



TURKEY CAPTIVATED

'Ease into your Turkey experience as part of a small group tour heading from magical Istanbul down the Aegean Coast on days 1-6, then visit Cappadocia with its unique landscape in semi-independent mode exploring this unique area as part of day tour groups for the remainder of your trip.



Day 1 Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul, a city steeped in history! You'll be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is yours, free to relax or explore this amazing city. Overnight Istanbul.

Day 2 Istanbul Old City

After breakfast, enjoy a guided tour of Istanbul - once known as the former imperial capital of the Byzantine and Ottoman empires. We visit the Blue Mosque, the Hagia Sophia, soak in the Sultan's opulence at Topkapi Palace and explore the Hippodrome. Overnight Istanbul (B)

Day 3 Gallipoli Battlefields

This morning we depart Istanbul for the Gallipoli peninsula. Here you will be moved as we visit the WWI battlefields including the Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair Memorials, ANZAC Cove, Johnston's Jolly, The Nek, trenches and tunnels. Overnight Canakkale (B, D)

Day 4 Troy, Acropolis of Pergamum

After breakfast, we depart for Troy, made famous in Homer's Iliad and because of its Trojan Horse. Next stop is Pergamum where we will visit the impressive Acropolis, and the temples and Library that made Pergamum a respected political and cultural centre in Ancient Times. We then head down the coast to Kusadasi. Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

Day 5 Ephesus, Kusadasi

Transport yourself back to life in ancient times today as you stroll the streets of Ephesus and visit the Temple of Artemis. Try out your singing skills in the well preserved theatre before we continue on to the former Greek village of Sirince, famous for its fruit wines.

Price

Twin USD 1739
Single USD 2319

10 DAYS
from
USD 1739

This afternoon we visit a carpet weaving centre to learn about the dying art of Turkish carpet weaving - how they are made, and the factors that determine their value. Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

Day 6 Pamukkale

This morning we will enjoy a display of locally handcrafted leather goods before we commence our drive to Pamukkale - home of the famous white travertines (calcium pools) and the ruins of the ancient Roman spa city of Hierapolis. Here you will be able to swim over Roman columns in the Cleopatra Antique Pool (entrance extra) and take a dip in the travertine pools which contain thermal water, believed since ancient times to have therapeutic powers. After the tour you will be transferred back to Kusadasi. Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

Day 7 Kusadasi to Cappadocia

Transfer to Izmir airport for your flight to Kayseri. You will be met on arrival by our local representative and transferred to your Cappadocia hotel. You will be amazed by the incredible landscape of the Cappadocia region which is one of Turkey's national treasures and recognised by UNESCO on its World Heritage list. Overnight Cappadocia (B)

Day 8 Northern Cappadocia

We spend today touring Northern Cappadocia. Highlights will include Esentepe, where you will be able to enjoy a panoramic view over Cappadocia, Uchisar Castle, a trek through Rose Valley, and a demonstration at a local hand-made pottery studio. You will be amazed by the incredible landscape of this area so have your camera charged and ready to go! Overnight Cappadocia (B, L)

Day 9 Southern Cappadocia

Today we visit Pigeon Valley, Red Valley and the village of Cavusin. We also visit some of the local cave churches before we tour Kaymakli Underground City, built by early Christians fleeing persecution. Overnight Cappadocia (B, L)

Day 10 Cappadocia to Istanbul

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to Istanbul. Tour concludes on arrival in Istanbul. (B)

when to go

	2016	2017
Jan	02-09-16-23-30	07-14-21-28
Feb	06-13-20-27	04-11-18-25
Mar	05-12-19-26	04-11-18-25
Apr	02-05-09-12-16-19-26-30	01-04-08-11-15-18-25-29
May	03-07-10-14-17-21-24-28-31	02-06-09-13-16-20-23-27-30
Jun	04-07-11-14-18-21-25-28	03-06-10-13-17-20-24-27
Jul	02-05-09-12-16-19-23-26-30	01-04-08-11-15-18-22-25-29
Aug	02-06-09-13-16-20-23-27-30	01-05-08-12-15-19-22-26-29
Sep	03-06-10-13-17-20-24-27	02-05-09-12-16-19-23-26-30
Oct	01-04-08-11-15-18-22-25-29	03-07-10-14-17-21-24-28-31
Nov	05-12-19-26	04-11-18-25
Dec	03-10-17-24-31	02-09-16-23-30

TOUR OVERVIEW

Tour includes

- ✦ Inbound Airport Transfer - Istanbul - Ataturk Airport (IST) OR Sabiha Gokcen Airport (SAW)
- ✦ Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- ✦ Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle
- ✦ Car ferry fees between Canakkale and Eceabat
- ✦ Tips except driver and guide
- ✦ Domestic flight between Izmir and Cappadocia and transfers
- ✦ Domestic flight between Cappadocia and Istanbul and transfers
- ✦ Entrance fees
- ✦ 9 nights 4 star & boutique class accommodation
- ✦ 9 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 4 Dinners

Tour does not include

- ✦ Suggested optional activities
- ✦ Tips - driver and guide