

9 DAYS 8 NIGHTS WONDERS OF TURKEY WITH AIR TICKET



Blockings Date: Oct. 18, Dec. 18, 2019

FOR AS LOW AS: US\$ 1,828 PER PERSON

With Airline Tax

ITINERARY:

Day 01: Arrived Istanbul

Arrival in Istanbul. Meet your guide and transfer to Hotel for check-in and overnight.

Day 02: ISTANBUL (B/L/D)

Breakfast inside the hotel. We proceed to "Old City" for full day tour including the **Blue Mosque**, famous for its blue tiles and unique with its six minarets built in the name of Sultan Ahmet I. Next we will have a look at the Hippodrome of Constantinople where horse and chariot races used to take place. Then visit the St. Sophia Museum which is one of the greatest religious and architectural marvels of all times. Finally the famous Topkapi Palace museum will be visited, which was built as the home of the Ottoman sultans the World Famous Imperial Chinese Porcelain sections will be visited. Proceed to Hotel for Check-in. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 03: ISTANBUL – CANAKKALE (B/L/D)

After Breakfast, we will begin our scenic drive down to **Gallipoli**, historically famous for being the site of many battles during WW1. We will cross the second strategic waterway, the Dardanelles and land Asia and proceed to Troy, the legendary town in the "Iliad" of Homers and visit the ruins. We will check-in our hotel in Canakkale for dinner and overnight.

Day 04: CANAKKALE – IZMIR – KUSADASI (B/L/D)

Depart for Kusadasi, en route we will have lunch in Bergama before visiting Pergamon to see the Acropolis, the Temples of Trajan, Dionysos, Zeus and Athena and the theater overlooking to the plain of Bergama with a picture break for one of the Seven Churches of Revelation in downtown Bergama. Then drive to Kusadasi for dinner and overnight.

Day 05: KUSADASI – EPHEBUS – PAMUKKALE (B/L/D)

After Breakfast, drive to Selcuk to visit the **House of Virgin Mary** on top of Mt Coressos. A mass in the house of Mary Mother can be arranged upon request from the group. Then your memorable visit to **Ephesus** will begin as well as viewing one of the Seven Churches of Revelation, the Temple of Artemis (One of the Seven Wonders of Antiquity). Continue on to Pamukkale (Cotton Castle). You will tour the **Antique City of Hierapolis** where Calcareous hot springs descending over cliffs have created fascinating travertine in the form of white terrace and basins.

Day 06: PAMUKKALE - KONYA – CAPPADOCIA (B/L/D)

Following early breakfast we will drive through an interesting landscape where peasants make their living, to have lunch en route before arriving in Konya. Konya was the center of the Selcuk Empire as well as the city of Mevlana and his Whirling Dervishes. After visiting the Mevlana Museum we will continue to Cappadocia viewing the Sultanhanı Caravanserai en route. Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia.

Day 07: CAPPADOCIA (B/L/D)

After Breakfast, we visit the incredible **Underground City of Kaymakli** where early Christians lived secretly in order to survive and keep their faith. Picture stops will be given at the Valley of the Birds and at the foot of the **Uchisar Castle**. Afterwards Then proceed to the **Goreme Valley** to visit the rock carved churches hollowed out of volcanic ash. Lunch will be at **Avanos Village** followed by the famous local pottery and carpet shows allowing ample time for shopping in the afternoon. Also time will be allocated for the local souvenir shopping before returning to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 08: CAPPADOCIA - ANKARA (B/L/D)

After Breakfast, Drive to the capital of Turkey, Ankara this morning. After lunch, visit the **Ataturk Mausoleum** - symbol of the new Ankara. The mausoleum is a notable example of modern Turkish architecture. The complex comprises a Path of Honor flanked by reclining Hittite lions, a Court of Honor, the Atatürk Mausoleum itself and a museum. Dinner and overnight in Ankara.

Day 09: ANKARA – ISTANBUL – Departure (B)

After Breakfast, check-out from the hotel and drive to Istanbul then browse around the exciting **Grand Bazaar**, a maze of over 4000 tiny shops selling gold, jewelry, leather and fine carpets. Evening transfer to Istanbul Ataturk Airport for flight back to home.

Surcharge US\$ 200 for Travel Date: Dec. 18, 2019

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Exclusions:

- Tour Guide Tip: US\$ 90 /person
- Visa Fee: PHP 4,500 /person
- Phil. Travel Tax: US\$ 33 /person

Inclusions:

- Round Trip Economy Air Ticket
- Hotel Accommodation on a 3-star Hotel
- Daily Breakfast
- 7 Lunch + 7 Dinner
- Round Trip Airport Transfers
- English-speaking Tour Guide

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