



## **HIGHLIGHTS OF TURKEY – 8 Nights / 9 Days (Starts on Thursdays & Sundays)**

### **Rate:**

**\$1,395 per person in double occupancy -- all taxes included**

**\$1,370 per person in triple occupancy – all taxes included**

**\$375 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**

Morning transfer to airport in Antalya. B

**Hotels to be used:**

Istanbul: Crowne Plaza Harbiye or Crowne Plaza Old City (DLX)

Canakkale: Kolin Hotel (SFC)

Kusadasi: Charisma Hotel (DLX)

Pamukkale: Pam Thermal Hotel (FC)

Antalya: Crowne Plaza Hotel (DLX)

**Including**

- 8 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 full day tours mentioned in the program – 9:30am to 5:00pm everyday with lunch breaks
- All entry fees
- Airport - Hotel - Airport transfers
- Portage at hotels
- Service charges & local taxes

**Excluding**

- International Flight with Turkish Airlines
- Domestic flight from Antalya to Istanbul (\$110 per person depending on the availability)
- 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