

Turkish Delight

Fully inclusive tour of 13 days



FROM \$1,683* per person (tour code TDP13)

2009 Departures

	Twin	Single	Triple
1 January to 13 March	\$1,730	\$2,110	\$1,683
14 March to 31 March	\$1,730	\$2,309	\$1,683
1 April to 19 May	\$2,059	\$2,630	\$1,985
20 May to 12 June	\$2,275	\$2,849	\$2,230
13 June to 26 June	\$2,059	\$2,630	\$1,985
27 June to 13 August	\$1,950	\$2,525	\$1,875
14 August to 20 August	\$2,380	\$2,959	\$2,309
21 August to 15 September	\$2,059	\$2,630	\$1,985
16 September to 6 November	\$2,275	\$2,849	\$2,230
7 November to 18 December	\$1,840	\$2,220	\$1,765
19 December to 28 December	\$2,059	\$2,630	\$1,985

PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 nights accommodation in centrally located hotels
- English speaking and extremely knowledgeable guide & driver
- All entrance fees including cruise
- Breakfast daily
- Meals as stated (B: Breakfast L: Lunch, D: Dinner)
- Transport in a deluxe air conditioned coach
- Transfers from airport on scheduled tour and arrival days only
- Departs everyday except Saturday
- Minimum two passengers

FEATURES

- City highlights of Istanbul
- Hittite treasures
- Cappadocia and her luna landscapes
- Konya and Whirling Dervishes
- The Cotton Castle of Pamukkale
- City of Troy
- Gallipoli Peninsular

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive in Istanbul

Upon arrival meet with our representative and transfer to the hotel. Dinner not included.

Accommodation: Istanbul at Grand Yavuz (★★★★) for 3 nights.

Day 2: Istanbul (BL)

A full day tour to explore Istanbul. Visit the Blue Mosque, recognizable from its six minarets, built between 1609 and 1616 for Sultan Ahmet I and decorated inside with 21,043 tiles from Iznik in a dominant blue colour. The Hippodrome where political, cultural, and sports activities took place during Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman times. Hagia Sophia which marked the apogée of Byzantine Emperor Justinian's reign. Topkapi Palace, the residence of the Ottoman sultans between the end of the 15th and the first half of the 19th centuries, with its treasures. Lunch during sightseeing.



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Day 3: Istanbul (BL)

In the morning, visit St Savior in Chora whose mosaics and frescoes are among the most beautiful in the Byzantine World. The lively Spice Market with its exotic colours and aromas. Rustempasa Mosque with its beautiful Iznik (Nicea) tiles. After lunch, free time to wander and shop at the historical Grand Bazaar. This afternoon enjoy a cruise on the Bosphorus. This evening is free.

Day 4: Ankara / Hattusa 665kms (BLD)

Drive to Ankara, the Turkish capital since 1923. Visit the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations which displays rich and unique collections such as the treasures in the Hittite section. See the Anitkabir, the Mausoleum of Atatürk, the father of modern Turkey. Then continue to Sungurlu. The largest and wealthiest district of Çorum Province in the Black Sea Region of Turkey, and famous for roasted chick peas.

Accommodation: Hattusa, Mavi Ocak Hotel (★★★★) for 1 night.

Day 5: Hattusa / Cappadocia 280kms (BLD)

In the morning, drive to Bogazkale to visit Hattusa, the capital of the powerful Hittites, see the Lower City with the Great Temple, the Upper City with the citadel and the double walls, the Royal Gate, the Lions Gate, and the tunnel. The rock sanctuary of Yazılıkaya with its friezes and reliefs depicting the Hittite divinities. Continue south into the heart of central Anatolia to the volcanic region of Cappadocia. Visit Ozkonak an underground city, a labyrinth organized on seven levels and used as shelter by the local population in period of invasions. Charming Uçhisar village, with its tufa rock crowned with a citadel which provides a magnificent panorama over the area, and the Valley of the Pigeon Houses.

Accommodation: Cappadocia Burcu Kaya Hotel (★★★) for 2 nights.

Day 6: Cappadocia (BLD)

A full day tour to explore Cappadocia, a fantastic region with lunar landscapes. Visit the Red Valley; Goreme Valley, an open-air museum with rock-cut churches (7th-13th centuries) decorated with fine frescoes: the Church of St Barbara, the Church of the Serpent, the Church of the Sandal, the Church of the Apple, the Church of the Buckle. Avclar Valley and Kiliçlar Valley with their old cave-dwellings and fairy chimneys; and Avanos, a small town located on the banks of the Kizilirmak, famous for its pottery. Learn about arts and crafts of rural Turkey with a pottery atelier visit and attend a lecture on Turkish hand-made rugs.

