

12D9N REMARKABLE TURKIYE

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COUNTRY FOCUSED



Sip some tea, sample some baklava and relish in the Mediterranean charm of Turkiye in Antalya, which boasts its fine share of natural wonders and historical gems.

OLD TOWN (KALEICI), ANTALYA



Wifi Router



Whisper System



Relaxed

Active

HIGHLIGHTS

SELÇUK

- Ephesus Ancient City
- Ephesus Experience Museum
- House of the Virgin Mary
- Sirince Village

PAMUKKALE

- Ruins of Hierapolis
- White Travertine Terraces

KEKOVA

- Kekova Boat Tour
- Sunken Ancient City
- Simena Village

ANTALYA

- Hadrian's Gate
- Clock Tower
- Kesik Minaret Mosque
- Duden Waterfalls
- Theatre of Aspendos

KONYA

- Mevlana Museum
- Sultanhanı Caravanserai

CAPPADOCIA

- Goreme Open-Air Museum
- Pigeon Valley
- Uchisar Castle
- Turkish Ice Cream
- Monks Valley (Pasabag)
- Kaymaklı Underground City
- Belly Dancing Show

ANKARA

- Atatürk Mausoleum

SAFRANBOLU

- Kaymakamlar Museum
- Safranbolu Citadel

ISTANBUL

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



DELICACIES

Meal Plan

9 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches, 9 Dinners

5★ HOTELS

KUSADASI Ramada Hotel & Suites

PAMUKKALE Doga Thermal

ANTALYA Ramada Plaza

CAPPADOCIA Yunak Evleri

SAFRANBOLU Kahveciler Konagi
(Special Class)

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.

· *Safranbolu Ottoman House stay offers unique experience. Different room type will be offered and allocate randomly upon check in.



GOREME OPEN-AIR MUSEUM

01 HOME ▶ ISTANBUL

Meals on Board
Assemble at the airport and depart for **Istanbul**, the only city built on two continents: Asia and Europe.

02 IZMIR ▶ SELÇUK ▶ KUSADASI

Lunch, Dinner
Upon arriving in Istanbul, connect to your domestic flight to **Izmir**. Make your way to Selçuk to visit **Ephesus**, the best-preserved ancient city of Asia Minor. Admire the impressive ruins of the **Library of Celsus**, one of Ephesus's most photographed highlights. After exploring Ephesus, don't miss the exclusive visit to the **Ephesus Experience Museum**, gaining insights into the region's rich history. 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 Turkey's Aegean coast.

03 KUSADASI ▶ PAMUKKALE

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Start the day with a **Turkish Leather Showroom** visit. Next, 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 **Ruins of Hierapolis** and the iconic **White Travertine Terraces** before taking a dip in the mineral-rich hot springs.

04 PAMUKKALE ▶ KEKOVA ▶ ANTALYA

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Set off on a boat for **Kekova Island** for an exciting **Sunken City Tour**. Discover the stunning underwater ruins of the ancient city, which was taken over by the sea after an earthquake two centuries ago! Be mesmerized by the mysterious beauty of the ruins as you gaze through the glass-bottomed boat, before we anchor at **Kalekoy (Simena) Port**, where you will have ample time to visit the village and soak up the surrounding atmosphere and unique culture.

05 ANTALYA

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Journey to **Antalya** to begin exploring its main attractions, which include **Hadrian's Gate**, the **Clock Tower**, **Kesik Minaret Mosque** and the city walls that date back to the 2nd century. You will also have some time to

visit the numerous boutiques, art galleries and museums in the old town. Next, stop at the unique **Duden Waterfalls**, a spectacular cascade that tumbles off the cliff straight into the sea.

06 ANTALYA ▶ KONYA ▶ CAPPADOCIA

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
After breakfast, proceed to visit the 2nd-century Greco-Roman **Theatre of Aspendos**. Then, make a trip to the **Mevlana Museum**, a magnificent structure of the famed Persian Sufi mystic in **Konya**. Thereafter, travel to **Cappadocia**. Stop en route to admire the amazing masterpiece of the **Sultanhani Caravanserai**.



