

Tour to Turkey – 13 Days

Day 1:

Departure to Turkey

Day 2: Istanbul

Arrive in Istanbul and transfer to Yasmak Sultan Hotel by your guide. Your guide will provide general information and guidelines of the tour during the transfer. (D)

Day 3: Istanbul

The “Queen” of the cities: Istanbul will be explored full day including Blue Mosque, Hippodrome, St. Sophia, Basilica Cistern and Topkapı Palace. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Ankara

Early departure for Ankara, capital of Turkey since 1923. After lunch visit Museum and Mausoleum of founder of modern Turkish Republic, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, and then continue to Anatolian Civilizations Museum, which is one of the finest museums in the world with Prehistoric, Hittite, Phrygian and Urartian artefacts. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Cappadocia

Drive to Cappadocia and start exploring the deceptively, desolate landscape of Cappadocia with Göreme Open Air Museum. We will study early Christianity with the rock cut churches of Göreme decorated with frescoes dating back from 7th through 17th centuries. Also, explore the breathtaking valleys of Kızılvaldi (Derwent), Monks Valley, Avcılar and Natural Castle of Uçhisar. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Cappadocia

Today, we will explore the underground side of the region by visiting Özkonak Underground City. Then witness how the world famous Turkish Rugs that echo the earth tones are made with demonstration in a local coop. After lunch, visit Sinasos Village. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Konya to Antalya, Khan Htl. 4*

Drive to Antalya. On the way, we will visit 13th century Seljuk Caravansarai at Sultanhan and the Museum and Mausoleum of the father and the founder of the Mystic Cult of Whirling Dervishes; Rumi, in Konya. In the afternoon, continue to Antalya with a scenic drive through the monumental and mythological mountain range, Taurus. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Antalya, Khan Htl. 4*

Start the day with the ancient Pamphilian city of Perge where Paul gave his first sermon accompanied with Barnabas. Continue with one of the best-preserved Roman Theatres in Aspendos. In the afternoon, visit Antalya Archaeological Museum that received the “best museum in Europe” award in 1988. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Antalya to Pamukkale, Colossae Htl. 5*

Drive to Pamukkale via the world-known Roman city Aphrodisias, excavated by NYU since 1961. In the evening visit the largest mineral formations in the world; Pamukkale with its hot springs (B, L, D)

Day 10: Pamukkale to Kusadasi, Surmeli Htl. 4*

Drive to Selçuk and visit the most complete Roman city in the world, Ephesus. In addition, visit ruins of one of the 7 wonders of the world “Temple of Artemis” and Basilica of St. John. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Kusadasi to Canakkale, Kolin Htl. 4*

Departure for Çanakkale and on the way visit Hellenistic city of Pergamon and mythological city of Troy. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Canakkale to Istanbul

Drive to Istanbul and continue with a pleasant boat ride along Bosphorus. After boat ride, earliest and the largest shopping mall on earth, Grand Bazaar will be visited. (B, L, D)

Day 13:

Transfer to airport for dept. to USA. (B)

Included:

- Services of an English speaking Professional Tour Guide throughout
- Luxury, A/C Mercedes Benz Coach with tea, coffee, bottled water.
- All entrance fees to the Historical Sites and Museums
- 35 out of 37 meals

Not Included:

- International Flights
- Personal expenses
- Tips to the guide and driver(s)

Hotels: All, centrally and very conveniently located 4-5 star comfortable accommodations. If not the mentioned above, similar will be used

Restaurants: Fine, local restaurants for a tasteful experience of Turkish Cuisine.

Price per person in double occupancy: \$ 1,795

Single supplement: \$ 494

***If you wish, we can add a day in Kuşadası and a day in Istanbul or just a day in Istanbul. Additional day in Istanbul will be \$95 per person. Both in Kuşadası and Istanbul, additional 165 per person**