

11-DAY MAGICAL ANATOLIA

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OVERVIEW

Embark on an unforgettable eleven-day journey through the wonders of Turkey! Explore the iconic sites of Istanbul, paying homage to its rich history and vibrant culture. Pause to reflect at the moving Gallipoli World War I Memorial before delving into the ancient cities of Troy and Ephesus, each steeped in myth and legend.

Marvel at the otherworldly travertines of Pamukkale, a natural wonder that defies imagination, and immerse yourself in the mystical atmosphere of Konya. Then, descend into the intriguing underground city of Cappadocia, where history and mystery converge.

This journey promises a unique blend of historical exploration, cultural immersion, and breathtaking scenery, creating memories to last a lifetime.

- Day 1: Welcome to Istanbul!
- Day 2: Unveiling Istanbul's Treasures
- Day 3: Honoring History at Gallipoli
- Day 4: Unveiling Legends and Ancient Wonders
- Day 5: Unveiling the Grandeur of Ephesus
- Day 6: Hierapolis and the Enchanting Travertines of Pamukkale
- Day 7: Unveiling the Legacy of Rumi in Konya
- Day 8: Unearthing Cappadocia's Wonders
- Day 9: Cappadocia Wonders: From Camels to Cave Churches
- Day 10: Hello Istanbul Again!
- Day 11: Istanbul Departure - Farewell to Turkey!

INCLUDED

- 10 nights accommodation
- 22 activities
- 10 breakfasts and 8 dinners
- Airport transfer
- Entrance fees
- Ground transportation
- Licensed English speaking guides

DURATION

11 days, 10 nights

DESTINATIONS

Türkiye: Beşiktaş, Karacaören
Turkey: Istanbul, Çanakkale, Kusadasi, İzmir, Pamukkale, Denizli, Selçuklu, Konya, Ürgüp, Aksaray, Avanos, Nevşehir

TRAVELLERS

2 travellers

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EXCLUDED

- Domestic flights
- Travel insurance
- International flights
- Entry visas / airport departure tax
- Alcohol beverages
- Gratuities
- Personal expenses
- Laundry
- Trekking permits

NOTES

Please note, entrance fees are included

DAY 1: WELCOME TO ISTANBUL!



Welcome to Istanbul. Meet you at the airport and transfer to hotel. Overnight in Istanbul.

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Private Driver
13:00 to 14:00

From: Istanbul Airport
To: W Hotel



W Hotel
14:00 check-in
08:30 check-out (Day 3)
2 nights

W Istanbul is located at the heart of the historic Akaretler Row Houses in Istanbul, Turkey, within a chic neighborhood brimming with restaurants, cafes, and art galleries. Guests of W Istanbul have the opportunity to explore the vibrant local scene of Besiktas and the upscale shopping district of Nisantasi. The hotel offers 140 guestrooms and suites, blending elements of both traditional heritage and contemporary luxury. Featuring Marmara marble, Ottoman-inspired motifs, and customizable lighting, each room reflects a fusion of history and modernity. Guests can choose from accommodations with gardens, terraces, or cabanas, all equipped with flat-screen TVs, the signature W bed, and elegant amenities.

Address: W Hotel, Vişnezade, Beşiktaş/İstanbul, Türkiye

DAY 2: UNVEILING ISTANBUL'S TREASURES



Visit Topkapi Palace the ancient residence of Ottoman Sultans. Then visit Blue Mosque with its beautiful Iznik tiles. Visit Hagia Sophia Museum/Mosque once was a great cathedral of Orthodox Church. After seeing the Roman Hippodrome we will end the day with a visit to Grand Bazaar. Drive back to the hotel. Tonight we will have a welcome dinner. Overnight In Istanbul.

🍴 Breakfast and dinner.



Topkapi Palace

09:00 to 11:00

2 hours

Now a large museum in Istanbul, Topkapi Palace once served as the main residence and headquarters of the Ottoman sultans during the 15th century. Palace construction began in 1459 and was originally called the 'new palace' to differentiate it from the palace in Beyazit Square.

It was expanded throughout the centuries and renovated in 1509 and 1665 due to an earthquake and fire respectively. As well as four courtyards and many small buildings, the palace contained a harem where the sultan's family lived. After the 17th century, the palace lost its importance and the sultans moved the court to the Dolmabahce Palace.

