Glories Of Turkey - 15 Days (#19477)

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Overview

- Topkapi Palace and St. Sophia Basilica
- Grand Bazaar, the world’s largest and oldest covered market
- Anzac Cove at Gallipoli
- Ancient city of Troy
- Ephesus and House of Virgin Mary
- Pamukkale the Cotton Castle
- Aspendos and its 1800-year-old theater
- Open Air Museum of Goreme, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Saratli, a hidden underground city
- Hiking through the fairy chimneys of Cappadocia
- Museum of Anatolian Civilizations in Ankara
- Lunch with locals
- Special dinners at restaurants
- Wine tasting at a vineyard

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14 Nights from AUD 4,668

Trip Highlights

Istanbul-Gallipoli-Canakkale-Troy-Pergamum-Izmir-Ephehus-Pamukkale-Antalya-Perge-Aspendos-Cappadocia-Ankara

Detailed Itinerary

Day 01 — Day 1: Istanbul (Thursday)

Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Welcome briefing will be held

Day 02 — Day 2: Istanbul (Friday)

Enjoy a full day tour including a visit to Topkapi Palace Museum, residence of the Otto- man 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 Mosque built between 1609 and 1616, famous for its blue ceramic tiles. Next see St. Sophia, a church built in the 6th century Byzantine capital, converted to a mosque by the Ottomans, still inhibited as a mosque in the present day and one of the world's greatest architectural wonders. Your last stop will be the famous Grand Bazaar, the world's largest and oldest covered market with over 60 streets. Join an optional dinner with belly dancing entertainment. B

Meal: Breakfast

Day 03 — Day 3: Gallipoli – Dardanelles – Canakkale (Saturday)

In the morning, drive to Tekirda? city and visit to Barbare Vineyard. We'll be informed 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. B

Meal: Breakfast

Day 04 — Day 4: Troy – Pergamum – Izmir (Sunday)

Cross the Dardanelles to Canakkale and visit 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. Before arriving into Asclepion, enjoy lunch with locals in a traditional local village . Then continue to Pergamum to visit the ancient Medical Center in Ascle- pion and continue to ?zmir for overnight. B L

Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 05 — Day 5: Ephesus & St. Mary's House – Izmir (Monday)

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. Dinner & Overnight at the hotel. B D

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 06 — Day 6 : Izmir – Bodrum (Tuesday)

After breakfast drive to Bodrum to visit the castle of St.Peter and the renowned Underwater Museum that was awarded the best Underwater Museum of the World in 2000s. Overnight in Bodrum. B

Meal: Breakfast

Day 07 — Day 7 : Bodrum (Wednesday)

After breakfast, free time for personal activities. Optional tour to Kos Island. Over- night in Bodrum. B

Meal: Breakfast

Day 08 — Day 8: Bodrum – Pamukkale (Thursday)

After breakfast, drive through lush valleys to Pamukkale, the Cotton Fortress, with white lime cascades formed by hot mineral springs. Visit ruins of the Roman health spa of Hierapolis and enjoy a swim in your hotel's thermal pool. B D

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 09 — Day 9 : Pamukkale – Antalya (Friday)

After breakfast depart for Antalya, dinner and overnight. B D

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 10 — Day 10 : Perge – Aspendos – Antalya (Saturday)

This morning visit Perge and Aspendos afternoon is free for personal activities. Dinner at the hotel. B D

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 11 — Day 11: Antalya – Cappadocia (Sunday)

Early morning departure to Cappadocia on the way visit 13th century Caravansaray and later visit underground city of Sarat-li. Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia. B D

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 12 — Day 12 : Cappadocia (Monday)

Early Morning Optional: Hot Air Balloon Tour. 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 were first settled back in the Roman period. Many rock churches can still be observed today, as Christianity was then the prevailing religion in that region. Continue to the town of Avanos renowned for its high quality pottery. Also visit Pasabagi, Red Valley and attend a brief regional pottery workshop. Dinner at a special local restaurant. Join an optional Whirling Dervishes

performance. B D

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 13 — Day 13: Cappadocia – Ankara (Tuesday)

Early morning departure to the capital city of Ankara through the Salt Lake area, Enjoy an afternoon tour 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. Dinner and overnight at Ankara. B D

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 14 — Day 14 : Ankara – Istanbul (Wednesday)

After breakfast depart for Istanbul. In the afternoon, join an optional half day Bosphorus cruise enjoying the strait that separates Asia and Europe. Its shores are lined with fine neighborhoods, Ottoman palaces, fortresses, old wooden villas, hotels, parks and gardens, restaurants and cafés. Finish your last minute shopping at the Spice Market filled with the fragrance of the exotic east. Tonight enjoy a farewell dinner. B D

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 15 — Day 15: Istanbul (Thursday)

Transfer to the airport for your return flight home. B

Meal: Breakfast

Inclusions

- Deluxe or 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.

- Small group departure limited to 22 Travelers.
- 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

International / Domestic Airfare.

Optional activities.

Other meals, drinks, Customary tips and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program.

Travel insurance.

Gratuities.

Voluntary tips for guides or drivers.

Travel and medical insurance.

Any items not mentioned as included.

Pre or post stay transfers are not included.

Note

Hotels Used

Deluxe Hotels

Istanbul - Conrad

Canakkale - Caeli

Izmir - Swiss - Grand Ephesus

Bodrum - The Marmara - SLH Hotel

Pamukkale - Doga Thermal

Antalya - Akra

Cappadocia - Gamirasu

Ankara - Sheraton

First Class Hotels

Istanbul - Movenpick Bosphorus

Canakkale - Kolin

Izmir - Marriott

Bodrum - Ramada resort

Pamukkale - Adempira

Antalya - Double Tree

Cappadocia - Utopia

Ankara - Crowne Plaza

Guaranteed female guides on Set Departures.

Program Touring / Guide

Small group tour

Fixed-Departure

05 Sep, 2024
Deluxe Hotels
AUD 6,833 P P twin share
AUD 9,423 P P single
ON REQUEST

First Class Hotels
AUD 4,668 P P twin share
AUD 6,392 P P single
ON REQUEST

19 Sep, 2024
Deluxe Hotels
AUD 6,833 P P twin share
AUD 9,423 P P single
AVAILABLE

First Class Hotels
AUD 4,668 P P twin share
AUD 6,392 P P single
AVAILABLE

26 Sep, 2024
Deluxe Hotels
AUD 6,833 P P twin share
AUD 8,730 P P single
AVAILABLE

First Class Hotels
AUD 4,668 P P twin share
AUD 5,699 P P single
AVAILABLE

10 Oct, 2024
Deluxe Hotels
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24 Oct, 2024
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