



## **Glories Of Turkey - 15 Days (#19477)**

**Note:** Price printed on this PDF is valid until **29-12-2024** and is subject to change without notice due to Partner changes and currency fluctuations

### **Overview**

#### Included Highlights

- Topkapi Palace
- 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
- Open Air Museum of Goreme, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Saratli, a hidden underground city
- Hiking through the fairy chimneys of Cappadocia
- The Mausoleum of Ataturk in Ankara
- Lunch with locals

### **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, the residence of the Ottoman Sultans between 1453–1852 (excluding Harem).

Visit the Hippodrome, 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.

An optional visit to St. Sophia, a church built in the 6th century Byzantine capital, converted to a mosque by the Ottomans, still functioning as a mosque today and one of the world's greatest architectural wonders. Your last stop is the Grand Bazaar.

Join an optional dinner with belly dancing entertainment.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 03

#### Day 3: Gallipoli – Dardanelles – Canakkale (Saturday)

Depart for Gallipoli, the site of many battles during WWI. Visit Anzac Cove, Lone Pine Cemetery, and Chunuk Bair, then overnight in Canakkale.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

### Day 04

#### Day 4: Troy – Pergamum – Izmir (Sunday)



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 Asklepion, enjoy lunch with locals in a traditional local village. Continue to Pergamum to visit the ancient Medical Centre in Asklepion and then continue to Izmir for overnight.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

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

Tour the famous ruins of Ephesus, an important cultural centre of the ancient world, and explore 2,000-year-old marble streets, a theatre, 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 centre to have a first hand experience of this unique art form. Overnight at the hotel in Izmir.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**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 the 2000s. Overnight in Bodrum.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 07****Day 7 : Bodrum (Wednesday)**

After breakfast, free time for personal activities. Optional tour to Kos Island. Overnight in Bodrum. (For Kos: Only roundtrip ferry ticket will be provided)

**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.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

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

After breakfast, depart for Antalya, dinner, and overnight. Walking tour of the old town centre.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

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

Spend a full day at leisure, or join the optional tour to Perge & Aspendos.

Afternoon is free for personal activities. Dinner at the hotel.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

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

Early morning departure to Cappadocia with a visit to the 13th century Caravanserai and later visit the underground city of Saratli. Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia.

**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 Devrent and Red Valley, and attend a brief regional pottery workshop. Dinner at the Hotel. Join an optional Whirling Dervishes performance.

**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. Visit the Mausoleum of Ataturk, the father of modern Turkey. Overnight in Ankara.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**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 neighbourhood, 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.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 15****Day 15: Istanbul (Thursday)**

After breakfast transfer to airport.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

- Deluxe or Superior First Class hotels.
- 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 trips.

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 - Burdock Autograph Collection

Canakkale - Double Tree by Hilton

Izmir - Swiss - Grand Ephesus

Bodrum - Ramada Bodrum

Pamukkale - Doga Thermal

Antalya - The Marmara Antalya

Cappadocia - Gamirasu Cave Hotel

Ankara - JW Marriott

**Early Bird** discounts will be applied to all new bookings done for 2025 by December 31, 2024.



## Program Touring / Guide

Small group tour

### Fixed-Departure

<p><b>17 Apr, 2025</b>            Deluxe            AUD 6,609 P P twin share            AUD 9,247 P P single            AVAILABLE</p>	<p><b>01 May, 2025</b>            Deluxe            AUD 6,609 P P twin share            AUD 9,247 P P single            AVAILABLE</p>	<p><b>15 May, 2025</b>            Deluxe            AUD 6,609 P P twin share            AUD 9,247 P P single            AVAILABLE</p>
<p><b>29 May, 2025</b>            Deluxe            AUD 6,609 P P twin share            AUD 9,247 P P single            AVAILABLE</p>	<p><b>12 Jun, 2025</b>            Deluxe            AUD 6,798 P P twin share            AUD 9,625 P P single            AVAILABLE</p>	<p><b>26 Jun, 2025</b>            Deluxe            AUD 6,798 P P twin share            AUD 9,625 P P single            AVAILABLE</p>
<p><b>17 Jul, 2025</b>            Deluxe            AUD 6,609 P P twin share            AUD 9,530 P P single            AVAILABLE</p>	<p><b>14 Aug, 2025</b>            Deluxe            AUD 6,609 P P twin share            AUD 9,530 P P single            AVAILABLE</p>	<p><b>04 Sep, 2025</b>            Deluxe            AUD 6,892 P P twin share            AUD 9,814 P P single            AVAILABLE</p>
<p><b>18 Sep, 2025</b>            Deluxe            AUD 6,892 P P twin share            AUD 9,814 P P single            AVAILABLE</p>	<p><b>02 Oct, 2025</b>            Deluxe            AUD 6,892 P P twin share            AUD 9,814 P P single            AVAILABLE</p>	<p><b>16 Oct, 2025</b>            Deluxe            AUD 6,892 P P twin share            AUD 9,814 P P single            AVAILABLE</p>
<p><b>30 Oct, 2025</b>            Deluxe            AUD 6,892 P P twin share            AUD 9,814 P P single            AVAILABLE</p>		

