START

**YOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Istanbul** - Sightseeing includes the Topkapi Palace, the Blue Mosque and the Grand Bazaar
- **Ankara** - Visit the Museum of Anatolian Civilisation and Ataturk’s Mausoleum
- **Cappadocia** - Visit Pasabagi and the Red Valley and marvel at the underground city of Sarhatli
- **Konya** - Visit the Mevlana Museum, home of the Whirling Dervishes
- **Pamukkale** - See the Cotton Castle springs and the ruins of the Roman health spa of Hierapolis
- **Ephesus** - Visit the Great Theatre, Library of Celsus, Gymnasium, Temple of Hadrian and House of the Virgin Mary
- **Pergamon** - Visit the Asclepion Medical Centre
- **Troy** - Visit the ruins of the ancient city and see the Wooden Horse
- **Gallipoli** - See Anzac Cove, Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair Cemeteries

**Wonders of Turkey**

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End

Overnight stays

Sightseeing stops
Day 1 Arrive Istanbul (2 Nights) Welcome to Istanbul. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Relax after your journey. In the evening, attend a trip briefing with your Travel Director and meet your fellow travellers. Hotel: Ramada Plaza City Center

Day 2 Istanbul Sightseeing Enjoy a full-day sightseeing tour including a visit to see parts of the Topkapi Palace Museum, the former residence of the Ottoman Sultans. Visit the Hippodrome, once the centre of life where chariot racing and other public events took place. Visit the Blue Mosque and the world’s largest and oldest covered market with over 60 streets. Consider joining a delicious Turkish optional dinner where local cuisine is served along with traditional belly dancing entertainment. (BB)

Day 3 Istanbul - Ankara This morning, enjoy free time in the city or consider an Optional Experience Bosphorus cruise and visit to Hagia Sophia. This excursion enjoys views of the strait that separates Asia and Europe and a visit to the church built in the Byzantine capital during the 6th century and converted into a mosque by the Ottomans. Today, it houses a museum and is known as one of the three greatest architectural wonders. Early this afternoon, depart for the capital city of Ankara for an overnight stay. (BB, D) Hotel: Holiday Inn Kavaklidere

Day 4 Ankara - Cappadocia (2 Nights) Visit the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, a historic caravanserai featuring artefacts including the most extensive and valuable collection of Hittite artefacts in the world. Visit the Mausoleum of Ataturk, the father of modern Turkey. Perhaps take an Optional Experience this evening to see a Whirling Dervish performance with dinner. (BB) Hotel: Ramada Plaza City Center

Day 5 Cappadocia Sightseeing This morning, travel to Pasabag and the Red Valley and later stop at a regional rug production centre. This afternoon, you may wish to take an Optional Experience Göreme and Avanos. Göreme, a historical region of Turkey located among unique rock formations, was first settled back in the Roman period. Many rock churches can still be seen today, as Christianity was then the prevailing religion in the region. Afterwards, continue to the town of Avanos renowned for its high-quality earthenware. This evening dinner will be served at your hotel. (BB, D)

Day 6 Cappadocia - Konya This morning, visit the underground city of Sarchali, one of the many underground settlements built for protection and religious reasons. Drive to Konya and visit the famous mausoleum of the Sufi philosopher Mevlana. This was also the dervish lodge of the Mevlevi order, better known as the Whirling Dervishes. Later, check into your hotel in Konya and enjoy dinner. (BB, D) Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn

Day 7 Konya – Pamukkale Leave Konya and travel to see the unique cotton fortress of Pamukkale with its white lime cascades formed by mineral springs. You will also get to see the ruins of the ancient Roman health spa of Hierapolis. This evening, enjoy a relaxing dinner at your hotel. (BB, D) Hotel: Doubletree by Hilton Alsansak

Day 8 Pamukkale – Ephesus – Izmir Today, travel to Selçuk and tour the famous ruins of Ephesus, an important cultural centre of the ancient world and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore 2,000-year-old marble streets, view a magnificent theatre, see the Library of Celsus, a gymnasium and finally Hadrian’s Temple. Then take a short drive from Ephesus to visit St. Mary’s stone cottage, where it is believed Virgin Mary spent her last years accompanied by St. John. Arrive later in Izmir. (BB) Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn

Day 9 Izmir – Pergamon – Troy - Çanakkale Visit the ancient Medical Center Asclepion in Pergamon and continue to Troy with its famous wooden horse. This town is best known for being the setting of the Trojan War as well as a place where many cities are built on top of each other. Continue to Çanakkale for the night with dinner served at your hotel. (BB, D) Hotel: Buyuk Truva

Day 10 Çanakkale – Gallipoli – Istanbul In the morning, depart for Gallipoli, the site of many WWI battles. Visit poignant Anzac Cove, Lone Pine Cemetery and Chunuk Bair before returning to Istanbul. Enjoy a last night in Istanbul with your travel companions. (BB) Hotel: Ramada Plaza City Center

Day 11 Depart Istanbul This morning bidding a fond farewell to this wonderful city as your memorable holiday comes to an end. Transfers are available to the airport. Conditions apply.

YOUR SAVINGS AND DISCOUNTS

Multiple Trip Discount SAVE ½ = US$31
Young Traveller Discount SAVE US$120
Past Guests Benefits VIP OFFERS & SAVINGS

DEPARTURES WHEN YOU CAN GO

From: US$1050 (per person twin share)
10 Nights accommodation
10 Buffet breakfasts
5 Three-course dinners
City orientation tours
Start: Istanbul - End: Istanbul

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IMPORTANT INFO AND FINER DETAILS

Single Rooms: On all itineraries single rooms are available to book at a supplement. See costsavertour.com for pricing.

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Shared Rooming: Room Share is available on this trip.

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