



## Turkish Express - 9 Days (#9057)

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### Trip Highlights

Istanbul-Ankara-Cappadocia-Pamukkale- Kusadasi

### Detailed Itinerary

#### Day 01

#### Day 1 : Arrive Istanbul (Sunday)

Arrival and transfer to hotel. Welcome briefing will be held.

#### Day 02

#### Day 2 : Istanbul (Monday)



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 centre of life where chariot racing and other public events took place. Tour the Blue Mosque built between 1609 and 1616, famous for its blue ceramic tiles. Your last stop St Sophia, a church built in the 6th century Byzantine capital, converted to a mosque by the Ottomans, still inhabited as a mosque in the present day and one of the world's greatest architectural wonders. Join an optional dinner with belly dancing entertainment.

Breakfast Included.

**Day 03**

**Day 3: Istanbul – Ankara (Tuesday)**

This morning depart on an optional tour of cruise along Bosphorus cruise enjoying 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 Asia side and drive for the capital city of Ankara for overnight.

Breakfast and Dinner included.

**Day 04**

**Day 4 : Ankara – Cappadocia (Wednesday)**

Morning departure to view Hittite artefacts at the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations. Visit the Mausoleum of Ataturk, father of modern Turkey. Visit the underground city of Sarhatli. Drive to Cappadocia, touring a 13th century caravan inn en route. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant and join an optional Whirling Dervishes performance. Overnight in Cappadocia.

Breakfast and Dinner included.

**Day 05**

**Day 5 : Cappadocia (Thursday)**

Early Morning Optional: Hot Air Balloon Tour. Experience of floating through volcanic valleys, fairy chimneys and caves with the sunrise of Cappadocia. After breakfast, visit Goreme, Avanos, Pasabagi, Red Valley, and have a brief regional pottery workshop in a cave. Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia. Visit the underground city of Sarhatli.

Breakfast and Dinner included.



**Day 06**

**Day 6 : Cappadocia – Pamukkale (Friday)**

Drive to Pamukkale. Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale. Breakfast and Dinner included.

**Day 07**

**Day 7 : Pamukkale – Izmir (Saturday)**

Today is the day to pay an early morning visit to the unique Cotton Fortress, the white calcium cascades, and also pay a visit to one of the first modern spa centres of the ancient world, Hierapolis. Then we drive to Kusadasi. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi.

Breakfast and Dinner included.

**Day 08**

**Day 8: Ephesus & St. Mary's House – Izmir (Sunday)**

Full day tour of the famous ruins of Ephesus and St. Mary's Cottage. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi. Afternoon Optional: tour of Sirince. Breakfast and Dinner included.

**Day 09**

**Day 9 : Izmir (Monday)**

Return transfer to pier. Breakfast included.

## **Inclusions**

- First Class hotels with private facilities.
- Meals are indicated on itineraries by B breakfast, L lunch, D dinner.
- Licensed guides throughout Turkey.
- Private air-conditioned transportation.
- Luggage handling.
- Local taxes and service charges.



- Arrival/departure transfers: only on arrival and departure days (arrivals and departure from/to Istanbul Airport). Pre or post stay transfers are not included.

## Exclusions

- Personal expenses
- Optional tours
- Customary tips to guide and drivers

## Note

### Hotels Used

Istanbul - Movenpick Bosphorus

Ankara - Divan Hotel

Cappadocia - Mustafa Hotel

Pamukkale - Adempira

Izmir - Kaya Thermal

Canakkale - Kolin

## Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

## Fixed-Departure

**04 Aug, 2024**

First Class Hotels

AUD 2,763 P P twin share

AUD 3,845 P P single

AVAILABLE

**18 Aug, 2024**

First Class Hotels

AUD 2,763 P P twin share

AUD 3,845 P P single

AVAILABLE

**01 Sep, 2024**

First Class Hotels

AUD 2,936 P P twin share

AUD 4,019 P P single

AVAILABLE



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| <p><b>15 Sep, 2024</b><br/>First Class Hotels<br/>AUD 2,936 P P twin share<br/>AUD 4,019 P P single<br/>AVAILABLE</p>  | <p><b>29 Sep, 2024</b><br/>First Class Hotels<br/>AUD 2,936 P P twin share<br/>AUD 4,019 P P single<br/>ON REQUEST</p> | <p><b>13 Oct, 2024</b><br/>First Class Hotels<br/>AUD 3,282 P P twin share<br/>AUD 4,573 P P single<br/>AVAILABLE</p>  |
| <p><b>27 Oct, 2024</b><br/>First Class Hotels<br/>AUD 3,282 P P twin share<br/>AUD 4,573 P P single<br/>ON REQUEST</p> | <p><b>10 Nov, 2024</b><br/>First Class Hotels<br/>AUD 2,676 P P twin share<br/>AUD 3,707 P P single<br/>AVAILABLE</p>  | <p><b>24 Nov, 2024</b><br/>First Class Hotels<br/>AUD 2,676 P P twin share<br/>AUD 3,707 P P single<br/>ON REQUEST</p> |
| <p><b>08 Dec, 2024</b><br/>First Class Hotels<br/>AUD 2,676 P P twin share<br/>AUD 3,707 P P single<br/>ON REQUEST</p> | <p><b>22 Dec, 2024</b><br/>First Class Hotels<br/>AUD 2,676 P P twin share<br/>AUD 3,707 P P single<br/>ON REQUEST</p> | <p><b>19 Jan, 2025</b><br/>First Class Hotels<br/>AUD 2,676 P P twin share<br/>AUD 3,707 P P single<br/>AVAILABLE</p>  |
| <p><b>09 Feb, 2025</b><br/>First Class Hotels<br/>AUD 2,676 P P twin share<br/>AUD 3,707 P P single<br/>AVAILABLE</p>  | <p><b>23 Feb, 2025</b><br/>First Class Hotels<br/>AUD 2,676 P P twin share<br/>AUD 3,707 P P single<br/>AVAILABLE</p>  | <p><b>09 Mar, 2025</b><br/>First Class Hotels<br/>AUD 2,936 P P twin share<br/>AUD 4,227 P P single<br/>AVAILABLE</p>  |
| <p><b>16 Mar, 2025</b><br/>First Class Hotels<br/>AUD 2,936 P P twin share<br/>AUD 4,227 P P single<br/>AVAILABLE</p>  | <p><b>23 Mar, 2025</b><br/>First Class Hotels<br/>AUD 2,936 P P twin share<br/>AUD 4,227 P P single<br/>AVAILABLE</p>  |  |

