

## 11 Days - Highlights of Turkey Tour (escorted package tour)



### ABOUT TOUR

Highlights; İstanbul - Ankara - Cappadocia - Pamukkale (Cotton Castle) - Kusadasi (Virgin Mary's House & Ephesus) - Pergamum - Troy - Gallipoli - İstanbul

### Tour Program

#### DAY 1: İstanbul Arrival

Welcome to İstanbul, Meet your transfer guide at the airport and transfer to your Hotel in İstanbul. The rest of the day is at leisure...

*Please note:* After going through the passport control, please get your luggage and then walk towards the exit to get out of the customs area and as soon as you get out of the customs, you will see a lot of people waiting in front with signs. Your/our transfer guide will be around there as soon as you come out holding a paper sign bearing your name on it. **4\* Star / Deluxe / Boutique Hotels or Similar..**

#### DAY 2: İstanbul

After breakfast meet your tour guide at the lobby and departure from the hotel, enjoy a **full-day tour of İstanbul (Sultanahmet Archaeological Park - Unesco World Heritage)** including a visit to **Topkapi Palace**, residence of the Ottoman Sultans between 1453 and 1852 (excluding harem). Visit the **Hippodrome** which was once the center of life where chariot racing and other public events took place. Tour the **Blue Mosque** built between 1609 and 1616, and famous for its blue ceramic tiles. Your last stop will be the famous **Grand Bazaar**, the world's largest and oldest covered market with over 60 streets. In the evening, consider joining an optional dinner with belly dancing entertainment. Overnight İstanbul (B) **4\* Star / Deluxe / Boutique Hotels or Similar..**

### **DAY 3: Istanbul / Ankara**

After breakfast meet your tour guide at the lobby and departure from the Hotel, enjoy a half day tour of Istanbul visit **St. Sophia** museum, it was a church built in the 6th century Byzantine capital, converted to a mosque by the Ottoman empire period, now a museum and one of the world's greatest architectural wonders. In the afternoon, departure for the capital city of **Ankara**. Overnight Ankara (B,D) **4\* Star / Deluxe / Boutique Hotels or Similar..**

### **DAY 4 : Ankara / Cappadocia**

After breakfast meet your tour guide at the lobby and departure from the Hotel, visit the **Museum of Anatolian Civilizations** with its Hittite treasures and artifacts from the world's oldest city. Continue with a visit of the **Mausoleum of Ataturk**, the burial place of the national hero who founded modern Republic of Turkey. Proceed to **Cappadocia (Unesco World Heritage)**, famous for its "moon-like" landscapes. En route, visit a 13th century caravanserai. Visit the **underground city of Saratli**. Enjoy dinner at an authentic local restaurant or Hotel. Later in the evening, consider seeing an "optional Whirling Dervishes show & performance". Overnight Cappadocia (B,D) **4\* Star / Deluxe / Boutique Hotels or Similar..**

### **DAY 5 : Cappadocia**

(early in the morning optional hot air balloon tour experience). After breakfast, visit **Goreme open air museum** (Dark Church is excluded; entrance requires additional admission fee), a historical region of Turkey, located among rock formations. It was first settled back in the Roman period. Many rock churches can still be seen today, as Christianity was then the prevailing religion in that region. Continue to the town of **Avanos**, renowned for its high quality earthenware. Also visit **Pasabagi** and the **Red Valley**, and attend a brief regional pottery workshop in a cave. Overnight Cappadocia (B,D) **4\* Star / Deluxe / Boutique Hotels or Similar..**

### **DAY 6: Cappadocia / Konya / Pamukkale**

After breakfast meet your guide at the lobby and departure from the hotel for **Pamukkale**. En route, visit the famous **mausoleum of the Sufi philosopher Mevlana**, the worldwide famous mystic figure. Overnight Pamukkale (B,D) **4\* Star / Deluxe / Boutique Hotels or Similar..**

### **DAY 7: Pamukkale / Kusadasi**

After breakfast meet your guide at the lobby and departure from the hotel, tour Pamukkale which means "**Cotton Castle**", describing the white lime cascades formed by hot mineral springs. Visit the ruins of the **Roman health spa of Hierapolis (Unesco World Heritage)**. Continue to Kusadasi. Overnight Kusadasi (B,D) **4\* Star / Deluxe / Boutique Hotels or Similar..**

