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Day 1 I ISTANBUL (Saturday, May 10, 2025)

Welcome to Istanbul! As known as "Capital of the Eurasia" this amazing and elegant city welcomes you right from the heart! Your beautiful tour starts with a meet and greet at the reception of the hotel where the Tour Leader will explain the details and you get to meet your fellow travelers. Make sure your camera roll has enough space as every corner of the cities you're about to see will truly amaze you with its history and architecture. Turkish love is surround themselves with beauty and it shows. This country could not have been designed by different empires. Get inspired by the national treasures from Blue Mosque to Topkapi Palace and world-famous art pieces located everywhere you go and realize you can see them with your own eyes finally. The Anatolian story starts now!



This week you will be taken care of by our professional tour leaders who will guide you through the history, traditions, and cuisine of this fabulous Turkish culture brought to us since the times of the Great Roman Empire. After meeting with your tour leader, you will have free time to explore the city sight, or you can join alternatively to the Traditional Turkish Folklore night in Istanbul. We strongly recommend that you join, if this is your first time in Turkey and you have never been to a Turkish Night. Belly Dancers, Turkish folk dance, Turkish food and wine, lots of laughter, and audience participation. Great Turkish-style entertainment for everyone. Night of Eastern promise, try local cuisine, meze, and drinks. You will be amazed by the folk dances from all over the country and entranced by the belly dancers and traditional Turkish hospitality. Transfer to our hotel at the end of the show. Overnight at our hotel.

Traditional Turkish Folklore night with dinner in Istanbul: \$70

Day 2 I ISTANBUL - ANKARA (Sunday, May 11, 2025)

After breakfast at our hotel, we will proceed to enjoy a sightseeing tour in the "Old City" of Istanbul, we will see the St. Sophia, this ancient basilica, built by Constantine the great, in the 4th century and reconstructed by Justinian in the 6th century, is one of the architectural marvels of all time. It is a truly awe inspiring, 1,400 years old byzantine cathedral which houses mosaics, relics and iron work. Hagia Sophia was, for nearly a thousand years, the largest enclosed space in the world, and is still seen as one of the world's most important architectural monuments. it is one of turkey's most popular attractions, drawn by the sheer spectacle of its size, architecture, mosaics and art. Sultanahmet imperial mosque built during the reign of Sultan Ahmet i during 1609-1616. it is the only mosque in turkey with six minarets. due to its



magnificent hand-dyed blue, green and white Iznik tiles it has been named the "blue mosque" by Europeans. the central dome is 43 m in height and is 33.4 m in diameter; it also boasts 260 windows. Hippodrome the scene of ancient chariot races with its four monuments; the German fountain of Wilhelm II, The obelisk of Thedosius, The bronze serpentine column and the column of Constantine. Transfer to the Ankara after the tour. Overnight at our hotel.

Day 3 I ANKARA - CAPPADOCIA (Monday, May 12, 2025)

After the tour transfer to our hotel in Cappadocia and you will have free time to explore the city sight, or you can join alternatively to the Traditional Turkish Folklore night in Cappadocia with dinner. On this tour Night Show starts with the appearance of Turkish folk dancers. The crowd gets excited at the moment as the colorful shows begin. The first dance show tells the story of the bride and groom. A girl getting married in Turkey shows a traditional dance. Dancing in the middle stage, a bride wearing a red dress and dancing next to a man in a groom's dress is quite impressive. The story is quite simple. Before they dance like a couple doves, the bride is honored and then accepts the man's marriage proposal. While this dance continues, people from the enthusiastic crowd take their wives towards the end of the play



and come on the stage to dance. When it is the dance in Turkey, belly dancers come to the forefront. The belly dancers' figures, which astonish the viewers, bring unforgettable moments to our guests. As they dance, they go through almost all the tables and teach men how to dance, what belly dancing is with figures that will seduce them. The audiences watching the dance have great times. After the dancers, we will see the shows in different styles such as fire dance, knife dance and drum show. During the Night Show, waiters will offer you unlimited appetizers, alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. The main meal will be Turkey's lamp with rice which is a traditional wedding dinner. Transfer to the hotel in the end of the tour. Overnight at our hotel.

