

12-DAY ORIGINAL TURKEY

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OVERVIEW

Embark on a twelve-day tour of Turkey's most famous sights. Beginning in Istanbul, you'll move south to Canakkale, Selcuk and Antalya before flying to the Cappadocia region for the last part of your trip.

You'll be immersed into local cultures as you visit Turkey, travelling with a local guide who is on hand to answer any questions you have and guide you around all the wonderful places you visit. In Istanbul, you'll head out on a tasting tour of the city to sample authentic dishes, on the way to Pamukkale you'll visit the Gallipoli battlefields and you'll also lay eyes on the unique Cotton Castle.

Cappadocia will bring you an experience of a lifetime as you soar high into the sky at sunrise in a hot air balloon - an experience you'll never forget.

- Day 1: Welcome to Turkey!
- Day 2: Walking Tour of Istanbul Old Town
- Day 3: Day at Leisure in Istanbul & Tasting Tour of Istanbul
- Day 4: Tour of Gallipoli & Onwards to Canakkale
- Day 5: Troy, Pergamon & Onwards to Selcuk
- Day 6: Ancient Site of Ephesus, Sirince Village & Turkish Lunch
- Day 7: Onwards to Antalya with a Stop at Pamukkale
- Day 8: Private Boat Tour of Antalya
- Day 9: Fly to Cappadocia
- Day 10: An Experience of a Lifetime
- Day 11: Explore Cappadocia & Its Surroundings
- Day 12: Back to Istanbul & End of the Trip

INCLUDED

- 11 nights accommodation
- 17 activities
- 11 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 1 dinner
- Airport transfer
- Domestic flights
- Entrance fees
- Ground transportation

DURATION

12 days, 11 nights

DESTINATIONS

Turkey: Fatih, Istanbul, Çanakkale Merkez, Çanakkale, Selçuk, İzmir, Muratpaşa, Pamukkale, Denizli, Antalya, Ürgüp, Yeşilhisar, Özkonak Underground City, Nevşehir

TRAVELLERS

2 travellers

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- Licensed English speaking guides

EXCLUDED

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

DAY 1: WELCOME TO TURKEY!



Today you will be picked up by the airport representative at Istanbul airport and driven to your hotel for the next three days. Once you have checked into your hotel, the rest of the day is at your leisure. There's plenty to see and do in Istanbul so take this opportunity to explore the city on your own and get acquainted with its wonders!.

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Private Driver
13:00 to 14:00

From: Istanbul Airport
To: İstanbul

Today you will be picked up by the airport representative at Istanbul airport and driven to your hotel.



Golden Horn Istanbul
14:00 check-in
09:00 check-out (Day 4)
3 nights

Offering much more than comfort, the Golden Horn Istanbul is a three-star hotel perfectly located in the heart of Istanbul to enable you to explore and see the city.

All rooms in the hotel are equipped with a TV with satellite channels and every room has a safety deposit box and free WiFi, while certain rooms also offer a terrace. Each morning, an Italian, halal or vegetarian breakfast is available at the property.

Address: Hoca Paşa, Golden Horn Istanbul, İstasyon Arkası Sokak, Fatih/İstanbul, Turkey



Istanbul
15:00 to 18:00
3 hours

Visiting Istanbul is nothing short of an extraordinary cultural experience. Due to its strategic location, it's east meets west theme permeates every corner of the city.

Straddling the line between two continents, Istanbul has passed through many conquerors - from the Greeks to the Ottomans, not to mention its important location on the Silk Road that joined Europe to Asia. The city's diverse history

thus has given it its fascinating edge in more modern times.

There are so many factors that make the city appealing it would be hard to choose just one. From its endless list of minarets to its mosaic-adorned Byzantine churches to its famously hospitable people, a trip to Istanbul is one to remember for most.

Must-see sights in the city include the Sultan Ahmed Mosque (also known as the Blue Mosque), Hagia Sophia, considered one of the most beautiful buildings in the world and the Grand Bazaar, a chaotic web of 60 streets selling anything from carpets to jewellery to leather.

