HOT AIR BALLOONS FLIGHT, CAPPADOCIA, TURKEY

PREMIUM

10D7N
AMAZING TURKEY

TOUR CODE: MTISTA

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

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 › BOLU
Lunch - Adana kebab, Hotel Dinner
Upon arrival, set off on your imperial Istanbul tour. First head to the **Hippodrome**, where Horse Chariot races were held in Constantinople. Visit the **Blue Mosque** and observe the Ottoman architecture at its finest. Continue to **Hagia Sophia** was once the largest church in the world, then change to mosque, now functions as a museum. Take a short walk to the **Topkapi Palace**, the oldest and largest palace on the planet. Depart to the enchanting town of **Bolu** for the night.

DAY 3
BOLU › ANKARA › CAPPADOCIA
Breakfast, Lunch, Hotel Dinner
Depart for Cappadocia via **Ankara**, sightseeing tour of this capital city include the magnificent **Ataturk Mausoleum**. Photo stop at the second largest lake in Turkey – **Lake Tuz**, which is well-known for containing the world highest salt and surrounded by plateaus.

DAY 4
CAPPADOCIA
Breakfast, Lunch, Hotel Dinner
Experience the famous Hot Air Balloon ride over the most extraordinary landscapes (subject to weather conditions) or Jeep Safari tour at your own expense. Begin your day in **Cappadocia** with a visit to the scenic **Valley of Fairy Chimneys**. Walk through the **Kaymakli Underground City**, the place early Christians used as a hiding place to escape Arabic persecutors. Stop at the **Esentepe Hill** viewpoint for an amazing view of the town. Drop by at the **Pigeon Valley** for a photo-stop before visiting the fascinating frescoed rock churches and chapels at **Goreme Open-Air Museum**. Visit the **Avanos Village** to experience handmade pottery and be enchanted by the unusual **Uchisar Castle Village**. Lastly, get into a Jewelry Center to discover many precious and natural stones from different parts of the world. Tonight, adjourn to a local restaurant for a captivating **Belly Dance & Turkish Folklore Show**.

DAY 5
CAPPADOCIA › KONYA › PAMUKKALE
Breakfast, Lunch - Etli Ekmek, Hotel Dinner
Peruse the stores selling famous handmade Turkish carpets before leaving Cappadocia. Drive along an ancient Silk Road to visit the **Sultanhani Caravanserai** and **Mevlana Museum** in **Konya**. Continue to **Pamukkale,** stroll along the extensive **Ruins of Hierapolis**. Admire the white limestone terraces, known as **Cotton Castle** , a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

DAY 6
PAMUKKALE › SELCUK › KUSADASI
Breakfast, Lunch, Hotel Dinner
Visit a textile shop before setting off for **Selcuk**, where you will explore the ***Ruins of Ephesus***. Admire the well-preserved façade of the Library of Celsus and its famous Temple of Artemis. Continue to visit **House of Virgin Mary**, a place where the mother of Jesus spent the last years of her life. Stop at Turkish Delight and Apple Tea Outlet before heading to **Kusadasi** a resort town on Turkey's Aegean coast.

HIGHLIGHTS

TURKEY

ISTANBUL
- *Blue Mosque*
- *Hippodrome*
- *Hagia Sophia Museum*
- *Topkapi Palace*
- *Grand Bazaar*

ANKARA
- *Ataturk Mausoleum*
- *Lake Tuz*

CAPPADOCIA
- *Valley of Fairy Chimneys*
- *Kaymakli Underground City*
- *Esentepe Hill & Carpet Shop*
- *Pigeon Valley*
- *Goreme Open-air Museum*
- *Avanos Pottery Village*
- *Uchisar Castle Village*
- *Turkey Night Show*

KONYA
- *Sultanhan Caravanserai*
- *Mevlana Museum*

SELCUK
- *Ephesus Ancient City*
- *House of Virgin Mary*

TROY
- *Ruins of Troy*
- *Trojan Horse*

BERGAMA
- *Pergamum Acropolis*

DELICACIES

Meal Plan
7 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches, 7 Dinners

Specialities
- *Kebab*
- *Etli Ekmek*
- *Grilled Fish*

5★ HOTELS

BOLU Büyük Abant
CAPPADOCIA Alfina Cave / Dinler Urgup
PAMUKKALE Colossae Thermal
KUSADASI Grand Belish
CANAKKALE Parion
ISTANBUL Movenpick Golden Horn

**Note:*
- *2 nights at Cappadocia:-*
  Winter season (Nov-Mar) at Cave Hotel
  Summer season (Apr-Oct) at 5★ Hotel
- *Hotels subject to final confirmation. Should there be changes, customers will be offered similar accommodations as stated in this list.*

DAY 7
KUSADASI › BERGAMA › TROY › CANAKKALE
Breakfast, Lunch, Hotel Dinner
Start your day with a visit to the Leather Center and enjoy a Live Fashion show before heading to **Bergama** for one of Turkey's most impressive archaeological sites - **Acropolis of Pergamum** which is dramatically positioned on a hill to the northeast of the town centre. Take a **cable car** up the hill, relish in the sights of the impressive temples and library, which made Pergamum a renowned cultural and political center in its time. Travel to **Troy**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home of the famed **Trojan Horse**. Concluded the day in **Canakkale**.

DAY 8
CANAKKALE › ISTANBUL
Breakfast, Lunch-Grilled Fish, Dinner-Chinese
Depart from Canakkale via Gallipoli ferry back to Istanbul. End with a walk around the world's largest canopied market - **Grand Bazaar** to haggle for bargains among some 4,000 jewelry, pottery, spices, carpet, and leather stores.

DAY 9
ISTANBUL › HOME
Breakfast
Today spend the day at your leisure, you may consider an optional visit to the Egyptian Spice Bazaar and a cruise along the European and Asian shores of the Bosporus. Transfer to the airport for your homebound flight.

DAY 10
HOME SWEET HOME
We hope you enjoyed your vacation with our company 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*
- *Hot Air Balloon Tour: USD230*
- *Cappadocia Jeep Safari: USD 90*
- *Bosphorus Cruise + Spice Market + *Emirgan Garden (Apr only) OR *Basilica Cistern (All Seasons except Apr) with Local Lunch: USD100*

Tipping Guideline: (based on 10D7N)
- *USD70 per person*

Note:
- *A minimum group size is required for a confirmed departure: 10-19 passengers (without tour leader), 20 passengers & above (with tour leader)*
- *The sequence of the itinerary, flight schedules and hotels are subject to change without prior notice in the event of unforeseen circumstances.*