone Pine and the 57th Regiment Memorial. Afterwards cross the Dardanelles and overnight in Canakkale at Kolin

#### Day 4 Tue: Canakkale-Troy-Pergamum-Kusadasi

#### Day 5 Wed: Kusadasi-Ephesus-Sirince-Kusadasi

This morning take a short drive to Ephesus, the most famous archaeological site in Turkey. See the 200 year old marble streets, Hadrian's Temple, Library of Celsus and gymnasium. Continue onto the village of Sirince to experience one of the most beautiful villages in Turkey. Sirince was settled when Ephesus was abandoned in the 15th century but most of what one sees today dates from the 19th century. Return to Charisma Deluxe for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

#### Day 6 Thu: Kusadasi-Pamukkale

After breakfast, drive through the meandering plains and cotton farms, arrive to Pamukkale to enjoy the beauty of the Lime Cascades. The city contains hot springs and travertines, terraces of carbonate minerals left by the flowing water. The underground water once gave life to the ancient city of Hierapolis. Transfer to Adempira Hotel in Pamukkale for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

#### Day 7 Fri: Pamukkale-Istanbul

After breakfast transfer to the airport for flight to Istanbul. On arrival in Istanbul end of service. (B)

- Small group coach tour with English speaking guide throughout
- Transportation by air conditioned coach with Wi Fi Economy flight from Pamukkule to Istanbul
- 6 nights accommodation in four to five star hotels
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Entrance fees, luggage handling, service charges and local taxes



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rive to Troy, a city well-known to both history and legend (as well as archaeology) is best known for being the setting of the Trojan War described in the Greek Epi		Twin	Triple	Single
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Afterwards the tour will cross the legendary Mount Ida and continue to Pergamum or visit the Acropolis. Dramatic perched atop a steep sided hill to the northeast of the modern city centre. Continue on to Kusadasi for dinner and overnight to Ramada Suites. Kusadasi is one of the most beautiful and famous places for eccreation and fun holidays. Today it is one of the most sophisticated holiday reson a Turkey. This pretty town attracts thousands of visitors from all over the world with smany sandy beaches, 300 sunny days in a year, and sparkling glassy water of the lue Aegean. Dinner and overnight at Charisma Deluxe. (B, D)	6, 13, 27 Apr 2024 4, 11, 25 May 2024 1, 8, 15, 22 Jun 2024 6, 13, 20, 27 Jul 2024 rts 3, 10, 24, 31 Aug 2024 h 7, 14, 21, 28 Sep 2024	3072	2895	3958
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**Ephesus** 

# Golden Triangle

# 6 Days

#### **Departs:** Daily

#### Day 1: Istanbul

On arrival transfer from Istanbul Atatürk airport to Yasmak Sultan Hotel (Superior) or Arena Hotel (Special). Day at leisure.

#### Day 2: Istanbul

Morning pick up from your hotel for a full day sightseeing tour of Istanbul. Visit sites including the Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace (Closed Tuesdays), Hagia Sophia (Closed Mondays), the Hippodrome and the Grand Bazaar where you can haggle for a Turkish bargain. In the evening we recommend Turkish Hamman in one of



the traditional old bath house that Istanbul is famous for. Overnight at Yasmak Sultan Hotel (Superior) or Arena Hotel (Special). (B)

#### Day 3: Istanbul-Cappadocia

Morning transfer to the airport for your short flight to Kayseri. Upon arrival drive to the Cappadocia region and during regular coach tour visit the Devrent, which reveals many different rock formations and is only a 10 minute drive from Goreme. The small fairy chimneys in the valley form a lunar landscape, or moonscape, by their strange look. The valley also has many intriguing animal shaped rocks. Drive to Pasabag (Monk's Valley) to see the most interesting mushroom-shaped pinnacles. Pasabag valley contains some of the most striking fairy chimneys in Cappadocia with twin and even triple rock caps. This style is unique even for Cappadocia and these fairy chimneys are named mushroom-shaped fairy chimneys. In the afternoon visit the Open Air Museum in Goreme where the remains of rock-cut churches date back hundreds of years. Overnight in Dinler Hotel (Superior) or Yusuf Yigitoglu Hotel (Special). (B, L, D)

#### Day 4: Cappadocia

After breakfast hike through the Rose Valley with visits to the churches, both with the beautiful painted decoration. Afterwards visit the old Christian village of Cavusin. Stop for lunch near Pigeons Valley and then continue to see Kaymakli Underground City. The houses in the village are constructed around the nearly one hundred tunnels of the underground city. The tunnels are still used today as storage areas, stables, and cellars. Then visit the Ortahisar natural rock castle. Overnight in Dinler Hotel (Superior) or Yusuf Yigitoglu Hotel (Special). (B, L, D)

#### Day 5: Cappadocia-Izmir-Kusadasi

Transfer to Kayseri airport for your flight to Izmir. Upon arrival transfer to Marina Hotel (Superior) or Efe Boutique (Special) in Kusadasi. Afternoon at leisure. (B, D) Day 6: Kusadasi-Ephesus-Izmir-Istanbul

Today enjoy a full day tour of Ephesus the best preserved classical city of the eastern Mediterranean. Visit Agora the ancient marketplace, the Temple of Hadrian dedicated to Emperor Hadrian, and the famous Celsus Library. Continue with a visit to the Virgin Mary's Cottage, where Mary is believed to have spent the last days of her life. Transfer to Izmir airport for flight to Istanbul. (B)

- Customised itinerary comprising regular day tours and individual services
- English speaking guide
- 5 nights accommodation
- Domestic Airfares Istanbul- Kayseri-Izmir-Istanbul Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Entrance fees, luggage handling, service and local taxes

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
<b>Superior 4 Star Hotels</b> Istanbul: Yas Kusadasi: Marina Hotel	mak Sultan. <i>Capp</i>	padocia: Dinler.	
1 Jan-15 Mar 2024	3043	2859	4119
16 Mar-31 Oct 2024	3298	3113	4543
<b>Special Category Hotels</b> <i>Istanbul:</i> A <i>Kusadasi:</i> Efe Butique	rena Hotel. Capp	adocia: Yusuf Yig	itoglu Hotel.
1 Jan -15 Mar 2024	3595	3326	4982
16 Mar-30 Jun; 1 Sep-31 Oct 2024	4232	4005	5846
1 Jul-15 Sep 2024	4350	4122	6047

# Magic of Turkey

#### Departs: Sundays

#### Day 1 Sun: Istanbul-Cappadocia

Make your own way to Istanbul Airport for an afternoon flight from Istanbul to Kayseri (airfare included). Upon arrival transfer to your hotel in Cappadocia. Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia in a wonderfully designed cave style hotel, MDC Cave Hotel or Yusuf Yigitoglu. (D)

#### Day 2 Mon: Cappadocia

Early in the morning an optional Balloon tour is available. After breakfast start fascinating tour of Cappadocia and its amazing rock formations. Walk through



several levels of the underground city - hiding places of early Christians and admire Open Air Museum in Goreme with its eleven refectories, rock-cut churches, tables and benches dated from the 10th, 11th and 12th centuries. Lunch in a cave restaurant to taste famous pottery Kebap. Afternoon view the natural fortress in Uchisar - the highest peak in the region and the most prominent land formation of the region. The Uchisar Castle is a larger-than-life sculpture. Opportunity to discover and understand the rich history behind local handicrafts like hand-made carpets, Turkish tiles, onyx and potteries. In the evening optional Turkish show including dinner. (B, L)

#### Day 3 Tue: Cappadocia-Konya-Pamukkale

Early departure for Pamukkale. On the way visit the 13th century Seljukian masterpiece Sultanhan Caravanserai, before arrival in Konya town known mostly as a home of Whirling Dervishes. After visiting the Mausoleum of Mevlana continue to Pamukkale for an overnight stay. Overnight at Adem Pira Hotel and opportunity to sample the effects of outdoor and indoor thermal pools of the hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 4 Wed: Pamukkale-Selcuk-Izmir

Today visit Pamukkale - white terraces of carbonate minerals left by the flowing water as well as ancient Hierapolis with the magnificent Necropolis. After lunch break drive to Selcuk to visit remains of the Temple of Artemis 'one of the seven wonders of the ancient world' then overnight at Kaya Prestige. (B, D)

#### Day 5 Thu: Izmir-Ephesus-Sirince-Izmir

Morning drive to ancient city of Ephesus city founded by the female warriors known as the Amazons. Walk the 2000 year old marble streets while listening to the fascinating history of this ancient Greco-Roman city told by our guide. Visit the magnificent theatre, temples and library, one of the most beautiful structures in Ephesus. It was built in 117 A.D. as a monumental tomb for Gaius Julius Celsus Polemaeanus, the governor of the province of Asia. The grave of Celsus was beneath the ground floor, across the entrance and there was a statue of Athena over it because Athena was the goddess of the wisdom. Lunch in nomadic tent in Selcuk to taste Turkish Gozleme. Then, continue to traditional village of Sirince. Dinner and overnight at Kaya Prestige. (B, L, D)

#### Day 6 Fri: Izmir-Pergamum-Canakkale

Early departure for Pergamum. Visit the Asklepion the ancient medical center where ancient treatments included psychotherapy, massage, herbal remedies and the interpretation of dreams. The Asklepion was more like a modern spa than a hospital: therapy included mud and bathing treatments, music concerts, and doses of water from the sacred fountain. Continue to Troy the site where the legendary Trojan War took place. Dinner and overnight in Canakkale. Kolin Hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 7 Sat: Cannakkale-Gallipoli-Istanbul

After breakfast cross the Dardanelles and continue to Gallipoli, the famous site where so many Australians lost their lives during the battles in 1915. Stop at Anzac Cove, the Nek, Chunuk Bair, Lone Pine, and see the 57th Regiment Memorial. Continue to Istanbul for overnight at Kent Hotel in old town. (B)

#### Day 8 Sun: Istanbul

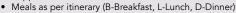
After breakfast at the hotel, a guided tour of Istanbul, the city located on two continents Europe and Asia. Visit Topkapi Palace - home of the Ottoman Sultans, currently a Museum reflecting the glory of Ottoman Empire, Sultans and their way of living. Tour Blue Mosque, an impressive structure with its beautiful domes and semi domes, nice courtyards and six slender minarets. Continue to Hagia Sophia -also called St Sophia, or Aya Sofya, one of the most extraordinary buildings in the history of architecture and the fourth biggest Cathedral in the world with its 56m high dome. Complete exciting day admiring the Grand Bazaar. The day ends with an overnight stay in Istanbul. Overnight Kent Hotel. (B)

#### Day 9 Mon: Istanbul

After breakfast transfer to the Istanbul Airport at 09am or 13:00. (B)

#### **HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- Small group coach tour with English speaking guide throughout
- Transportation by air conditioned coach with Wi Fi
- 8 Nights accommodation in first class hotels (choice of hotel in Cappadocia)



• Entrance fees, luggage handling, service charges and local taxes



Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
11 Feb; 10, 24 Mar 2024	2609	2548	3610
7, 14, 28 Apr 2024 5, 12, 19 May 2024 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Jun 2024 7, 14, 21 Jul 2024 4, 11, 18 Aug 2024 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Sep 2024 6, 13, 20 Oct 2024	3253	3185	4398
3 Nov; 22 Dec 2024	3003	2927	4156





Troy

# Aegean Wonders

#### 6 Days

#### **Departs:** Saturdays

#### Day 1 Sat: Istanbul

On arrival transfer from Istanbul airport to hotel. Welcome meeting in the hotel. Overnight at Double Tree By Hilton Piyalepasa or similar.

#### Day 2 Sun: Istanbul

After breakfast, take a full day guided tour of Istanbul, including visits to Topkapi Palace, Hippodrome – the place of the Roman races, Blue Mosque and the Grand Bazaar where you can purchase some incredible bargains. Continue to Hagia Sophia



unquestionably one of the finest buildings, of all time. Built by Constantine the Great, its immense dome raises 55 metres above the ground and its diameter spans 31 metres. Afternoon visit to the Spice Bazaar. Overnight at Double Tree By Hilton Piyalepasa or similar. (B)

#### Day 3 Mon: Istanbul-Gallipoli-Canakkale

Morning departure to Gallipoli to visit Anzac Cove, Nek, Chunuk Bair, Lone Pine and the 57th Regiment Memorial. Cross the Dardanelles and overnight in Canakkale. Overnight at Kolin Hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 4 Tue: Canakkale-Troy-Pergamum-Kusadasi

Drive to Troy to see its historical heritage, cross the legendary mountain Ida and continue to Pergamum to visit the Acropolis. Dinner and overnight at the Charisma Deluxe. (B, D)

#### Day 5 Wed: Kusadasi-Ephesus-Sirince-Kusadasi

This morning take a short drive to Ephesus, the most famous archaeological site in Turkey. See 2000-year-old marble streets, Hadrian Temple, Library of Celsus and gymnasium. Continue to Sirince then return to Kusadasi for dinner and overnight at Charisma Deluxe. (B, D)

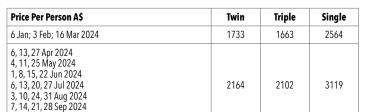
#### Day 6 Thu: Kusadasi

5, 12, 19 Oct 2024 2 Nov; 14 Dec 2024

After breakfast transfer to Kusadasi Port or Izmir airport. (B)

#### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Small group coach tour with English speaking guide throughout
- Transportation by air conditioned coach with Wi Fi
- 5 nights accommodation in first class hotels
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Entrance fees, luggage handling, service charges and local taxes



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# Western Shores

7 Days

#### Departs: Saturdays

#### Day 1 Sat: Istanbul

On arrival transfer from Istanbul airport to hotel. to your hotel. Overnight at Double Tree By Hilton Piyalepasa or similar.

#### Day 2 Sun: Istanbul

After breakfast at the hotel, we will have a full day guided tour including visits to: Topkapi Palace, Hippodrome Square – the place of the Roman races, Blue Mosque and the Grand Bazaar where you can purchase some incredible bargains. Continue to Hagia Sophia,



unquestionably one of the finest buildings of all time. Built by Constantine the Great, its immense dome rises 55m above the ground. This building has been a Cathedral, Catholic Church, Mosque and now Museum. Tour concludes with a visit to Spice Bazaar. Overnight at Double Tree By Hilton Piyalepasa or similar. (B)

#### Day 3 Mon: Istanbul-Gallipoli-Canakkale

Morning departure to Gallipoli to visit Anzac Cove, Nek, Chunuk Bair, Lone Pine and the 57th Regiment Memorial. Cross the Dardanelles and overnight in Canakkale at Kolin Hotel (R.D.)

#### Day 4 Tue: Canakkale-Troy-Pergamum-Kusadasi

Travel to Troy, founded by Ilus the son of Tros in 3000 BC. Today at the site there stands a symbolic wooden horse that was built to commemorate the legendary war, cross the legendary Mount Ida and continue to Pergamum to visit the Acropolis. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi at Charisma Deluxe. (B, D)

#### Day 5 Wed: Kusadasi-Ephesus-Sirince-Kusadasi

This morning take a short drive to Ephesus, the most famous archaeological site in Turkey. See 2000 year old marble streets, Hadrian's Temple, Library of Celsus and gymnasium. Continue onto the village of Sirince to experience one of the most beautiful villages in Turkey. Return to Charisma Deluxe for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

#### Day 6 Thu: Kusadasi-Pamukkale-Marmaris

This morning after breakfast, drive through the meandering plains and cotton farms and arrive in Pamukkale to enjoy the beauty of the Lime Cascades. Continue the day with a visit to Ancient Hierapolis before driving to Marmaris for overnight at Motto

#### Day 7 Fri: Marmaris

After breakfast transfer to the port. End of services. (B)

- Small group coach tour with English speaking guide
- Transportation by air conditioned coach with Wi Fi
- 6 nights accommodation in four and five star hotels
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Entrance fees, luggage handling, service charges and local taxes



Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
6 Jan; 3 Feb; 16 Mar 2024	2279	2118	3049
6, 13, 27 Apr 2024 4, 11, 25 May 2024 1, 8, 15, 22 Jun 2024 6, 13, 20, 27 Jul 2024 3, 10, 24, 31 Aug 2024 7, 14, 21, 28 Sep 2024 5, 12, 19 Oct 2024	2811	2633	3704
2 Nov; 14 Dec 2024	2603	2433	3496



# Aegean Adventure

## 9 Days

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#### **Departs:** Saturdays

#### Day 1 Sat: Istanbul

Upon arrival you will be met by a representative and transferred to Doubletree by Hilton Piyalepasa.