+ Optional Activity

Address: Istanbul, Turkey

DAY 2: WALKING TOUR OF ISTANBUL OLD TOWN



This morning, you will be picked up by your private tour guide for a walking tour in the old town. You will start your walking tour by visiting Hippodrome. You will go into Hagia Sophia Museum which used to be a church, mosque and museum at the present time and will continue to the Blue Mosque for a quick visit. Then visit Turkey's Grand Bazaar, Suleymaniye Mosque and Spice Market.

The rest of the day will be at your leisure.

🕒 Breakfast.



Hippodrome of Constantinople

09:00 to 09:45

45 minutes

The Hippodrome of Constantinople was a circus used for sporting including blood sports, chariot racing and horse racing. The ancient emperors loved nothing more than spending their afternoon at the chariot racing, the Hippodrome of Constantinople was the social centre of ancient Istanbul.

The Hippodrome was built in 203 AD when the emperor at the time rebuilt the city of Byzantium and expanded its walls, building the Hippodrome of Constantinople at the same time. Its stands were capable of fitting over 100,000 spectators in them. The Hippodrome was the backdrop to many a political drama and unfortunately underwent significant damage during these periods.

The city of Constantinople was attacked during the Fourth Crusade and the Hippodrome was looted leaving it in despair. Following this attack in the 1400s, the Hippodrome was left to rot and occasionally used as a stone resource to build other monuments in the city. Today, it is more commonly known as a square named Sultanahmet Meydanı situated in the centre of Istanbul with many of the original ruins still remaining.

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Address: Binbirdirek Mh., Sultan Ahmet Parkı, 34122
Fatih/Istanbul, Turkey



Hagia Sophia

09:45 to 10:30
45 minutes

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/Istanbul, Turkey



Sultan Ahmed Mosque

10:30 to 11:15
45 minutes

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 prophets 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



Grand Bazaar

11:15 to 12:00

45 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



Spice Bazaar

12:00 to 13:00

1 hour

The Spice Bazaar is one of the most famous covered shopping complexes in Istanbul, after the Grand Bazaar of course. A visit to Istanbul is not complete without visiting the beautifully atmospheric Spice Bazaar home to 85 stalls selling various spices, Turkish delight, sweets, jewellery, souvenirs, and dried fruits and nuts.

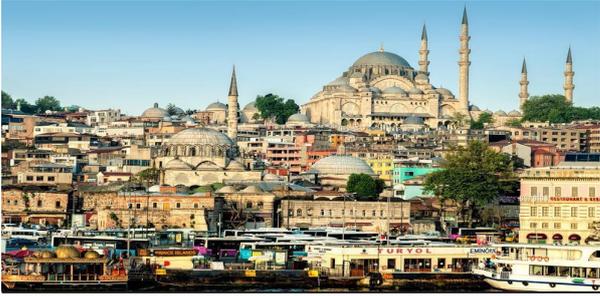
This bazaar is colourful, fun and fills your nostrils with its spices and scents as soon as you enter. Built in 1664, it is known in Turkish as Misir Carsisi or 'Egyptian Bazaar', as it was built using the revenues from the Ottoman eyalet, a primary administrative division of the Ottoman Empire, of Egypt in 1660.

The Spice Bazaar continues to be at the centre of the spice trade in Istanbul, however as tourism continues to grow, more and more spice shops are being replaced.

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Address: Rüstem Paşa Mahallesi, Erzak Ambarı Sok. No:92,
34116 Fatih/İstanbul, Turkey

DAY 3: DAY AT LEISURE IN ISTANBUL & TASTING TOUR OF ISTANBUL



This morning is at your leisure, you'll be able to spend this time visiting the attractions and sights that you weren't able to yesterday. In the afternoon, your tour leader will take you for a tasting tour to introduce the local cuisine of Istanbul! You will get to try delicious street food from food carts, rooftop bars, street cafes and hidden spots!.

🍴 Breakfast and dinner.



Istanbul

09:00 to 17:00

8 hours

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+ Optional Activity

Address: Istanbul, Turkey



Tasting Tour of Istanbul

18:00 to 21:00

3 hours

This evening, your tour leader will take you for an evening walking tour to discover the local food on Istanbul streets!

