VISITED CITIES: ISTANBUL – CAPPADOCIA – PAMUKKALE – EPHESUS – TROY
DURATION: 9N / 10D
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Extra long 9 Nights and 10 Days Turkey package. Covering most important touristic sights of Istanbul, Cappadocia, Pamukkale, Ephesus & Troy.

Day 1; Welcome

Welcome to Turkey. Arrive at Istanbul Airport, get picked up and transfer to your hotel. Check in,

Free day,

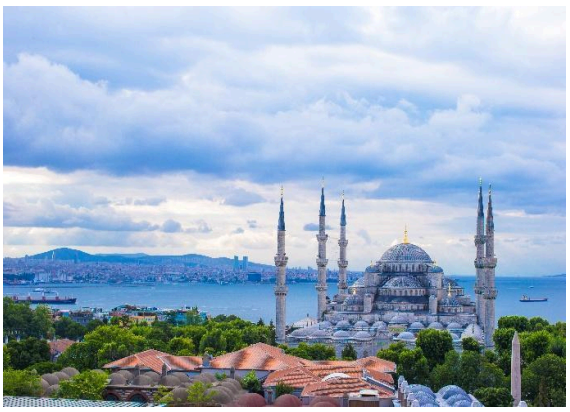
First overnight stay at your hotel in Istanbul,

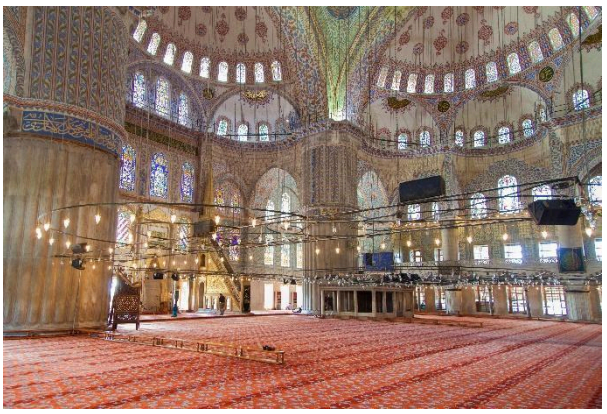
Day 2; Breakfast, Lunch Included

Breakfast,

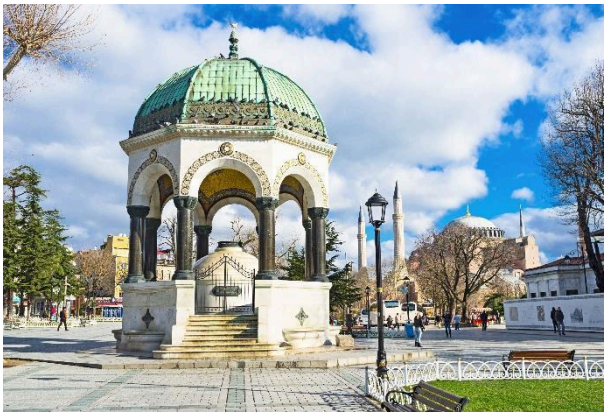
Full day tour of Iconic Istanbul - pick up by 08:30, drop off by 18:00; (Walking tour)

You can take in some of the most iconic sights of Istanbul in this morning tour that commences with a visit to the Blue Mosque. This magnificent mosque which was designed by Sinan and completed in 1616 is known for its majesty and superb iznik ceramic tiling.





Continue outside to stroll along the Hippodrome. This vast public space was built by the Romans in the 3rd and 4th centuries AD to accommodate events such as chariot races and gladiator fights. It is also home to the Column of Constantine, an Egyptian obelisk and the Serpentine Column.



Next to the Hippodrome we will visit the Hagia Sophia **(only from outside view, no interior visit)**. Originally built in 537AD as a Greek Orthodox church, this breath-taking building was converted to a mosque by the Ottomans and is now a museum. Inside there are two floors built around a central nave. It is adorned with superb decorations and has an enormous dome that soars overhead.