#### Day 2 Sun: Istanbul

After breakfast take a guided tour of Istanbul city. See Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque and Spice Market. Overnight in Istanbul at Doubletree by Hilton Piyalepasa. (B)

#### Day 3 Mon: Istanbul-Gallipoli-Canakkale

Morning departure to Gallipoli to

visit Anzac Cove, Nek, Chunuk Bair, Lone Pine Cemetery and the 57th Regiment Memorial. Cross the Dardanelles and overnight in Canakkale. Kolin Hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 4 Tue: Canakkale-Troy-Pergamum-Kusadasi

Drive to Troy and see its magnificent historical heritage. Then cross the legendary Mountain Ida and continue to Pergamum to visit the Acropolis. Overnight in Kusadasi at Chrisma Deluxe. (B, D)

#### Day 5 Wed: Kusadasi-Ephesus-Kusadasi

Take a short drive to Ephesus, the well preserved ancient Roman site then traditional Turkish village of Sirince. Overnight at Chrisma Deluxe. (B, D)

#### Day 6 Thu: Kusadasi-Samos-Kusadasi

After breakfast, transfer to the port for your ferry to the Greek Island of Samos. Opportunity to explore this fascinating and authentic island before returning to the port for an afternoon ferry back to Kusadasi. Overnight at Chrisma Deluxe. (B, D)

#### Day 7 Fri: Kusadasi-Bodrum

Morning transfer to Bodrum where the rest of the day is at leisure. Spend time exploring this popular tourist resort known for its attractive coastline and active nightlife. Overnight at El Vino Hotel. (B)

#### Day 8 Sat: Bodrum-Kos-Bodrum

Transfer to the port for a ferry to the Greek Island of Kos, home of Hippocrates. Day at leisure to explore the island; why not hire a bike and pedal through history? Take a late afternoon ferry back to Bodrum and transfer to hotel for overnight. (B)

#### Day 9 Sun: Bodrum

After breakfast transfer to the port or airport. End of our services. (B)

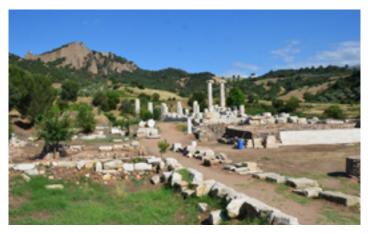
#### **HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- Small group coach tour with English speaking guide
- Transportation by air conditioned coach with Wi Fi
- Ferries as per itinerary
- 8 nights accommodation in first class hotels
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Entrance fees, luggage handling, service charges and local taxes

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
4, 11, 25 May 2024 1, 8, 15, 22 Jun 2024 6, 13, 20, 27 Jul 2024 3, 10, 24, 31 Aug 2024 7, 14, 21, 28 Sep 2024	3889	3781	4967







Sardis

# Asia Minor Churches 9 Days

ISTANBUL

#### **Departs:** Saturdays

#### Day 1 Sat: Istanbul

Upon your arrival, you will be met by our representative and transferred to Doubletree by Hilton Piyalepasa for overnight.

#### Day 2 Sun: Istanbul

Today fully guided tour including visits to: Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque and the Spice Bazaar. Overnight at Doubletree by Hilton Piyalepasa. (B)

#### Day 3 Mon: Istanbul-Gallipoli-Canakkale

Morning departure to Gallipoli to visit

the Anzac battlefields and cemeteries. See Anzac Cove, the landing beach that became a vital base and lifeline for supplies during the Gallipoli Campaign. Also visit Nek, Chunuk Bair and Lone Pine Memorial, the site of some of the bloodiest fighting on the peninsula. Cross the Dardanelles to Canakkale. Overnight Kolin Hotel. (B, D)



Today visit Troy, see the symbolic wooden horse that was built to pay tribute to the legendary war. Continue the tour by driving to Pergamum, which was the rival city of Ephesus and the capital of the rich Pergamum Kingdom before the Roman Empire. It was here that first Christians were executed by Rome. Continue to Kusadasi for overnight at Charisma Deluxe. (B, D)

#### Day 5 Wed: Kusadasi-Ephesus-Kusadasi

Tour the famous ruins of Ephesus one of the best-preserved ancient cities in the world. During the Roman era Ephesus was an extremely wealthy city, known worldwide as a city of trade, art, entertainment and finance. Afternoon visit to traditional village of Sirince. Overnight at Charisma Deluxe. (B, D)

#### Day 6 Thu: Kusadasi-Izmir-Akhisar-Kusadasi\*

After breakfast head to Izmir. Continue to the modern town of Akhisar, a town where Christianity spread rapidly. Return to Kusadasi for dinner and overnight at Charisma Deluxe. (B, D)

#### Day 7 Fri: Kusadasi-Pamukkale-Hierapolis-Laodicea-Pamukkale

Morning drive to Pamukkale through the fertile plains and visit the ancient city of Hierapolis and the Travertine (natural spring). In the afternoon head to the ancient city of Laodicea, situated seven kilometres from Pamukkale, and visit the Laodicean Church, one of the seven churches addressed in the Book of Revelation. Overnight at Adem Pira Hotel Pamukkale or similar. (B, D)

#### Day 8 Sat: Pamukkale-Philadelphia-Sardis-Istanbul

Drive to Philadelphia, one of the churches addressed in the Book of Revelations. Then continue to Sardis, one of the Seven Churches of Asia and the capital of the Ancient Kingdom of Lydia. Here we will see a Roman era Synagogue, a well preserved gymnasium and other ruins (Rev 3-6). Transfer to Izmir airport for flight to Istanbul. Overnight at Doubletree Hilton Piyalepasa or similar. (B)

#### Day 9 Sun: Istanbul

After breakfast transfer to the Istanbul Airport at 09:00am or 13:00. (B) \*From day 6 the tour will be conducted by a different guide.

- Transportation by air conditioned coach with Wi Fi
- Small group coach tour with English speaking guide throughout.
- 8 nights accommodation in first class hotels
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Entrance fees, luggage handling, service charges and local taxes
- Flight from Izmir to Istanbul

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
6, 13, 27 Apr 2024 4, 11, 25 May 2024 1, 8, 15, 22 Jun 2024 6, 13, 20, 27 Jul 2024 3, 10, 24, 31 Aug 2024 7, 14, 21, 28 Sep 2024 5, 12, 19 Oct 2024	3912	3804	4982



#### Day 1 Fri: Istanbul

Upon your arrival you will be met by our representative before transfer to your Hotel. Spend the rest of the day at your own leisure. Overnight at Avantgarde

#### Day 2 Sat: Istanbul Full Day

After breakfast at the hotel, a guided tour of Topkapi Palace, St. Sophia, Blue Mosque and the famous Grand Bazaar, one of the largest and oldest covered markets in the world, with 61 covered streets and over 4,000 shops. The day ends with an overnight stay in Istanbul. (B)

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#### Day 3 Sun: Istanbul-Ankara-Cappadocia

After breakfast, depart for Ankara and visit Mausoleum of Ataturk and its Museum. This is the burial place of the national hero who founded the modern Republic of Turkey. Continue your journey through central Turkey to Cappadocia. After a picturesque trip along the Salt Lake, arrive in Cappadocia known for its distinctive "fairy chimneys," tall, cone-shaped rock formations clustered throughout the region. Overnight at MDC Cave Hotel or Yusuf Yigitoglu. (B, D)

#### Day 4 Mon: Cappadocia

Early in the morning an optional Balloon tour is available. Then, full day excursion in Cappadocia including visits to the Kaymakli Underground City, Open Air Museum in Goreme and natural fortress in Uchisar - Centuries-old citadel perched on a rock spur, with commanding views of Cappadocia from the top. Lunch in a cave rest. to taste famous Pottery Kebap. Here, the opportunity to discover and understand the rich history behind local handicrafts like hand-made carpets, Turkish tiles, onyx and potteries. Optional night tour with a Turkish show and dinner is avaliable tonight. Overnight stay in Cappadocia. (B, L)

#### Day 5 Tue: Cappadocia-Konya-Pamukkale

Early departure for Pamukkale. On the way, visit the 13th century Seljukian masterpiece Sultanhan Caravanserai before arrival in Konya. After visiting the Mausoleum of Mevlana, we continue our drive to Pamukkale for an overnight stay at Adem Pira Hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 6 Wed: Pamukkale-Fethiye

After breakfast scenic drive to Fethiye known for its natural harbor, blue waters and numerous rock tombs including the 4th-century B.C. Rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight at Alesta Yacht. (B, D)

#### Day 7 Thu: Fethiye

After breakfast transfer to Fethiye Harbour to board a local motor boat. Enjoy the spectacular blue waters, sail past various islands on this trip, some that can only be seen from the boat. Our captain will stop on a few of them so there will be time for swim and lunch break. After the day on the water transfer back to hotel. (B, L, D)



**Butterfly Valley** 

#### Day 8 Fri: Fethiye

Day at leisure. Visit the famous beach at Ölüdeniz which is sheltered by a lagoon, and Butterfly Valley is a designated nature reserve or relax by the hotel pool. (B, D) Day 9 Sat: Fethiye-Marmais

After breakfast end of services or free transfer to Fethiye or Marmaris Port for those who wish to visit Greece and take ferry to Rhodes. Transfer to Dalaman Airport available at extra cost. (B)

- Small group coach tour with English speaking guide throughout
- Transportation by air conditioned coach with Wi Fi
- 8 nights accommodation in first class hotels
- Boat trip in Fethiye
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Entrance fees, luggage handling, service charges and local taxes

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
3, 10, 17, 31 May 2024 7, 14, 21, 28 Jun 2024 5, 12, 19 Jul 2024 2, 9, 16, 30 Aug 2024 6, 13, 20, 27 Sep 2024	3226	3095	4358



# The Heart of Turkey

#### **Departs:** Fridays

#### Day 1 Fri: Istanbul

Upon arrival you will be met by our representative and transferred to your Hotel. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. Avantgarde Levent Hotel.

#### Day 2 Sat: Istanbul

A full day guided tour including visits to Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque and the Grand Bazaar. Overnight in Istanbul. Avantgarde Levent Hotel. (B)

#### Day 3 Sun: Istanbul-Ankara-

#### Cappadocia

After breakfast drive to Ankara and visit the mausoleum of the founder of the Republic, Ataturk. Visit museum then depart for Cappadocia taking a picturesque trip along Salt Lake. Overnight at MDC Cave Hotel or Yusuf Yigitoglu. (B, D)

#### Day 4 Mon: Cappadocia

Full day excursion in Cappadocia beginning with a trip to the underground city. Marvel at the sheer determination of its past inhabitants with the labyrinth of tunnels and rooms. Continue onto the Open-Air Museum in Goreme, and natural fortress in Uchisar. Lunch in cave restaurant included. Optional show with dinner. Overnight at Overnight at MDC Cave Hotel or Yusuf Yigitoglu. (B, L)

#### Day 5 Tue: Cappadocia-Konya-Pamukkale

On the way to Pamukkale visit the 13th century Seljukian masterpiece Sultanhan Caravanserai, which was an early form of a motor inn. Continue onto Konya to visit the Mausoleum of Mevlana, who is attributed to starting the culture and religion of the Whirling Dervishes. Overnight at Adem Pira Hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 6 Wed: Pamukkale-Hierapolis-Selcuk-Izmir

Morning visit to the ancient spa retreat of Hierapolis. Highlights include the Apollo Temple, magnificent Necropolis graveyard and the restorative Lime Cascades running down the calcium build up. Continue on to Selcuk to visit the Temple of Artemis "one of the seven wonders of the ancient world". Drive to Izmir for overnight at Kaya Prestige Hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 7 Thu: Izmir-Ephesus-Izmir

Morning tour to Ephesus and visit its magnificent library, theatre and temples. Lunch at nomadic tent in Selcuk followed by sightseeing of the traditional Turkish village. Return to Izmir for overnight. Kaya Prestige Hotel. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8 Fri: Izmir

Transfer to either Kusadasi port (for those who wish to take ferry to Greek island of Samos) or Izmir airport. (B)



Ankara

- Small group coach tour with English speaking guide throughout
- Transportation by air conditioned coach with Wi Fi
- Accommodation in first class hotels
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Entrance fees, luggage handling, service charges and local taxes



Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
12 Jan; 9 Feb; 8, 22 Mar 2024	2079	1987	3350
5, 12, 26 Apr 2024 3, 10, 17, 31 May 2024 7, 14, 21, 28 Jun 2024 5, 12, 19 Jul 2024 2, 9, 16, 30 Aug 2024 6, 13, 20, 27 Sep 2024 4, 11, 18 Oct 2024	2618	2487	4073
1 Nov; 20 Dec 2024	2395	2279	3850



# Destination Istanbul

Should you wish to visit only a certain part of Turkey and start somewhere else than Istanbul, then the tours from page 21 are perfect for you. Those tours are also great for clients who wish to combine Greece and Turkey and arrive by ferry from Greece to create a magical holiday and a match made in heaven. Marmaris, Bodrum and Kusadasi are the perfect entry points into Turkey from the Greek Islands and there isn't a more scenic way of crossing the border than in to another country than by water.



# Inland Experience

#### 8 Days

#### **Departs:** Fridays

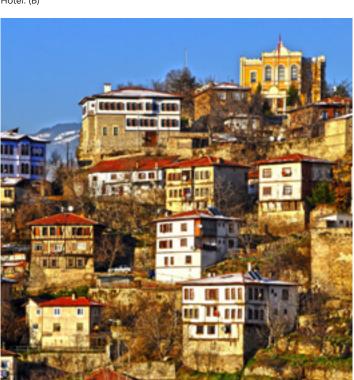
#### Day 1 Fri: Marmaris-Fethiye

On arrival at Marmaris port, you will be transferred to Fethiye for overnight at Marina Boutique Hotel or similar. (D) Transfer from Dalaman airport if required is subject to surcharge.

#### Day 2 Sat: Fethiye-Kayakoy-Oludeniz-Fethiye

In the morning visit the 'ghost' village of Kayakoy, which until 1923 was still inhabited by Greek speaking Christians. Now it stands as a museum village with hundreds of rundown but still mostly

intact Greek-style houses and churches which cover a small mountainside. In the afternoon drive to Oludeniz Beach to swim. Oludeniz remains one of the most photographed beaches on the Mediterranean. It has a secluded sandy bay at the mouth of Oludeniz, on a blue lagoon. The beach itself is a pebble beach and is a national nature reserve. Return to Fethiye for overnight at Marina Boutique Hotel. (B)



Safranbolu

Ankara
Cappadocia

Konya

Aspendos

Day 3 Sun: Fethiye-Antalya

Today we will drive to Antalya. Take a walk in the Old Town featuring beautiful architecture and see the Hadrian Gate. Then also visit Duden Waterfalls in Lara. Overnight Antalya. (B, D)

#### Day 4 Mon: Antalya-Aspendos-Konya-Cappadocia

After breakfast at the hotel, depart the hotel for the drive north. Visit Aspendos and view the ancient Theatre, which is known as the bestpreserved theatre of antiquity and once hosted performances for the populace. Continue the drive to Konya and visit the Monastery of Mevlana Whirling Dervishes to learn the history of the dance. In the afternoon drive to Cappadocia via the Seljuk Caravanserai – the Ancient Turkish form of a motor inn. Overnight at Crown Plaza Nevsehir hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 5 Tue: Cappadocia

Full day tour of Cappadocia visiting some of the best sites of the region. Visit the Goreme Open Air Museum, which resembles a vast monastic complex composed of scores of refectory monasteries placed side-byside, each with its own fantastic church. Hear the stories of how the early Christians hid from the raiding Muslim parties. Continue on to the Kaymakli Underground City and be amazed at the sheer skill and determination of the past citizens as you view the houses of the village which are constructed around the one hundred tunnels of the underground city. Finish the day with a visit to the Natural Fortress at Uchisar. Optional Dinner and Turkish Folklore evening for those after a little bit of culture. (B)

#### Day 6 Wed: Cappadocia-Ankara-Safranbolu

Optional sunrise balloon ride over the magnificent Fairy Chimneys of the region. Return to the hotel for breakfast before departing the hotel for the drive to the capital of Istanbul – Ankara. Upon arrival visit the Mausoleum of the founder of modern day Turkey, Ataturk. Finish the visit with a short tour of the Museum before driving north to the World Heritage Listed town of Safranbolu. Overnight in an old Ottoman Mansion Imren Lokum Konagi. (B, D)

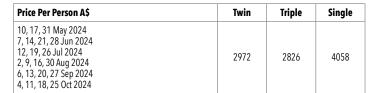
#### Day 7 Thu: Safranbolu-Istanbul

Morning city tour of Safranbolu. Taste the fine examples of Turkish Delight and discover the examples of Ottoman architecture throughout the old city situated in a deep ravine between the mountains. After the tour, board the coach for the drive to Istanbul. Upon arrival enjoy an afternoon visit to the famed Grand Bazaar to pick up your last minute bargains before departing. Overnight in Istanbul at Kent Hotel. (B)

#### Day 8 Fri: Istanbul

After breakfast transfer to the Istanbul Airport at 09am or 13:00. (B)

- Small group coach tour with English speaking guide throughout
- Transportation by air conditioned coach with Wi Fi
- Accommodation in first class hotels
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Entrance fees, luggage handling, service charges and local taxes







**Ephesus** 

# **Turkish Discovery**

#### **Departs:** Wednesdays

#### Day 1 Wed: Kusadasi-Izmir

Transfer to your hotel from Kusadasi Port or Izmir airport. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight at Kaya Prestige Hotel. This upscale hotel has two restaurants serving local and Mediterranean fare and a bar. Other amenities include a gym, a sauna and a terrace with city views. It is also close to İzmir Clock Tower, Konak Square and Kadifekale. (D)

#### Day 2 Thu: Izmir-Ephesus-Izmir

Full day sightseeing of famous sites nearby. Morning drive to ancient city of

Ephesus. This ancient Greek city, and later a major Roman city is the most visited site in Turkey. Ephesus had a population of more than 250,000 in the 1st Century BC, which means it was the second largest city in the world at the time. Admire the famous sites such as library of Celsus, Temple of Hadrian, theatre, and even the latrine. Lunch in nomadic tent in Selcuk to taste Turkish Gozleme. Afternoon visit to traditional local village of Sirince. Dinner and overnight in Izmir. Kaya Prestige Hotel.