You will get to try delicious street food from food carts, rooftop bars, street cafes and hidden spots!

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Address: Karaköy, Müeyyedzade, Beyoğlu/İstanbul, Turkey

DAY 4: TOUR OF GALLIPOLI & ONWARDS TO CANAKKALE



This morning, you will be picked up by your tour guide and your private van and begin driving down to Gallipoli. You will arrive at Gallipoli around lunchtime and start touring in the battlefields of Gallipoli. Now a national park, the Gallipoli Battlefields were where one of the bloodiest conflicts of World War I took place. After the tour, you will jump on the ferry to get to the Asian side of Dardanelles, Canakkale, to spend the night.

 Breakfast.



Private Driver
09:00 to 13:00

From: İstanbul
To: Gallipoli Peninsula



Gallipoli Battlefields
13:00 to 15:00
2 hours

The Gallipoli Battlefields, where one of the bloodiest conflicts of World War I took place, stand still today preserved as a national historic park with thousands upon thousands of marble and bronze monuments dedicated to those who lost their lives and were affected by this battle.

The battle between the Ottoman Empire and the Allied powers (British Empire and France) spanned nine months from 1915 to 1916 and took place on Turkey's Gallipoli peninsula. The battle, which was for control of the Dardanelles (Hellespont) strait, resulted in 100,000 deaths with over 400,000 people injured.

Today, the park is beautifully silent and remains one of the most historically important and emotionally-touching places in Turkey. For Turkish, Australian and New Zealand nationals, the peninsula is viewed as an important place of pilgrimage where many people flock to each year to pay their respects.

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Address: Gallipoli Peninsula, 17502
Pazarlı/Gelibolu/Çanakkale, Turkey



Ferry
15:00 to 16:00

From: Gallipoli Peninsula
To: Çanakkale



Set Ozer Hotel
16:00 check-in
10:00 check-out (Day 5)
1 night

Set Ozer Hotel is situated in the heart of the city, in the city centre of Çanakkale, where modern architecture meets the historical architecture of the city.

Set Ozer Hotel is within walking distance of all restaurants, cafes and bars; it offers ease of transportation for you to feel the entertainment, taste and culture of the city.

The hotel is within walking distance of Aynalı Çarşı, Yalı Han,

City Museum, Military Naval Museum with Nusrat Mine ship, Clock Tower Square and many other historical and touristic places. From the ferry port 100 metres away, you can visit the Gallipoli National Park and the Akbaş Cemetery, where Bozcaada and the Martyrs are located.

Address: Kemalpaşa, Set Özer Hotel, Kemal Yeri Sokak, Çanakkale Merkez/Çanakkale, Turkey

DAY 5: TROY, PERGAMON & ONWARDS TO SELCUK



Today, you will drive south and visit Troy first thing in the morning. 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. After this visit, you will continue to Pergamon, another beautiful ancient site. You will end the day in Selcuk for your two-night stay.

 Breakfast.



Private Driver
10:00 to 10:30

From: Çanakkale
To: Troy, Turkey



Ancient Site of Troy
10:30 to 12:00
1 hour 30 minutes

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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



Private Driver
12:00 to 15:00

From: Troy, Turkey
To: Pergamon Altar



Pergamon

15:00 to 17:00

2 hours

Inscribed onto the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2014, Pergamon is a rare settlement that rises high above the Bakircay Plain having survived several invasions and devastations over the ages. It has always been continually occupied due to its strategic location on the plain in Turkey's Aegean region.

During the Hellenistic Attalid dynasty, the acropolis of Pergamon was a major centre of learning in the ancient world. Today, the remnants of monumental temples, theatres, a gymnasium, an altar and a library set into the sloping terrain remain. The city was surrounded by an extensive wall.

Beneath the wall and within the surrounding landscape are numerous burial mounds and remains of the Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman empires all around the modern town of Bergama on the lower slopes.

When visiting Bergama, a trip to Pergamon should not be missed. It is your chance to trace the steps of the ancient city which existed through several millennia.