During the early 20th century, the Topkapi Palace was turned into a museum in which visitors can explore the most important rooms and chambers including the Ottoman harem and the treasury. The museum houses many artefacts from the Ottoman period including clothing, weapons, armour, religious relics and Topkapi manuscripts. It was added to the UNESCO World Heritage Sites in 1985.

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Address: Cankurtaran Mh., 34122 Fatih/Istanbul, Turkey



Sultan Ahmed Mosque

12:00 to 13:00

1 hour

Commonly known as the Blue Mosque, the Sultan Ahmed Mosque is a popular tourist site in Istanbul which continues to function as a mosque. It was constructed between 1609 and 1616 during the rule of Sultan Ahmed I hence the name; the mosque contains the sultan's tomb.

The Blue Mosque stands out over Istanbul, its central dome being 23.5 metres in diameter and 43 metres high, surrounded by several smaller domes giving it a square shape. It was designed as a show of strength and to compliment the Hagia Sophia, another popular tourist site in Istanbul.

Its name 'the Blue Mosque' was given to it due to the 20,000 ceramic Iznik tiles, traditional tiles made in Turkey and known for their turquoise and red patterns, that decorate the interior which is lit by 260 windows.

The mosque was built with six minarets whereas most of the city's other mosques only had 4 minarets. This misunderstanding between the architect and the sultan caused a huge uproar as the only other mosque with six minarets was the prophet's mosque in Mecca. The sultan solved this problem by ordering a seventh minaret to be added to the prophet's mosque in Mecca.

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Address: Sultan Ahmet Mahallesi, Atmeydanı Cd. No:7, 34122 Fatih/İstanbul, Turkey



Hagia Sophia

13:00 to 14:00

1 hour

The Hagia Sophia is an important monument and a spectacular example of the architecture of the Byzantine and Ottoman empires. Istanbul is a city that hosted many great empires during its history and the Hagia Sophia stands testament to the perfect combination of cultures under one dome.

Now over 1,480 years old, the Hagia Sophia stood for almost a millennium as a cathedral in the heart of Istanbul's Sultanahmet district. In 1453, the Muslim army breached its walls and converted it into an imperial mosque which served under the Ottoman rule for almost five centuries.

For the last 80 years, the Hagia Sophia has been an important museum showing the characteristics of two very different cultures. Today, it stands at the centre of an ongoing controversy as the Turks call for it to be converted back into a Mosque from a museum.

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Address: Cankurtaran Mh., Soğuk Çeşme Sk. No:16, 34122 Fatih/İstanbul, Turkey



Hippodrome of Constantinople

15:00 to 16:30

1 hour 30 minutes

The Hippodrome of Constantinople, a grand arena of spectacle and thrill, was the beating heart of social and sporting life in the capital of the Byzantine Empire. Imagine a place where tens of thousands of spectators gathered, the air filled with the thunderous roar of chariots and the cheers of an excited crowd. This was the stage for chariot races, political rallies, and imperial ceremonies. The Hippodrome's U-shaped track echoed with the clatter of horse hooves and the rush of charioteers vying for glory. Its spina, the central divider, was adorned with magnificent monuments, including an obelisk from Egypt and the famous Serpent Column, remnants of which still whisper tales of the past in today's Sultanahmet Square. The Hippodrome wasn't just a sports ground; it was a canvas of history, where the drama of an empire unfolded under the gaze of emperors and commoners alike.

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Address: Binbirdirek, At Meydanı Cd No:53 D:68, 34122
Fatih/İstanbul, Türkiye



Grand Bazaar

16:30 to 18:00

1 hour 30 minutes

As one of the oldest and largest covered markets in the entire world its no wonder that 250,000-400,000 people visit the Grand Bazaar every day. The construction of this bazaar began during the Ottoman period in 1455 and is situated on the crossroads of some very important trade routes in Istanbul.

Bazaars have been a longstanding feature of Turkish culture filled with all types of items from sellers from all over the world. Today, this tradition continues and the Grand Bazaar continues to thrive along with many other bazaars and markets within the city of Istanbul.

Originally consisting of two separate warehouses, the Grand Bazaar grew to the point where a domed roof was built to connect the two buildings together. Today, the bazaar covers an area of 33,000 square metres home to over 3,000 shops, several inns, water fountains, wells, a police station, two mosques and many cafes and restaurants.

For a first-time visitor, this matrix of shops with over 22 entrances can be a little overwhelming at first, but soon the market become familiar and you start to see how it is arranged on a grid plan with shops grouping themselves into what they sell.

