



TURKEY, THE MAGNIFICENT – 13 Nights / 14 Days

(Minimum of 6 people required to operate the tour – any day of the year)

Rate:

\$1,950 per person in double occupancy – all taxes included

\$1,860 per person in triple occupancy – all taxes included

\$540 Single supplement rate

Day 1 Arrive Istanbul

Meet and greet at the airport. Then transfer to the hotel for a welcome briefing. 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. Overnight in Istanbul (B)

Day 3 Istanbul - Troy - Canakkale

Drive to GALLIPOLI, through the European lands of Turkey. Cross the Dardanelles Strait by ferryboat. Ancient TROY visit, where you will be seeing the legendary walls and the replica of the wooden Trojan horse. Dinner and overnight in Canakkale. (B,D)

Day 4 Pergamon - Izmir

Drive to Bergama. Visit the ACROPOLIS, the steepest theatre of the ancient world, the Temple of Trojan, Library. Then visit ASCLEPION, the ancient healing center and the RED BASILICA which is one of the Seven Churches of the Apocalypse. Free evening. Overnight in Izmir. (B)

Day 5 Ephesus - Izmir

Leave for EPHESUS, cradle of early Christianity. Visit the HOUSE OF THE VIRGIN MARY, the ancient Ephesus, the ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM and the TEMPLE OF DIANA which is one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Return to Izmir. Evening at leisure. Overnight in Izmir. (B)

Day 6 Sardes - Pamukkale

Drive to SARDES capital of ancient Lydia. Visit the Temple of Cybele which later became a church, the famous SYNAGOGUE from the third century, the Gymnasium and the new excavation area. See the Golden River Pactalos. Lunch included. Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale. (B,D)

Day 7 Hierapolis - Antalya

Morning tour of PAMUKKALE, noted ancient spa, where pure white travertine's forms frozen waterfalls. Drive to APHRODISIAS, the city of the Goddess of Love, see the well preserved stadium, the Odeon, the theatre and the agora. Continue to Antalya for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Day 8 Antalya

Full day excursion to the ancient Pamphylian, Hellenistic and Roman cities of PERGE and ASPENDOS and to the award winning ANTALYA ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM. Dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Day 9 Antalya - Konya - Cappadocia

Early departure to KONYA. Visit the Mevlana Museum, 13th century Whirling Dervish Monastery. Continue to CAPPADOCIA where nature has scoured surrealistic moonscape shapes and where the persecuted Christians dug underground cities and churches during the 9th century. Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia. Tonight, an OPTIONAL Folk and Belly Dance Show at one of the cave restaurants in Cappadocia. (B,D)

Day 10 Cappadocia

Full day Cappadocia visit, including Goreme Open Air Museum, Avanos the pottery making town, the natural citadel of Uchisar and the underground city of Kaymakli. Observation of carpet weaving at one of the local workshops. Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia. (B,D)

Day 11 Cappadocia - Ankara

Morning sightseeing in Cappadocia. After lunch, visit the Agzikarahan Caravanserai from the Selcuk period. Drive to Ankara, the capital city of Turkey, via Salt Lake. Evening at leisure. Overnight in ANKARA. (B)

Day 12 Ankara - Bursa

Visit the ANATOLIAN CIVILIZATION MUSEUM and the MAUSOLEUM of Kemal Ataturk in Ankara. Drive to BURSA. Dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Day 13 Bursa - Istanbul

Visit the Green Mosque, the Green Tomb and Bursas colourful Silk Bazaar. Drive to Istanbul. Rest of the day is free at leisure. Overnight in Istanbul. (B)

Day 14 Istanbul - End of the Tour

End of our services. (B)

Hotels to be used (or similar hotels will be given depending on the availability)

Istanbul Arcadia Hotel or Galata Anemon Hotel (Boutique Hotels)

Canakkale Iris Hotel (4 Star)

Izmir Anemon (4 Star)

Pamukkale Colossae (5 Star)

Antalya Dedeman (5 Star)

Cappadocia Lodge (5 Star)

Ankara Dedeman (5 Star)

Bursa Celik Palas (5 Star)

**Included Tour Features**

- 13 nights hotel accommodation at the above mentioned hotels
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Arrival transfer from the airport
- Daily breakfast, and 7 Dinners at Hotels
- Transportation by A/C bus, or A/C van depending on the size of the group
- English speaking professional tour guide and a driver
- Sites & museums entry fees
- Service charges & local taxes

Excluding

- International Flight with Turkish Airlines
- Drinks and meals which are not listed in 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