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Address: Hamzalisüleymaniye, 35700 Bergama/Izmir, Turkey



Private Driver

17:00 to 19:00

From: Akropolis

To: Selçuk



Cella Boutique Hotel & Spa

19:00 check-in

10:00 check-out (Day 7)

2 nights

An extraordinary luxurious hotel in the vicinity of Ephesus - the cradle of civilisations and where modern art meets with ancient Roman and Greek art. In this boutique hotel that will change all your holiday habits, they have thought of everything to make you feel very special.

The hotel has 18 rooms all of which have been designed differently and in these rooms, you will wake up to the historical, mystique air coming from the Bülbül - Nightingale Mountain, the House of Virgin Mary and Ephesus.

In the VIP rooms, there is a very different type of accommodation with a Sauna, Turkish Bath or a hot tub inside the room.

Address: Atatürk, Cella Boutique Hotel

DAY 6: ANCIENT SITE OF EPHEBUS, SIRINCE VILLAGE & TURKISH LUNCH



Today you will visit one of the best-preserved ancient site in Minor Asia, Ephesus, dating back over 2,000 years. The Greco-Roman empire stretched across much of Europe and Asia, so it is no surprise that this huge ancient city can be found in western Turkey. You will enjoy a yummy lunch and will try Turkish pancakes called 'Gozleme' In the afternoon, you will visit the charming old, hillside Orthodox village of Sirince, famous for its fruit wines.

🍴 Breakfast and lunch.



Ephesus

09:00 to 12:00
3 hours

Ephesus is an ancient Greek city that dates back over 2,000 years. The Greco-Roman empire stretched across much of Europe and Asia, so it is no surprise that this huge ancient city can be found in western Turkey.

Ephesus is a world-renowned tourist attraction, particularly famed for the Temple of Artemis which is one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. There are a number of monumental buildings within Ephesus to visit such as the Great Theatre which was capable of holding 25,000 spectators; the whole site is filled with an atmosphere of cultural importance.

Ephesus was also one of the seven churches of Asia cited in the Book of Revelation, written by the Gospel of John in the New Testament. In 263, much of the city was destroyed by Goths and earthquakes that followed left much of the city to ruins. Although, of what remains, this ancient city is pretty spectacular.

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Address: Atatürk Mh., Ephesus Archaeological Museum, Uğur Mumcu Sevgi Yolu, 35920 Selçuk/İzmir, Turkey



Sirince Village

14:00 to 16:00
2 hours

A charming old, hillside Orthodox village, Sirince is just 12 kilometres from the ancient site of Ephesus and is famous for its fruit wines.

This little green piece of paradise in the mountains is often visited along with Ephesus or en route to Kusadasi. The hills that surround the village are decorated with peach orchards, olive groves and vineyards which grow the fruit for the fruit wine. ,

Interestingly, Cirkince translates to 'ugly'. The village is said to have been named this on purpose originally to detract attention from the village so that the 600 villagers did not have to share the beauty of Sirince with any visitors. It was quickly discovered that the village was not in fact ugly, and the visitors renamed it Sirince, meaning 'pretty'.

🗺️ guided

Address: Şirince, Şirince Mahallesi, 35920 Selçuk/İzmir, Turkey

DAY 7: ONWARDS TO ANTALYA WITH A STOP AT PAMUKKALE



Today will be a long travel day but you'll have some exciting stops to make the journey a little easier. To begin the day, you will drive to Pamukkale this morning and pay a visit to Travertines and Hierapolis. Literally translating to "Cotton Castle", Pamukkale is a geological phenomenon of white stalactites that could only be comparable to a champagne waterfall of thermal springs, topped by the Ancient Greek city, Hierapolis. You will then continue driving south and finish the day in Antalya.

🍴 Breakfast.



Private Driver
10:00 to 12:30

From: Selçuk
To: Pamukkale



Pamukkale
12:30 to 14:30
2 hours

Also known as the Cotton Castle, Pamukkale carves azure terraces into the landscape. When you first see Pamukkale, it's hard to believe it is not a mirage.