Finish the morning with a walk through the Grand Bazaar for some shopping or just to absorb the sights, sounds and historic architectural beauty of this bustling market.

Lunch,

Come on a tour to the famous Topkapi Palace and skip the queues that flock to see this magnificent and historically significant site. Built in the middle of the 15th century, the walled complex comprised of the palace and its buildings dominate a small raised peninsula. The buildings are nestled within beautiful grounds that sweep down to the sea. For centuries, the palace was the political centre of the

highly influential Ottoman Empire and although it is now purely a museum, as you visit its parts including courtyards, the Treasury, various pavilions, the holy relics, weapons and the Harem you will see how great it was.

Originally meaning “sacred peace”, the Hagia Irene is located in the outer courtyard of Topkapi Palace and it is the oldest church of the Eastern Roman Empire (Byzantine). The building reputedly stands on the site of a pre-Christian temple. It ranks as the first church completed in Constantinople, before Hagia Sophia, during its transfiguration from a Greek trading colony to the Eastern capital of the Roman Empire. It was also the second largest church in Istanbul after Hagia Sophia.

Evening transfer to Istanbul Airport and flight to Kayseri/Nevsehir. Arrive and transfer to your hotel in Cappadocia following the flight, check-in.

First overnight stay at your hotel in Cappadocia,

Day 3; Breakfast, Lunch Included

Optional: Morning Hot Air Balloon Flight Cappadocia - Early morning at Sunrise;

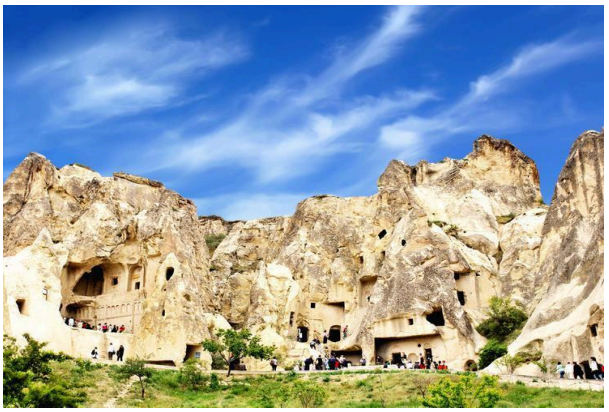
Have you thought of making a hot air balloon trip one of the highlights of your trip to Turkey? It is hard to imagine anywhere better to experience the thrill of the ride than above the incredible landscape of Cappadocia. In a balloon, you can take in the beauty and expanse of this breath-taking place from a different perspective as you drift in silence to heights of up to 700 meters.

Breakfast,

Full day Regional Tour - pick up by 09:30, drop off by 16:00;

Cappadocia is known for its stunning conical rock formations (fairy chimneys), colourful landscapes and ancient homes that were carved into the rock formations. This tour takes you through the beautiful Devrent (Imagination) Valley where fairy chimneys tower overhead before moving into Pasabag (Monk Valley) nearby, where the fairy chimneys have strange double and triple-headed caps.

After lunch at Avanos, you will visit the Zelve open air museum that has churches and frescoes from the 10th and 12th centuries. The day finishes at Uchisar Castle, a fortress that was cut from a large and tall fairy chimney.



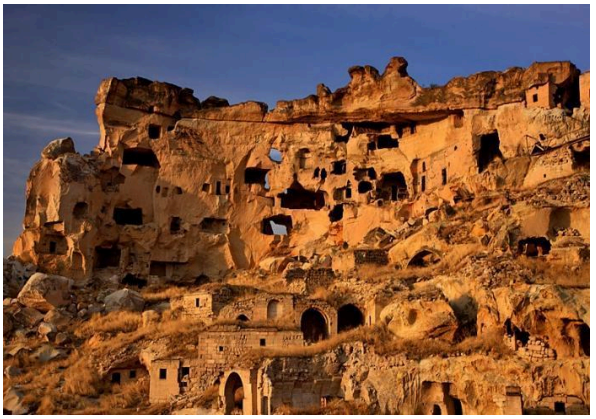
Second overnight stay at your hotel in Cappadocia,