### **Day 8 : Kusadasi - Ephesus & Virgin Mary's House - Kusadasi**

After breakfast meet your guide at the lobby and today, tour the ruins of **Ephesus (Unesco World Heritage)**, an important cultural center of the ancient world, and explore the 2,000-year old marble streets, a theater, the Library of Celsius, a gymnasium, and Hadrian's Temple. Take a short drive to see the **Virgin Mary's stone cottage**. Continue to a regional rug production center to have firsthand experience of this unique art form. Overnight Kusadasi (B,D) **4\* Star / Deluxe / Boutique Hotels or Similar..**

### **Day 9 : Pergamum - Troy - Canakkale**

After breakfast meet your guide at the lobby and departure from the hotel for **Pergamum** and visit the ancient medical center **Asklepion**. Enjoy lunch with locals in a traditional village. Then proceed to **Troy (Unesco World Heritage)** with its famous wooden horse, best known for being the setting of the **Trojan War**. Continue to **Canakkale** for an overnight. (B,L,D) **4\* Star / Deluxe / Boutique Hotels or Similar..**

### **Day 10 : Gallipoli - Dardanelles - Istanbul**

After breakfast meet your guide at the lobby and departure for **Gallipoli**, the site of many battles during World War 1. Visit **Anzac Cove**, the **Lone Pine Cemetery**, and **Chunuk Bair**. Then, cross the **Dardanelles** to Istanbul. Enjoy farewell Dinner. Overnight Istanbul (B,D) **4\* Star / Deluxe / Boutique Hotels or Similar..**

### **Day 11: Istanbul - Departure Day**

After breakfast transfer to Airport for your return flight home.

**"Please do not hesitate to contact us for Private & Group & (F.I.T) individual tour rates for above program"**

### **Liability Included Services**

Above escorted package tour rates include:

Transportation (touring by modern air-conditioned motor coach or Minibus depending on pax number/number of people), parking fees, one departure airport transfer from/to Istanbul central Hotels,

English speaking professional tour guide,

Accommodations at a 4\*Star / Deluxe / Boutique Hotels or Similar.., Meals as indicated in the itinerary by the code letters (B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner,

Museums & Sites entrance fees and V.A.T.

We kindly request our guests to be ready by the hotel's reception 10 minutes before departure time, 30% discount for children below the age 7, free for the ages of 0-2,

Guests are to be promptly on time at the meeting points given by the tour guide.

Tour programs and prices may change without prior notice.

Any increase in museum entrance fees will be reflected in the prices.

### **Services not included in the price list**

Passport and Visa expenses,

One way airport arrival transfer

Airport taxes, optional tours, dinners and lunches, alcoholic and non alcoholic beverages other than mentioned above, personal expenses and customary end-of-tour gratuities to guide and drivers...

Turkey Holiday Planner is not responsible for any loss or theft of personal belongings during the tour.

### **Payment and Cancellation Policy**

**GROUP BOOKINGS :** A deposit of 10 % of the total amount is required to process and confirm the reservation at the time of registration. Balance of payment must be received 30 days prior to departure.

If your balance is not paid at the specified time (unless previously arranged with us in writing) we reserve the right to cancel your booking.

**CANCELLATIONS / REFUNDS :** Cancellations should be received by Turkey Holiday Planner in writing. We strongly suggest the purchase of the Trip Cancellation and Tour Interruption Insurance. Deadline for cancellation of individual bookings is 3 days, for groups 35 days prior to the departure of the tour. For cancellations on departure date or after no refund will be made regardless of the cause, whatsoever. No refund can be made for no-shows, unused hotel accommodation, meals or tours not taken cannot be refunded.

Should we cancel your holiday, your deposit and any other payments made will be refunded in full. However, if our cancellation is due to 'force majeure' any reasonable expenses we have incurred will be deducted from your refund. (War, civil or political unrest is usually known as force majeure). All refunds and compensation are strictly limited to the amount paid to us and we are not liable for any expenses you have incurred as a result of this booking. Your holiday will not be cancelled after the final payment is due unless we are forced to do so by force majeure.

The tour leader/guide who represents Turkey Holiday Planner has overriding authority on our tours. By signing our booking form, you agree to do this. If you commit any illegal act on a tour with us or if in the opinion of the tour leader or ground operator your behavior is detrimental to the safety and welfare of the group as a whole you may be asked to leave the tour without any right to refund.

Any complaints with regard to our tours must be immediately brought to the attention of the tour leader, ground operators or hotelier so that the necessary action to rectify the matter can be taken. However, if by the end of the tour you still feel you have a valid complaint you must notify the company, in writing, within 14 days of the end of your tour with Turkey Holiday Planner.

You are responsible for ensuring all necessary travel documents are in order. Many countries require passports to be valid for at least six months after entry.

We will be looking forward to hearing from you and being of service to your group...

Please do not hesitate to contact us If you would have any further questions...

Best Regards,