Traditional Turkish Folklore Evening in Cappadocia with dinner: \$65

Day 4 I CAPPADOCIA (Tuesday, May 13, 2025)

After breakfast at our hotel, we will depart for a Cappadocia tour. Our first destination will be Devrent Valley. Devrent Valley is one of the most popular valleys in the region. Because many people who want to see the fairy chimneys visit Devrent Valley. It has different shaped rocks and fairy chimneys in there. The shapes of the fairy chimneys here are often likened to different animal figures. That's why you'll love taking pictures here. Be sure to take a camera with you. There are many churches in the valley. Unlike other valleys, there are various cemeteries. These cemeteries are thought to belong to the Roman period. The fairy chimneys and other stones in this valley have started to turn into a color similar to pink in time. Therefore, you can also hear that this valley is sometimes called Pink Valley.



The second destination will be Pasabay Valley. This valley is a perfect destination especially for individuals who are curious about the formation of fairy chimneys. Because, according to researchers, the first examples of fairy chimney formation are here. Here, you will encounter giant fairy chimneys that are several meters long. Inside these structures, people built churches and houses. You can enter the fairy chimneys to visit these churches. You will feel as if you are visiting a city while walking around in a wide walking path. Pasabay is one of the most important centers for fairy chimneys in the region. You can take a lot of photographs here. After Pasabay we will go to Avanos. Avanos is famous for its many bazaars specialized in pottery making. We will visit the bazaars and watch pottery making. Here you can get a perfect memory of Cappadocia.

After this event in Avanos, we will set out for Goreme. After a short journey to Goreme, you will have the chance to explore the different stones and fairy chimneys in the region. Goreme is a place where different stones and fairy chimneys are quite dense. Even when you're walking on the street, when you look ahead, you have the chance to see the valleys filled with fairy chimneys. The special feature of this region is that fairy chimneys or perfect natural stones are not far from living areas. This makes the region different from other areas. Goreme Open Air Museum has been designated as our next destination. This museum is one of the two excellent openair museums in Cappadocia. It has an excellent property in terms of the area it covers. The museum covers the area where different churches are together. Here, the priests who lived in the past built various churches. Inside the churches carved in stone, there are extremely impressive paintings. Wall paintings were made in a professional way. In these paintings, religiously important moments such as the birth of Jesus and the return of Jesus were symbolized. Of the many churches in the region, these paintings are still very lively. Uchisar Castle is the last region we will visit within the scope of the tour. Uchisar Castle is a very impressive structure built by Christians. You will enjoy the view from the windows inside this castle. The castle is located in a central point of the city. We will return to the hotel after the tour. Overnight at hotel.

Day 5 I CAPPADOCIA - KONYA - PAMUKKALE (Wednesday, May 14, 2025)

After breakfast at our hotel, we will depart for Konya and Pamukkale at the time determined by our tour leader. Early in the morning alternatively, our guests can join our Cappadocia hot air balloon tour. Cappadocia hot air balloon flight is the most popular activity. Every year, millions of tourists come to visit Cappadocia for hot air balloons. The view of Cappadocia in the air is great. If you want to take amazing pictures, we also suggest you join this tour. Then we will proceed to Konya. Konya was the center of the Selcuk Empire as well as the city of Mevlana and his Whirling Dervishes. After visiting the Mevlana Museum, we will continue drive to Pamukkale. Overnight at our hotel.

