

# Turkey Panorama 10 days

## Istanbul – Kusadasi – Pamukkale

### Capadocia – Antalya



#### Day 1 - Istanbul - Arrival Day

Meet at the airport Transfer to your hotel. You will be given your room key and the rest of the day is yours to explore Istanbul. Dinner. Overnight in Istanbul.

#### Day 2 - Istanbul City Tour

Pick up at 08:30am from your hotel for a day tour of old Istanbul city. Visit TOPKAPI PALACE. The great palace of the Ottoman sultans from the 15th to the 19th centuries housing an exquisite collection of crystal, silver, and Chinese porcelain, robes worn by the sultans and their families, the famous jewels of the Imperial Treasury, miniatures, the Holy Mantle; enshrining relics of the Prophet Mohammed. 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. HIPPODROME Ancient Hippodrome, the scene of chariot races, with the three monuments; the Obelisk of Theodosius, the bronze Serpentine Column and the Column of Constantine. GRAND COVERED BAZAAR in this labyrinth of streets and passages are more than 4,000 shops with each trade having its own area: the goldsmiths' street, the carpet sellers, Turkish arts and crafts, such as hand painted ceramic plates, hand-honed copperware, brassware and trays, water ewers, onyx-ware and meerschaum pipes. After the tour, transfer back to your hotel. Dinner. Overnight in Istanbul.

**Please Note :** St. Sophia Museum is closed on Mondays, Topkapi Palace is closed on Tuesdays and The Grand Bazaar is closed on Sundays

#### Day 3 - Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise and Flight to Izmir / Kusadasi

After breakfast depart for Bosphorus Cruise tour. Enjoy a magical Istanbul Bosphorus Boat Cruise and Grand Spice Bazaar. Tour starting at 08:30. Enjoy the array of sites you can see from the boat including: GRAND SPICE BAZAAR. BOSPHORUS BY BOAT a traditional excursion by boat along the waterway separating Europe and Asia. Lunch break at the Turkish restaurant. After the lunch depart for Istanbul Ataturk airport for domestic flight to Izmir. Transfer from airport and check in to your hotel in Kusadasi. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi.

#### Day 4 - Kusadasi - Ephesus Tour - Turkish Village Sirince

08:30 Departure from hotel fully guided tour of Ephesus, one of the best preserved ancient sites in the world en-route, visiting the Temple of Artemis, Curetes street, famous Roman baths, Celsius Library, Grand theatre and House of the Virgin Mary. We will visit a place which continues to perform one of the oldest arts of Turkey; a carpet weaving centre. After Lunch we will do a Turkish Village Tour. Sirince's

construction style today belongs to Anatolian Greeks. The houses on the slope are all original with their white paints. Sirince Village also has a fantastic reputation for making some of the best wines in Turkey - especially fruit wines. We will visit the vineyards and it is time to learn how to make fruit wine with Turkish wine makers. In the evening you will be tested about your knowledge of making fruit wine. On

the way we will visit one of the famous leather production centers of the region, where you will have the opportunity to get a good factory rate. After that you will visit Textile. On this guided tour, you will avoid the constant nagging and sometimes bullying that is well known in the markets of Turkey. Enabling you to enjoy the shopping experience whilst gaining the knowledge of the ancient craftsmen. Dinner. Overnight in Kusadasi.

#### **Day 5 - Kusadasi - Pamukkale**

At 08:30 we depart for Pamukkale. Afterwards we shall visit the calcium terraces of Pamukkale (cotton castle) and the ruins of Hierapolis, then walk around this natural phenomenon and have the option of lying in the waters of the natural springs. After the tour transfer to hotel for check in. Dinner. Overnight in Pamukkale.

#### **Day 6 - Pamukkale to Antalya**

After breakfast, at 10:00m we depart for Antalya. After 2 hours we will have coffee break, after coffee break then continue to Antalya. Dinner. Overnight in Antalya.