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Pergamum

**Ephesus** 

#### Day 3 Fri: Izmir-Pergamum-Canakkale

After breakfast drive north to Pergamum and visit famous Asklepion which gained in prominence under the Romans in the 2nd Century AD as a medical center. See pools and fountains, used for bathing, drinking, and various other forms of treatment. Continue to Troy the site where the legendary Trojan War took place. This was the first war in the world between the east and the west. Continue to Canakkale



Istanbul

# 5 or 6 Days

#### for dinner and overnight. Kolin Hotel. (B, D) Day 4 Sat: Canakkale-Gallipoli-Istanbul

Cross the Dardanelles to Gallipoli. Honour the members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) who fought at Gallipoli during World War I. Visit Anzac Cove, the Nek, Chunuk Bair, Lone Pine and see the 57th Regiment Memorial. Continue to Istanbul for overnight at Kent Hotel. (B)

#### Day 5 Sun: Istanbul

After breakfast transfer to Istanbul Airport at 09:00 or 13:00. (B)

#### Istanbul Extension

#### Day 5 Sun: Istanbul

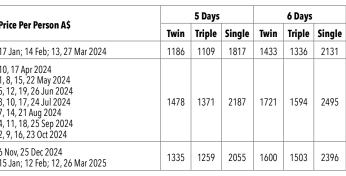
Full day guided tour of Istanbul. Visit Topkapi Palace - home for the Ottoman Sultans, currently a Museum reflecting the glory of Ottoman Empire, Sultans and their way of living. Tour Blue Mosque - impressive structure with its beautiful domes and semi domes, nice courtyards and six slender minarets. Continue to Hagia Sophia, one of the most extraordinary buildings in the history of architecture and the fourth biggest Cathedral in the world. Enjoy time at the Spice Markets before returning to Kent Hotel for overnight. (B)

#### Day 6 Mon: Istanbul

After breakfast transfer to Istanbul Airport at 09:00 or 13:00. (B)

- Small group coach tour with English speaking guide throughout
- Transportation by air conditioned coach with Wi Fi • 4 or 5 nights accommodation in four or five star hotels
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Entrance fees, luggage handling, service charges and local taxes





Western Coast 6 or 7 Days

#### **Departs:** Tuesdays

#### Day 1 Tue: Marmaris-Pamukkale

Transfer from Marmaris Port or hotel to Pamukkale for overnight at Adem Pira Hotel. (D)

#### Day 2 Wed: Pamukkale-Hierapolis-Izmir

In the morning visit ancient Hierapolis and magnificent Necropolis graveyard. See the limestone cascades the area is famous for. Hierapolis means 'holy city' and was the ancient Greek city on top of hot springs. Today it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The hot springs



have been used as a spa since the 2nd century BC, and people came to soothe their ailments, with many of them retiring or dying here. The large necropolis is filled with sarcophagus, including the one of Marcus Aurelius Ammianos. Drive to Izmir for overnight at Kaya Prestige Hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 3 Thu: Izmir-Ephesus-Izmir

Morning short drive to the ancient city of Ephesus where we will visit its magnificent library, theater and temples. Lunch in nomadic tent in Selcuk to taste the Turkish Gozleme. Afternoon visit to traditional Turkish village of Sirince. Drive back to Izmir for overnight. (B, L, D)

#### Day 4 Fri: Izmir-Pergamum-Troy-Canakkale

Early departure for Pergamum to visit the Asclepion Ancient Medical Center. Drive to Troy the place where the legendary Trojan War took place. Troy had been founded in the year 3000 B.C. and was demolished and reconstructed nine times until the year 500 A.D. It was inhabited incessantly for 3500 years. Continue to Canakkale for overnight. Kolin Hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 5 Sat: Canakkale-Gallipoli-Istanbul

After breakfast cross the Dardanelles by ferry to Gallipoli. Visit places associated with the Gallipoli Campaign, Visit Anzac Cove, Nek, Chunuk Bair, Lone Pine and the 57th Regiment Memorial. Overnight at Kent Hotel located in old city. (B)

#### Day 6 Sun: Istanbul

After breakfast transfer to Istanbul airport at 09:00 or 13:00. (B)

#### Istanbul Extension

#### Day 6 Sun: Istanbul

Full day guided tour of Istanbul. Visit Topkapi Palace - home for the Ottoman Sultans, currently a Museum reflecting the glory of Ottoman Empire, Sultans and their way of living. Tour Blue Mosque - impressive structure with its beautiful domes and semi domes, nice courtyards and six slender minarets. Continue to Hagia Sophia, one of the most extraordinary buildings in the history of architecture and the fourth biggest Cathedral in the world. Enjoy time at the Spice Markets before returning to Kent Hotel for overnight. (B)

#### Day 7 Mon: Istanbul

After breakfast transfer to Istanbul Airport at 09:00 or 13:00. (B)



Gallipoli

- Small group coach tour with English speaking guide throughout
- Transportation by air conditioned coach with Wi Fi
- · Accommodation in first class hotels
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Entrance fees, luggage handling, service charges and local taxes



D		6 Days			7 Days			
Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single	Twin	Triple	Single		
16 Jan; 13 Feb; 12, 26 Mar 2024	1455	1401	2202	1725	1648	2549		
9, 16, 30 Apr 2024 7, 14, 21 May 2024 4, 11, 18, 25 Jun 2024 2, 9, 16, 23 Jul 2024 6, 13, 20 Aug 2024 3, 10, 17, 24 Sep 2024 1, 8, 15, 22 Oct 2024	1786	1748	2649	2056	1994	2995		
5 Nov, 24 Dec 2024 14 Jan: 11 Feb: 11, 25 Mar 2025	1671	1609	2533	1911	1828	3241		



# Private Tours

Private tours are perfect for couples or a group of friends who are looking to have a personal guide to escort them on their dream holiday and take advantage of relatively low prices in Turkey. A comfortable vehicle will be provided, together with a driver and English speaking guide with intimate knowledge of their own country. Our selected guides have an inside knowledge of not only historical sites but best places to shop, dine and discover local entertainment. Choose duration, type of hotel, room type and meal plan that best suits your needs. Please contact us should you wish to create your own holiday in Turkey of any duration.

# Magic Carpet

#### 10 Days

#### **Departs:** Daily

#### Day 1: Istanbul

Upon arrival at the airport meet our representative, who will assist with your transfer to the Arena Hotel. This Ottoman stone house is located in the perfect spot to allow you to explore old sector of Istanbul. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. Perhaps scour the streets for hidden treasures and souvenirs.

#### Day 2: Istanbul

Today enjoy a full day private guided tour of Istanbul taking in all the most important sights. See St. Sophia,

the cathedral built by Emperor Justinian in 537 which was the largest church in Christendom for a thousand years, the Byzantine Hippodrome with its 3500-year-old red granite obelisk brought from Egypt and erected here in 390 AD. The Ottoman Empire produced marvellous architecture including its finest works: Topkapi Palace, home of the Sultans, and the famed Blue Mosque of Sultan Ahmet I. Afterwards venture into the labyrinthine Grand Bazaar - one of the largest and oldest covered markets in the world. The guide will then return you to the Arena Hotel for overnight. (B)

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Journey to Gallipoli where the guide will take you through the significant sites to the ANZAC. Visit Anzac Cove, Nek, Chunuk Bair, Lone Pine and 57th Regiment Memorial. From there cross the Dardanelles, a narrow strait connecting the Aegean Sea and the Sea of Marmara to Assos. Overnight stay at Nazlihan Boutique Hotel in Assos. The hotel is a mix of its historical seaport heritage and modern updates making it a great place to relax and unwind. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Assos-Troy-Pergamum-Kusadasi

Today travel to the legendary area of Troy to see a reconstruction of the fabled Wooden Horse and the many levels of the ancient town. Afterwards cross the legendary Mount Ida to Pergamum. Visit the Acropolis of this ancient city, one of Turkey's oldest civilised settlements, which has been inhabited from pre-historic times through the Ionic, Roman and Byzantine Civilisations. This area is a fascinating stop for history-loving tourists. It has yielded archaeological treasures whose importance is recognised worldwide. Continue to Kusadasi for overnight stay at Efe Boutique Hotel with its modern and stylish decor. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Kusadasi-Ephesus-Kusadasi

Visit the ancient city of Ephesus to explore some of the best preserved ancient theatres, fountains and buildings in the world. After lunch short drive to climb the

hill to visit the house of Mother Mary where she is thought to have spent her last years together with St. John. Return to Kusadasi for overnight and dinner at the Efe Boutique Hotel restaurant overlooking Kusadasi Harbour. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Kusadasi-Hierapolis-Pamukkale

After breakfast travel to Pamukkale taking in the meandering plains and cotton farms on the way. Once there enjoy the beauty of lime cascades and visit ancient Hierapolis. The Sacred Pool, shallow thermal waters rippling over a wonderful scattering of ancient Roman ruins that lie beneath, is one of the highlights of the site. Overnight at the Ayapam Boutique Hotel in Pamukkale. This new hotel is located at the bottom of the calcium travertines allowing for a marvellous view of the World Heritage Listed Site from everywhere in the hotel. Spend the afternoon relaxing in the hot spring pool. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Pamukkale-Konya-Cappadocia

The coach will drive to Cappadocia, on the way visit Konya and see the Mevlana Museum, then continue to Cappadocia to stay at Gamirasu Cave Hotel. Rest of the day is at leisure. Gamirasu is an exquisitely restored troglodyte cave house, which was once a Byzantine monastic retreat and now one of the most unique hotels in the world. Dinner at a cave Restaurant tonight. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Cappadocia

Early morning optional hot air balloon. After breakfast visit the Kaymakli Underground City, the place early Christians hid from persecutors, followed by Open Air Museum in Goreme to see the best examples of Byzantine art in Cappadocia in rock-cut churches with frescoes and paintings dated back to 10th to 13th century. Finally admire the natural fortress in Uchisar. Overnight stay at Gamirasu Cave hotel in Cappadocia. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Cappadocia-Ankara-Istanbul

Today the coach will drive to Istanbul, stopping via Ankara to visit the Ataturk Mausoleum. Overnight in Istanbul at the Arena Hotel. (B)

#### Day 10: Istanbul

After breakfast transfer to the airport. (B)

- Private tour throughout
- Professional English speaking guide throughout
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transportation by Luxurious Air conditioned vehicle with driver
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Entrance fees, Luggage handling and local taxes and service charges

Price Per Person A\$	2-3 People	4 -5 People	6-7 People	8-9 People	10 People
1 Jan-31 Dec 2024	9585	6102	4860	4293	3969





Saklikent Gorge

# Prestigious Turkey

#### 14 Days

#### **Departs:** Daily

#### Day 1: Istanbul

Upon arrival at the airport meet a representative, who will assist with the transfer to the Arena Hotel. Located in the Old City section of Istanbul the hotel is an excellent example of a traditional 19th Century Ottoman stone house.

#### Day 2: Istanbul

After breakfast at your hotel enjoy a full day private guided tour of Istanbul. This Includes St Sophia, the cathedral built by Emperor Justinian in 537, the Byzantine Hippodrome with its various monuments

including a 3500-yearold red granite obelisk brought from Egypt in 390 AD. The Ottoman Empire produced marvellous architecture and during the tour you can see two of its finest works: Topkapi Palace, home of the Sultans, and the famed Blue Mosque of Sultan Ahmet I. After all these visits, venture into the labyrinthine Grand Bazaar - one of the largest and oldest covered markets in the world. Transfer back to the Arena Hotel for overnight is included. (B)

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#### Day 3: Istanbul-Gallipoli-Assos

Today travel to Gallipoli where the guide will take you through the significant sites of the ANZAC. You may choose to enjoy lunch at Maydos restaurant overlooking Canakkale Harbour. Afterwards continue on to Anzac Cove, Nek, Chunuk Bair, Lone Pine and 57th Regiment Memorial. From there cross the Dardanelles, a narrow strait connecting the Aegean Sea and the Sea of Marmara. Overnight stay at Nazlihan boutique Hotel in Assos. Nazlihan Boutique Hotel, with a magnificent location on antique seaport. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Assos-Troy-Pergamum-Kusadasi

Drive to legendary Troy; a 5000 year old archaeological city. See a reconstruction of the Wooden Horse, which was used in Trojan War, then cross the legendary Mount Ida to Pergamum. Visit the Acropolis of this ancient city, one of Turkey's oldest civilised settlements, which has been inhabited from prehistoric times through the Ionic, Roman and Byzantine Civilisations. This area is fascinating for history-loving tourists. It has yielded archaeological treasures whose importance is recognised worldwide. Continue to Kusadasi for overnight stay at Efe Boutique Hotel. Located on the harbour the Efe offers stunning views of the coast of Kusadasi from the modern and stylish interiors. All within walking distance of the city's centre. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Kusadasi-Ephesus-Kusadasi

In the morning be driven to Ancient city of Ephesus to explore some of the best preserved ancient theatres, fountains and buildings in the world. A definite must while in Turkey. After lunch climb the hill to visit the House of Mother Mary where she is thought to have spent her last years together with St. John. Return to Kusadasi for overnight stay at the Efe Boutique Hotel. Enjoy a splendid dinner at a fine restaurant overlooking Kusadasi Harbour. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Kusadasi-Hierapolis-Pamukkale-Marmaris

After breakfast drive through the meandering plains and cotton farms, before arriving in Pamukkale. Once here enjoy the beauty of lime cascades and visit ancient Hierapolis – which has the biggest Necropolis (with 1200 gravestones) in Turkey. The Sacred Pool is also one of the highlights of the site. There shallow thermal waters ripple over a wonderful scattering of ancient Roman ruins that lie beneath. Afterwards return to your hotel to relax in the hot spring pool. Continue on to Marmaris for overnight at the Orsmaris Boutique. Dinner at the hotel's restaurant included. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Marmaris-Koycegiz-Fethiye

In the morning drive to the beautiful lakeside town of Koycegiz. On arrival board a boat cruise to the beautiful Turtle Beach (Iztuzu Beach) and smoother yourself in the rejuvenating mud of the mudbaths. Afterwards transfer back to the Marina Boutique

Hotel to spend the night. Just five minutes from downtown Fethiye the hotel has a contemporary minimalist design encased in Mediterranean architecture. In the evening enjoy an authentic Turkish food at a restaurant in beautiful Fethiye. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Fethiye-Kayakoy-Oludeniz-Fethiye

After breakfast explore the quaint Greek village of Kayakoy. This ghost town is now preserved as a museum village, and consists of hundreds of rundown but still mostly intact Greek-style houses and churches which cover a small mountainside. In the afternoon visit Oludeniz. Take the opportunity to swim and then drive back to the Marina Boutique Hotel for overnight in Fethiye. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Fethiye-Saklikent Gorge-Antalya

Today visit the stunning, beautiful Saklikent Gorge, Turkey's longest and deepest canyon. After tracking along the canyon, continue to Antalya crossing the Taurus mountains. Upon arrival visit the amazing Duden Waterfall. Overnight and dinner at the Mediterra Art Hotel in Antalya. The hotel is formed by three buildings and has been renovated to reflect the Ottoman architecture including ancient fireplaces and handmade doors and wardrobes. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Konya-Cappadocia

Early departure for Konya. On the way stop at the Aspendos Ancient Theatre. On arrival in Konya tour the monastery of the Mevlana Whirling Dervishes. In the afternoon drive to Cappadocia via Seljuk – a fine example of an ancient Silk Road Inn. Overnight and dinner in Cappadocia at the Gamirasu Cave Hotel. Gamirasu is an exquisitely restored small troglodyte cave house. The hotel is located in a restored thousand-year-old Byzantine monastic retreat which offers modern conveniences like swimming pool and restaurant without distracting from the spiritual feeling of the area which has been known to be inhabited for more than 5000 years. Gamirasu has been featured on Channel 9's Getaway Program. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Cappadocia

After breakfast enjoy a full day exploring Cappadocia including visits to the Kaymakli Underground City, the place early Christians hid from persecutors, Open Air Museum in Goreme to see the best examples of Byzantine art in Cappadocia in rock-cut churches with frescoes and paintings (10th to 13th century) and natural fortress in Uchisar. Tonight have dinner at a unique cave restaurant. Overnight stay in Cappadocia. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Cappadocia-Ankara-Safranbolu

Very early morning optional hot air balloon tour. After breakfast depart for Safranbolu. On the way stop by Ankara to visit the Mausoleum of Ataturk and the Museum in Ankara. This is the burial place of the national hero who founded modern Republic of Turkey. Afterwards continue to Safranbolu, the UNESCO World Heritage Town considered to be an open air museum. Overnight at the Imren Lokum Konak Boutique Hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 13: Safranbolu-Istanbul

After breakfast visit the old town of Safranbolu where you can test the fine sample of Turkish delights then continue to drive to Istanbul to check in at the Arena Hotel. Afternoon at leisure, our local guide will recommend unique places to visit or shopping options. (B)

#### Day 14: Istanbul

After breakfast transfer to the airport. (B)

- Private tour throughout
- Professional English speaking guide throughout
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transportation by Luxurious Air conditioned vehicle with driver
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Entrance fees, Luggage handling and local taxes and service charges

Price Per Person A\$	2-3 People	4 -5 People	6-7 People	8-9 People	10 People
1 Jan-31 Dec 2024	14040	8910	8910	6345	5940

# Istanbul & Cappadocia in Style

#### Day 1: Istanbul

On arrival at Istanbul airport or port terminal our representative will meet and escort you to the vehicle for transfer to your hotel for overnight stay.

