

12D9N REMARKABLE TURKIYE

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Relive the glory days of the formidable Ottoman Empire in Turkiye as you wander the wondrous UNESCO City of Safranbolu and its old town to soak up fantastical scenes of yesteryear.

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PACE



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HIGHLIGHTS

TURKIYE ISTANBUL

- Blue Mosque
- Hagia Sophia
- Hippodrome
- Topkapi Palace
- Grand Bazaar

BURSA

- Green Tomb
- Green Mosque

SAFRANBOLU

- Hidirlik Hill
- Old Town
- Cinci Han
- Yoruk Village
- Kaymakamlar Museum

CAPPADOCIA

- Pigeon Valley
- Uchisar Castle
- Goreme Open-Air Museum
- Monks Valley (Pasabag)
- Kaymakli Underground City
- Belly Dance Show

KONYA

- Caravanserai
- Mevlana Museum

PAMUKKALE

- Hierapolis
- Travertine Terraces

SELÇUK

- Ephesus Ancient City
- House of the Virgin Mary

TROY

- Trojan Horse



DELICACIES

Meal Plan

9 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches, 9 Dinners

5★ HOTELS

BURSA Euro Park

SAFRANBOLU Kahveciler Konagi
(Special Class)

CAPPADOCIA Yunak Evleri

PAMUKKALE Doga Thermal

CANAKKALE Doubletree by Hilton

ISTANBUL Pullman

*Note:

- Hotels subject to final confirmation. Should there be changes, customers will be offered similar accommodations as stated in this list.
- During major events, accommodation may be re-located to outside of the city or in another city without prior notice.



GOREME OPEN-AIR MUSEUM

01 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.

02 ISTANBUL ▶ BURSA

Turkish Grilled Fish Lunch, Hotel Dinner

Upon arriving, your Mediterranean adventure begins with a tour of historic Istanbul. You'll drive past to see the magnificent **Valens Aqueduct** before boarding a ferry to cross the Sea of Marmara to reach **Bursa**. We shall then embark on a tour to explore the **Green Tomb** and the **Green Mosque**.

03 BURSA ▶ SAFRANBOLU

Breakfast, Lunch, Hotel Dinner

After breakfast, depart for **Safranbolu** to explore its perfectly preserved Ottoman town. Enjoy unique displays of late Ottoman urban architecture containing over 1,000 registered artefacts from the 17th to 19th centuries. Head up to the highest point of **Hidirlik Hill**, which overlooks the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Safranbolu Old Town, for a picturesque view. Then, visit historical sites like the **Old Town**, **Cinci Han**, **Yoruk Village** and **Kaymakamlar Museum**.

04 SAFRANBOLU ▶ ANKARA ▶ CAPPADOCIA

Breakfast, Lunch, Hotel Dinner

Today, we will drive to **Ankara** to visit the **Ataturk Mausoleum**. It is an important site that showcases the history of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk - 'the Founding Father of modern Turkiye'. Thereafter, we will stop for some photos at the second largest lake in Turkiye, **Lake Tuz**. The saline lake is one of the world's largest and surrounded by plateaus. Stay the night in **Cappadocia**.

05 CAPPADOCIA

Breakfast, Lunch - Pottery Kebab, Hotel Dinner

This morning, you may consider going for a famous Turkiye experience - a Hot Air Balloon Ride over the most extraordinary landscapes or a Jeep Safari Tour, at your own expense (subject to weather conditions). Then, kick-start your full day tour of Cappadocia with photos stops to gaze at **Pigeon Valley** and **Uchisar Castle**. Next, visit the

Goreme Open-Air Museum, a World Heritage Site with fascinating cave churches and biblical frescoes. Then, stop by **Monks Valley (Pasabag)** for some memorable photos at one of the most picturesque spots of Cappadocia. We will enjoy the local specialty, Pottery Kebab, for lunch at a restaurant overlooking the valley. After lunch, continue to **Kaymakli Underground City**, once a hiding place for early Christians escaping Arabic persecutors. Last but not least, visit a **Jewellery Centre** where you can admire some handcrafted natural stones. As night falls, adjourn to a Cave Restaurant for a traditional **Turkish Belly Dance Show** with unlimited drinks service.