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Address: Beyazıt Mh., 34126 Fatih/İstanbul, Turkey

DAY 3: HONORING HISTORY AT GALLIPOLI



We depart to Canakkale. En route we will visit the World War I memorials at Gallipoli. See Anzac Cove and Lone Pine Cemetery. Overnight in Canakkale.

🍴 Breakfast and dinner.



Private Driver

08:30 to 15:00

From: İstanbul

To: Çanakkale



Anzac Cove

10:00 to 11:00

1 hour

Anzac Cove, or Anzak Koyu Beach as it's also known, is by far the most poignant point for Australians and New Zealanders of World War I battle sites. A small cove only 600 metres long on the Gallipoli Peninsular, Anzac Cove was the site of the famous War I landing of the ANZACs on 25 April 1915.

The troops intended to land on the broad beach further up the

coast but darkness and drifting meant they landed on this tiny cover which made fighting the campaign on a narrow beach surrounded by steep cliffs even harder.

The eight-month conflict that ensued was bloody and devastatingly resulted in the 130,000 Turkish and Allied troops, including 8700 Australians. Today, the peninsular is lined with over 60 cemeteries and monuments where trenches and shrapnel can still be seen.

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Address: Anzak Koyu Beach, Turkey



Lone Pine

11:00 to 12:00
1 hour

Lone Pine Cemetery, located on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey, is a poignant reminder of the brutal battles that took place during World War I. Established in 1915, this cemetery is the final resting place for many soldiers of the Commonwealth forces, particularly from Australia and New Zealand, who fought in the Gallipoli Campaign. The Lone Pine Memorial, situated within the cemetery, commemorates over 4,900 servicemen who died in the sector and have no known grave. This site not only marks the sacrifices made during the infamous Battle of Lone Pine but also serves as a historical testament to the courage and resilience of those who fought in one of the most challenging campaigns of the war.

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Address: 17902 Kocadere/Eceabat/Çanakkale, Türkiye



AVEC HOTEL

15:00 check-in
10:00 check-out (Day 4)
1 night

Located in Canakkale, Avec Hotel provides convenient access to Canakkale Bus Station, less than 1 km away. The hotel offers express check-in and check-out services, as well as allergy-free rooms, a restaurant, and complimentary WiFi throughout the premises. Guests can also enjoy access to a fitness center. With a 24-hour front desk and room service, this 4-star establishment ensures a seamless experience for guests. Free private parking is available on-site, along with complimentary airport shuttle service. The hotel's rooms feature amenities such as air conditioning, a seating area, a flat-screen TV with satellite channels, a safety deposit box, and a private bathroom with a bidet, slippers, and a hairdryer. Some rooms include a kettle, balcony, and sea views. Bed linen and towels are provided in every room at Avec Hotel.

Address: AVEC HOTEL, bursa karayolu,
Karacaören/Merkez/Çanakkale, Türkiye

DAY 4: UNVEILING LEGENDS AND ANCIENT WONDERS



Today we drive to to the ancient city of Troy the city famous with Trojan Horse. Then we proceed to Bergama which was ancient Pergamum and visit the Ancient Acropolis. Then we continue to our hotel in Kusadasi. Dinner and overnight.

🍴 Breakfast and dinner.



Private Driver
08:30 to 17:30

From: Çanakkale
To: Kuşadası



Ancient Site of Troy
10:00 to 12:00
2 hours

Both a place and mythical legend of which most will be familiar with, the ancient site of Troy is an archaeological site on the northwest coast of Turkey which, since antiquity, has been identified as the Troy known from the legend.

As the legend goes, Troy was a city besieged for 10 years and eventually conquered by a Greek army led by King Agamemnon. This 'Trojan War' was spurred on by the abduction of the queen of Sparta by the song of Troy's king. Today, whether this war actually took place and whether this site is the same Troy as discussed in the legend, remains up for debate.

The notion that this city was Troy dates back 2,700 years when ancient Greeks colonised the west coast of Turkey. Today, the site is a UNESCO-listed attraction where travellers from all over the world come to imagine the history that has taken place here over several millennia.