#### Day 2: Istanbul

Today enjoy full day private tour of llstanbul including Topkapi Palace, Saint Sophia, Blue Mosque, Hippodrome, Underground Cistern and the Grand Bazaar. Overnight in Istanbul. (B, L)

#### Day 3: Istanbul

Enjoy a half-day tour of cruise on

the Bosphorus, depending on weather conditions. Explore the city during a free

#### Day 4: Istanbul-Kayseri-Cappadocia

Morning flight to Kayseri. Arrive at Kayseri Airport or pick up from the Cappadocia hotels. Full day touring with valleys to see the remnants of some older churches, rock formations and Kaymakli Underground City, the place early Christians hid from persecutors. Overnight in Cappadocia. (B, L)

Morning optional balloon tour. Depart from the hotel at 09:30–10:00 depending on the arrival time of the participants and visit the valleys where animal-like natural formations like camels and fairy chimneys are abundant. Drive on to Pasabagi in Zelve area where monks used to live in seclusion in rock cut rooms. Proceed to the pottery town of Avanos where Kizilirmak (Hallys), the longest river of Turkey, meanders leaving the red clay on its banks that has been the raw material of pottery for centuries. In the afternoon visit Open Air Museum in Goreme to visit the early Christian churches decorated with unique frescoes depicting various scenes from the Bible. Stop by Pigeon Valley near Uchisar. Shopping time for the well-known merits of the area. Overnight in Cappadocia. (B, L)

#### Day 6: Cappadocia-Kayseri

After breakfast transfer to the airport in Kayseri. (B)

- Private tour In Istanbul and Cappadocia
- Service of English speaking guides during tours
- 3 nights accommodation in Levni Hotel in Istanbul
- 2 nights accommodation in Gamirasou Cave hotel in Cappadocia
- Round trip airport transfers Meals are indicated by code letters (B- breakfast, L- lunch, D-dinner)
- Entrance fees to sites visited
- Domestic flight Istanbul to Kayseri return

Price Per Person A\$	2-3 People	4 -5 People	6-7 People	8-9 People	10 People
1 Jan-31 Dec 2024	3120	3099	2639	2620	2399



Istanbul



# Private Best of Turkey

#### Day 1: Istanbul

Upon arrival meet and greet at the airport, escort you to the vehicle for transfer to your hotel for overnight stay. Overnight at Levni Istanbul Hotel.

#### Day 2: Istanbul

Tour Topkapi Palace (excluding Harem section), which served as the palace of the Ottoman Sultans between the 16th and 19th centuries. It has a superb position overlooking the Bosphorus. We also pay a visit to the Then to the magnificent Haghia Sophia (St Sophia's



Basilica-closed on Mondays) built by Constantine the Great and reconstructed by Justinian in the 6th century. It is one of the world's greatest architectural marvels. After lunch we will visit the fascinating and impressive Blue Mosque (Sultan Ahmet Camii), famous for its six minarets, its beautiful blue Iznik tiles, unique architecture and marble latticework. Then visit the Byzantine Hippodrome, the centre of Byzantine life for 1000 years, where chariot races and competitive athletic events took place. Then visit underground cistern basilica or Nakkas cistern (which is suitable for the program). Then we will finish the day with a visit to Grand Bazaar (closed on Sundays) which is the world's biggest and the oldest shopping venue. Overnight in Istanbul. (B, L)

#### Day 3: Istanbul-Canakkale

Morning pick up from your hotel and drive to Gallipoli and visit Anzac Cove, Lone Pine Cemetery, The Nek, 57th Regiment, chunuk bair later cross the Dardanelles, for dinner and overnight at Kolin Hotel. (B, L, D)

#### Day 4: Canakkale-Kusadasi

Morning visit Troy home of the "Trojan Horse" and "Helen of Troy" after lunch departure for Pergamum, tour ancient Medical center Asclepion later drive to Kusadasi and transfer to Efi Boutique Hotel. (B L D)

#### Day 5: Kusadasi-Ephesus-Kusadasi

After breakfast depart to Ephesus where you will explore 2,000 year-old marble streets, a theater, the Library of Celsius, a gymnasium, and Hadrian's Temple in Ephesus. Visit Virgin Mary's stone cottage. Overnight at Efi Boutique Hotel. (B, L, D)

#### Day 6: Kusadasi-Izmir-Kayseri-Cappadocia

Transfer to Izmir airport to take early morning flight to Kayseri / Nevsehir. Visit Rose Valley, one of the most beautiful trekking valleys in Cappadocia, and explore the famous rock- cut churches by hiking through the valley. Rest in Cavusin, an old Greek village, known for its Christian houses and churches. After time for lunch visit Ortahisar Castle, similar to Uchisar Castle in style, where storage caves can also be observed. In the afternoon visit Kaymakli Underground City where early Christians lived in fear and faith. On the way back visit to panoramic Pigeon Valley where pigeons contributed to the lives of locals with their manure to fertilize the vineyards. You may also like to taste Cappadocia wine in a local winery. Overnight Gamirasu Cave Hotel. (B, L, D)



#### Day 7: Cappadocia

Early Morning optional Hot Air Balloon Tour. Depart from the hotel at 9:30–10:00 am depending on the arrival time of the participants and visit Devrent Valley where various types of Fairy Chimneys are abundant. We will walk through this amazing valley. Thereafter visit Pasabagi (Monk's Valley) with multiple stems and caps, peculiar to this area. After visiting Pasabagi, drive to Avanos which is known for the pottery, a craft dating back to the Hittite period. The red clay which is worked by local craftsmen comes from the residue in the Kizilirmak river, the longest river of Turkey. Further to the time for lunch proceed to Goreme Open Air Museum to visit the churches, chapels and monasteries carved into the Fairy Chimneys from the 10th to the 13th centuries with frescospainted on the walls. Shopping time for the wellknown merits of the area. Overnight in Cappadocia. (B, L ,D)

#### Day 8: Cappadocia-Kayseri

After breakfast transfer to Kayseri or Nevsehir Airport for flight back to Istanbul. After arrival end of our services. (B)

- Private tour
- Service of English speaking guides
- 7 nights accommodation as per itinerary
- Round trip airport transfers
- Meals are indicated by code letters (B- breakfast, L- lunch, D-dinner)
- Entrance fees to sites visited
- Domestic flight from Izmir to Kayseri or Nevsehir
- Domestic flight from Kayseri or Nevsehir to Istanbul

Price Per Person A\$	2 People	3 People	4 -5 People	6-7 People	8-9 People	10 People
1 Jan-31 Dec 2024	7359	7338	4680	4650	3579	3360



**Ephesus** 

# Gulet Cruises

Gulet Cruises are perfect for those who enjoy a relaxing summer holiday on the water. Take advantage of southern Turkey's 300 days a year of perfect sunshine. Escape the rat race and enjoy a carefree journey onboard a Gulet – a small traditional wooden sailing boat retaining aspects of the past with modern amenities. Simply relax and take advantage of the service of a local crew who will be there to assist you during your voyage. Vessels used for regular sailing usually include six to 10 double cabins with private facilities and air-conditioning. Gulets for private hire are usually of higher standard and vary in sizes. You may choose from a selection of our regular itineraries or hire your own vessel and decide your own itinerary. Please contact us for availability and prices for private charter.

# Private Gulet Cruise

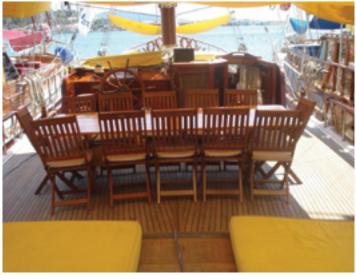
















# Marmaris **Gulet Cruise**

# Bodrum 4 or 8 Days Gulet Cruise

8 Days

#### **Departs:**

Saturdays: Marmaris to Marmaris - 8 Days Saturdays: Marmaris to Fethiye - 4 Days

#### Day 1: Marmaris

The boarding starts at 15:30 from Marmaris Harbor with dinner and an overnight stay in Marmaris Port.

Day 2: Ekincik Gulf-Dalyan

Day 3: Sunken Turkish bath-Tersane Island-Kizil Island

Day 4: Fethiye

Guests who have joined mini tour from

Marmaris will disembark here.

Day 5: Gocek Island-Yassica Islands

Day 6: Bedri Rahmi Bay-Sarsala-Aga Limani Day 7: Kumlubuk Bay-Cennet Island-Marmaris

Day 8: Marmaris

Guests will leave the boat after breakfast. (B)

#### **HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- 7 nights accommodation aboard air conditioned shared yacht in double cabin
- 3, 4 or 8 days of cruising /sailing
- Breakfast lunch and dinner daily
- Welcome cocktail
- Fully qualified crew
- Harbor expenses
- Local VAT taxes

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Price Per Person in Double A\$	Double	Single				
18, 25 May; 1, 8 Jun; 5 Oct 2024	1486	2594				
15, 22, 29 Jun 2024 6, 13, 20, 27 Jul 2024 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Aug 2024 7, 14, 21, 28 Sep 2024	1957	3602				

#### **Departs:** Saturdays

#### Day 1: Bodrum

Boarding starts by 15.30 pm from Bodrum Harbor. You will have free time to visit the town's highlights. The Gulet will remain anchored in Bodrum for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 2: Orak Island-Cokertme

Day 3: Seven Islands (Kufre/Uzum

Lima)-Ayinda Bay Day 4: Cleopatra Island-Karacasogut

Day 5: Longoz-Tuzla Bay Day 6: Kargili-Kisebuku

Day 7: Pabucburnu-Yaliciftlik-Bodrum

Day 8: Bodrum

Disembarkation by 10.30 am after breakfast

### **HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- 7 nights accommodation aboard air conditioned shared yacht in double cabin
- 7 days of cruising /sailing
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily

- - Welcome cocktail
  - Fully qualified crew
  - Harbor expenses
  - Local VAT taxes

Price Per Person in Double A\$	Double	Single
18, 25 May; 1, 8 Jun; 5 Oct 2024	1486	2594
15, 22, 29 Jun 2024 6, 13, 20, 27 Jul 2024 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Aug 2024 7, 14, 21, 28 Sep 2024	1957	3602

Note: No Child reduction available. No triple cabins available.

# From Turkey to Greece



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# Best of Turkey & Greece

#### **Departs:** Saturdays

#### Day 1 Sat: Istanbul

On arrival transfer from Istanbul airport to hotel. Tonight you have a welcome meeting. Overnight at Double Tree By Hilton Piyalepasa or similar.

#### Day 2 Sun: Istanbul

After breakfast commence a full day guided tour including visits to: Topkapi Palace, Hippodrome Square – the place of the Roman Races and Blue Mosque. Continue to Hagia Sophia, unquestionably one of the finest buildings of all time. Built by Constantine

the Great, its immense dome rises 55m above the ground. This building has been a Cathedral, Catholic Church, Mosque and now Museum. Tour concludes with a visit to Spice Bazaar. Overnight at Double Tree By Hilton Piyalepasa or similar. (B)

#### Day 3 Mon: Istanbul-Gallipoli-Canakkale

Morning departure to Gallipoli, visit Anzac Cove, Nek, Chunuk Bair, Lone Pine and the 57th Regiment Memorial. Cross the Dardanelles, formerly known as Hellespont, a narrow strait in northwestern Turkey connecting the Aegean Sea to the Sea of Marmara. Overnight in Canakkale at Kolin Hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 4 Tue: Canakkale-Troy-Pergamum-Kusadasi

Travel to Troy, founded by Ilus the son of Tros in 3000 BC. Today at the site there stands a symbolic wooden horse that was built to commemorate the legendary war, cross the legendary Mount Ida and continue to Pergamum to visit the Acropolis. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi at Charisma hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 5 Wed: Kusadasi-Ephesus-Sirince-Kusadasi

This morning take a short drive to Ephesus, the most famous archaeological site in Turkey. See 2000 year old marble streets, Hadrian's Temple, Library of Celsus and gymnasium. Continue onto the village of Sirince to experience one of the most beautiful villages in Turkey. Return to Charisma Hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

#### Day 6 Thu: Kusadasi-Pamukkale-Marmaris

After breakfast, drive through the meandering plains and cotton farms. Arrive to Pamukkale to enjoy the beauty of the amazing lime cascades. Continue the day with a visit to Ancient Hierapolis before driving to Marmaris for overnight at Motto Premium Marmaris. (B, D)

#### Day 7 Fri: Marmaris-Rhodes

After breakfast transfer to the port for ferry to Rhodes. On arrival transfer to hotel. Historically, Rhodes was famous worldwide for the Colossus of Rhodes, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. The Medieval Old Town of the City of Rhodes has been declared a World Heritage Site. Today, it is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Europe. Overnight at Semiramis Hotel or similar. (B)

#### Day 8 Sat: Rhodes (walking tour)

Today join us for morning 2 to 3 hour orientation walk of Rhodes town. Admire the main sites on the way as well as gain local knowledge about restaurants, bars, transportation, tours and secrets known to locals only from our representative who will escort. This walk starts at the lobby of hotel Mediterranean; walk towards to old town passing by the Casino of Rhodes, the Turkish cemetery and the Mandraki port before entering the medieval city of Rhodes through the moat (Tafro). Continue stroll along the Knights' Street, a cobble stone street lined with the 'Inns', 15th and 16th century buildings, where the knights have lived divided according to their nationalities. Travel back in time and experience the medieval character of the beautiful old town, declared a World Heritage site. To complete the day, enjoy sweets and coffee tasting in a traditional Kafeneio of the old town. Rest of the day free to explore Old town, the Palace of the Grand Masters or for shopping at the bazaar at Socrates Street. (B)

#### Day 9 Sun: Rhodes-Santorini

After breakfast transfer to airport for flight to Santorini. Upon arrival transfer to Hotel El Greco or similar for overnight. Rest of the day at leisure to relax or explore the island. For afternoon we recommend optional Sunset cruise to witness the unforgettable while sipping wine and enjoying barbeque dinner after a swim in the Mediterranean Sea. (B)

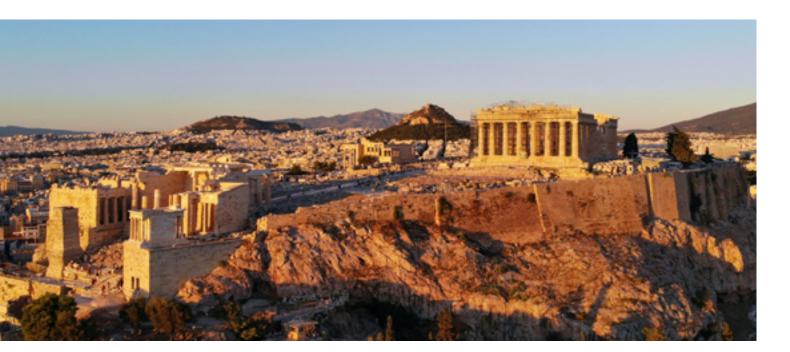
#### Day 10 Mon: Santorini (Island tour)

Full day coach tour of the island including hotel transfers. First stop is a vsit to the Red Beach, followed by the black sandy beach of Perivolos. Free time for swimming or lunch. Afterwards, the guide will lead you through the narrow streets of the most traditional villages of Megalohori and Pyrgos. Tour includes visit to a winery for the opportunity to taste the local wines. Finally last stop is Oia for sunset viewing before returning to your hotel. (B)

#### Day 11 Tue: Santorini-Mykonos

After breakfast, say a personal goodbye to Santorini and transfer to the port for a hydrofoil boat to Mykonos. Upon arrival transfer to Vienoulas Garden Hotel or similar. Relax and enjoy your afternoon at your leisure. Enjoy the beach or lounge by the pool. Make sure you enjoy a traditional Greek meal in one of the local taverna's or enjoy a drink while admiring the gorgeous sunset. Overnight Mykonos. (B)

Turkey and Greece close geographical location provides opportunity for travellers to visit both of them during the same trip. Combine the visit to historical sites of Turkey with Greek Islands famous fit its beautiful beaches with warm turquoise waters. Indulging in sumptuous Mediterranean cuisine while visiting both countries. The following programs are the most popular itineraries and they combine classical Turkey sightseeing by coach with the magic of the Greek Islands, allowing you to save time and money. Greek parts of itineraries are not escorted. Please note that most of those programs can be modified by extending stay on the islands or adding visits to additional islands.



