

Turkey 06 Nights / 07 Days

Day 1: Arrival into Istanbul

Turkey is a vast and varied country boasting incredible landscapes and natural wonders bordered by four different seas. Well known as a great destination for relaxing beach holidays, it also offers many sporting activities, some of the world's most important ancient monuments, welcoming Turkish hospitality and a delicious and varied national cuisine.

Arrive in Istanbul and transfer to the hotel. In the afternoon, depart for a half-day Bosphorus Cruise. Enjoy sights and sounds of this legendary waterway lined with historic villages, grand wooden mansions, imposing fortresses, and the Baroque summer palaces of the late Ottoman sultans. After the cruise, visit the Spice Bazaar (closed on Sundays), a thrilling riot of colours, sounds, and the rich smells of exotic spices. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 2: Istanbul / Ankara / Cappadocia

After breakfast transfer to the airport for flight to Ankara, the capital of Turkey and one of the fastest growing cities in the world with a history that can be dated back 3000 years. Upon arrival visit the Anatolian Civilisations Museum, which also exhibits the remains of Catalhoyuk, the Neolithic village dating back to 6500 BC. Then visit the Mausoleum of Ataturk, the founder of modern Turkey. After lunch at a local restaurant in Ankara, destination is the mysterious Cappadocia. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 3: Cappadocia

After breakfast, visit to Pigeon Valley and the natural citadel of Uchisar, followed by Goreme Open-Air Museum, which is full of pink, rose and white tapering columns. These tall free standing cones of stone curve and twist as if pulled from earth like taffy. Others are tall like fairy chimneys. The caves were settled in the 4th century as monasteries. Visit some caves on the cliffs to see Byzantine frescoes decorating early Christian churches. Lunch at a typical restaurant of the region and visit Avanos in Zelve Region and time for shopping.

Day 4: Cappadocia / Konya / Pamukkale

After breakfast, transfer to Konya. En route visit 13th century Sultanhanı Caravanserai built on the famous silk route. In Konya the Mausoleum of Mevlana, the worldwide famous mystic. Continue to Pamukkale, the cotton fortress. Hot mineral waters burst from the earth and cascade over cliffs forming pools and stalactites. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 5: Pamukkale / Aphrodisias / Kusadasi

Breakfast, stroll through the ruins of ancient Roman City Hierapolis and transfer to Kusadasi. En route lunch at a local restaurant and visit Aphrodisias, an ancient city dedicated to the goddess of love, Aphrodite and famous for the sculpture school. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 6: Kusadasi / Ephesus / Izmir / Istanbul

Visit the House of Virgin Mary. Continue to Ephesus, Roman capital of Asia Minor. Visit the ruins of Odeon, Hercules Gate, the temple of Hadrian, the magnificent library, Agora and fantastic Greco-Roman theatre. After lunch visit the Basilica of St. John. Drive to Izmir airport for the flight to Istanbul. Transfer to the hotel in Istanbul and overnight.

Day 7: Departure from Istanbul.

After breakfast, enjoy half city tour of the city which includes Byzantine Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, which has six minarets and a middle dome of 109 feet. Later the Grand Covered Bazaar, which covers over 4,000 shops under one roof. In the evening, transfer to the airport for your flight back home or onward journey.

Preferred Hotels

Destination	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star
Istanbul	Centrum	Crystal	Grand Hyatt
Cappadocia	Aydinli	Peri Tower Hotel	Hilton Keyseri
Pamukkale	Beyaz Kale Hotel	Tripolis Hotel	Palm Thermal hotel
Kusadasi	Sozer	Pine Marina	Richmond Ephesus Resort