



## **STUDYING THE CLASSICS – 10 Nights / 11 Days (Starts on Fridays)**

### **Rate:**

**\$1,465 per person in double occupancy -- all taxes included**

**\$1,440 per person in triple occupancy – all taxes included**

**\$490 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. Return to the hotel. Optional dinner with belly dancing show. Overnight in Istanbul (B)

### **Day 3 Istanbul – Ankara**

There is an optional tour of ST.SOPHIA CHURCH in the morning, which is considered one of the world's greatest architectural marvels – or Bosphorus Cruise tour instead, Afternoon departure for Ankara Around 3pm, and late arrival at Ankara (B, D)

### **Day 4 Ankara – Cappadocia**

Visit the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations – an award winning museum. Later, visit the Mausoleum of Ataturk; the founder of modern Turkey. Our tour will continue with a bus ride to Cappadocia. Overnight in Cappadocia (B, D)

### **Day 5 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. Dinner and Overnight in Cappadocia (B, D)

### **Day 6 Cappadocia – Pamukkale**

On our way to Pamukkale you will be visiting the Mausoleum of Sufi philosopher Mevlana Jelaladdin Rumi. Then continue to Pamukkale; the ancient Greco-Roman and Byzantine city of Hierapolis was built on top of this white "castle. Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale. (B D)

### **Day 7 Pamukkale – Kusadasi**

Visit Hierapolis – a UNESCO World Heritage site. Enjoy the hot springs in your hotel. Then continue to Kusadasi, dinner and overnight in Kusadasi (B,D)

**Day 8           Ephesus – House of Virgin Mary – Kusadasi**

Visit the infamous Ephesus in the morning; 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 9           Pergamum – Troy – Canakkale**

Visit 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. Then visit the legendary city of Troy, the center of the Trojan War – also famous for its wooden horse. Overnight in Canakkale (B, D)

**Day 10          Dardanelles – Gallipoli – Istanbul**

Departure for Gallipoli. Today we will be visiting the Anzac Cove, Cunuk Bayiri, Gabatepe War Museum, and Lone Pine cemetery. Drive to Istanbul for overnight (B, D)

**Day 11          Istanbul**

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

**Hotels to be used:**

Istanbul: Hilton Parksa or Hilton Garden Inn Golden Horn (FC+)

Ankara: Barcelo Altinel (SFC)

Cappadocia: Dedeman (SFC)

Pamukkale: Lycus River (FC)

Kusadasi: Charisma Hotel (SFC)

Canakkale: Tusan Hotel (SFC)

**Including**

- 10 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 or 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