#### **Day 7 - Antalya Old City Tour and Waterfalls**

After breakfast at 08:30 drive to Antalya old City ( Kaleiçi ) Marina, Clock Tower, Hadrian's Gate, Broken Minaret, Hıdırlık Tower: Kaleiçi is a small historic part of Antalya's modern city, also known as the Old City of Antalya. In history it was once the sprawling modern Roman town, then the Byzantine Empire, then Seljuks, and finally the Ottoman Turkish town. The Hadrian's Gate (or Hadrianus Gate or The Three Gates is a triumphal arch which was built in the name of the Roman emperor Hadrian. Antalya's broken wonder is the Broken Minaret of the Korkut Mosque, which itself was built originally as a Roman temple in the 2nd century AD, and thus did not have a minaret at all. Hıdırlık Tower is a landmark tower of tawny stone in Antalya, Turkey, where Kaleiçi meets Karaalioglu Park. It is believed to be built in Hellenistic era on a square plan and later turned into circular tower in 2nd century AD and was either used as a fortification or a lighthouse in the past. we have lunch than depart for Duden waterfalls. All the streams of the region aim at finding their way into the Mediterranean and they pour down the slopes of the Taurus, sometimes overland sometimes underground and reaching their destination, result in lovely waterfalls, of which there are more than twenty. After tour come back to hotel and rest of day is yours. Dinner. Overnight in Antalya.

#### **Day 8 - Antalya - Konya – Cappadocia**

After breakfast early in the morning at 08:00 drive to Konya. Once your reach to Konya visit the imposing green - tiled Mausoleum of Mevlana, the mystic founder of the Sufi sect (Whirling Dervishes). After the Konya Mevlana tour drive to Cappadocia. Arrival to Cappadocia around 18:30pm and check into your hotel. Dinner. Overnight in Cappadocia.

#### **Day 9 - Cappadocia Tour with Underground City and Goreme Open Air Museum**

You will be picked up approximately 09:30 We will drive you to Ozkonak Underground City, one of the best preserved Underground cities in Cappadocia. Than visit to Uchisar Castle, the highest point of Cappadocia. After Uchisar, you visit Goreme Open Air Museum, the Heart of Cappadocia. Goreme Open Air Museum is famous for frescoes dating to 10th century describing the life of Jesus Christ and monks. Next stop is Cavusin, which is an abandoned village with old cave Greek houses. Visit a pottery work shop, to see how to make potteries. Then you go Pasabagi where you can see three - headed fairy chimneys. After Pasabagi you visit another workshop to see Cappadocian handwoven carpets and kilims. Next stop is Devrent Valley, which is also called Imagination Valley, where you can see natural rock formations looking like animals. Then you head to a wine shop in Urgup for wine tasting. Last stop is Three Beauties, three beautiful fairy chimneys with their hats, which is the symbol of Cappadocia. This tour will end approximately 18:00 and you will be returned back to your hotel. Dinner. Overnight in Cappadocia.

#### **Day 10 - Cappadocia - Free time – Transfer to airport**

Free time in Cappadocia. Transfer to airport for flight back home.

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## INCLUDED

- ✓ 2 night accommodation in Istanbul 3\* or 4\* hotel on BB basis
- ✓ 2 nights accommodation in Kusadasi 3\* or 4\* hotel on BB basis
- ✓ 1 night accommodation in Pamukkale 3\* or 4\* hotel on BB basis
- ✓ 2 nights accommodation in Antalya 3\* or 4\* hotel on BB basis
- ✓ 2 nights accommodation in Cappadocia 3\* or 4\* hotel on BB basis
- ✓ 9 dinners Indian and Turkish traditional meals (Veg options also available)
- ✓ Bosphorus cruise SIC
- ✓ Entrance fees to Aya Sofia, Top Kapi, Duden waterfalls, Pamukkale archaeological site, Ephesus, Goreme open air museum & Ozkonak underground city
- ✓ All Transfers & bus services as per given itinerary above, road tolls, fuel, parking
- ✓ English-speaking guides in Istanbul, Ephesus, Pamukkale & Cappadocia

## NOT INCLUDED

- ✗ International Flight Ex - India
- ✗ Visa Charges
- ✗ Domestic flight Istanbul - Izmir (rate will be calculated based on availability upon booking the trip)
- ✗ Drinks & beverages during meals
- ✗ Anything else not clearly mentioned as included into the above list
- ✗ Travel Visa
- ✗ Entrances & Tickets in places of visit / interests and into the museums
- ✗ Turkish Dance Folklore night Show (35 euro per person)
- ✗ Tips for the driver 2 euro per person per day
- ✗ City Taxes (where applicable)