### 15 or 19 Days

#### Day 12 Wed: Mykonos (Island tour)

Morning free. Afternoon approx. at 16:00 pick up for and island tour. Visit the famous Hora of Mykonos with little Venice and windmills. Drive to picturesque small port of St. Ioannis and visit in the church. Continue to Ano Mera Village a quiet little village where you can explore another side of Mykonos. Next the local monasteries of "Panagia Tourliani", also take a glimpse at the nearby open air market. Continue passing by beaches of "Kalo Livadi", "Kalafati" and "Aghia Anna" for a photo stop. Proceed to a very well known site in order to capture a panoramic Mykonos Town photo. After the tour drop of in town. Overnight in Mykonos. (B)

#### Day 13 Thu: Mykonos-Athens

Morning free in Mykonos. Afternoon transfer to port for ferry to Athens. On arrival transfer to Athenian Callirhoe Hotel or similar. Fill the rest of your day with a visit to Plaka, the old historical neighbourhood of Athens to have some food, shop or discover a little more about the city. (B)

Today enjoy a morning sightseeing tour which begins with visit to the Acropolis. Climb the hill and discover the building standing atop which is recognisable throughout the world. Admire the sweeping views of the city below before descending and continuing on. Other sites visited during this coach tour with English speaking guide are: the site of the first modern Olympics, Temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch, Acropolis Museum and Syntagma Square, home to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Afternoon free to explore the historical section of the city known as the Plaka. (B)

#### Day 15 Sat: Athens

After breakfast transfer to the airport. (B)

#### Greece Mainland Extension

#### Day 15 Sat: Athens-Corinth Canal-Mycenae-Olympia

Morning pick up from your hotel to depart for the Corinth Canal (short stop). Drive to Epidaurus and see its acoustically superb Ancient Theatre. Continue to the first capital of modern Greece - Nafplion, and drive through the plain of Argos. Arrive to Mycenae and visit the Palace of Agamemnon. In the afternoon depart to Olympia for overnight. (B, D)

#### Day 16 Sun: Olympia-Delphi

Today we will visit the Olympia archaeological site where the first Olympic Games were held. We will also see the Sanctuary of Zeus, Olympic Stadium and Museum. Continue the day with a drive through Patras and Rion, cross the Corinth Gulf and continue to Delphi via city of Nafpaktos. In the afternoon visit the picturesque mountain villa of Arachova. Dinner and overnight in Delphi. (B, D)

#### Day 17 Mon: Delphi-Kalambaka

In the morning visit the archaeological site and the Museum of Delphi featuring the bronze statue of the Charioteer amongst many other ancient treasures. Drive through the Central Greece towns of Amphissa, Lamia and Trikala to Kalambaka. Overnight stay in Kalambaka, a small town built at the foot of majestic grey rocks and crowned by the Meteora Monasteries. (B, D)

#### Day 18 Tue: Kalambaka (Meteora)-Athens

Leave in the morning for nearby Meteora, which seems to be suspended in mid-air. Visit the famous monasteries precariously perched on large monolithic rocks. Inside two of them see samples of Byzantine art. Return to Athens passing the monument of the heroic Leonidas at Thermopylae. Overnight Athenian Callirhoe hotel or

#### Day 19 Wed: Athens

After breakfast, transfer to airport. (B)

- Package combining Small group tour of Turkey (max 28 people) with independent services in Greece
- English speaking guide throughout Turkey tour
- 14 or 18 nights accommodation in first class hotels Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Economy ferries/hydrofoils tickets as per itinerary Economy class flight from Rhodes to Santorini direct or via Athens
- All transfers as per itineraries
- Entrance fees, service charges and local taxes

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Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single	Twin	Triple	Single		
6, 13, 27 Apr 2024	5698	5279	7780	6761	6316	9222		
4, 11 May 2024	5924	5489	8206	7005	6526	9648		
25 May; 1, 8, 15, 22 Jun; 28 Sep; 5 Oct 2024	6082	5617	8512	7145	6654	9954		
6, 13, 20, 27 Jul; 3, 10, 24, 31 Aug 2024	6264	5777	8856	7327	6814	10298		
7, 14, 21 Sep 2024	6124	5647	8596	7187	6684	10038		
12 Oct 2024	5784	5343	7954	6847	6380	9396		

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Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single	Twin	Triple	Single	
6, 13, 27 Apr 2024	5698	5279	7780	6761	6316	9222	
4, 11 May 2024	5924	5489	8206	7005	6526	9648	
25 May; 1, 8, 15, 22 Jun; 28 Sep; 5 Oct 2024	6082	5617	8512	7145	6654	9954	
6, 13, 20, 27 Jul; 3, 10, 24, 31 Aug 2024	6264	5777	8856	7327	6814	10298	
7, 14, 21 Sep 2024	6124	5647	8596	7187	6684	10038	
12 Oct 2024	5784	5343	7954	6847	6380	9396	

# Turkey & Island Connection

#### **Departs:** Saturdays

#### Day 1 Sat: Istanbul

On arrival transfer from Istanbul airport to hotel. Tonight you have a welcome meeting in Doubletree by Hilton Piyalepasa.

#### Day 2 Sun: Istanbul

After breakfast at the hotel, we will have a full day guided tour including visits to: Topkapi Palace, Hippodrome Square – the place of the Roman races, Blue Mosque and the Grand Bazaar where you can purchase some incredible bargains. Continue to Hagia Sophia,



unquestionably one of the finest buildings of all time. Built by Constantine the Great, its immense dome rises 55m above the ground. This building has been a Cathedral, Catholic Church, Mosque and now Museum. Tour concludes with a visit to Spice Bazaar. Optional dinner with Turkish show. Overnight at Doubletree by Hilton Piyalepasa. (B)

#### Day 3 Mon: Istanbul-Gallipoli-Canakkale

Morning departure to Gallipoli to visit Anzac Cove, Nek, Chunuk Bair, Lone Pine and the 57th Regiment Memorial. Cross the Dardanelles and overnight in Canakkale at Kolin Hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 4 Tue: Canakkale-Troy-Pergamum-Kusadasi

Travel to Troy, founded by Ilus the son of Tros in 3000 BC. Today at the site there stands a symbolic wooden horse that was built to commemorate the legendary war, cross the legendary Mount Ida and continue to Pergamum to visit the Acropolis. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi at Charisma Deluxe hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 5 Wed: Kusadasi-Ephesus-Sirince-Kusadasi

This morning take a short drive to Ephesus, the most famous archaeological site in Turkey. See 2000 year old marble streets, Hadrian's Temple, Library of Celsus and gymnasium. Continue onto the village of Sirince to experience one of the most beautiful villages in Turkey. Return to Charisma Hotel for dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 6 Thu: Kusadasi-Pamukkale-Marmaris

This morning after breakfast, drive through the meandering plains and cotton farms and arrive in Pamukkale to enjoy the beauty of the Lime Cascades. Continue the day with a visit to Ancient Hierapolis before driving to Marmaris for overnight at Motto Premium Marmaris. (B, D)

#### Day 7 Fri: Marmaris-Rhodes

After breakfast transfer to the port for ferry to Rhodes. On arrival transfer to hotel. Historically, Rhodes was famous worldwide for the Colossus of Rhodes, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. The Medieval Old Town of the City of Rhodes has been declared a World Heritage Site. Today, it is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Europe. Overnight at Semiramis Hotel or similar. (B)

#### Day 8 Sat: Rhodes (walking tour)

Today join us for morning 2 to 3 hour orientation walk of Rhodes town. Admire the main sites on the way as well as gain local knowledge about restaurants, bars, transportation, tours and secrets known to locals only from our representative who



Paros



Rhodes

will escort. This walk starts at the lobby of hotel Mediterranean; walk towards to old town passing by the Casino of Rhodes, the Turkish cemetery and the Mandraki port before entering the medieval city of Rhodes through the moat (Tafro). Continue stroll along the Knights' Street, a cobble stone street lined with the 'Inns', 15th and 16th century buildings, where the knights have lived divided according to their nationalities. Travel back in time and experience the medieval character of the beautiful old town, declared a World Heritage site. To complete the day, enjoy sweets and coffee tasting in a traditional Kafeneio of the old town. Rest of the day free to explore Old town, the Palace of the Grand Masters or for shopping at the bazaar at Socrates Street. (B)

#### Day 9 Sun: Rhodes-Santorini

Transfer to airport for flight to Santorini (direct or via Athens, Subject to availability). If direct ferry available can be added as well. Upon arrival transfer to Hotel El Greco or similar. Rest of day at leisure. We recommend to have a cocktail at one of the Fira's restaurants and watch the sunset over the caldera or sample the Santorini wines and beers on offer. (B)

#### Day 10 Mon: Santorini (Island tour)

Full day coach tour of the island including hotel transfers. First stop is a vsit to the Red Beach, followed by the black sandy beach of Perivolos. Free time for swimming or lunch. Afterwards, the guide will lead you through the narrow streets of the most traditional villages of Megalohori and Pyrgos. Tour includes visit to a winery for the opportunity to taste the local wines. Finally last stop is Oia for sunset viewing before returning to your hotel. (B)

#### Day 11 Tue: Santorini-Paros

Transfer to the pier for hydrofoil passage to Paros. Upon arrival transfer to your Hotel Paros Bay Boutique or similar and rest of the day at leisure. (B)

#### Day 12 Wed: Paros

Free day to explore the island known for its fine white marble. Daytrip to the fishing village of Naoussa or the island of Antiparos. (B)

#### Day 13 Thu: Paros-Athens

Transfer to port and ferry to Piraeus Port. On arrival transfer to Athenian Callirhoe Hotel or similar. (B)

#### Day 14 Fri: Athens

Half day sightseeing tour of Athens including visit to the legendary Acropolis, featuring the Parthenon, Temple of Athena Nike, Propylea and Erechtheion with its museum, Zeus' Temple and Hadrian's Arch, and the Panatheniac Stadium, site of the first Modern Olympic games. (B)

#### Day 15 Sat: Athens

After breakfast, transfer to airport. (B)

- Package combining Small group tour of Turkey (max 28 people) with independent services in Greece
- English speaking guide throughout
- 14 nights accommodation in four or five star hotels
- Economy flight from Rhodes to Santorini
- Ferry passages as per itinerary
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Entrance fees, luggage handling, service charges and local taxes

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
6, 13, 27 Apr 2024	5529	5135	7410
4, 11 May 2024	5773	5345	7836
25 May; 1, 8, 15, 22 Jun; 28 Sep; 5 Oct 2024	5913	5473	8142
6, 13, 20, 27 Jul; 3, 10, 24, 31 Aug 2024	6095	5633	8486
7, 14, 21 Sep 2024	5955	5503	8226
12 Oct 2024	5615	5199	7584

# Turkey & Island Hopper

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unquestionably one of the finest buildings of all time. Built by Constantine the Great, its immense dome rises 55m above the ground. This building has been a Cathedral, Catholic Church, Mosque and now Museum. Tour concludes with a visit to Spice Bazaar. Overnight at Doubletree by Hilton Piyalepasa (B)

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#### Day 9 Sun: Rhodes-Heraklion

Transfer to the airport for flight to Heraklion (Crete) (Direct or via Athens – Subject to availability). On arrival transfer to the Galaxy Hotel or similar. Afternoon at leisure in Crete's vibrant capital, which offers a mix of ancient and medieval history, outstanding museums and enticing shopping and restaurants, all topped off with the ancient Palace of Knossos, located just outside town. (B)

#### Day 10 Mon: Heraklion (Crete)

Today free day to explore the capital of Crete Heraklion. Take opportunity to visit the famous Knossos Palace and archeological Museum. Sample to local cuisine that Crete is famous for or join one of the optional regular or private day excursions. (B)

#### Day 11 Tue: Crete-Santorini

Transfer to the port for a highspeed ferry to Santorini. On arrival transfer to Hotel El Greco or similar. Use the free time to explore the area best known for its stunning views. Take the time to sample Santorini wines, take the cable car, or just indulge in amazing Mediterranean food. Enjoy the relaxed pace of the island. (B)

#### Day 12 Wed: Santorini

Full day coach tour of the island including hotel transfers. In the morning first vsit Red Beach, then the black sandy beach of Perivolos. Free time for swimming or lunch. Afterwards, the guide will lead you through the narrow streets of the traditional villages Megalohori and Pyrgos. Tour includes visit to a winery for the opportunity to taste the local wines. Last stop is Oia for sunset viewing before returning to your hotel. (B)

#### Day 13 Thu: Santorini-Athens

Transfer to the port for fast ferry to Athens (upgrade to flight available at an extra charge). On arrival transfer from the port to Athenian Callirhoe Hotel or similar. Located in the heart of Athens enjoy spectacular views of Acropolis from the rooftop restaurant and bar. (B)

#### Day 14 Fri: Athens

Half day sightseeing tour including a visit to the famed Acropolis, Zeus's Temple and the modern Olympic Stadium as well as the famous Acropolis Museum. Afternoon is free to wander the streets of the Plaka to take in local sites, shop and feel like a true Athenian. (B)

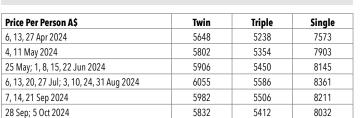
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After breakfast, transfer to airport. (B)

Note: Extension after Santorini to other islands such as Mykonos, Paros, Milos and many more available. Please ask us how

#### **HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- Package combining Small group tour of Turkey (max 28 people) with independent services in Greece
- English speaking guide throughout
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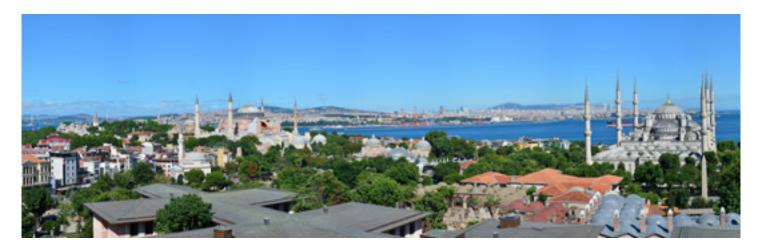
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# Istanbul





# Istanbul 3 Day Pack

#### Day 1: Istanbul

Transfer from Istanbul Airport or port to your hotel. Overnight Istanbul.

#### Day 2: Istanbul – Full day tour

Pick up at the hotel for a small group tour (max. 10) of Istanbul including visits to Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque and the Hippodrome. After lunch visit the Topkapi Palace (Closed Tuesdays) located on the Bosphorus, Today it is a museum that contains the finest treasures and fondest memories of the Ottoman. The tour concludes with a visit to the Grand Bazaar (closed on Sundays). (B, L)

#### Day 3: Istanbul

After breakfast transfer to the airport. (B)

#### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Private return transfer
- 2 nights accommodation with breakfast
- Full day tour of Istanbul with lunch
- Entrance fees, service charges and local taxes

Price Per Person A\$	1 Nov 2	1 Nov 2023-15 Mar 2024			16 Mar-31 Oct 2024		
	Twin	Triple	Single	Twin	Triple	Single	
Sura Hagia Sofia	1071	988	1783	1362	1327	2067	
Levni	937	846	1463	1004	932	1538	
Arena	795	705	1169	948	919	1492	
Asur	589	591	764	738	705	1067	

# Istanbul 4 Day Pack

#### Day 1: Istanbul

Transfer from Istanbul Airport or port to your hotel. Overnight Istanbul.

#### Day 2: Istanbul - Full day tour

Pick up at the hotel for a small group tour (max. 10) to visit the Blue Mosque, Hippodrome and Topkapi Palace (closed on Tuesdays). Afternoon see Hagia Sophia, the Grand Bazaar (closed on Sundays). (B, L)

#### Day 3: Istanbul-Bosphorus - Cruise

A half day cruise along the Bosphorus and visit to the famous Spice Bazaar. (B) **Day 4: Istanbul** 

After breakfast transfer to the airport. (B)

- Private return transfer
- 3 nights accommodation with breakfast
- Full day tour of Istanbul with lunch
- Half day Bosphorus cruise Entrance fees, service charges and local taxes

Price Per Person A\$	1 Nov 2	1 Nov 2023-15 Mar 2024			16 Mar-31 Oct 2024		
	Twin	Triple	Single	Twin	Triple	Single	
Sura Hagia Sofia	1521	1432	2529	1974	1959	2968	
Levni	1315	1213	2032	1417	1346	2149	
Ramada Old City	921	819	1476	1170	1170	1857	
Arena	1096	995	1580	1330	1330	2076	
Asur	774	687	949	1008	995	1417	



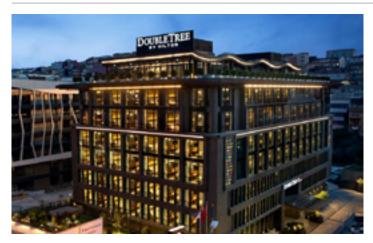


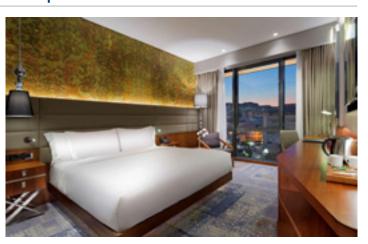
Ciragan Palace Kempinski is situated on the European shores of the Bosphorus, in a very convenient location between the districts of Besiktas and Ortakoy. Being the only Ottoman Imperial Palace and Hotel on the Bosphorus. This hotel offers a resort ambience in the city and reflects the ultimate luxury of a genuine Ottoman Palace. With a total of 310 rooms, restaurants, bars & Spa facilities Ciragan Palace Kempinski offer a blissful culinary experience and the feeling of floating on the Bosphorus. Is the only hotel in Istanbul accessible by car, yacht and helicopter. **Breakfast:** Buffet Breakfast.



