



## Itinerary

### 12 Day Treasures of Türkiye Tour W/Flights

**\*IMPORTANT NOTE: Any extra nights, optional tours or other amendments, will not be visible on this itinerary.**

#### DAY 1: Depart Australia

Today you will depart on your fully serviced flight to Istanbul in Turkey. You will have a stopover along the way at the destination provided by the airline. Stopovers may be in excess of 5 hours.

MEALS: In-Flight

OVERNIGHT: In-Flight

#### DAY 2: Arrive Istanbul

Today you will arrive in Istanbul, Turkey! This package includes 1x group transfer which will be booked for when the majority of the group land. You may choose to wait for your transfer or grab yourself a taxi to the hotel if you prefer. Upon arrival at the hotel, check in and enjoy your first night in Istanbul.

The hotel we have chosen for the start of your tour is located in Taksim, approximately 30 minutes from the Old Town, where you will have plenty of time to visit during the tour. This hotel is conveniently located within 5 minutes drive to the Mall of Istanbul as well as Venezia Mega Outlet, where you will find a plethora of shops of restaurants. A taxi to these Malls should cost approx. 50-100TRY (\$5 AUD). Please feel free to ask hotel concierge to arrange a taxi for you as you will not meet your guide until the following morning. There is also a lovely cafe attached to the hotel that provides delicious local food and makes their own chocolates and Baklava!

MEALS: In-Flight, None

OVERNIGHT: Ramada Plaza By Wyndham, Taksim, Istanbul (or similar)

#### DAY 3: Istanbul City Tour

After breakfast between 08:00 am and 09:30 am pick up from the hotel. Visit the "Sultanahmet Imperial Mosque" Across from St. Sophia built in the 16th century by the architect Mehmet, is known as the "Blue Mosque" because of its magnificent interior decoration of blue Iznik tiles. Outside the Blue Mosque we find the "Hippodrome". The Ancient Hippodrome was the scene of chariot races and entertainment. The Hippodrome comprises of three monuments; the Obelisk of Theodosius, the bronze Serpentine Column and the Column of Constantine. In the afternoon we visit the Grand Bazaar for shopping and then Topkapi Palace.

***NOTE: The order and timings of the city tour may differ to the above.***

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Ramada Plaza By Wyndham, Taksilkent, Istanbul (or similar)

#### DAY 4: Istanbul ~ Gallipoli Tour

At around 6.30am we depart for Gallipoli to visit the battle fields. Morning tea break on route to Gallipoli. We arrive at Gallipoli around 12 o'clock and take a lunch break - you will have a chance to eat and relax before we depart for the battle fields. Visit Gabatepe Museum. Start visiting the fields with Ariburnu Cemetery and Anzac Cove because these are the places where the war had started. Then Beach Cemetery, Shrapnel Valley and Plugges Plateau. After the tour drive to your hotel. Overnight in Canakkale.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Iris Hotel, Canakkale

#### DAY 5: Troy Tour ~ Pergamon ~ Kusadasi

Depart at 8:30am and drive for 30 minutes to the city of Troy. Visit the famous archeological and mythological site of Troy, home of the Trojan Horse and Helen of Troy. After the Troy tour, we drive 3 hours to Pergamon. Lunch break around 1pm and after lunch head to the magnificent acropolis of Pergamon. Its impressive temples and library made it a renowned cultural and political centre at that time. Pergamon is a famous city for its jewellery, stones and silver. So on the way, we will visit a jewellery centre for shopping. Arrival to Kusadasi around 6pm. Overnight in Kusadasi.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Ladies Beach Suite Hotel, Kusadasi

#### DAY 6: Full Day Ephesus Tour

After breakfast around 9am you will be picked up from the hotel. Enjoy a fully guided tour of Ephesus, one of the best preserved ancient sites in the world en – route, visiting the Temple of Artemis, Isa Bey Mosque and Virgin Mary Church. Back to hotel and evening at your leisure to discover the many dining options in Kusadasi.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Ladies Beach Suite Hotel, Kusadasi

MEALS: Breakfast

#### DAY 7: Kusadasi ~ Pamukkale Tour

Pick up from the hotel after breakfast about 9am. We depart for Pamukkale, it is approximately a 3 hour drive. Upon arrival we will visit the beautiful calcium terraces of Pamukkale (Cotton Castle) and the ruins of Hierapolis, Roman Baths, Domitian Gate, Triton Fountain and more interesting sites. Walk around this natural phenomenon and have the option of lying in the waters of the natural springs. Check in to your hotel and enjoy the natural hot springs to soak your aching muscles. Overnight in Pamukkale.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Pam Thermal Hotel, Pamukkale

## DAY 8: Pamukkale ~ Cappadocia

Today we make the overland journey by private transfer to Cappadocia. a big drive day today taking about 8 hours so sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery. Upon arrival you will check in to your hotel and enjoy the evening at your own leisure.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Dedeli Cave Hotel, Cappadocia

## DAY 9: Full Day Cappadocia Tour

Breakfast and hotel and then pick up for a full day tour of Cappadocia including North Devrent Valley, known as 'imagination Valley' as it is a very beautiful valley full of unique rock formations. We visit a handmade pottery making workshop at Avanos Village and then the famous Goreme Open Air Museum. Transfer back to the hotel and evening at your own leisure.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Dedeli Cave Hotel, Cappadocia

## DAY 10: Cappadocia ~ Istanbul

Enjoy a final breakfast in the hotel prior to check out. Transfer back to Istanbul via domestic flight. Transfer to your hotel and spend one last evening before your return flight home tomorrow. **NOTE: *Baggage allowance is 15kg on domestic flights within Turkey. Contact us about increasing your luggage allowance.***

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Ramada Plaza By Wyndham, Taksilkent, Istanbul (or similar)

## DAY 11: End of Tour ~ Departure

This morning you will check out of the hotel after a final breakfast. This tour provides 1x group departure transfer, which is booked at a certain time to link up with the majority of the departures. You may take this transfer or make your own way there. Enjoy your onward journey.

MEALS: Breakfast, In-Flight

OVERNIGHT: In-Flight

## DAY 12: Arrive Australia

Today you will arrive home after an exciting tour in Turkey! Thank you for travelling with MyHoliday2Turkey and we hope to see you travel with us again in the future. **NOTE: Some flights may arrive home on Day 13 due to flight scheduling**

MEALS: In-Flight