



TURKISH DISCOVERY

15 DAYS
from
USD **1915**

Price

Twin USD **1915**
Single USD **2715**

when to go

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

Day 1 Saturday 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 Sunday 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 Monday 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 Tuesday 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 Wednesday 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. 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 Thursday Pamukkale, Hierapolis

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, in the thermal water, believed since ancient times to have therapeutic powers. Overnight Pamukkale (B, D)

Day 7 Friday Aphrodisias, Fethiye

After breakfast we head for the Fethiye on the beautiful Mediterranean coast, stopping to see the ruins of Aphrodisias en route. Overnight Fethiye (B)

Day 8 Saturday Fethiye

Today is a free day with the option to take a 12 Islands day cruise or go on a day tour to beautiful Saklikent Gorge. Overnight Fethiye (B)



Day 9 Sunday Kayakoy, Antalya

Free morning to chill out, then we visit the ghost town of Kayakoy, a former Greek village on our way to Antalya. Overnight Antalya (B, D)

Day 10 Monday Aspendos, Manavgat Waterfalls

After breakfast we drive to visit Aspendos which is known for one of the best preserved theatres of Asia Minor, and still used today for concerts. Afterwards we will visit Manavgat Waterfalls where you will be able to relax and enjoy the surroundings. Overnight Antalya (B, D)





This magical trip is a true showcase of the best of Western Turkey. You'll soak up the rich history of cosmopolitan Istanbul, be amazed by incredible landscapes and waterfalls, soak up the sun, swim in crystal-clear waters, and walk in the footsteps of some of history's greats as you visit impressive ruins.

Day 11 Tuesday Konya, Cappadocia

This morning we commence our drive to Cappadocia, stopping to visit the mausoleum of Mevlana Celaleddin Rumi and the Mevlana Museum in Konya and Sultanhani Caravansary, on the way. Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

Day 12 Wednesday Goreme, Uchisar Castle

Goreme is a magical village set amid the surreal Cappadocia landscape. Marvel at the ingenuity of the early settlers who hand-carved their homes and created the regions' infamous fairy chimneys. Visit Uchisar castle. Option to attend a traditional Turkish folk dance show tonight - this is a great night, and an opportunity not to be missed. Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

Day 13 Thursday Ihlara Valley, Underground City

We spend today touring Cappadocia and surrounds. We will take a walk through the beautiful Ihlara Valley and see one of the area's underground cities. You will be amazed by the incredible landscape of this area so have your camera charged and ready to go! Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

Day 14 Friday Ankara

After breakfast we depart for Turkey's capital, Ankara, where we will visit Anitkabir, the Mausoleum of the Turkey's founding father, Mustafa Ataturk. We then head back to Istanbul. Note: optional morning flight to Istanbul from Kayseri, Cappadocia Overnight Istanbul (B)

Day 15 Saturday Istanbul

Our tour finishes after breakfast, and we farewell our new friends before being transferred to the airport for your departure flight. (B)



TOUR OVERVIEW

Tour includes

- ✦ Inbound Airport Transfer - Istanbul - Atatürk Airport (IST) OR Sabiha Gokcen Airport (SAW)
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- ✦ 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
- ✦ Entrance fees
- ✦ 14 nights 4 star accommodation
- ✦ 14 Breakfasts, 9 Dinners

Tour does not include

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