# 2 Double Tree By Hilton Piyalepasa







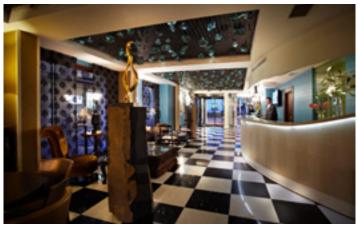
Located across from a Havist stop and within three kilometers of Galata Tower, Taksim Square, and Istiklal Street. The Old Town with the Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia Museum, and the Grand Bazaar are around 20 minutes from our door. Enjoy our free local shuttle, sun terrace, and indoor pool with whirlpool. Connecting rooms, free WiFi, concierge, on-site restaurant, fitness centre, room service, business centre, meeting rooms. **Breakfast:** Buffet Breakfast.



# Sonak Hotel Taksim





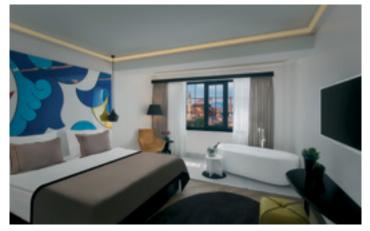


Located right at the cenre of Istanbul, Konak Hotel is mere steps from Taksim square; the cultural hub of the country. Our city centre hotel in Istanbul places you in the middle of the entertainment and business activities this metropolitan has to offer. 10 minutes from Nisantasi's elite boutique stores as well as the heart of activities at all hours of the day on Istiklal Street, the city centre. Subway stop is right across the street. All rooms include air conditioning, satellite TV, electronic safe box, overstocked minibar, desk or work space, coffee/tea maker, two telephones in each room, choice of shower or bathtub in the room, complimentary wireless internet access. **Breakfast:** Buffet Breakfast.



# Sura Hagia Sophia Hotel





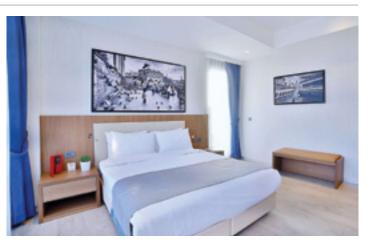
Centrally located in Sultanahmet area (old town) of the Historic Peninsula, the Sura Hagia Sophia is just 300 metres from the Sultanahmet Square and Blue Mosque. All rooms have comfortable deco with air conditioning, a flat-screen TV with satellite channels, fully stocked minibar, and kettle. Each has a private bathroom including a hairdryer, free toiletries and slippers. Some of the rooms have city views whereas other rooms overlook Hagia Sophia. An à la carte restaurant, a buffet restaurant and a bar offer where you can sample different tastes of Turkish Cuisine. The hotel has an outdoor swimming pool and a lovely garden. Free Wi-Fi access is available. **Breakfast**: Buffet.



# Ramada Old City Hotel







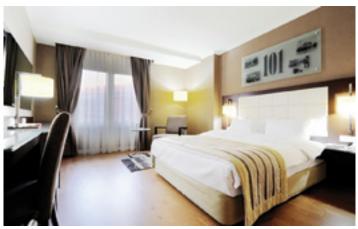
Perfectly situated close to the historical sites in the heart of the Old Town, the Ramada Old Town features a health club including Turkish bath and gym, meeting rooms, gift shop and two restaurants including a roof restaurant boasting views of the city and Marmara Sea. Featuring 100 rooms, each elegantly designed using the highest quality, the hotel will enable anyone to feel at home. Each room boasts in-room safe, iron & ironing board, satellite TV, A/C, radio, mini bar, sound proofed windows and private bathroom with shower, bathtub and hair dryer. **Breakfast:** Buffet Breakfast



# 6 Kent Hotel







Ideally situated in the Old Town centre within walking distance to all the main attractions, the Kent Hotel is the perfect choice for resting those weary feet after a day of sightseeing. Boasting a café, TV hall with international satellite channels, a resting hall for some down time and a restaurant serving Turkish and International cuisine, the hotel can cater to anyone. Each of the hotel's 92 rooms have been designed with luxury and comfort in mind featuring large beds, soft colours and superior facilities. All rooms offer air conditioning, direct dial phone, satellite LCD television, mini bar, wireless internet connection, safe deposit box and hair dryer. **Breakfast:** American Buffet.



# Levni Hotel & Spa





Located in the heart of the city in the historic district this 75 room hotel is only 200 metres from Topkapi Palace. The hotel boasts a vrestaurant which features mouth watering traditional Ottoman and Turkish cuisine and has a wellness centre with pool, fitness room and Turkish baths. All rooms come with satellite LCD TV, internet, air-conditioning, Bathrobe and towel, in-room tea and coffee, hair dryer, mini bar and electronic safe. Experienced and fully informed staff will make you feel at home and reveal you the secrets of a city they love by providing you with local tips and practical advice. **Breakfast:** Buffet Breakfast.



# Arena Hotel

# Special Category





Situated in Istanbul's historic district of Sultanahmet, only a 2 minute walk from Blue Mosque and Hagia Sophia, this Ottoman-style hotel combines traditional décor with modern facilities, including free wireless internet access. Arena Hotel is an excellent example of a 19th-Century Ottoman stone house. It has been carefully restored in keeping with Istanbul's historic architecture and features antique furnishings. Each of the spacious rooms at Arena Hotel is decorated in rich fabrics and a creative blend of warm colours. The hotel has two restaurants and a spa with Turkish bath that is decorated with a domed ceiling and wall ceramics. All 40 rooms are air-conditioned with full bath, direct dial phone, hair dryer, safe, cable TV, radio and mini bar. **Breakfast:** Continental Buffet.



# Olimpiyat Boutique Hotel







A charming hotel perfectly situated in the cultural centre of the old city of Istanbul. There is easy access to all of the most important sights of ancient Constantinople and modern Istanbul. Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, Basilica Cistern and the Grand Bazaar are all within seven minutes walk. The hotel features the Sultan Spa and the rooftop Olive Restaurant, which offers breathtaking views of the Bosphorus, Topkapi Palace and Hagia Sophia. Rooms are renovated and offer a comfortable and warm atmosphere; each has satellite TV, wireless internet, A/C, mini bar and hair dryer. **Breakfast:** Buffet Breakfast.



# Day Tours

Whether taking a Turkish cooking class or cruising the Bosphorus, Istanbul will definitely impress you. We offer a large selection of tours for those who wish to explore Istanbul and surrounding areas. Please chose from selection of regular group tours, small group tours or private tours. We can also arrange a customise tours for those with special interests. There are so many things to do in Istanbul and other cities in Turkey that we couldn't possibly fit everything in just one brochure. For more tours visit www.greecemedtravel.com.au

### INCLUSIONS FOR ALL TOURS

- Service of professional licenced local guides with an excellent knowledge of
- Entrance fees to sites visited (as per itinerary)

- Transportation by luxurious, modern vehicles that provide comfort and air
- Pick up and drop of at your hotel

### Istanbul at Your Own Pace

### Full Day

# Street Food Tour

Half Day



### Departs: Daily Half Day: 09:00-13:00 Full Day: 09:00-17:00

You can tell us the places you wish to visit or we can recommend an itinerary. Great way to visit selected sites, walk the local streets and see local faces of Turkey with an experienced English-speaking guide. Recommended for first time visitors and those who want to see more. Whether it's to follow the path of James Bond in Skyfall, visit Museum of Modern Art, or taste the best authentic street foods that Istanbul has on offer, we will arrange it. Cost includes pick up and drop off at hotel, transportation by luxurious minivan with driver, parking fees and service of a qualify licensed, guide. Entrance fees (if applicable) payable locally.

Price Per Person A\$	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6-10 Persons
Half day	381	231	208	178	163	153
Full day	743	556	431	374	343	328

### Departs: Daily 12:00-16:00 or 18:00-22:00

Start from Spice Market area learning about spices which dominated Ottoman cuisine. Try sherbet (spice juice), Turkish delight and nuts. Experience the smells and the colours of Istanbul then walk through Galata Bridge to Galata area. Taste ethnic dishes from all regions of Anatolia. Galata district is becoming a cultural centre with haute couture designers, wine cellars, boutique hotels. Taste Turkish coffee, sesame pretzel or roasted chestnuts on the way to Beyoglu. Beyoglu has labyrinth like streets, taste Greek mezes, Blacksea style pizza, fried mussels, pickles, tripe soup etc. Conclude tour with desert, either mastic rice pudding or elastic ice cream.

Price Per Person A\$	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons
Regular Tour	321	321	321	321	321	321
Private Tour	760	599	483	424	381	356

# Classical Istanbul with Lunch Full Day Shopping Experience



### **Departs:** Daily 09:00-17:00

This guided tour explores the ancient city of Istanbul including Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace (closed Tuesdays - replaced with Underground Cistern), The saint Sophia Basilica (closed Mondays), to the ancient seat of Byzantine Church, The Blue Mosque, Roman Hippodrome which was used for chariot races and then the Grand Bazaar (closed on Sundays - replaced with Spice Bazaar). Lunch included.

Price Per Person A\$	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6-10 Persons
Regular Tour	220	220	220	220	220	220
Private Tour	743	556	431	374	343	328

Half Day



**Departs:** Daily 09:00-13:00 or 14:00-18:00

Half day tour that includes visit to reputable leather shop, a carpet outlet and a modern shopping mall. Be treated to a personalised experience as you learn the difference between authentic and "authentic looking" leather. Learn the secrets behind the famous Turkish carpet and consider to buy one to take home as a reminder of your wonderful holiday in Turkey. Finally browse through the amazing range of modern outlets in the shopping mall.

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### Departs: Daily 09:00-13:00

A guided tour exploring the ancient city includes Topkapi Palace, (Closed on Tue) main residence of Ottoman Sultans, Blue Mosque visit (from courtyard, interior parts of mosque are excluded, closed on Fridays due to Friday pray) and then continue to the Grand Bazaar (Closed on Sunday).

Price Per Person A\$	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons
Regular Tour	139	139	139	139	139	139
Private Tour	492	362	273	234	212	202

### Panoramic Tour

Full Day



Start the day driving to the Asian side of Istanbul; first stop is Camlıca Hill where you will enjoy the beauty of Bosphorus, then continue to Seven Hills Hotel panoramic terrace, cross the bridge back to European side and climb up to Galata Tower to overlook the old town peninsula then drive to Pier Loti to enjoy Golden Horn Bay. Lunch in a local restaurant. We will climb on to different terraces of buildings to see the old town monuments from different perspective.

Price Per Person A\$	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons
Regular Tour	263	263	263	263	263	263
Private Tour	684	501	374	316	290	269

# Byzantian Heritage

Half Dav



### **Departs:** Daily 09:00-13:00

This guided tour explores the ancient sites including Saint Sophia Basilica, which is the ancient site of the Byzantine Church, then the Roman Hippodrome, used for Chariot races, followed by the Underground Cistern and the Grand Bazaar (closed Sundays - replaced with Spice Bazaar).

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Regular Tour	139	139	139	139	139	139
Private Tour	492	362	273	234	212	202



### Departs: Daily 09:00-13:00

Start with a visit to the famous Spice Markets full of oriental aromas followed by a cruise between the two continents. Sail towards the Black Sea and admire the amazing buildings and ottoman houses on both European and Asia sides. Disembark and drive back to hotel.

Price Per Person A\$	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6-10 Persons
Regular Tour	111	111	111	111	111	111
Private Tour	336	188	163	135	120	108

## Istanbul Backstreets Tour

Full Day



Morning drive to Suleymaniye Mosque. Take a coffee break at Pierre Loti Hill then visit Fener–Balat districts. After lunch cross the bridge for walking tour of old Taksim. Starting on Istiklal Caddesi we'll weave through the backstreets dotted with historic buildings, crumbling churches, hip cafes, swanky restaurants and market stalls. Continue to Karakoy and cross the Unkapani Bridge, before arriving at the Egyptian Spice Market for sticky Turkish delight, baklava, dried fruit, nuts. You may prefer to just grab a fresh Simit (bread stick) take a seat and watch the hubbub of activity that surrounds the area before our tour concludes and we return to our hotel

Price Per Person A\$	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6-10 Persons
Regular Tour	198	198	198	198	198	198
Private Tour	684	501	374	316	290	269

# Princes Island

Full Day



### **Departs:** Daily 09:00-17:00

With a guide take a boat trip across the Marmara Sea floating passed the Topkapi Palace, St Sophia and the Blue Mosque till you reach Buyukada island, which is a very colourful and charming resort area covered in beautiful natural and historic scenery. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and then take a sightseeing tour. Then time for leisure. Finally, take a ferry back and then transfer to your hotel. Lunch Included.

Price Per Person A\$	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6-10 Persons
Regular Tour	263	263	263	263	263	263
Private Tour	813	527	441	374	339	304

# Cappadocia Tours While in Tu a region in



While in Turkey do not miss opportunity visit Cappadocia, a region in central Turkey, full of natural sites, most notably the "fairy chimneys," tall, cone-shaped rock formations. Discover underground cities- Bronze Age homes carved into valley walls by troglodytes (cave dwellers) and later used as refuges by early Christians. Explore one of the Unesco World Heritage Sites, the Göreme Open-Air Museum and see Cappadocia's most prominent landmark, visible for miles around- Uchisar Castle. Use one of the tours below or ask us for customised itinerary.



# Classical Cappadocia

Full Day

# Valleys & Underground Cities Full Day



### Departs: Daily 1 Jan-31 Dec 2024

Depart from the hotel at 09.30-10.00 depending on the arrival time of the participants from the other hotels and visit the Devrent Valley to see the unique fairy-chimneys. Drive to Pasabagi (Monk's Valley) to see the most interesting mushroom-shaped pinnacles. In the afternoon visit Open Air Museum in Goreme where the remains of rock-cut churches and Christian settlements date back hundreds of years.

Price Per Person A\$	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6-10 Persons
Regular Tour	189	189	189	189	189	189
Private Tour	748	572	485	438	414	390

### Departs: Daily 1 Jan-31 Dec 2024

Depart from the hotel at 09.30-10.00 depending on the arrival time of the participants from the other hotels, for a tour with hike through the Rose Valley with visits to the churches. Afterwards visit to the old Christian village of Cavusin. Stop for lunch near Pigeons Valley and then continue on to see the Kaymakli Underground City. You will also visit the Ortahisar natural rock castle. Transfer back to the hotel.

Price Per Person A\$	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6-10 Persons
Regular Tour	189	189	189	189	189	189
Private Tour	748	572	485	438	414	390

### **HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS - FULL DAY TOURS**

- Transportation by air conditioned coach
- English speaking guide
- Lunch included
- Entrance fees



# Escape to Cappadocia

### 3 Days

### Departs: Daily 1 Jan-31 Oct 2024

### Day 1: Kayseri-Cappadocia

Upon arrival in Kayseri pick up from the airport to start your tour. Visit the Devrent Valley to see the unique fairy-chimneys, and then drive to Pasabag (Monk's Valley) to see the mushroom-shaped pinnacles. In the afternoon visit the Open Air Museum in Goreme where the remains of rock-cut churches and Christian settlements date back hundreds of years. Overnight in Cappadocia. (L, D)

### Day 2: Cappadocia

Full day sightseeing tour. After breakfast start the tour with a hike through the Rose Valley. Afterwards visit to the old Christian village of Cavusin. Stop for lunch at a local restaurant near Pigeons Valley and then continue on to see the Kaymakli Underground City. You will also visit the Ortahisar natural rock castle before returning to your hotel in Cappadocia for overnight. (B, L, D)

### Day 3: Cappadocia-Kayseri

After breakfast transfer to Kayseri Airport. (B)

### **HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- Transportation by air conditioned coach
- English speaking guide
- 2 nights accommodation in four or five star hotels
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Entrance fees, luggage handling, service charges and local taxes

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Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single	Twin	Triple	Single	
Dilek Kaya / Dinler	555	527	761	715	687	964	
MDC Cave Hotel / Yusuf Yigitoglu Konagi	819	789	1257	1346	1272	1827	

# Touch of Cappadocia

### 2 Days

### Departs: Daily 1 Jan-31 Dec 2024

### Day 1: Kayseri-Cappadocia

Arrive at Kayseri Airport then visit Devrent Valley and Pasabagi (Monk's Valley). In the afternoon visit the Open Air Museum in Goreme, where the remains of rock-cut churches of early Christian settlements are found. Overnight Cappadocia. (L, D)

### Day 2: Cappadocia-Kayseri

After breakfast hike through the Rose Valley to visit the churches, afterwards visit the old Christian village of Cavusin. Stop for lunch near Pigeons Valley and then continue on to see the Kaymakli Underground City. You will also visit the Ortahisar natural rock castle. Transfer to the airport in Kayseri. (B, L)

### **HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- Transportation by air conditioned coach
- English speaking guide
- Accommodation in first class four or five star hotels
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Entrance fees, luggage handling, service charges and local taxes

	1 Nov 2	2023-31 Ma	ar 2024	1 Apr -31 Oct 2024			
Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single	Twin	Triple	Single	
Dilek Kaya / Dinler	475	445	564	564	549	697	
MDC Cave / Yusuf Yigitoglu Konagi	727	697	936	847	817	1084	

# Wonders of Cappadocia

5 Days

### **Departs:** Fridays Day 1 Fri: Istanbul

Upon arrival be met by representative before transfer to hotel. Rest of day at leisure. Overnight at luxurious Avantgarde Levent or similar.