Hot Air Ballooning Cappadocia flight: \$ 95



Day 6 I PAMUKKALE - EPHESUS - KUSADASI (Thursday, May 15, 2025)

After breakfast at our hotel, we will depart for Pamukkale tour and to Kusadasi. The first region to be visited during the Pamukkale tour will be Pamukkale Travertines. These structures are fancy structures that are formed as a result of natural processes that take place for quite a long time. The structures, which are completely white in color and have a high mountain appearance, are called travertine. These structures contain a high percentage of minerals, vitamins and calcium. Travertines are also hot water sources. From the moment you enter the area, you will encounter hot water currents. You can easily walk through these currents if you wish. Vitamins and minerals can improve health problems in your feet and legs. How did Pamukkale Travertines come into being? The final appearance of these structures is estimated



to have reached about 400 years ago. There is a huge earthquake in the Menderes River. After this earthquake, the changing landforms from the Pamukkale Travertines over time. This structure has caused the region to gain a high tourist value. Because the travertines are listed and protected by UNESCO as a world heritage site.

Then we will see Hierapolis Ancient City. This ancient city has a very high altitude. According to the researches, it is known that the city was used and founded by the Phrygians. The city was established during approximately 2nd century BC. At the time of its establishment, the queen of the region was named Hiera, who is an Amazon queen. Therefore, the name of the city was Hierapolis. The Necropolis in the past, religious belief was largely shaped by religion about life after death. Therefore, in almost every city, cemeteries were clustered near their habitats. The necropolis is located in the ancient city of Hierapolis, very close to the living area. The necropolis contains important artefacts that can be traced from the Late Hellenistic to the early Christian period. The grave structures in the region are quite interesting. The Temple of Apollo. Apollon was the most important god believed by individuals living in Hierapolis. This sanctuary in the name of Apollo was considered a place of worship. Rumour generally says that this is exactly where Apollo came to visit the city. This structure was built in the 1st century BC. In the 3rd century BC, some changes were made in the structure and the structure became more modern. Then we will visit the famous local production center for leather garments, whereby after a live Fashion Show, time will be allocated for shopping.

After Pamukkale we will go to see Ephesus. Our visit starts with the Marble Streets. The ancient city of Ephesus also had remarkable, aesthetic streets. There were various sculptures on the sides of the glittering streets made of marble. Taking a walk in this street will make you very happy. The Odeon, to understand the social life of a city, it is necessary to understand how people spend their free time. At the Odeon, many religious ceremonies were held. There were also concerts and theaters for entertainment. The Odeon was large enough to accommodate 24,000 people at the same time. This theater has a unique architectural structure. The Agora is considered the political center of the city, was in a sense the place of privileged individuals. The Temple of Hadrian, Built-in 138 AD, this temple tells us a lot about the religious beliefs of the inhabitants. The temple was inlaid by P. Quintilius. Temple of Artemis. Would you like to meet one of the seven wonders of the world? The Temple of Artemis in the ancient city of Ephesus is included in this list.

Then we will go to House of Virgin Mary. It is believed to be the last residence of the mother of Jesus, the Virgin Mary. 4-6 years after the death of Christ, she came to the Bulbul Dag with St. John and lived here. The peaceful site is sacred to both Christians and Muslims and is visited by many tourists and pilgrims. After the proclamation of Pope Paul VI in 1967, Pope II. John Paul came to Ephesus and announced that the House of Virgin Mary was a place of pilgrimage for Christians. It is a world-famous pilgrimage place. The building is a church dating back to the seventh century. Then we will continue drive to Kusadasi. Overnight stay at our hotel.

Day 7 I KUSADASI - BERGAMA - CANAKKALE (Friday, May 16, 2025)

After breakfast at our hotel, we will depart for Canakkale, enroute we will visit Acropolis. The Temple of Trajan and the theater in Acropolis both overlooking to the plain of Bergama is a breathtaking view. Bergama, ancient Pergamum, was renowned in Hellenic and Roman times for its great library and as the medical center where Galen laid the foundation for medical practice. The city was an important kingdom during the second century BC, having grown from a city-state captured by Alexander the Great. Upon Alexander's death in 323 BC, his generals fought for control of the parts of his empire. Lysimachus took command of the Aegean coast, but was killed in 281 BC, leaving Pergamum in the control of Philetarus the Eunuch, who used Lysimachus's treasure to increase his power. Philetarus's nephew and heirs built on



