



GEMS OF TURKEY – 13 Nights / 14 Days (Starts on Thursdays & Sundays)

Rate:

\$1,885 per person in double occupancy -- all taxes included

\$1,840 per person in triple occupancy – all taxes included

\$780 Single supplement rate

Day 1 Arrive Istanbul

Welcome to Turkey! We will meet you at the airport and take you to your hotel after a welcome briefing about the tour ahead. Your evening is free at leisure. Overnight in Istanbul at the selected hotel.

Day 2 Istanbul

Discover the Byzantine and Ottoman treasures of Istanbul. Visit the Royal TOPKAPI PALACE, home of the Ottoman Sultans, the BLUE MOSQUE, unique with six minarets, the Roman HIPPODROME SQUARE and the ST.SOPHIA CHURCH which is considered one of the world's greatest architectural marvels. Return to the hotel. Optional dinner with belly dancing show. Overnight in Istanbul (B)

Day 3 Istanbul – Canakkale

Departure for Gallipoli. Today we will be visiting the Anzac Cove, Cunuk Bayiri, Gabatepe War Museum, and Lone Pine cemetery. Overnight will be spent in Canakkale after we cross the Dardanelles (B, D)

Day 4 Troy – Pergamum – Kusadasi

The legendary city of Troy, the center of the Trojan War will be visited today – also famous for its wooden horse. We will then continue with Pergamum, an ancient Greek city in the Hellenistic period. It was cited in the book of Revelation as one of the seven churches of Asia. Then a complete visit to the **Asclepion**, which was known as the first place of medical science. Galen, who originated from Pergamum and became the most famous doctor of his time, treated his patients here. Overnight in Kusadasi (B, D)

Day 5 Ephesus – House of Virgin Mary – Kusadasi

Visit the infamous Ephesus; In the Roman period, it was for many years the second largest city of the Roman Empire; ranking behind Rome, the empire's capital. Then we will visit the House of Virgin Mary. Today there is an optional Tour to Sardis; the capital of the ancient kingdom of Lydia. Overnight in Kusadasi (B, D)

Day 6 Kusadasi – Pamukkale

Today we will be driving up to Pamukkale; the ancient Greco-Roman and Byzantine city of Hierapolis was built on top of this white "castle". Visit Hierapolis – a UNESCO World Heritage site. Enjoy the hot springs in your hotel. Overnight in Pamukkale (B, D)

Day 7 Pamukkale – Perge – Antalya

Drive down to Antalya in the morning; the country's biggest international sea resort. Then visit to the ancient city of Perge; during the Hellenistic period, Perge was one of the richest and most beautiful cities in the ancient world. Enjoy your afternoon by the Mediterranean. Overnight in Antalya (B, D)

Day 8 Optional Tours of Phaselis or Yacht Cruise in Antalya

Today is a free day with choices of Optional tours of Phaselis, a coastal ancient city or a lazy yacht cruise along turquoise coast of the Mediterranean (B, D)

Day 9 Antalya – Aspendos – Konya

Visit the famous theatre in Aspendos in the morning; an ancient Greco – Roman city in Pamphylia - Asia Minor. Then depart for Konya. Visit Mevlana Rumi's Mausoleum and Karatay Koran School. Overnight will be spent in Konya (B,D)

Day 10 Konya – Cappadocia

Depart for Cappadocia in the morning. Visit 13th century Agzikarahan Caravanserai from the Seljuk Period on the way. The underground city of Sarhatli will be visited today. Local dinner is served in a restaurant before we get to the hotel. Overnight in Cappadocia. Tonight Optional: Whirling Dervishes show at a local restaurant. Those who wish to join in this event can talk to our tour guide (B, D)

Day 11 Cappadocia

Optional Hot Air Balloon Trip in the morning . Full day Cappadocia visit, including Goreme Open Air Museum, Avanos the pottery making town, the natural citadel of Uchisar. Later, observation of a regional pottery workshop in a cave (B, D)

Day 12 Cappadocia – Ankara

Drive to Ankara, the capital city of Turkey, via Salt Lake. Arrival in Ankara by bus. Visit the mausoleum of the founder of Turkey: Ataturk. Anatolian Civilizations Museum will also be visited today. Overnight in Ankara (B, D)

Day 13 Istanbul

After breakfast drive to Istanbul. Optional Afternoon Tour: half day Bosphorus Cruise, including last minute shopping in the Spice Market. Tonight there is a farewell dinner at a local restaurant (B, D)

Day 14 Istanbul

Morning transfer to the airport for your international flight. End of our services (B)

B: Breakfast D: Dinner

**Hotels to be used:**

Istanbul: Crowne Plaza Harbiye or Crowne Place Old City

Canakkale: Kolin Hotel

Kusadasi: Charisma Hotel

Pamukkale: Pam Thermal Hotel

Antalya: Crown Plaza Hotel

Konya: Rixos Hotel or Hilton Garden Inn

Cappadocia: Dedeman Hotel or Lykia Lodge

Ankara: Crown Plaza Hotel

Including

- 13 nights hotel accommodation at the above selected hotels
- Daily breakfast at hotels, and the dinner at the hotels (except for Istanbul Hotels)
- Transportation with A/C deluxe bus depending on the size of the group
- Government licensed professional tour guides
- All tours mentioned in the program
- All entry fees
- Airport - Hotel - Airport transfers
- Portage at hotels
- Service charges & local taxes

Excluding

- International Flight with Turkish Airlines
- Domestic Flights with Turkish Airlines
- Drinks and meals which are not listed at the itinerary
- All personal expenses
- Travel Insurance
- Turkish Visa fee (to be paid at Istanbul airport upon arrival)
- Tips to the tour guide and driver