



## Grand Tour of Turkey 13 Nights

*The most comprehensive and comfortable land tour of Turkey, visiting all points of interest with the most economical rates at deluxe hotels.*

**(Istanbul / Canakkale / Troy / Kusadasi / Pamukkale / Antalya / Konya / Cappadocia / Ankara / Istanbul) Guaranteed Departures Every Thursday ! + Additional departures! Please check timetable below. (Please check availabilities in advance)**

### Day 1 Istanbul (-)

Arrival and transfer to hotel. Welcome briefing at the hotel with one (non alcoholic) soft drink. Overnight at the hotel

### Day 2 Istanbul (B)

Full Day Istanbul sightseeing tour including Topkapi Palace, St. Sophia, Blue Mosque, Hippodrome and Grand Bazaar. Hagia Sophia, the most influential church of Byzantium. Blue Mosque, another of the world's most important religious buildings. Built in the 16th century the mosque is unique for its 6 minarets and its celestial interior decorated with the famous blue Iznik tiles. The Hippodrome, scene of chariot races of the Byzantine Era. Grand Topkapi Palace, residence of Ottoman Sultan's from the 15th to the 19th century. With its impressive treasury, exquisite harem, attractive courtyards and pavilions housing huge collections of antiquities, Topkapi Palace offers a true insight into the heart of the Ottoman Empire. Overnight in Istanbul.

### Day 3 Gallipoli / Dardanelles / Canakkale (B, D)

After breakfast departure for Gallipoli and visit Anzac Cove, Lone Pine Cemetery, Chunuk Bair and Gallipoli War Museum then across the Dardanelles to Canakkale. Dinner and Overnight at the Hotel.

### Day 4 Troy Pergamum / Kusadasi (B, D)

After breakfast early departure for Troy, visit ancient TROY, see its legendary walls and the replica of the wooden horse. Then proceed to Pergamum and continue to Kusadasi for overnight.

### Day 5 Ephesus & St. Mary's House / Kusadasi (B, D)

After breakfast depart for the sightseeing of Ephesus, the cradle of early Christianity. Visit the House of Virgin Mary, where she spent her last days. Proceed to visit Ephesus, and see the spectacular ruins from the period of St. Paul, some of which are recently excavated. After lunch, visit the Archaeological Museum, Temple of Diana (one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.). Overnight in Kusadasi.

### Day 6 Kusadasi / Pamukkale (B, D)

Today is the day to pay an early morning visit the unique Cotton Fortress, the white calcium cascades, and also pay a visit to one of the first modern spa centers of the ancient World, Hierapolis. Year round swimming possibility in the natural hot spring pools, enjoy the thermal pools of the hotel. Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale

### Day 7 Pamukkale / Perge / Antalya (B, D)

Morning drive to Antalya, arrival at noon, pay a visit to the ancient city of Perge. Enjoy a relaxed afternoon by the Mediterranean coast. Dinner and overnight in Antalya.

### Day 8 Antalya (B, D)

Today is a free day you may pay attention to small local shops or you can get lost in European style Shopping Malls or take one of the optional tours such as the day cruise, or jeep safari. Overnight in Antalya.

Dinner and overnight at the Hotel.

### Day 9 Antalya / Aspendos / Konya (B, D)

After breakfast depart for Konya. En route visit the famous theatre in Aspendos. Arrival in Konya and visit Mevlana Mausoleum and Karatay Museum, Koran School, then overnight in Konya. Tonight Optional: Whirling Dervishes performance.

### Day 10 Konya / Cappadocia (B, D)

Morning departure for Cappadocia, on the way visit 13th century Agzikarahan caravansary the land of Fairy Chimneys. We pay a visit to the famous underground city of Kaymakli before we check in our hotel. Local dinner in a restaurant and overnight in Cappadocia.

### Day 11 Cappadocia (B, D)

After breakfast, visit Goreme, Avanos, Pasabagi, Red Valley, and have a brief regional pottery workshop in a cave.

### Day 12 Cappadocia / Ankara (B, D)

Morning departure for Ankara capital of Turkey and one of the fastest growing cities in the world with a history dating back 3000 years. Upon arrival visit the Anatolian Civilisations Museum that 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. Dinner and Overnight at the Hotel.

### Day 13 Istanbul (B, D)

After breakfast drive to Istanbul. Tonight farewell dinner in a first class restaurant.

### Day 14 Istanbul (B)

Transfer to the airport for departure flight.