HISTORIC OTTOMAN HOUSE
SAFRANBOLU

07 CAPPADOCIA

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
In the early 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. Enjoy **Turkish ice cream** between visits to **Monks Valley (Pasabag)** for memorable photos at one of Cappadocia's picturesque spots. Afterwards, 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. When night falls, adjourn to a local restaurant for a captivating **belly dance show** with unlimited snacks and drinks.



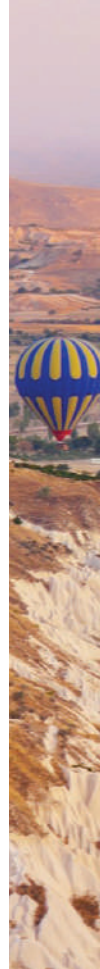
BLUE MOSQUE, ISTANBUL



08 CAPPADOCIA ▶ ANKARA ▶ SAFRANBOLU

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
After breakfast, we will make our way to **Safranbolu**. Photo stop at the second largest lake in **Turkiye** - Lake Tuz, which is well-known for containing the world highest salt and surrounded by plateaus. Along the way, we will drop by **Ankara** to visit the **Ataturk Mausoleum**, a monumental structure built for the founder of the Turkish Republic, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. Then, you will soon arrive at the UNESCO Heritage town of Safranbolu, often regarded as an open-air museum of treasures. Check in at an old **Ottoman mansion** before enjoying some free time to explore the town on your own.

Note: Overnight bag is suggested for Ottoman House stay.



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HOT AIR BALLOON FLYING OVER ROCK VALLEY, CAPPADOCIA



GOREME OPEN-AIR MUSEUM

09 SAFRANBOLU ▶ ISTANBUL

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
After breakfast, head to the old town of **Safranbolu**, where you can sample some fine Turkish delights. Next, admire the glorious architectural masterpiece of **Kaymakamlar Museum** as well as the **Safranbolu Citadel**. Thereafter, continue to **Istanbul**. Shop at the world's largest canopied market, the **Grand Bazaar** - haggle for fantastic bargains among some 4,000 stores hawking jewellery, pottery pieces, spices, carpet, and leather goods.

10 ISTANBUL

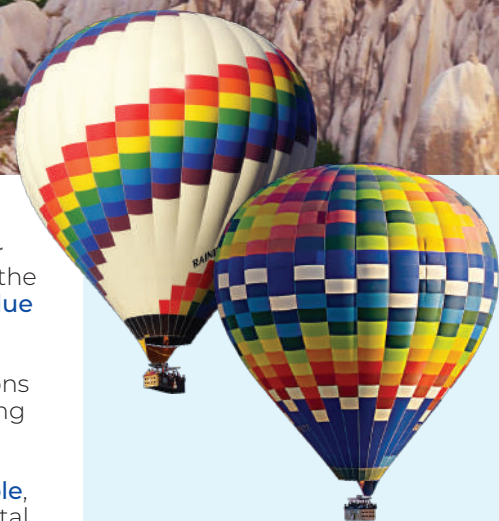
Breakfast, Lunch, Chinese Dinner
Begin our sightseeing tour of the 'imperial city' by visiting the **Blue Mosque** and **Hagia Sophia** - magnificent monuments dedicated to two major religions of the world peacefully standing side by side. Next, view the remaining structures of the **Hippodrome of Constantinople**, which comprises 3 monumental columns and one fountain. Last but not least, visit the **Topkapi Palace**, which served as the official residence of the Ottoman Sultans in the 15th to 16th centuries.

11 ISTANBUL ▶ HOME

Breakfast
Today, spend the day free at leisure to explore on your own. You may wish to consider an optional trip to the Egyptian Spice Bazaar and a cruise along the European and Asian shores of the Bosphorus. Thereafter, transfer to the airport for your flight home.

12 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: USD280
- Cappadocia Jeep Safari: USD120
- Bosphorus Cruise + Spice Market: USD70

Service Fee Guideline: (based on 12D9N)

- USD110 per person

Notes:

- 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.