Day 4; ***Breakfast, Lunch Included***

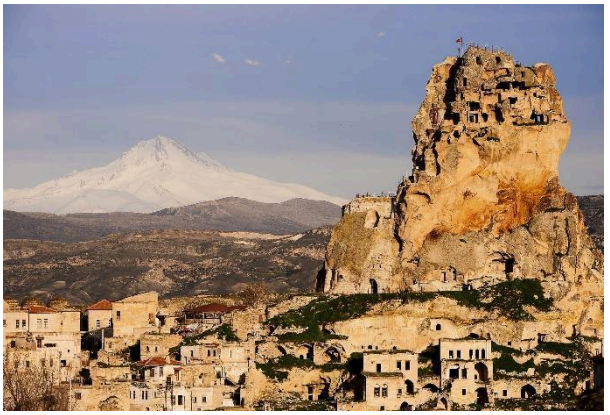
Breakfast,

Full day Hiking and Underground City Tour - pick up by 09:30, drop off by 16:00;

The hike starts in Red Valley which is known for its stunning scenery, colourful rock cliffs and beautiful fairy chimneys. After walking for 4 kms, you will arrive at Cavusin, a Greek village that features rock-cut churches.



After lunch, the tour continues to the underground city of Ozkonak which is the largest underground city in the region, and Pigeon Valley where dove cotes, many of which are decorated, have been carved into the rock. The last stop is the rugged Ortahisar Castle which is the largest fairy chimney in Cappadocia.



Overnight bus to Pamukkale,

Day 5; ***Breakfast, Lunch Included***

Arrive in Pamukkale, get picked up and transfer to your hotel to relax a few hours. Have breakfast,

Full day Pamukkale (Cotton Castle) tour - pick up by 09:30, drop off by 15:30;

This tour starts in the village of Karahayit and a visit to its red, green and white travertines and thermal pools of red water due to its iron content. Then on to Pamukkale to visit the expansive and

magnificent ruins of the ancient city of Hierapolis that was founded in the 2nd century BC to take advantage of the thermal pools nearby.

Hierapolis sits atop a hill and features an enormous necropolis, baths, theatre, temples, an agora and antique pool. You will have time to yourself to wander the site before walking down the hill on the sparkling white travertine and enjoying lunch at a local restaurant.

Entry to Cleopatra's Pool in Hierapolis is not included in the cost of the tour.

Drive to Kusadasi following the tour. Arrive at the hotel and check in,

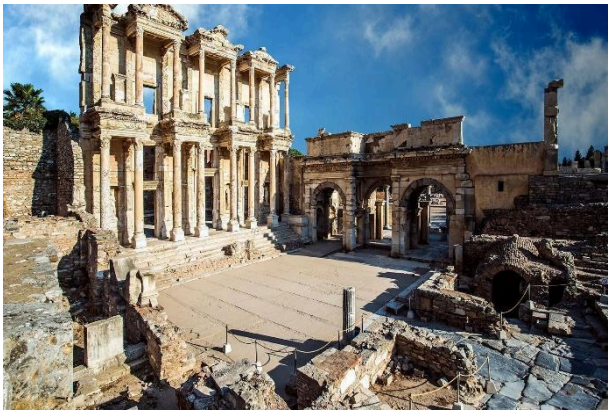
Overnight stay at your hotel in Kusadasi,

Day 6; Breakfast, Lunch Included

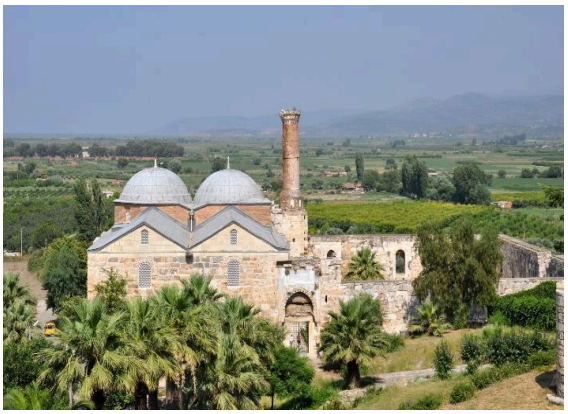
Breakfast,

Full day Ephesus Tour - pick up by 08:30, drop off by 16:30;