06 CAPPADOCIA ▶ KONYA ▶ PAMUKKALE

Breakfast, Lunch - Etili Ekmek, Hotel Dinner

After breakfast, visit a **Turkish carpet showroom** before leaving Cappadocia. En route, stop at an old **caravanserai** that dates back to the 13th century. You will soon reach **Konya** to visit the **Mevlana Museum**, which is the best place to learn about the sect of the whirling dervishes. Then, proceed to **Pamukkale** where you will end your day with a relaxing soak in a hot thermal pool.

07 PAMUKKALE ▶ SELÇUK ▶ KUSADASI

Breakfast, Lunch, Hotel Dinner

Today, we will explore **Pamukkale**, also known as the '**Cotton Castle**' due to the white, cottony appearance of the mineral bath spas that abound the calcium-rich province. See landmarks such as the **Hierapolis** ruins and the iconic white **Travertine Terraces** before taking a dip in the mineral-rich hot springs. Thereafter, leave for **Ephesus**, the best-preserved ancient city of Asia Minor. Admire the impressive ruins of the **Library of Celsus**, one of the most photographed highlight of Ephesus. Continue to visit the House of Virgin Mary, a place believed to be where Virgin Mary spent the last years of her life. Next, travel to Kusadasi, a popular coastal town on Turkiye's Aegean coast, and make a pit stop at the Turkish Delight and Apple Tea Outlet before we settle for the night.



BLUE MOSQUE, ISTANBUL



GRAND BAZAAR IN ISTANBUL

08 KUSADASI ▶ BERGAMA ▶ CANAKKALE

Breakfast, Lunch, Hotel Dinner

Begin the day with a visit to a Turkish Leather showroom. After which, travel to the ancient city of **Pergamon** to see the impressive **Acropolis**, which is dramatically situated atop a hill to the northeast of town. Enjoy a **cable car ride** up the hill as you relish in the sight of impressive temples, the library, theatre and arsenals. We will next make our way to **Troy** to see the famous **Trojan Horse** - a huge, hollow wooden construction by the Greeks to gain entrance into Troy during the Trojan War. Finally, sit back and relax as we embark on a leisure drive along the coast to **Canakkale**.

Note: Cable car rides are subject to weather conditions.



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HOT AIR BALLOON FLYING OVER ROCK VALLEY, CAPPADOCIA



GOREME OPEN-AIR MUSEUM

09 CANAKKALE ▶ ISTANBUL

Breakfast, Lunch - Chicken Shish, Dinner

Depart Canakkale for Istanbul via the longest suspension bridge in the world. The **1915 Canakkale Bridge** has reached completion in Turkiye with a span of 2,023 metres, becoming the longest suspension bridge in the world. We will start with a visit to **Topkapi Palace**, the residence of the Ottoman Sultans. Wind down with a walk around the world's largest canopied market - the **Grand Bazaar** as you partake in some haggling for bargains at

some 4,000 stalls hawking jewellery, pottery, spices, carpet, leather and more.

10 ISTANBUL

Breakfast, Lunch - Grilled Fish, Chinese Dinner

We shall continue our sightseeing tour of the 'imperial city' by visiting the **Blue Mosque** and **Hagia Sophia** - magnificent monuments dedicated to two major religions of the world peacefully standing side by side. Next, view the remaining structures of the **Hippodrome of Constantinople**, which comprises 3 monumental columns and one fountain.

Note: Blue Mosque is closed until 2.30pm during Friday prayers.

11 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 Bosphorus. Transfer to the airport for your homebound flight.

12 HOME SWEET HOME

We hope you enjoyed your trip 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: USD280
- Cappadocia Jeep Safari: USD120
- Bosphorus Cruise + Spice Market: USD75

Service Fee Guideline: (based on 12D9N)

- USD110 per person

Notes:

- A minimum group size of 15 passengers is required for a confirmed departure.
- The sequence of the itinerary, flight schedules and hotels are subject to change without prior notice in the event of unforeseen circumstances.