The limpid pools jut out from the steep valley, forming warm, shallow pools of crystal clear waters that look out into the southern countryside. Literally translating to "Cotton Castle", Pamukkale is a geological phenomenon of white stalactites that could only be comparable to a champagne waterfall of thermal springs, topped by the Ancient Greek city, Hierapolis.

Please note that in order to preserve this phenomenon, you are not permitted to swim in it.

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Address: Pamukkale/Denizli, Turkey



Hierapolis
13:00 to 14:00
1 hour

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.

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Address: Hierapolis, 20280 Pamukkale/Denizli, Turkey



Private Driver
14:30 to 18:00

From: Pamukkale
To: Antalya



Alp Pasa Boutique Hotel

18:00 check-in
10:00 check-out (Day 9)
2 nights

Alp Pasa Boutique Hotel is a stylish retreat converted from an old Ottoman mansion in the Old Town (Kaleiçi) in a unique quarter of the breathtaking province of Antalya.

Located right next to the most important historical, entertainment and shopping venues of Antalya, Alp Pasa Boutique Hotel is waiting to offer you a modern, stylish and secluded retreat at the heart of the city.

The hotel building dates back to the 18th century, featuring unique historical architecture in harmony with luxurious details. Surrounded by verdant gardens and historical mansions, Alp Pasa Boutique Hotel is within 100 metres of the famous Hadrian's Gate, perhaps the most attractive spot of Antalya.

The hotel is at your service with its rooms decorated in Ottoman style, a mystical restaurant where masonry is delicately expressed and an outdoor museum where historical remains were unearthed during the renovation works. The hotel features a courtyard ornamented with authentic mosaic stones, a sunbathing terrace and swimming pool.

Address: Barbaros Mah., Alp Paşa Boutique Hotel, Hesapçı Sokak, Muratpaşa/Antalya, Turkey

DAY 8: PRIVATE BOAT TOUR OF ANTALYA



Today, you can relax and enjoy your surroundings as you head off on a quiet and relaxing boat trip in Antalya. You will sail on your traditional gulet and enjoy homemade lunch on board. Sailing on the boat, you'll be able to see Antalya from a unique perspective whilst tasting the foods of the region and learning about history.

🍴 Breakfast and lunch.



Antalya Private Boat Trip

10:30 to 16:00
5 hours 30 minutes

The Antalya private boat trip starts from the Antalya Kaleici (Old Town) Marina. The best way to see the beautiful coastline of Antalya from the sea is of course by yacht or Gulet (Turkish style wooden vessel).

It takes you around the unspoiled bays of the Turkish Riviera. Your destination will be Sican Island, Caltıcak and Akyarlar Bays. You will have your lunch on board accompanying a marvelous view.

During the day, you will have the opportunity to swim at beautiful bays and fabulous beaches where you stop. Also on board, you can take pictures of interesting landscapes and caves during the sail.

Then, you will sail back to Marina and you will head back to your hotel.

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Address: Barbaros, Kaleici Antalya, Kocatepe Sokak, Muratpaşa/Antalya, Turkey

DAY 9: FLY TO CAPPADOCIA



You will be picked up from your hotel in Antalya this morning and driven to Antalya Airport, ready to catch your flight to Kayseri early in the morning. After landing in Kayseri, you will be picked up again and driven to your hotel in Cappadocia. After an early start and a long day of travelling, the rest of the day will be at your leisure to spend how you wish in Cappadocia.

🍴 Breakfast.



Private Driver
10:00 to 10:30

From: Antalya
To: Antalya Airport



Plane
12:00 to 13:15

From: Antalya Airport
To: Kayseri



Private Driver
13:30 to 14:30

From: Kayseri
To: Cappadocia



Exedra Hotel Cappadocia
14:30 check-in
10:00 check-out (Day 12)
3 nights

Exedra Hotel Cappadocia located in Ortahisar which is one of the most popular places in Cappadocia and will take your breath away with its view of Ortahisar Rock Castle, Balkan Valley and the magical fairy chimneys.

Exedra Hotel Cappadocia offers a real Cappadocia experience with the combination of traditional houses and historical caves, accompanied by quality service and luxury facilities. In the hotel, which is far away from the tourist crowds but close to all important touristic spots, you will be able to create your own unforgettable memories while witnessing the reflections of history in every corner accompanied by pleasure, comfort and natural life.