their inheritance, and Eumenes II (197-159 BC), King of Pergamum, became the most powerful ruler in Anatolia. He beautify his capital city by building the Altar of Zeus, by constructing numerous buildings in the "middle city" on the slope of the Acropolis, and by expanding and beautifying the Asclepion medical center. Eumenes II's son Attalus III was not his father's equal. Pergamum's power declined, and on Attalus's death in 129 BC, the Kingdom of Pergamum was willed to Rome and became its Province of Asia (Minor). Roman Pergamum was still a rich, important city. Some of its most important monuments, such as the Temple of Trajan, date from Roman times. We will continue drive to Canakkale, after the Bergama tour. Overnight stay at our hotel.

Day 8 I CANAKKALE - TROY - ISTANBUL (Saturday, May 17, 2025)

After breakfast at our hotel, we will depart for Istanbul, enroute we will visit Troy The first starting point of our tour is the city center of Canakkale. Here you will have a great time to explore the Trojan Horse. The Trojan horse is still standing there as a symbol of years of wars in the region. Of course, the horse you will see here is not a horse itself, but a replica. However, this replication has been quite successful. (The one which used in the movie of Troy.)

Our next destination will be Sacrificial Altars. This region has been built for the gods since the past and is used to bless the gods. You will learn about the religious beliefs of the past civilizations by visiting here. Then the 3700-year-old city walls. The importance of protecting a city from the antiquity and defending the city against the enemies was enormous. Today,



these are made with firearms. In the past, wrapping around the city was a very popular method by building real huge walls. These walls are also very strong, 3700-year-old walls surrounding this ancient city.

Houses of Troy I, 3000 B.C. - 2500 B.C was designated as another destination. These houses are ancient houses built with a roof and still quite intact. In the past, we get the most important information about how people have a lifestyle.

The Agora was one of the most important places for the socialization of the ancient city. The commercial life of the city took place in Agora. Merchants used to sell their products here and customers would take their needs in these markets. In order to understand the nature of the products traded in the past, it may be very useful to see the market closely. At the end of the Troy tour, we will depart for Istanbul. Overnight stay at our hotel.

Day 9 I ISTANBUL (Sunday, May 18, 2025)

After breakfast at our hotel, you will have free time to explore the city sight, or you can join alternatively to Topkapi Palace, Grand Baazar and Bosphorus Cruise with Istanbul two continents tour. In this tour we will start with the Magnificent Topkapi Palace will be the first destination after lunch. It is quite enjoyable to participate in this type of tour, especially in the summer. Because trips between destinations can be extremely fun. Topkapi Palace is an important building that has been used by the Ottoman Empire for years. By examining the structure, you will have the opportunity to learn about the past centuries. In addition, our tour guide will provide you with information about the buildings throughout the tour. This will give you a more sophisticated trip experience. "Spoon Diamond" which means "Kasikci Elmasi"



in Turkish is one of the special things that you may want to see, and you will have chance to see it only here. After Topkapi Palace we will go to Grand Covered Bazaar. Here you can buy ethnic products and experience a unique cultural experience. Dessert and coffee varieties, some textile products, and decoration products are sold in this bazaar. In addition, the authentic structure of the bazaar is fascinating.

After grand bazar our tour will be continue with Spice Bazaar (Egyptian Market) where you will find any kind of spices. All spices are fresh, and you will be dazzling with its smelling. You will be able to shop in here as well. After the Spice Bazaar, we will embark on a boat for Bosphorus boat cruise sightseeing and start the sail between two continents. While we are sailing, we will see the most expensive villas in Istanbul lying along the Bosphorus Shore. Also, Ciragan Palace Kempinski, Dolmabahce Palace, Old Pasha Villas, Leander's Tower can be seen from the boat during Bosphorus Cruise. We will sail up to second Bridge of Bosphorus and sail back to the starting point of the boat. At the end of our tour, we will turn back to our hotel. Overnight at our hotel.

Topkapi Palace Grand bazaar tour: \$ 65 Bosphorus Cruise, Spice bazaar in Istanbul: \$ 75

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