The day starts with a visit to the House of the Virgin Mary that is significant to both Christians and Muslims and currently serves as a chapel. From here, the tour continues to Ephesus - one of the most important harbour cities of the antique world. The ruins are magnificent and highlights include the Celsus Library, Gate of Augustus, the beautifully-decorated terrace houses, a huge amphitheatre and the Temple of Hadrian.



Enjoy lunch at a local Turkish restaurant and afterwards, a trip to Isa Bey Mosque (1375) and the ruins of the Artemis Temple which was one of the Seven Wondders of the World.



Evening transfer from your tour to Izmir Airport and flight to Istanbul, arrive and transfer back to your hotel following the flight,

Second overnight stay at your hotel in Istanbul,

Day 7; Breakfast Included

Breakfast,

Free day,

Third overnight stay at your hotel in Istanbul,

Day 8; Breakfast, Lunch Included

Breakfast,

Full day tour of Europe & Asia - pick up by 08:30, drop off by 17:00;

Take a cruise on the Bosphorus Strait, the busy waterway that runs between the Marmara and Black Seas with European Istanbul on one shore and Asian Istanbul on the other. Sit back, relax and enjoy the fresh air, the sea and the sights as you pass magnificent palaces, mosques, mansions and places of historical note.

After getting off the boat at Eminonu, continue your tour into the historic Egyptian (Spice) Bazaar nearby that is bursting with traditional sweets, coffee and spices, and oozing with appeal.

Later you will drive over the Bosphorus Bridge to the summit of Camlica Hill which is popular for its magnificent panoramic views and the opportunity to take some great photos.

After free time given at the hill, you will continue your adventure with your guide by spending a great time in the Asian side of Istanbul visiting the Beylerbeyi Palace which was a summer residence of the Ottoman sultans. Ordered to be built by Sultan Abdulaziz, started constraction in 1861 and completed in 1865. Its marvellous view will mesmerize you and you will immerse yourself into Ottoman history as our guide gives detailed information about the palace.

We will finish our day dropping you off at your hotel.

Fourth overnight stay at your hotel in Istanbul,

Day 9; Lunch Included

Full day Troy Tour - pick up by 07:00, drop off by 22:00;

This full day tour takes you to the incredible UNESCO-listed site of Troy so that you can discover the dynamic 4000 year history of this incredible city in its various iterations as it was rebuilt each time it was destroyed by fire, war or earthquake.

The afternoon includes visits to the:

- Trojan Horse
- Sacrificial alters
- 3700 year old city walls
- Houses of Troy I (3000 BC to 2500 BC)
- Bouleuterium (Senate Building)
- Odeon
- Current excavations
- Remains of various cities from Troy I through to Troy IX

The cost of the tour includes pick up from your hotel, transfer to and from Eceabat, lunch at a local restaurant in Eceabat, ferry fees, site entry fees, English-speaking guide and transfer back to your hotel in Istanbul.

Fifth overnight stay at your hotel in Istanbul,

Day 10; Breakfast Included

Breakfast,

Transfer to Istanbul Airport 4 hours before your flight. End of our services here. Thank you for choosing us for your travel in Turkey.