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Address: 17100 Kalafat/Çanakkale Merkez/Çanakkale, Turkey



Pergamon Ancient City
13:00 to 16:00
3 hours

Pergamon, an ancient city in Turkey, is a testament to the grandeur of the Hellenistic period and a fascinating site for history enthusiasts. Located in the modern town of Bergama, Pergamon stands as a cultural beacon that once rivaled the great cities of Athens and Alexandria in its splendor. The city's acropolis, set upon a lofty hill, offers a panoramic view of the surrounding valley, where the Caicus River meanders through. Pergamon's rich history is evident in its ruins, from the majestic Altar of Zeus, which is considered one of the most significant works of Greek art, to the remnants of its once-great library, second only to Alexandria's in the ancient world. Recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Pergamon continues to captivate those who visit, allowing them to step back in time and experience the glory of an ancient civilization.

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Address: Ulucami, Akropol Cd. No:6, 35700 Bergama



LaVista Boutique Hotel & Spa

18:00 check-in
09:00 check-out (Day 6)
2 nights

LaVista Boutique Hotel & Spa - Boutique Class provides a rooftop terrace and is conveniently positioned a mere 5-minute drive from Ladies Beach. After a relaxing massage, guests can dine at the hotel's restaurant. Additionally, guests can enjoy luxurious amenities such as an outdoor pool, poolside bar, and sauna.

Address: Hacifeyzullah, Lavista Boutique Hotel

DAY 5: UNVEILING THE GRANDEUR OF EPHEBUS



Today we will visit the Ephesus ancient city maybe the greatest of all sites in Asia Minor. Our tour includes the Library, Marble Street and the great theatre with 24 000 seats. We will also visit the House of St. Mary. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi.

🍴 Breakfast and dinner.



Ephesus Ancient City

10:00 to 12:30
2 hours 30 minutes

Ephesus, an ancient Greek city located in what is now Turkey, was once a bustling metropolis and a significant center of trade and commerce in the Mediterranean. Founded in the 10th century BC, it flourished under Roman rule from the 1st century BC. The city is renowned for its grand structures, such as the magnificent Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, and the Library of Celsus, a testament to the city's rich cultural heritage. Ephesus also played a pivotal role in the spread of Christianity and is mentioned in the Bible. Today, the ruins of Ephesus are a UNESCO World Heritage Site, attracting visitors from around the globe who come to marvel at the well-preserved monuments that stand as a tribute to the city's glorious past.

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Address: Acarlar, Efes Harabeleri, 35920 Selçuk/İzmir, Turkey



Library of Celsus

13:30 to 14:30
1 hour

The Library of Celsus is a magnificent library which dates back to the early 2nd century and its one of the most famous monuments in Ephesus. This ancient Roman building has been extensively restored and was originally built as part of a complex.

The facade, which heightens the central elements, holds statues of the four virtues; Sophia (Wisdom), Arete (Goodness), Ennoia (Thought) and Episteme (Knowledge). These statues are replicas and the originals sit in Vienna's Ephesus Museum.

The library is said to one of the most impressive buildings of

the Roman empire and was originally built to store over 12,000 scrolls and to house the tomb of Celsus who is buried in a crypt beneath the library.

For many centuries the library was left to ruins after being destroyed by earthquakes and invasions, then in the 1970s it was restored and re-erected by archaeologists.

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Address: Acarlar Mahallesi, 35920 Selçuk/İzmir, Turkey



The Great Theatre of Ephesus

14:45 to 15:45

1 hour

Perhaps the most spectacular structure in the whole of the Ephesus ancient city, The Great Theatre wows its visitors with its size and magnificent preservation considering it was first built in the 3rd century BC.

Although it was remodelled several times during the Roman Period, the Grand Theatre took 60 years to complete in total. It was capable of accommodating 25,000 spectators with 24,000 seats and 1,000 standing places. The Great Theatre was not only for dramatic theatre performances but also for social, political, economic and religious demonstrations as well as for gladiator games.

The stage is three storeys high with a facade decorated with columns, windows and statues facing the audience. Today the theatre carries the same grand atmosphere it would have had all those years ago. Several world-famous performers have performed in this theatre such as Elton John in 2001.

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Address: Acarlar Mahallesi, 35920 Selçuk/İzmir, Turkey



House of Virgin Mary

16:00 to 17:00

1 hour

The House of Virgin Mary was discovered in the 19th century following descriptions that were published in the book of a Roman Catholic nun and visionary, Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich, who died in 1824; the book was published shortly after her death.

The bedridden German nun, of whom's book led to the discovery of the house, was able to describe the house in great detail including the domes on the top of the house and the fireplace. The book was read by a French clergyman who came to the site and found the house matching the description, sending word back to Rome.