### Day 2 Sat: Istanbul

After breakfast at the hotel, a full day guided tour of Istanbul including visits to: Topkapi Palace, Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia and the Grand Bazaar. Optional dinner with Turkish show. Transfer back to Hotel for overnight. (B)

### Day 3 Sun: Istanbul-Ankara-Cappadocia

Drive to Ankara and visit the Mausoleum of Ataturk and its museum. Depart for Cappadocia and enjoy a picturesque drive along the Salt Lake. Arrive in Cappadocia in the late evening for overnight at Yusufyigitoglu Cave Hotel or similar. (B, D)

### Day 4 Mon: Cappadocia

Early this morning, an optional Balloon tour is available. After breakfast, begin the fascinating tour of Cappadocia and its amazing rock formations. Walk through several levels of the Kaymakli Underground City and admire the Open Air Museum in Goreme with its eleven refectories and rock-cut churches. Enjoy lunch in a cave restaurant and taste the famous pottery Kebap. This afternoon, view the natural fortress in Uchisar, the highest peak and the most prominent land formation of the region. Take the opportunity to discover and understand the rich history behind local handicrafts such as hand-made carpets, Turkish tiles, onyx and pottery. Optional Turkish show with dinner. Overnight in Cappadocia. (B, L)

### Day 5 Tue: Cappadocia-Kayseri

Transfer to Kayseri Airport (Flight not included). (B)

### **HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- Transportation by air conditioned coach
- English speaking guide
- 4 nights accommodation in four or five star hotels
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Entrance fees, luggage handling, service charges

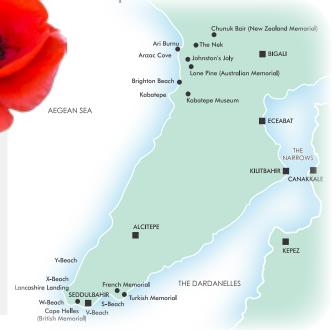
Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
12 Jan; 9 Feb; 8, 22 Mar 2024	1494	1417	2017
5, 12, 26 Apr 2024 3, 10, 17, 31 May 2024 7, 14, 21, 28 Jun 2024 5, 12, 19 Jul 2024 2, 9, 16, 30 Aug 2024 6, 13, 20, 27 Sep 2024 4, 11, 18 Oct 2024	1817	1717	2410
1 Nov; 20 Dec 2024	1725	1625	2318



Gallipoli Tours

ANZAC

We offer a selection of tours specially designed for those who wish to attend the Anzac Day celebration in Gallipoli. Please contact us for details.



discover their heritage and give them a chance to visit Gallipoli area. Join us as we remember that fateful morning as well as the long campaign. Marvel and pay respect to the human qualities of courage, mateship and sacrifice that adds to our sense of national identity. Commemorative services on 25 April will see a lot of people travel a long way to attend services. Walk through the trenches, attend a moving dawn service and hear the stories of heroism and camaraderie immortalised in Australia's Anzac history.

We are proud to offer Australians the opportunity to

# Gallipoli Day Tour

Full Day

Gallipoli in Depth

3 Days

**Departs:** Regular Tour: Daily between 1 Mar-21 Oct 2024 (except 22-26 Apr 2024) Private Tour: Every Day/All Year Around (Except 22-26 Apr 2024)

Early morning pick-up (approx.06:30-07:00am) from your hotel in the old part of Istanbul and departure for Gallipoli, the scene of one of the ugliest campaigns of World War I. Upon arrival, the excursion visits Anzac Cove, the landing site of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps on April 25, 1915, Lone Pine Cemetery, Johnston's Jolly (the Turkish and Allied trenches and tunnels), the Nek and the Chunuk Bair New Zealand memorial. Departure for Istanbul at 18:00 and arrival at approximately 23:00. Transfer back to your hotel in the Old part of Istanbul.

### **HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- Transportation by air conditioned coach
- English speaking guide
- Lunch
- Entrance fees, service charges and local taxes

Price Per Person A\$	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons
Regular Tour	312	312	312	312
Private Tour	1658	1170	964	878

# Gallipoli Two Day Tour

2 Days

**Departs:** Regular Tour: Every Day / All Year Around (Except 22-26 April period) (Early departure in 11 Nov [05:00am])

Private Tour: Every Day/All Year Around (Except 22-26 Apr 2024)

### Day 1: Istanbul-Canakkale

Pick up from your hotel in old part of Istanbul between 06:30 and 07:00. Depart for Canakkale (approx. 5 hours). Visit Anzac Cove, Lone Pine Cemetery, Johnston's Jolly (Turkish and Allied Trenches & tunnels), The Nek, Chunuk Bair New Zealand Memorial. Arrive at Canakkale at Approx. 18:30 for overnight stay at Helen Hotel or similar (Deluxe) or Kolin Hotel or similar (FC). (L)

### Day 2: Canakkale-Troy-Canakkale-Istanbul

After breakfast excursion of archaeological site of Troy, home of the Trojan Horse. Afternoon free in Canakkale. Depart for Istanbul at approx. 18:00 and arrival at approx. 23:00 for transfer to your hotel in old part of Istanbul. (B)

### **HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- Transportation by A/C coach
- English speaking guide
- Accommodation in standard or first class hotel
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch)
- Entrance fees, luggage handling, service charges and local taxes

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single		
Tourist Class Hotel	563	553	639		
First Class Hotel	628	607	715		

**Departs:** Regular Tour: Daily between 1 Mar-21 Oct 2024 (except 22-26 Apr 2024) Private Tour: Every Day/All Year Around (Except 22-26 Apr 2024)

### Day 1: Istanbul-Gallipoli-Canakkale

06:30 am – 07:00 am :Pick up from your hotel in Old part of Istanbul (For Modern town extra transfer fee will apply) and depart for Gallipoli and visit Kabatepe War Museum, Brighton Beach, Beach Cemetery, Anzac Cove, Ariburnu Cemetery, Anzac Commemoration Site, Lone Pine Australian Memorial, Johnston's Jolly (Turkish & Allied renches & tunnels) 57th Regiment Turkish Memorial, The Nek, Chunuk Bair New Zeal, Memorial and arrive Canakkale at 6:30 pm. Lunch included:Overnight at Helen Hotel or similar (Deluxe) or Kolin Hotel or similar (FC). (L)

### Day 2: Canakkale-Gallipoli-Canakkale

After breakfast, visit Naval Museum tour, cimenlik Castle and Nusret Mine Layer and cross the Dardanelles and drive to Helles. Visit Mecidiye Gun Emplacement (German Gun Emplacement), Statue of Corporal Seyit carrying 215 kg shell, Alcitepe Village, Open Air Turkish Field Hospital Museum, Achi Baba Hill (Main Objective for The Allied Forces), Turkish Memorial, S Beach, V Beach & British Memorial, W Beach. Then we will have lunch. After lunch continue to Bigali Village (HQ of 19th Ottoman Division and Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's House), Fishermans Hut, Hill 60 Cemetery, Suvla Bay. After the tour turn back to hotel in Canakkale for overnight. (B, L)

Day 3: Canakkale-Troy-Istanbul

Morning departure for Troy with its famous wooden horse. After the tour depart for Istanbul at 6:00 pm and arrive to Istanbul about 11:00 pm and transfer to hotel in old town (extra fee will apply for transfer to hotels in New town). (B, L)

### **HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- Transportation by A/C coach
- English speaking guides
- Ferry crossing
- 2 nights accommodation
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch)
- Entrance Fees, service charges and local taxes

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single		
Tourist Class Hotel	1798	1701	2340		
First Class Hotel	1885	1798	2492		



Anzac Cove

# Turkey General Information









### Introduction

The world's largest open-air museum is waiting to be explored. A landscape dotted with the memory of some of history's greatest moments, Turkey has it all. From the ruins of Troy to the ruins of Ephesus and the many natural wonders in between. Visit the vibrant city of Istanbul, straddling two continents, or the capital, Ankara. Experience the wonder of a balloon ride over Cappadocia and explore the Goreme Open Air Museum. Admire the cotton castle of Pamukkale and the spa city of Hierapolis. And immerse yourself in a culture rich with the past, but with all the promise of the future. For Australians, Gallipoli is the place to be as one meditates on the sacrifices made many years ago. Travel to Turkey, and experience the world.

Australian passport holders requirea passport with minimum six months validity and a visa. A multiple entry visa must be pre-purchased before departure at https://www.evisa.gov.tr and costs US\$60. This information is correct at the time of printing and is subject to change.

### Population

Turkey's population in 2020 was listed as just over 84 million inhabitants.

### Currency

The currency of Turkey is the Turkish Lira (TL).

### Climate

The Mediterranean and Aegean shores of Turkey experience long, hot summers and mild, rainy winters. Istanbul's average January temperature is 5°C and the average in July is 23°C. The central Anatolian Plateau has a continental climate with hot summers and colder winters than those along the shore. Ankara has an average January temperature of 0° C and an average July temperature of 23° C. The eastern highlands experience even longer and colder winters.

### **Average Monthly Temperatures** Degrees celsius:

Average	Temps	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Istanbul	Low	3	2	3	7	12	16	18	19	16	13	9	5
	High	8	9	11	16	21	25	28	28	24	20	15	11

### Food

Turkish culinary art has a long history and enjoys a high reputation in the world. Tasting Turkey's rich and exotic dishes is a must during your visit with the most notable being; kebabs, pides (a flat bread base with various toppings), seafood dishes on the Aegean and Mediterranean coasts, and sweet delicacies such as Turkish Delight, baklava and halva.

### Electricity

Turkey's electrical current is 220-240 volts. Two prong cylindrical round.

### National Holidays 2024

1 Jan – New Years Day 10-12 Apr – Eid al-Fitr 23 Apr – National Sovereignty and Childrens Day 1 May – Labbour and Solidarity Day 19 May – Commemoration of Ataturk &

National Youth and Sports day 16-19 Jun – Sacrifice Feast Holiday 15 Jul – Democracy and National Unity

30 Aug – Victory Day 29 Oct – Republic Day

### Getting Around

Organised tours are the best way to explore Turkey as they allow access to the main must see sights. Public transport such as local trains and buses do not take you right to the door steps of the attractions but only to the closest main town. If you don't wish to take a coach tour, car rental and self-drive packages can be organised, however be mindful that driving in Turkey involves long distances, that there is traffic congestion in major cities and the universal urban challenge of finding a parking spot is always there.

### Shopping

Turkey's bustling bazaars, markets, shops and stalls make this country an ideal shopping destination. Istanbul's Grand Bazaar hosts over 4000 stores where you need to be prepared to bargain, as this is an important part of your shopping trip and can give you that bargain you are looking for. This is the reason why many flock to Turkey

specifically for the shopping. Best buys include leather goods, textiles, stunning jewellery and local delicacies such as Turkish Delight. In rural areas, markets are colourful and vibrant, and is the best place to come across unique products and handmade items, such as rugs and angora bedspreads. Other crafts made of suede, copper, bronze, or ceramics, are also unique in nature including the famous Meerschaum Pipes.

### Getting There

By Air: Emirates, Etihad, Singapore fly daily from Australia. Several other airlines have connections via European

By Sea from Greece: Daily from April to October from Greece: from Samos Island to Kusadasi, from Kos Island to Bodrum and from Rhodes Island to Marmaris. There is no ferry from Athens to Istanbul or vice-versa.

### Accommodation

Turkey's hotels cater for a wide range of tastes and budgets. From the opulent Ottoman Sultans' Palaces to traditional estates and simply furnished hotels, Turkey has something to suit everyone. It is essential to pre-book accommodation before arriving in Turkey to avoid risking unavailability and for peace of mind. \*Please note that surcharges may apply during Special Event periods.

### Things to Do

Istanbul: Istanbul is not only historic but is also fascinating and vividly alive. As such there are many unique and wonderful places to visit including the Blue Mosque, supremely elegant imperial six minaret mosque of Sultanahmet I, known because of the magnificent blue tiles. Hagia Sophia, built by Constantine and widely considered to be an architectural marvel. Topkapi Palace which was the official residence of the Sultans for more than 400 years. The Suleymaniye Mosque, built by Suleyman the Magnificent and covered in fine white marble and stained glass windows. The Grand Bazaar which is a maze of over 4000 shops. A stay in Istanbul is not complete without a traditional boat trip along the Bosphorus.

Gallipoli: Visit the Gallipoli Peninsula, the scene of one of the bloodiest campaigns of World War I in which the Anzacs laid down their lives. Visit the

many sights around this area including ANZAC Cove, Lone Pine Cemetery, Johnston's Jolly (trenches and tunnels), The Nek and Chunuk Bair New Zealand Memorial. Perhaps take a morning tour of the archaeological sight of Troy, home to the Trojan Horse and the legendary story of Achilles as told by Homer. Seven Churches of the Apocalypse: Mentioned by St. John in the Book of Revelations, these seven churches are all found in Turkey including Efes (Ephesus), Izmir (Smyrna), Bergama (Pergamum), Akhisar (Thyatira), Sart (Sardis), Alasehir (Philadelphia) and Eskihisar (Laodicea).

Kusadasi: See the ancient site of Ephesus, one of Ancient Rome's greatest cities in the Western world along with its famous Library of Celsus and the House of Virgin Mary. See the city where the Gospel of John is rumoured to have been written. It is also the location where the enormous temple of Artemis, once considered a Wonder of the Ancient World, stood.

Pamukkale: The spectacular hot springs in Pamukkale, also known as the White Castle due to the lime deposits are a must visit. Discover the ruins of the spa city of Hierapolis built on top of the white castle.

Cappadocia: Explore the magical landscape of Cappadocia, with its fairy chimneys and its underground cities. Enjoy a awe-inspiring balloon ride over the remarkable landscape.

Antalva: See Hadrian's Gates, built into the city walls after Emperor Hadrian's visit in 130AD. The areas surrounding Antalya hold some fabulous beaches and historic sites. The ancient city of Demre, once inhabited in 500BC shows many carved rock tombs peeping out from the rock face overlooking the magnificent Roman Theatre. Many day trips can be taken to the East of Antalya including Perge, once inhabited by Hittites in approx. 1500BC providing an almost complete picture of the past. Aspendos is known for the best preserved theatre in antiquity, still used today.

Coastal Cities: Discover the picturesque coastal towns of Fethiye, Marmaris and Bodrum. Perhaps indulge in a traditional Gulet cruise along the coastline to secluded bays and beaches.

# **Booking Conditions**

These Booking Conditions set out the terms on which you contract with us for the arrangement of travel arrangements for your trip. By making a booking with us, you acknowledge that you have read, understood and agree to be bound by these Booking Conditions. We reserve the right to change these Booking Conditions at any time prior to you making a booking request. "You" and "Your" means all persons named in a booking (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date). "We", "us", "our" and "Greece and Mediterranean Travel Centre/Luxury Greece Collection" means Greece and Mediterranean Travel Centre Pty Ltd.

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### VALIDITY:

Brochure is valid 1 January 2024 to 31 October 2024, unless dates under individual land components state otherwise.

Contact your Travel Agent or Greece and Mediterranean Travel Centre Pty Ltd to make your reservations.

A booking request is accepted when we issue a written booking confirmation. It is at this point that a contract between us and you comes into existence subject to these Booking Conditions. We reserve the right to decline any booking at our discretion. No employee of ours other than a director has the authority to vary or omit any of these Booking Conditions or to promise any discount, refund or credit.

Confirmed bookings will be issued with an invoice upon confirmation detailing all services booked. It is your responsibility to ensure all details are correct. The right is reserved to correct any errors in rates quoted or calculated for any service notwithstanding that the invoice may have been paid in full.

The services we provide to you are limited to (a) the arrangement and coordination of your travel arrangements; and (b) the delivery of travel arrangements which we directly control This includes (often significant) work undertaken prior to travel to arrange and coordinate the delivery of your travel arrangements.

### **PRICES & EXCLUSIONS**

Prices stated are in Australian Dollars (\$AUD) and are current at the time of publication unless otherwise indicated. We also sometimes invoice in Euro or New Zealand dollars The price includes accommodation, transportation and other inclusions as per the published itinerary. International and domestic airfares and airport/hotel transfers are not included unless specifically stated. Costs associated with passports, visas, vaccinations, insurance, meals (other than those stipulated), emergency evacuation costs, gratuities, and all items of a personal nature are not included.

Selling prices for our products are calculated to include, but not limited to, research, brochure preparation, printing and distribution, communication costs, postage, courier fees, bank charges, currency transfers and remuneration to the travel agents. The prices do not imply that same or similar products may or may not be available at a different price if obtained from another source. Prices shown may not be valid during trade fairs, exhibitions and congresses.

### PRICE SURCHARGES

In the event of exchange rate fluctuations, the costs are subject to change without notice. In case of increases in the prices of service beyond our control including fuel surcharges, entrance fees, local taxes etc we reserve the right to adjust prices accordingly at any time up until the delivery of service irrespective if the payment has been received in full or not. Some overseas suppliers might charge a handling fee to supply a particular service. You will be informed about it at the time of booking.

