

A Journey Through Turkey: From Istanbul to Cappadocia and Beyond

Turkey.

Duration Tour type Group size Runs

11 Days

Europe tours -

Every Day

Overview

A Journey Through Turkey: From Istanbul to Cappadocia and Beyond invites you to explore the heart of a nation where history, culture, and natural beauty converge. Begin in the vibrant city of Istanbul, where East meets West amidst stunning architecture, bustling bazaars, and rich history. Marvel at landmarks like the Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque, and Topkapi Palace, and immerse yourself in the lively streets of this cosmopolitan hub.

Next, travel to the magical region of Cappadocia, famous for its surreal landscapes of fairy chimneys, ancient cave dwellings, and enchanting hot air balloon rides. Explore the underground cities, hike through scenic valleys, and witness unforgettable sunsets.

Continue your adventure with visits to Turkey's other treasures, including the ancient ruins of Ephesus, the thermal pools of Pamukkale, and the serene beauty of the Mediterranean coastline. This journey offers a perfect blend of cultural discovery, historical exploration, and natural wonders, creating a once-in-a-lifetime

experience you'll treasure forever.

Itinerary

Day 1

Arrival in Istanbul

Upon arrival at Istanbul Airport, you will be warmly welcomed by your English-speaking representative, who will assist you with your transfer to your hotel. After checking in, enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure to explore the vibrant city of Istanbul.

Overnight in Istanbul

Day 2

Istanbul City Tour

After breakfast, we begin our full-day exploration of Istanbul. First, visit the iconic Hagia Sophia, originally built by Emperor Constantine in the 4th century and later converted into a mosque by the Ottomans in the 15th century. Next, we will visit the Topkapi Palace, the former residence of Ottoman sultans from the 15th to the 19th century, with its remarkable treasury, exquisite harem, and impressive courtyards filled with priceless antiques. Afterward, head to the Blue Mosque, one of the world's most important religious sites, famous for its six minarets and stunning interior adorned with blue Iznik tiles.

Following lunch at a local restaurant, we will visit the Hippodrome, the site of ancient chariot races, before heading to the Grand Bazaar, one of the world's largest and oldest covered markets. Return to your hotel for the evening.

Overnight in Istanbul.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 3

Bosphorus Tour

This morning, we'll begin with a visit to the Egyptian Bazaar, also known as the Spice Bazaar, which dates back to the 17th century. Afterward, enjoy a scenic cruise along the Bosphorus Strait, where you'll experience breathtaking views of Istanbul's palaces, fortresses, and landmarks, including the Dolmabahçe Palace, Çırağan Palace, and Rumeli Fortress. Next, we'll visit the historic neighborhoods of Fener and Balat, known for their cobblestone streets, colorful houses, and charming cafés. These areas are also famous filming locations for many Turkish TV shows.

We will then visit the magnificent Bulgarian Orthodox Church of St. Stephen, made entirely of cast iron, before stopping by the Church of the Orthodox Patriarchate in Balat. Finish the day at Pierre Loti Café, a renowned spot offering panoramic views of the Golden Horn. Return to your hotel for the evening.

Overnight in Istanbul.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 4

Istanbul to Ankara

Early in the morning, depart by bus for Ankara, the capital of Turkey. Enjoy a scenic drive through the Bolu Mountains before arriving in Ankara. After checking into your hotel, enjoy dinner and a restful evening.

Overnight in Ankara.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 5

Ankara to Cappadocia

After breakfast, visit the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, which showcases a rich collection of artifacts, including many Hittite relics. Then, visit the Mausoleum of Atatürk, the founder of the Republic of Turkey. Continue your journey to Cappadocia, a region famous for its unique geological formations. On the way, stop to admire the vast Salt Lake. Upon arrival, check into your hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

Overnight in Cappadocia.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 6

Cappadocia Tour

Following breakfast, enjoy a full-day tour of the region's natural and historical wonders. Visit the Göreme Open-Air Museum, where you'll find rock-hewn churches with beautiful frescoes. Explore the troglodyte village of Uçhisar and the nearby Pigeon Valley. Continue to the Love Valley, famous for its fairy chimneys, before visiting the pottery town of Avanos. In the afternoon, tour the underground city of Serhatlı (or Özkonak), a multi-level complex used by early Christians as a refuge. Conclude the day with a visit to a local carpet workshop to see Turkish carpet weaving, followed by a demonstration of onyx and jewelry craftsmanship. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

Overnight in Cappadocia.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 7

Cappadocia to Pamukkale

After breakfast, begin your journey to Pamukkale, passing through Aksaray and visiting the Sultanhan Caravanserai along the Silk Road. Upon arrival in Pamukkale, check into your hotel for dinner and an

overnight stay.

Overnight in Pamukkale.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 8

Pamukkale and Kusadasi (or Izmir - 190 km)

Start the day with a visit to Pamukkale, famous for its white, terraced travertine pools created by thermal springs. Continue to the ancient city of Hierapolis, an important Phrygian city that became a center of Christianity during the Byzantine period. Proceed to Kusadasi, making a stop at the House of the Virgin Mary, believed to be the place where she spent her final years. En route, enjoy a fashion show featuring beautiful Turkish

leather products. In Kusadasi, visit the ancient city of Ephesus, one of the best-preserved ancient cities in the world. See landmarks such as the Temple of Hadrian, the Roman Baths, the Library of Celsus, the Odeon, and the Great Theatre. Check into your hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

Overnight in Kusadasi (or Izmir).

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 9

Izmir - Pergamon - Troy - Çanakkale

After breakfast, travel to Pergamon and visit the Asclepion, an ancient medical center where the famous physician Galen once practiced.

Continue to Troy, the legendary city made famous by Homer's Iliad. Arrive in Çanakkale and transfer to your hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.

Overnight in Çanakkale.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 10

Çanakkale to Bursa to Istanbul

After breakfast, depart for Istanbul with a stop in Bursa, the first capital of the Ottoman Empire. In Bursa, visit the 14th-century Great Mosque, the Green Mosque, the Green Mausoleum, and the local silk bazaar. Continue to Istanbul, where you will check into your hotel.

Overnight in Istanbul.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 11

Final Departure - Istanbul

After breakfast, check out from your hotel. You will have some free time to explore Istanbul at your leisure before being transferred to the airport for your flight home.

Meals: Breakfast

Included

Meet and greet service by our English-speaking driver at the airport.

All transfers by an air-conditioned coach.

Accommodation for 4 nights in Istanbul based on breakfast.

Accommodation for 1 night in Ankara based on Half board.

Accommodation for 2 nights in Cappadocia based on Half board.

Accommodation for 1 night in Pamukkale based on Half board.

Accommodation for 1 night in Kusadasi (OR IZMIR) based on Half board.

Accommodation for 1 night in Canakkale based on Half board.

All sightseeing tours as mentioned.

Entrance fees to all sites as indicated on the itinerary.

English-speaking tour guides.

Included meals as mentioned in the above itinerary.

All service charges and taxes

Excluded

International Airfare.

Turkey entry visa

Any optional tours, Personal Spending, Tipping, or extra not mentioned in the itinerary.

Mandatory hotel taxes and land services: To be paid in cash to the guide on the day of arrival.

(50 USD per person)

Price table

#	May to Sep.	Oct. to Apr.
Single	1310\$	1310\$
Double	0\$	0\$
Triple	0\$	0\$

Price table

#	May to Sep.	Oct. to Apr.
Single	1380\$	0\$
Double	0\$	0\$

#	May to Sep.	Oct. to Apr.
Triple	0\$	0\$

Price start from

Price

0\$ /Per person