Day 7: Cappadocia / Konya / Antalya 535kms (BLD)

In the morning, drive through the Plain of Konya, the granary of Turkey. En-route, stop at the Sultanhan Caravanserai built during the Seljuk period in the 13th century and which is the largest in Anatolia. Upon arrival in Konya, the capital of the Sultanate of Rum and the holy city of the Seljuk Turks, visit the Museum of Mevlâna, the famous mystic and poet who founded the Sufi Order of the Whirling Dervishes in the 13th century. Crossing the Taurus Mountains, drive to Antalya, overlooking the Turquoise depths of the Mediterranean.

Accommodation: Antalya, Golden Ring (★★★★) for 2 nights.

Day 8: Antalya / Aspendos / Perge / Antalya 90kms (BLD)

Through the coastal plain of Pamphylia, drive to Aspendus, whose 2C AD theatre is the best preserved Roman theatre in Asia Minor. Continue to Perge, Hellenistic-Roman ancient city with its stadium, colonnaded street and theatre. Drive back to Antalya. Stroll in the narrow streets of the picturesque old town (kaleiçi) with atypical wooden houses overlooking the marina, to discover the Hadrian Gate, the Fluted Minaret, the Truncated Minaret, and the Hidirlik Tower.

Day 9: Antalya / Aphrodisias / Pamukkale 335kms (BLD)

In the morning, crossing the Taurus Mountains, drive to Aphrodisias the ancient city dedicated to Aphrodite, the goddess of Beauty, Love and Fertility, also famous for its school of sculpture: visit the stadium, which is the best preserved in Anatolia, the Temple of Aphrodite, the Tetrapylon, the Theatre, the Museum. Continue to Pamukkale, a unique natural site. Visit this "Cotton Castle" where the hot waters, leaving their limestone deposits, have created an unreal landscape with petrified waterfalls and basins; Hierapolis, an ancient Roman health spa whose well preserved necropolis is one of the largest in the ancient world.

Accommodation: Denizli - C&H Hotel (★★★★) for 1 night.

Day 10: Pamukkale / Ephesus / Izmir 270kms (BLD)

In the morning, drive through the plain of the Meander River to reach the imposing city of Ephesus, one of the most fascinating in the ancient world. Visit the site where you will see the Marble Street, the Agora, the Odeon, the Nymphaeum of Trajan, the Temple of Hadrian, the Celsius Library, the Theatre, the remains of the Temple of Artemis which was one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Continue to Izmir, the third largest city in Turkey known as "The Pearl of the Aegean".

Accommodation: Izmir Aksan (★★★★) for 1 night.

Day 11: Izmir / Pergamum / Troy / Çanakkale 310kms (BLD)

In the morning, depart for Pergamum, the capital of the Attalid dynasty. Visit the Acropolis with the ruins of the agoras, temples, palaces, the library, the podium on which stood the Zeus Altar which was sent to Berlin, and the impressive theatre. In the lower part of the ancient city, visit the Asclepion, a sanctuary and a healing centre dedicated to the god of healing, Asclepius. To the ancient city of Troy whose history covers a period of about 3,400 years with nine layers of settlements (Troy I to IX). King Priam's glorious city, which can be found in the Iliad, Homer's epic poem, was immortalized through mythological characters and the legendary Trojan Wooden Horse, (a reconstruction of which stands at the entrance of the site).

Accommodation: Canakkale Akol Hotel (★★★★) for 1 night.

Day 12: Çanakkale / Istanbul 335kms (BLD)

In the morning, cross the Strait of the Dardanelles by ferry. Continue to Gallipoli Peninsula where the Dardanelles War took place. See the battlefields, trenches and memorials that remind us of the Turkish, English, French, Australian and New Zealand (ANZAC), and Indian soldiers fallen between 1915-1916. Continue on to Istanbul.

Accommodation: Istanbul Grand Yavuz (★★★★) for 1 night.

Day 13: Istanbul (B)

Enjoy your last day in Turkey. Free time in Istanbul until you are transferred to the airport for your return flight home.

***Terms and Conditions** Price is based on per person and land only. Prices are correct as at 14 October 2008 and are subject to change without notice. Taxes are correct as at 14 October 2008 and subject to change at time of booking. Subject to availability. Currency surcharges can fluctuate. Seasonal surcharges can apply depending on date of travel. Additional levies, government charges and other applicable fees may apply if beyond our control. Credit card surcharges do apply. Deposits are non refundable. Cancellations fees apply. Quotations are strictly valid for 7 days only. Date of flyer: 8 December 2008.

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