Since its discovery this Catholic and Muslim shrine located on Mount Koressos near to Ephesus has maintained a steady stream of pilgrims visiting the site believing Mary, the mother of Jesus, was taken there by Saint John to live out the remainder of her life.

The shrine has merited many visits from popes including Pope Leo XIII in 1896 as one of the earliest and Pope Benedict XVI in 2006 as one of the most recent. The flowers that surround the house are said to have healing properties and inside the house you'll see crutches and canes said to have been left behind by the healed.

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Address: Sultaniye Mahallesi, 35922 Selçuk/İzmir, Turkey

DAY 6: HIERAPOLIS AND THE ENCHANTING TRAVERTINES OF PAMUKKALE



Today we continue to Pamukkale to explore Hierapolis ancient city hosting the greatest necropolis in Anatolia. Enjoy walking on the hot spring waters on the snow white terraced ponds. Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale.

🍴 Breakfast and dinner.



Private Driver
09:00 to 12:00

From: Kuşadası
To: Pamukkale



Hierapolis
13:00 to 15:00
2 hours

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Address: Hierapolis, 20280 Pamukkale/Denizli, Turkey



Doga Thermal Health & Spa
15:00 check-in
09:00 check-out (Day 7)
1 night

Doga Thermal Health & Spa Hotel, situated near Pamukkale, offers an extensive array of wellness treatments ranging from thermal pools and a salt room to traditional Turkish baths and a unique 'snow fountain' experience. The guestrooms are modern, spacious, and decorated in soothing neutral tones with accents of orange or red, complemented by silk cushions. Inspired by its location in Pamukkale, renowned for its mineral-rich thermal waters and the ancient Roman spa city of Hierapolis, the hotel offers recreational therapies along with a dedicated physical therapy and rehabilitation clinic, as well as a fitness center and spa facilities.

Address: Karhayt Mah., Doga Thermal Health

DAY 7: UNVEILING THE LEGACY OF RUMI IN KONYA



Drive to Konya which was the capital of Selcuk Empire. Upon arrival to Konya we visit Mevlana Museum which houses his tomb and the museum where was the center of Whirling Dervishes sect. Dinner and overnight in Konya.

🍴 Breakfast and dinner.



Private Driver
09:00 to 14:00

From: Pamukkale
To: Konya



Bair Diamond Hotel & Convention Center

14:00 check-in
10:00 check-out (Day 8)
1 night

Conveniently situated near shops and restaurants, this luxurious hotel offers a prime location just 2 km from the Kratay Madrasa, 5 km from the Mevlana Museum, and a short 14 km from Konya Airport.

Step into refined elegance in the hotel's upscale rooms, each featuring comfortable sitting areas, flat-screen TVs, Wi-Fi access, minibars, and tea and coffee makers. Upgrade to rooms with whirlpool tubs for an added touch of indulgence, or opt for suites offering spacious living areas with sofas. With 24/7 room service available, every comfort is at your fingertips.

Indulge your taste buds at the hotel's two restaurants, one of which boasts panoramic rooftop views, and satisfy your sweet cravings at the on-site cake shop. For ultimate relaxation, unwind at one of the hotel's two gender-segregated spas, each offering indoor pools, gyms, hammams, saunas, and massage rooms. Additionally, a conference center capable of hosting up to 3,000 delegates makes this hotel an ideal choice for business events and conferences.

Experience unparalleled luxury and convenience at this upscale hotel, where every aspect of your stay is designed to exceed your expectations.

Address: Musalla Bağları, Bair Diamond Hotel & Convention Center, Mahallesi, Ahmet Hilmi Nalçacı Caddesi, Selçuklu/Konya, Türkiye



Mevlana Museum

15:00 to 16:30
1 hour 30 minutes

The fluted dome of azure tiles of the Mevlana Museum is one of Turkey's most distinguishable sights. For muslims and non-muslims, one of the main reasons for visiting this area is to set sights on the Mevlana Museum and Tomb; it is one of the biggest pilgrimage centres in Turkey. This huge museum covers an area of 18,000 metres squared.

The incredible complex known as Mevlana Museum is famous for encompassing the tomb of the great dervish, poet and pioneer of the Islamic mysticism, Mevlana Jelaleddin Rumi. The structure contains many spectacular sections including

Dervish cells, a kitchen, courtyard, mosque, library, chant room, water-tank with a fountain, semahane and cerag door.

