




Highlights of Turkey

Tour Overview

 Start Point Istanbul	 End Point Istanbul	 Meals 9 Breakfasts 7 Dinners	 Transport Air-conditioned coach	 Tour Type Fully-guided tour
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Itinerary

Day 1: Start of tour in Istanbul

 Dinner  Csk The Halich Port

Welcome to Istanbul and the first day of this magical trip around Turkey! If you arrive on Day 1 or have booked pre-accommodation through us, enjoy a complimentary transfer to the hotel. Today is free to wander through this vibrant city! Meet your tour leader and the rest of the group this evening for a welcome dinner at the hotel.

Day 2: Istanbul

 Breakfast  Csk The Halich Port

After breakfast, embark on an orientation tour of Istanbul. See famous landmarks like the Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace and the Hippodrome. To further explore this magical city, join the Istanbul+ optional excursion! This includes visits to the Hagia Sophia and Basilica Cistern, a Bosphorus cruise, a visit to the buzzing spice bazaar and a delicious Turkish lunch!



Included:

FEZHT - Discover Istanbul on an orientation tour

Optionals:

Istanbul+

Day 3: Gallipoli Battlefields - Çanakkale

 Breakfast, Dinner  MD Barbaros Hotel

Today, visit the WWI Battlefields of Gallipoli. This haunting location is where 30,000 British and Commonwealth soldiers lost their lives. This insightful tour includes visits to top attractions such as the Lone Pine and the Chunuk Bair Memorial in ANZAC Cove. Afterwards, travel to Çanakkale for the night. Enjoy an included dinner this evening.

Included:

FEZHT - Tour the historic Battlefields of Gallipoli

Day 4: Pergamum - Kuşadası

 Breakfast, Dinner  SUHAN SEAPORT 360 HOTEL

Journey through ancient history with a photo stop at the legendary Trojan Horse of Troy, then explore the magnificent Acropolis of Pergamum. Embark on a tour of the impressive temples and library, which made Pergamum a cultural and political centre centuries ago. Later, travel to Kuşadası and enjoy a delicious dinner.

Included:

FEZHT - Trojan Horse Photo Stop

FEZHT - Visit Pergamum

FEZHT - Visit Kuşadası

Day 5: Kuşadası: Free Day

 Breakfast, Dinner  SUHAN SEAPORT 360 HOTEL

Today is a free day in Kuşadası. Relax by the pool, explore the local bazaar, or visit Kuşadası Castle on Pigeon Island. Alternatively, join the optional Ephesus day trip to walk marble streets and explore ancient ruins, enjoy an included lunch in the carpet village, and get a front-row seat to the art of Turkish carpet-making. Dinner is included tonight.

Optionals:

Ephesus Archaeological Site

Day 6: Kuşadası - Pamukkale

 Breakfast, Dinner  Adempira Termal & Spa Hotel

Journey from Kusadasi to Pamukkale today, with a stop at a renowned Turkish leather shop. After settling into your hotel, discover the stunning white travertines of the "Cotton Castle," ancient Hierapolis, and Cleopatra's Pool on the optional afternoon excursion. This evening, choose to experience a traditional Whirling Dervish ceremony, an informative and mesmerising cultural show. End the night with an included dinner at your hotel.

Optionals:

Pamukkale & Hierapolis

Whirling Dervish Show

Day 7: Silk Road - Konya - Cappadocia

 Breakfast, Dinner  Konak Bezirhane Cave Otel

Today, travel along the ancient Silk Road! Stop in Konya to visit the Mevlana Museum, home to the mausoleum of the famous Sufi poet Rumi. Then journey to Sultanhani Caravanserai, a historic roadside inn where traders once stopped to rest on their travels. End the day's journey with an included dinner at the hotel in Cappadocia.

Included:

FEZHT - Visit Mevlana Museum

FEZHT - Discover Sultanhani Caravanserai

Day 8: Cappadocia: Free Day

 Breakfast, Dinner  Konak Bezirhane Cave Otel

Marvel at the lunar landscapes of Cappadocia on this free day! Today's optional Cappadocia+ excursion is the best way to experience the many marvels of this region. Travel underground in Kaymakli and admire Uchisar Castle. Visit the UNESCO-listed Göreme Open-Air Museum and drive through the otherworldly Love and Imagination Valleys. Afterwards, enjoy an included dinner at the hotel. Tonight, opt for a Traditional Turkish Folklore Evening with unlimited drinks.

Included:

FEZHT - See the fairy chimneys of Cappadocia

Optionals:

Cappadocia+

Traditional Turkish Folklore Evening

Day 9: Ankara - Istanbul

 Breakfast  Csk The Halich Port

Leave for Ankara, Turkey's capital, early this morning. Arrive and visit Anitkabir, the mausoleum of the famed President Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. This bustling capital is famous for its performing arts with a variety of cultural sights to experience. After exploring the last stop on this Highlights of Turkey tour, head back to Istanbul for the final night of the tour.

Included:

FEZHT - Visit Ankara

Day 10: End of tour in Istanbul

 Breakfast

Enjoy a final Turkish breakfast together with the group as the tour comes to an end this morning. After an incredible 10 days on tour, it's time to say goodbye to your new travel friends. Expat Explore hopes to welcome you onto a tour again soon!



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