A 10% deposit per person or \$300 (whichever is the greater), is required within 7 days (unless otherwise stated) of us accepting your booking. The deposit represents a fee payable to us for services associated with the processing and confirmation of your booking and any consultations on travel arrangements that we may provide to you. Because these services are provided as soon as we confirm your booking, the deposit is non-refundable other than where we cancel your travel arrangements for reasons other than Force Majeure (see below).

Please note that we may not hold any services for you until we receive payment of your deposit, meaning that services may become unavailable or prices may increase, in which case you will be responsible for paying the increased price, and we will not be responsible if services

Some products may require higher deposit in excess of the above. This will be advised at the time your reservation is confirmed.

### FINAL PAYMENT

Payment in full must be received by the date(s) reflected on your invoice. We are under no obligation to remind you of a payment becoming due. If we fail to receive a payment from you by the due date for payment in clear funds, then this will be deemed a cancellation by you (see below). Note: some trips may require payment (including full payment) earlier or in additional instalments and this will be advised with the booking confirmation.

For late bookings (bookings within 45 days of departure), full payment is required at the time of request. You acknowledge that we may not be able to confirm services, in which case we will provide you with a refund.

### **CANCELLATIONS BY YOU**

### General Cancellations

If you wish to cancel your trip for other reasons than as set out below, we require written notice and will make refunds to you less cancellation fees in accordance with the table below, calculated from the date which we receive written notice:

Ferry Tickets: All ferry tickets are not refundable once paid in full regardless of date of

### Other Services:

- Over 45 days before commencement: Deposit and any instalment payments only
- 45 days to 31 days before commencement: 50% of the booking value
- Within 30 days or no show 100% of the booking value

Certain products might be subject to additional cancellation fees in excess of the above. This will be advised at the time your reservation is confirmed.

### Covid-19 credit redemptions

If: (a) we issued you with a credit due to your original travel arrangements being disrupted by Covid-19 and associated restrictions; and (b) you have redeemed that credit for new travel arrangements; then (c) you agree that we will not be obliged to refund you the value of the

credit if you cancel your new travel arrangements.

If you cancel travel arrangements that have a value which exceeds the value of your credit (Excess Payment), then we will refund you the Excess Payment, less cancellation fees in accordance with the table below, calculated from the date which we receive written notice of

Ferry Tickets: All ferry tickets are not refundable once paid in full regardless of date of

### Other Services:

- More than 45 days before commencement: 25% of the Excess Payment
- 45 days to 31 days before commencement: 50% of the Excess Payment
- Within 30 days or no show 100% of the Excess Payment

Certain products might be subject to additional cancellation fees in excess of the above. This will be advised at the time your reservation is confirmed. Travel insuranceis strongly recommended for all bookings.

### New or changed quarantine requirements

If after we confirm your booking: (a) new or changed quarantine requirements are in imposed by government authorities either in a destination you are due to visit or in your home State or county and these remain in effect 60 days before commencement of travel arrangements booked with us; and (b) these new or changed quarantine requirements make it reasonably impractical for you to travel; then (c) you may give us written notice to cancel your trip not less than 45 days prior to commencement of the first arrangement.

If you cancel travel arrangements in these circumstances, then we will refund payments made by you less: (a) unrecoverable third party costs and other expenses incurred by us in relation to your travel arrangements; (b) overhead charges incurred by us relative to the price of your travel arrangements; and (c) fair compensation for work undertaken by us in relation to your travel arrangements until the time of cancellation and in connection with the processing of any refund.

### General

You agree that the deductions and cancellation charges specified above are reasonable, represent a genuine pre-estimate of our loss and are required to protect our legitimate business interests.

For group departures, a transfer of a confirmed booking to another departure date at your request is deemed to be cancellation of the original booking

### ILLNESS OR VACCINATION STATUS PREVENTING TRAVEL

If due to any illness, suspected illness or failure to satisfy any required tests (such as a PCR or rapid antigen test in relation to Covid-19) or vaccination requirements:

- an airline or other common carrier refuses you carriage;
- a hotel or vessel refuses to accommodate you; or
- we or our suppliers (acting reasonably) exclude you from the trip

and you are consequently prevented from commencing or continuing your trip, then:

- if you have already commenced your trip, we will provide you with reasonable assistance to arrange alternative travel arrangements or to continue the trip. This will be at your cost.
- if you have not commenced your trip then we regret we will not be in a position to provide such assistance

We will not be liable to refund the cost of your trip (or any part of it) because we would have already paid (or committed to pay) suppliers and we would have already performed significant work preparing for the delivery of your trip and servicing your booking.

We will not be responsible for any other loss or loss you incur in connection with your booking (for example, airfares and visa expenses) if you are prevented from commencing or continuing your trip in these circumstances.

### CANCELLATIONS OR RESCHEDULING BY US

In these Booking Conditions, the term Force Majeure means an event or events beyond our control and which we could not have reasonably prevented, and includes but is not limited to: (a) natural disasters (including not limited to flooding, fire, earthquake, landslide, volcanic eruption), adverse weather conditions (including hurricane or cyclone), high or low water levels; (b) war, armed conflict, industrial dispute, civil strife, terrorist activity or the threat of such acts; epidemic, pandemic; (d) any new or change in law, order, decree, rule or regulation of any government authority (including travel advisories and restrictions).

### Force Maieure - Prior to travel

If in our reasonable opinion we (either directly or through our employees, contractors, suppliers or agents) consider that your travel arrangements cannot safely or lawfully proceed due to a Force Majeure Event then we at our discretion may elect to:

- reschedule your travel arrangements (in whole or in part); and/or
- cancel your travel arrangements (in whole or in part), in which case our contract with you will terminate (in whole or in part).

If we cancel any of your travel arrangements, neither of us will have any claim for damages against the other for the cancelled arrangements. However, we will refund payments attributable to the cancelled travel arrangements less: (a) unrecoverable third party costs and other expenses incurred by us for the cancelled travel arrangements; (b) overhead charges incurred by us relative to the price of the cancelled travel arrangements; and (c) fair compensation for work undertaken by us in relation to the cancelled travel arrangements until the time of cancellation and in connection with the processing of any refund.

### Force Majeure - During travel

If due to Force Majeure we cancel travel arrangements after your trip has commenced, we will provide you with a refund of recoverable third party costs for cancelled travel arrangements only.

### Force Maieure - General

If we provide you with any alternative services or assistance where travel arrangements are cancelled or rescheduled due to Force Majeure, then you agree the amount to be refunded to you will be reduced by the value of these services and assistance.

You acknowledge that the terms in this section are reasonably necessary to protect our legitimate business interests. We strongly encourage you to purchase travel insurance that adequately responds to cancellation and rescheduling risks associated with Force Majeure events.

### Other cancellations

If we cancel your travel arrangements for reasons other than Force Majeure, you will be offered (at your election) a refund of all funds paid, or the offer of a trip of substantially equal quality if appropriate.

We will not be responsible to you for any other expenses or loss you incur if your travel arrangements are rescheduled or cancelled whether or not due to Force Majeure.

We will endeavour to accommodate amendments and additional requests. You acknowledge that these may not be possible to fulfil, and for group departures a transfer of a booking to a different departure is deemed a cancellation. An amendment fee of \$50 will be levied to cover communication and administration costs for any changes to bookings. You will also be required to pay any additional costs charged by suppliers.

# Booking Conditions (continued)

### AMENDMENTS BY US

### Prior to travel

Occasionally, we may need to make amendments or modifications to the itinerary and its inclusions and you acknowledge our right to do this. If we become aware of a significant change to your itinerary or its inclusions prior to the commencement of your trip (where the trip can still proceed), then we will notify you within a reasonable time.

You acknowledge that the itinerary, modes of transport, accommodation and/or the trip's inclusions may need to change during your trip due to local circumstances beyond our reasonable control, including road conditions, poor weather, changes in transport schedules, and/or vehicle breakdowns. You agree that we have the right to pass on any costs we incur for alternative arrangements we put in place for your benefit in these circumstances.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, we will not be responsible for any omissions or modifications to the itinerary or the inclusions due to Force Majeure or other circumstances beyond or control happening after we have accepted your booking. This includes any loss of enjoyment or distress caused by omissions or modifications.

If you are entitled to any compensation for any modifications or omissions, then you agree it will be reduced by the value of any alternative services we provide which you accept.

We will not be responsible to you for any other expenses or loss you incur resulting from any amendment or change to the itinerary or its inclusions.

### **UNUSED & DENIED SERVICES**

No refunds will be made for of any travel arrangements not utilised, whether by choice or because of late arrival or early departure. This includes the failure of transport to operate according to schedule, which we disclaim responsibility for.

If you are not fully and validly vaccinated against Covid-19 in the destination(s) where services are to be provided, and particular suppliers refuse to provide you with travel arrangements, then you agree you will not be entitled to any refund for those arrangements. We will not be responsible to you for any loss or expenses you incur (including loss of enjoyment or the costs of alternative arrangements) if you are denied services in these circumstances.

### **CLIENT NAMES – EXACTLY AS PER PASSPORT**

For security reasons, airlines and our overseas suppliers require names to be given exactly as stated in your passport. If you do not advise the correct information and we have to re-issue airline tickets or other documentation, then you will be responsible for any fees charged (such as airline cancellation charges or re-issue fees) in addition to our own reasonable administration fees

### TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Travel Documents cannot be issued until full payment is received and will be available no later than 14 days prior to departure. All documents for bookings under \$2000 will be available in electronic format only. For last minute bookings paid less than 14 days prior to client's departure, the documents will be provided in electronic format regardless of the value of the services.

It is strongly encouraged that you are adequately insured for the duration of your trip. We recommend comprehensive travel insurance to cover cancellation, medical requirements, luggage, repatriations and additional expenses. The choice of insurer is yours. We strongly suggest you purchase insurance at the time you pay your deposit. This is because cancellation fees and charges are payable from that time.

### ACCOMMODATION

We reserve the right to substitute hotels, vessels and other forms of accommodation with properties or vessels of a comparable or higher standard.

### INFORMATION & DESCRIPTIONS

Rooms and scenes shown are representative of those featured in various programs but are not necessarily supplied or visited. Hotel locations on maps are a guide only as maps are not to scale. Hotel gradings are those suggested by relevant local authorities or our representatives and may vary from Tourist Office gradings. The quality of hotels overseas may differ from Australian standards. In general terms rooms can be smaller and fairly basic, particularly those in the lower categories. If you prefer a superior degree of comfort, please select a higher category of accommodation. Specific bedding arrangements can be requested but cannot be confirmed or guaranteed.

### PASSPORTS, VISAS

It is a requirement that you hold a valid passport and any required visas for your trip. It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of the necessary documentation to comply with the laws and regulations of the countries to be visited.

### **VACCINATIONS**

We strongly encourage you to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 with a vaccine approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration. This is so health risks for yourself and others you come into contact with can be mitigated. Subject to the Illness or Vaccination Status Preventing Travel section above, if you choose to travel without being fully vaccinated, then you do so accepting the implicit risks to your health and you agree to provide us with waivers and releases as we may require.

It is your responsibility to obtain vaccinations and preventative medicines as may be required for the duration of the trip. Any information provided by us is given in good faith.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have a suitable level of health and fitness to undertake the trip of your choice

If you suffer from a medical condition which may reasonably be expected to increase your risk of needing medical attention, or which may affect the normal conduct of the trip, then you must advise us at the time you make your booking request.

We may request you to provide an assessment of your medical condition from a qualified medical practitioner. If the assessment indicates that you will require special assistance from personnel which we cannot reasonably provide, then we may cancel your booking. Provided you notified us of your medical condition at the time you made your booking request, we will provide you with a full of refund of payments made. If you fail to notify us at that time or if you fail to provide a medical assessment within a reasonable time of our request, then this will be considered a cancellation by you.

We reserve the right to cancel your booking if any changed or non-disclosed medical conditions mean that you will require special assistance which we cannot reasonably provide.

We strongly suggest that your travel insurance policy includes comprehensive cancellation

### DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Special dietary requests are required to be notified to us at the time of booking. Although we will use reasonable endeavours to accommodate requests, we cannot guarantee requests will be met by suppliers. It is your responsibility to check that meals and beverages do not contain any allergens. We expressly disclaim any liability for meals or beverages that contain allergens.

### **AUTHORITY ON TOUR**

When joining a group tour, you undertake to conduct yourself in a manner conducive to good group dynamics. If you act in a manner that threatens or disrupts the safety or enjoyment of others on the tour, the tour leader may, acting reasonably, require that you leave the tour. You will not be entitled to any refund for unused services and you will be responsible for any

### MINIMUM NUMBERS

Some trips are based on a minimum number of passengers travelling. We will advise you prior to confirming your booking if this is the case. If a trip fails to satisfy minimum numbers, the trip may be cancelled. If the trip is cancelled, we will at your election refund you all payments made or credit payments towards alternative arrangements. We will not be responsible for any other travel arrangements affected by, or any additional costs incurred, as a result of cancellation.

When on tour, we may take photographs or make recordings of you and your activities that identify you. We reserve the right to use any images and/or recordings for promotional and marketing purposes. You consent to this use and acknowledge you will not be entitled to any payment or other compensation. If you do not consent to the use of your image or likeness, please advise us as least 21 days prior to the commencement of your tour.

### INDEPENDENT SERVICES

We are not responsible for any additional activities or excursions which are not included in the booked itinerary or which we sell as agent for the principal operator. Any advice or recommendation made by a guide or local representative does not make us responsible.

### ACCEPTANCE OF RISK

You acknowledge that travel involves personal risks which may be greater than those present in your everyday life. This could be as a result of the adventurous nature of your trip or the visiting of destinations which present geographical, political or cultural risks and dangers

You should consult guidance issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) applicable to the destinations within your itinerary. You acknowledge that your choice to travel is made having had the benefit of DFAT guidance, and you accept any additional personal risks associated with your travel. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we disclaim any liability for

### RESPONSIBILITY

### Services supplied by independent suppliers

Where a third party over whom we have no direct control (Independent Supplier) is the supplier of travel arrangements that form part of your trip, you acknowledge that our obligations to you are limited to taking reasonable steps to select a reputable Independent Supplier and arranging for them to provide those travel arrangements to you. Independent Suppliers over whom we have no direct control include but are not limited to airlines, railway and cruise operators, hoteliers, independent transport companies (i.e., vehicles not operated

To the fullest extent permitted by law, we will not be responsible to you for any loss, damage, personal injury or delay attributable to the actions or omissions of an Independent Supplier. Any claims you have in this regard must be made against the Independent Supplier. Yo acknowledge that the Independent Supplier's liability to you may be limited by their own terms

### Services we directly supply

To the extent only that we are the principal supplier to you of travel arrangements or other services which we control, then we will provide those travel arrangements and services with reasonable skill and care.

We will only be responsible for our employees in the course of their employment, and for our agents and suppliers (where we are not the supplier's agent or where the supplier is not an Independent Supplier) if they were carrying out the work we had asked them to do

We will not be responsible for any loss, damage, claim or expense caused by the acts or omissions of yourself, of any other third party not connected with the provision of the travel arrangements or services, or due to an event of Force Majeure.

While we endeavour to meet scheduled arrival and departure times, we cannot guarantee this. We will not be responsible for any loss or additional expenses you incur for any missed connections/services attributable to delays.

### General liability limitation

You acknowledge that travel arrangements or services which comply with local laws and regulations will be deemed to have been properly performed, even if this would not be considered the case in Australia.

Australian Consumer Law and corresponding legislation in State jurisdictions in certain circumstances imply mandatory conditions and warranties into consumer contracts ("Consumer Warranties"). These Booking Conditions do not exclude or limit the application of the Consumer Warranties. Other than the Consumer Warranties, we disclaim all warranties

To the fullest extent permitted by law, our maximum liability to you under these Booking Conditions, in tort (including negligence) or at law is limited to arranging for the travel arrangements to be resupplied or payment of the cost of having them resupplied.

In the event of a problem with any aspect of your travel arrangements you must tell us or make our representative or our local supplier aware of such problems immediately.

We will only consider and be responsible for claims made against us where we or our suppliers have had the opportunity to put things right on the ground. If you notify us of a problem during travel and we haven't resolved it to your satisfaction, then you must make any claim in writing within 30 days from the end of your travel arrangements.

### DEEMED ACCEPTANCE

If you place a booking on behalf of another party, you represent and warrant us that you are duly authorised to provide the agreement and consent of the other party to be bound by these Booking Conditions. You agree that you will be responsible for any loss or damage we incur if this is not the case.

### GENERAL

The contract between Greece and Mediterranean Travel Centre Pty Ltd trading as Greece and Mediterranean Travel Centre or Luxury Greece Collection and you is governed by the laws of the State of New South Wales. Any disputes shall be dealt with by a court with the appropriate jurisdiction in New South Wales.

If any provision of these Booking Conditions is found to be unenforceable, then to the extent possible it will be severed without affecting the remaining provisions

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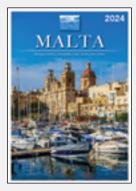


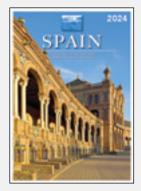




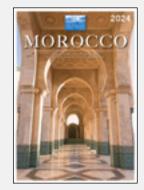


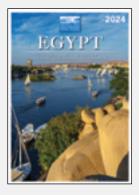


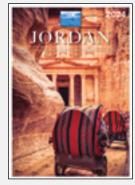




















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