Originally a gift of a rose garden given to the father of Mevlana by a sultan, the mausoleum was added after and includes the graves of Mevlana, Mevlana's father and other family members. In 1926, it was turned into the museum it is today.

After entering a flower garden, you'll follow on through a courtyard featuring water fountains. Upon reaching the entrance to the mausoleum, you'll see the Ottoman silver door bear the inscription, 'Those who enter here incomplete will come out perfect'. You'll see many tombs inside, the largest and most beautifully decorated being that of Mevlana's.

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Address: Aziziye Mah, Mevlana Cd. No:1, 42030
Karatay/Konya, Turkey

DAY 8: UNEARTHING CAPPADOCIA'S WONDERS



Today we will drive to Cappadocia. En Route we will visit Tepesidelikhan Caravanserai. Later we will visit Saratli Underground City. Dinner and Overnight in Cappadocia.

🍴 Breakfast and dinner.



Private Driver
09:00 to 15:30

From: Konya
To: Cappadocia



Tepesidelikhan Caravanserai
10:00 to 11:00
1 hour

The Tepesidelikhan Caravanserai, also known as Öresun Han, is a fascinating historical site that dates back to the Seljuk period. It's renowned for its unique architectural features, such as the absence of a typical courtyard and its rectangular structure that measures approximately 25 meters in width and 34 meters in length. This caravanserai was an important hub for trade and travelers during its time. Interestingly, it's often referred to as "The Han with a hole in the roof" due to the collapsed roof it once had. The restoration efforts that began in 2007 have since transformed the caravanserai, preserving its historical significance and allowing visitors to step back in time to appreciate the ingenuity of Seljuk architecture.

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Address: 68000 Bebek/Aksaray Merkez/Aksaray, Türkiye



Saratlı Kırkgöz Yeraltı Şehri

14:00 to 15:30
1 hour 30 minutes

The Saratlı Kırkgöz Underground City, nestled in the historical region of Cappadocia in Turkey, is a remarkable subterranean complex that once served as a sanctuary for early Christians. This underground marvel is not just a testament to human ingenuity but also a portal to the past, where visitors can walk through corridors carved out of volcanic rock, explore ancient living quarters, and marvel at the sophisticated ventilation systems that sustained life beneath the earth's surface. The city, with its five main sections, offers a glimpse into the resourcefulness of its inhabitants, who designed it to survive for months on end without emerging above ground. Today, it stands as a fascinating destination for history enthusiasts and curious travelers alike, eager to uncover the mysteries that lie beneath the rolling hills of Aksaray Province.

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Address: Karşıyaka, 68902 Saratlı/Gülağaç/Aksaray, Türkiye



Nujel'm Cappadocia Hotel

16:00 check-in
10:00 check-out (Day 10)
2 nights

Located in Mustafapaşa, Nujel'm Private Accommodation is a certified facility. This facility, which was built by examining the architectural structures in Mustafapaşa, formerly known as Sinasos, stands out with its architectural originality.

Address: Yukarı mahalle, Nujel'm Cappadocia Hotel, Dere Sokak, Mustafapaşa/Ürgüp/Nevşehir, Türkiye

DAY 9: CAPPADOCIA WONDERS: FROM CAMELS TO CAVE CHURCHES



Explore the lunar landscape of Cappadocia visiting the Devrent (Camel Rock) Valley and Avanos and visit a regional pottery workshop. Then see Goreme open air museum. We will visit the Pasabag (Monks') Valley and Pigeon Valley. Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia.

🍴 Breakfast and dinner.



Devrent Valley

09:30 to 11:00
1 hour 30 minutes

Let your mind run wild in the 'Imagination Valley', with no cave churches or temples to be found, the valley has never been inhabited. Perhaps, while we are imagining things, it could be because of the perplexing shape of the rocks that are found here.

Sticking out of the landscapes, the rock appears as if they have been carved, however, this is the good work of mother nature, forming what has been referred to as a lunar landscape. Walking around, see what you can see; leave your expectations behind!

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Address: devrent mevkii no:1, 50500 Aktepe



Avanos

11:00 to 12:00
1 hour

Walking along the cobbled streets of this charming town you'll feel as though you have been transported back in time.

Avanos is a town rooted in tradition that dates back to Hittites in 1600 BC. The people of the town make earthen pottery using red silt Kızılırmak; the oldest ceramic practice known today but still remains the most profitable trade in the community. As you walk through the town, you'll see the red material everywhere.