The Fresko terrace restaurant and bar in the hotel offers a unique gourmet experience with its wonderful flavours that accompany all the beautiful colours of the day.

Address: Eski Mahallesi, Exedra Hotel Cappadocia, Hac Telgraf Caddesi, Ortahisar/Ürgüp/Nevşehir, Turkey

DAY 10: AN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME



A once-in-a-lifetime experience is set for you this morning at sunrise. You'll rise up high and enjoy a hot air ballooning in Cappadocia. The deluxe balloon experience has a 1.5-hour flight time, with each balloon carrying fewer passengers than the standard flights so you'll enjoy a slightly longer experience floating among Cappadocia's stunning landscape. The rest of the day is at your leisure to spend how you wish.

🍳 Breakfast.



Deluxe Hot Air Ballooning in Cappadocia

05:00 to 07:00
2 hours

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Address: Kapadokya, Turkey



Cappadocia

13:00 to 17:00
4 hours

Gazing across this otherworldly landscape, in Cappadocia, you'll feel like space has come to you on Earth.

The carved landscapes of Cappadocia spread over 10 villages that are surrounded by arid landscape that carves its way quite literally into them as the buildings blend in with the rich reds and pastel whites of the landscape.

From valleys to underground cities, castles and museums, touring around the world of Cappadocia will transport you into a land of curiosity that you might not want to return from - it is that beautiful!

+ Optional Activity

Address: Cappadocia, Turkey

DAY 11: EXPLORE CAPPADOCIA & ITS SURROUNDINGS



This morning, you will be picked up by your local guide and driven to the Red Valley for a short soft hike. After the hike, you will drive to a panoramic point to take the best pictures of the region. Next, you will drive to Ozkonak Underground City where you'll learn of this unique medieval underground city. On the way back to the hotel, you will stop by an underground pottery atelier to attend a pottery demonstration.

🍳 Breakfast.



Soft Hike at Red Valley

08:30 to 10:30

2 hours

Turkey's region of Cappadocia is practically made for walking. With its sprawling landscapes, picturesque valleys, natural rock formations, and underground cities, this is a place you need to explore by foot.

The Red Valley, known for its crimson-coloured landscape and boulders, an iconic spot for watching sunsets. Spend some time here for a four kilometre-long trek so you can properly explore its natural beauty.

👤 guided

Address: Kızılçukur Seyir Tepesi, Kapadokya Yürüyüş Yolu, Göreme/Ürgüp/Nevşehir, Turkey



Ozkonak Underground City

11:00 to 12:30

1 hour 30 minutes

Millions of years ago, when active volcanoes were active, layer upon layer of lava came to form many the mountains and hillsides we have today. The formations are made of tuff, a malleable form of rock that can be easily carved into.

The people of Anatolia discovered the potential of the rock, forming the deepest rock-hewn formations that have been found to date.

The houses were not found until 1963, when a wall collapsed during a renovation, uncovering a larger room behind that led to a labyrinth of rooms that appeared to be rooms for education, living and markets with ventilation. The design of the houses not only shows self-sufficient living but also advanced developments in architecture.

👤 guided

Address: Özkonak Underground City, 50500 Özkonak Belediyesi/Avanos/Nevşehir, Turkey



Pottery Demonstration

13:30 to 14:30

1 hour

Your leader will take you to Avanos, to the capital of pottery art in the region. You will get to meet Galip, master of Pottery in his own workplace.

Your guide will show you how to prepare pottery and you will have a chance to try to make your own pot as well!

+ Optional Activity

Address: Yeni, Chez Galip, Avanos/Nevşehir, Turkey

DAY 12: BACK TO ISTANBUL & END OF THE TRIP



This morning you will be picked up by a private minivan and driven to Nevsehir airport. You will fly back to Istanbul and the trip finishes at the airport.

 Breakfast.



Private Driver
10:00 to 11:00

From: Cappadocia
To: Nevsehir Kapadokya Airport



Plane
12:30 to 14:00

From: Nevşehir
To: İstanbul