Included;
* 2 full day Istanbul tours & Museums entry fees, parking and road tolls
* 2 full day Cappadocia tours & Museums entry fees, parking and road tolls
* 1 full day Pamukkale tour & Museums entry fees, parking and road tolls
* 1 full day Ephesus tour & Museums entry fees, parking and road tolls
* 1 full day Troy tour & Museums entry fees, parking and road tolls
* Pick up and drop off at your accommodations
* Transportation in A/C non-smoking car or bus with professional English speaking guide and driver and their daily expenses
* Meals as mentioned at above itinerary day by day
* 5 nights accommodation in Istanbul (Options of Orient Express Hotel, Avicenna Hotel, Edibe Sultan Hotel or similar)
* 2 nights accommodation in Cappadocia (Option of Urgup Inn Cave Hotel, The Cave House or similar)
* 1 morning accommodation in Pamukkale (Options of Melrose House Hotel, Melrose ViewPoint Hotel, Venus Hotel or similar)
* 1 night accommodation in Kusadasi (Options of Ilayda Hotel, Efe Boutique Hotel or similar)
* Airport transfers
* Domestic flight tickets
* Bus tickets when needed
* Small group tours
* Step back in time on a history tour
* All taxes, fees and handling charges

Excluded;
* Below suggested optional activities
* Tips of driver and guide
* International flight tickets
* Insurance: All types
* Turkey entry visa
* Items as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry
* Any other expenses which are not mentioned at the included section

General Information & Policies About All Packages;
* Hotels' check in time is at 14:00 and check out is at 11:00. In case you are in a tour around the check in and out time, know that you can leave your luggage packed in your room or at the reception together with your room's key. For your convenience, early and late check in and out could be arranged. Just let us know in advance and also an extra fee will be applied for this accommodation
* Guests will be informed by us day before about next day's pick up time, schedule in written by message threat. Please check carefully. Ask us if there is anything not clear in mind. We will be happy to answer all questions. We are not responsible if any tour or service is missed because of guests' miscommunication
* All communications must be done written as it will be better to keep in notes not to miss or forget anything said, not by calls

* We kindly request our guests to be ready 15 minutes prior to departure time. Guests need to arrive promptly at the meeting points given by Tourkeystay (hotel lobby, not inside room or breakfast hall), or the tour will proceed without them
* Due to traffic conditions beyond our control, pick up may be delayed
* Tourkeystay is not responsible for any loss or theft of belongings during the tour. If any guest forgets belongings anywhere and return to get it, group will not wait for them and proceed to next place in programme
* Please check hotels given by us in advance online about their locations, amenities, room sizes etc. Let us know if to change to any other. We are not able to do any changes once tour starts at free of charge. Cancellation penalties will apply by hotels if the reservations are cancelled within last few days.
* Please expect as much service as explained on itineraries, tour or service means from 8-9 am to 4-5 pm. After finishing day tours contact us only if any emergency occurs any time 24 hours (Night flights or tours are exceptional)
* The luggage allowance is 15 kilos carry on and 8 kilos cabin for domestic flights and 30 kilos carry on and 8 kilos cabin for International flights per person. Guests with extra luggage might be subjected to pay additional fees by the airline company arranging directly at airports. Carrying of extra luggage is guests own responsibility anywhere they go
* Airport transfers waiting time we can do maximum at International arrivals is 1 hour, Domestic arrivals is 30 minutes after landing. Guests getting out after this time period are responsible to arrange their own transportation at their own cost to the hotels booked. Please do not waste time at airports eating, drinking something or getting a sim card, there are lots of restaurants or phone shops in city center at lower rates around the hotels we will book for you. Guests going from their hotels to airports need to be ready on time also, or the vehicle will depart to catch its next schedule and guests will need to arrange their own transportation at their own cost as well
* Please read all tour descriptions carefully, let us know if you have any questions in advance.
* Full due of payment need to be done at arrival day, not left to later
* All tours in each city have some walking parts. Please dress up and get comfortable shoes ready accordingly
* None of the tours are suitable for disabled people
* Always remember whatever your position or rank in your country stays in your country, everyone visiting Turkey is a normal tourist for us, has the same value like all our guests, no one is privileged
* None of our packages include dinner, we are accommodating our guests at most central hotels and lots of restaurants to go directly by their own. Please do not ask to include dinner
* Tour package of guests who are not following above conditions will be stopped at the time of first problem occurs and not refunded. Same rules apply to B2B agencies.

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