Surrounding the city, there are many attractions, including old churches, ancient underground cities and cave houses that offer a unique insight into life here over the centuries.

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Address: Avanos, Nevşehir, Turkey



Göreme Open Air Museum

12:00 to 13:00
1 hour

The Göreme Open Air Museum is a spectacular showcase of Cappadocia's unique blend of natural and historical beauty. Nestled in a valley, this UNESCO World Heritage Site is a testament to Byzantine life in the region, featuring rock-carved churches and monasteries that date back to the 10th, 11th, and 12th centuries. Visitors can marvel at the frescoes that adorn the walls of these ancient structures, with colors so vibrant they seem to defy their age. The museum is not just a collection of buildings; it's a glimpse into the past, where every rock and wall tells a story of faith and artistry that has been preserved for centuries. Whether you're walking through the refectories with their rock-cut tables and benches or exploring the intricate tunnels connecting different levels of the monasteries, the Göreme Open Air Museum offers an unforgettable journey through history.

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Address: 50180 Göreme/Nevşehir Merkez/Nevşehir, Turkey



Vallée de Pasabag

14:30 to 15:30
1 hour

Pasabag, in Cappadocia, is located on the way to Zelve from Goreme or Avanos. Highly unusual earth pillars may be observed here, in the heart of a vineyard, thus the name of the site, which means "Pacha's Vineyard." Pacha means "General" in Turkish, and it is a popular nickname. The place is also known as Monks Valley. The term came from certain cones cut in tuff stones that stand off. Currently, a vineyard and a handful of tuff cones lie alongside the road.

👤 guided

Address: 1. Küme, 50502 Çavuşin/Avanos/Nevşehir, Türkiye



Pigeon Valley

15:30 to 16:30

1 hour

Located in the stunning Cappadocia region of Turkey, between the towns of Goreme and Uchisar, Pigeon Valley is a beautiful area for hiking and discovering the interesting land formations.

Known in Turkish as Guvercinlik Vadisi, Pigeon Valley earned its name from the many manmade dovecotes that have been carved into the soft volcanic rock. The dovecotes were made to encourage pigeons to live and land here in the valley so that their dung could be collected.

Whilst not so common any more, in ancient times Pigeons played a large role in food and soil fertiliser for the area which was used for winemaking. Nowadays, locals continue to maintain their cave houses and dovecotes on top of the rock pillars.

There are a number of ways that the beauty of Pigeon Valley can be explored, and perhaps one of the best is by hiking or trekking. There are a number of trails throughout the valley with varying levels of difficulty. You'll have rock-hewn Christian churches, abandoned cave homes, witness stunning views over the Cappadocia region and see the abundant numbers of pigeons in the area.

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Address: Aşağı Mahallesi, Adnan Menderes Cd. No:50, 50240 Uçhisar Belediyesi/Nevşehir Merkez/Nevşehir, Turkey

DAY 10: HELLO ISTANBUL AGAIN!



Transfer to Cappadocia Airport for a short flight to Istanbul. Upon arrival transfer to hotel and check-in. Overnight in Istanbul.

🍳 Breakfast.



Plane

12:00 to 13:30

From: Nevsehir Kapadokya Airport

To: Istanbul Airport



W Hotel

14:00 check-in

10:00 check-out (Day 11)

1 night

W Istanbul is located at the heart of the historic Akaretler Row Houses in Istanbul, Turkey, within a chic neighborhood brimming with restaurants, cafes, and art galleries. Guests of W Istanbul have the opportunity to explore the vibrant local scene of Besiktas and the upscale shopping district of Nisantasi. The hotel offers 140 guestrooms and suites, blending elements of both traditional heritage and contemporary luxury. Featuring Marmara marble, Ottoman-inspired motifs, and customizable lighting, each room reflects a fusion of history and modernity. Guests can choose from

accommodations with gardens, terraces, or cabanas, all equipped with flat-screen TVs, the signature W bed, and elegant amenities.

Address: W Hotel, Vişnezade, Beşiktaş/İstanbul, Türkiye

DAY 11: ISTANBUL DEPARTURE - FAREWELL TO TURKEY!



This morning we will transfer you to the international airport for outgoing flights.

🍴 Breakfast.



Private Driver
10:00 to 11:00

From: W Hotel
To: Istanbul Airport