

**PREMIUM**

**10D7N**

# AMAZING TURKEY

TOUR CODE: MTISTA

Straddle the border between the Europe and Asia in this Muslim country, Turkey, and feast your eyes on ancient cities with rock-like monasteries, limestone hot springs and grandiose structures that withstood the test of time.

HOT AIR BALLOON CAPPADOCIA





## HIGHLIGHTS

### TURKEY

#### ISTANBUL

- Hippodrome
- Topkapi Palace
- Blue Mosque
- Hagia Sophia
- The Marmaray Railway
- Grand Bazaar

#### CANAKKALE

- Troy
- Trojan House

#### KUSADASI

- Ephesus
- Turkish Leather Show Room

#### PERGAMON

- The Acropolis
- Bergama Acropolis Cable Car

#### KONYA

- Mevlana Museum
- Horozluhan Caravanserai

#### CAPPADOCIA

- Goreme Open-air Museum
- Avanos Pottery Village
- Valleys of Goreme
- Carpet Factory
- Whirling Dervishes and Belly Dance with unlimited soft and alcoholic drinks

#### ANKARA

- Ataturk Mausoleum



## DELICACIES

#### Meal Plan

7 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches, 7 Dinners

#### Specialities

- Turkish Kebab
- Elti Ekmek
- Turkish Grill Fish

## 4-5★ HOTELS

**ISTANBUL** Wyhdnam Old City

**CANAKKALE** Kolin

**KUSADASI** Grand Belish

**PAMUKKALE** Thermal Colossae

**CAPPADOCIA** MCD Cave

**BOLU** Von

\*Note: Hotels subject to final confirmation. Should there be changes, customers will be offered similar accommodations as stated in this list.

#### DAY 1

### HOME > ISTANBUL

#### Meals on Board

Assemble at the airport and depart for **Istanbul**, a unique city that's built on two continents, Asia and Europe.

#### DAY 2

### ISTANBUL > CANAKKALE

#### Lunch - Turkish Kebab, Dinner in Hotel

Kick things off with a trip to the **Topkapi Palace**, the first Great Imperial Palace of the Ottoman Dynasty. The 16th century **Blue Mosque** (Sultan Ahmet Mosque), the only one in Istanbul with 6 minarets, is next. Admire the **Egyptian Column**, **Serpentine Column** and **Ibrahim Pasha Palace** at the **Hippodrome Square**, before visiting the Christian-Islamic **St. Sophia Museum**. After an appetising meal, board a ferry to Canakkale via Gallipoli.

#### DAY 3

### CANAKKALE > PERGAMON > KUSADASI

#### Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner in Hotel

The Legendary wooden horse of **Troy**, is located at Canakkale. After touring the grounds of the ancient city within which it is found, move on to the next ancient destination, the roman city of **Pergamon**. To

get to the city's Acropolis, you'll have to take the cable car. Next, hop on for a ride bound for **Kusadasi**, an Aegean Coastal town.

#### DAY 4

### KUSADASI > SELCUK > PAMUKKALE

#### Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner in Hotel

Ever wondered where the biblical Virgin Mary might have lived? We explore the **House of Virgin Mary** then traipse through the **Ephesus ancient city**. Following that, see one of the world's ancient seven wonders, the **Artemis Temple**. Luncheon will be served, before we leave for Pamukkale.

*Note: Pamukkale is a thermal region with an abundance of hot springs. Most hotels will have thermal baths as well, so please bring your swimwear.*

#### DAY 5

### PAMUKKALE > KONYA > CAPPADOCIA

#### Breakfast, Lunch - Etli Ekmek, Dinner in Hotel

Enter the **Hierapolis** to experience its unrivalled thermal baths, before stepping into the **Cotton Castle**. Formed by deposits of white limestone from thermal springs, the heavenly terraces exude a surreal, mystical vibe not to be missed. Lunch at Horozluhan, an ancient caravanserai restored restaurant. Visit the 700-year-old ancient "hotel",

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COTTON CASTLE, PAMUKKALE

known as the **Caravanserai**, which used to host traders and travellers. Then, visit the museum of 13th century philosopher, **Melvana Celaleddin-i Rumi**, for the last stop of the day.

## DAY 6 CAPPADOCIA

*Breakfast, Lunch - Pottery Kebab,  
Dinner in Hotel*

A visit to the scenic **Valley of Fairy Chimneys** marks the start of your day in Cappadocia. Walk through the Underground City of Kaymakli, which once housed 15,000 Christian refugees. Next, scale the **Esentepe Hill** to get a bird's eye view of the unorthodox World Heritage Site. After the **Pigeon Valley**, venture into the **Goreme Open-Air Museum**, populated with multiple monasteries with raw, rock facades. Pick up a new skill while at the **Avanos Pottery Village** and be enchanted by the unusual **Uchisar "Castle" Village**. Unwind into the night watching Whirling Dervishes and their belly-dancing performance while indulging in a free flow of soft and alcoholic drinks. If you're looking for more things to do, try the **Sunrise Hot Air Balloon Tour** at own expense, which brings you across the lavish landscape.

## DAY 7 CAPPADOCIA > ANKARA > BOLU

*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

After breakfast, depart to **Ankara** (approx 4 hours' drive), the Capital of Turkey. Picture stop at **Lake Tuz** or **Salt Lake**, which is second largest lake in Turkey. Ankara city tour include visit the magnificent **Ataturk Mausoleum**. Next, continue to Black sea region of Turkey and overnight in Bolu.

## DAY 8 BOLU > ISTANBUL

*Breakfast, Lunch - Turkish Grill Fish,  
Dinner - Chinese Fare*

After breakfast, return to Istanbul. Upon arrival, we will take a **Train ride** from Asia side of Istanbul with **The Marmaray Railway** which will cross under the sea of Bosphorus to the Europe side. This tour will take you on a fantastic journey across two continents. Thereafter, shop at the 500-years-old **Grand Bazaar**, one of the largest and oldest covered markets in the world, with 61 covered streets and over 4000 shops. Explore the rest of the city on this day of leisure.

## DAY 9 ISTANBUL > HOME

*Breakfast*

Today, you will have the entire morning to yourself with the choice to either sleep in or make up your own itinerary in Istanbul. We recommend trying the **Balik Ekmek** and **Bosphorus River Cruise**. Once you're done, head to the airport for a homebound flight.

## DAY 10 HOME SWEET HOME

We hope you enjoyed your vacation with EU Holidays and we look forward to seeing you again for your next trip.

*Suggested Excursions:*

*Additional activities that complement your holidays will be at your own discretion and is entirely optional.*

*\*minimum group size may apply*

- **Bosphorus Cruise + Spice market: USD 75**
- **Hot Air Balloon Tour: USD 230**
- **Jeep safari: USD 85**

*Tipping Guideline: ((based on 10D7N)*

- **USD 70 per person**