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8 NIGHTS / 9 DAYS

Istanbul / Cappadocia / Antalya /
Pamukkale / Izmir / Istanbul

DAY 1. ARRIVAL IN ISTANBUL

Upon arrival at Istanbul Airport, transfer to the hotel and meet your professional local guide. Take time to rest and get ready for an unforgettable journey in this magical city. [Overnight in Istanbul.](#)
[Dinner is not included.](#)

DAY 2. ISTANBUL - CAPITAL OF EMPERORS

Start the day with a rich breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy a scenic **Bosphorus Cruise**, witnessing the unique beauty between two continents, and stroll through the aromatic alleys of the **Spice Bazaar**.

Optional Old City Tour:

Visit Hippodrome: Travel the routes once used by ancient Roman chariots

Visit German Fountain: A gift from the German Emperor Wilhelm II, full of imperial charm.

Visit Blue Mosque: Admire the serene beauty of the world-famous blue tiles.

Visit Topkapi Palace: Explore the heart of the Ottoman Empire and its royal treasures.

[Overnight in Istanbul.](#) [Dinner is not included.](#)

DAY 3. ANKARA- MYSTERIOUS CAPPADOCIA

visit the Atatürk Museum to gain a deeper understanding of the founder of modern Turkey. . Then drive via Ankara, stopping at the stunning **Salt Lake**, before continuing to the surreal landscapes of Cappadocia. [Overnight in Cappadocia.](#) [Dinner is included.](#)

DAY 4. CAPPADOCIA

Begin the day with breakfast, followed by a magical tour of the region.

Uchisar Castle Village:

Climb to the region's highest viewpoint for jaw-dropping panoramic views, and wander through a maze of ancient homes carved into the rock — it's like stepping into a real-life fantasy.

Handmade Carpet Factory:

Step into a world where tradition meets artistry. Watch skilled weavers bring vibrant Turkish carpets to life, knot by knot — a mesmerizing cultural experience.

Avanos (Pottery Village):

Nestled along the Red River, Avanos is famous for its clay — shaped by artisans into intricate ceramics. Try your hand at the potter's wheel or pick up a one-of-a-kind souvenir.

Pigeon Valley:

A surreal landscape where ancient dovecotes are carved into soft volcanic stone. Enjoy a scenic walk while discovering how pigeons once played a vital role in agriculture and communication.

Jewelry Store:

Explore a curated collection of locally crafted jewelry featuring Anatolian gemstones — perfect for a meaningful gift or a special keepsake.

Devrent Valley (Imagination Valley):

See nature's creativity on display. The whimsical rock formations resemble camels, seals, and even a dancing couple — no two visitors see the same story.

Ceramic Workshop:

Watch master artisans turn humble clay into dazzling works of art using techniques passed down through generations. This is Cappadocia's artistry at its finest.

[Optional: Hot Air Balloon, Jeep Safari & Turkish Night Show with folk dances and local cuisine.](#)

[Overnight in Cappadocia.](#) [Dinner is included.](#)

DAY 5. FROM CAPPADOCIA TO ANTALYA

Early morning departure to Antalya.

Photo Stop at Sultanhanı Caravanserai:

Step back in time at this grand 13th-century stone inn, once a vital resting point for Silk Road traders and camel caravans. Its vast courtyard and ornate architecture tell the story of centuries of travel and commerce.

Upon Arrival in Antalya – Visit Kaleiçi Old Town:

Lose yourself in the enchanting maze of cobbled lanes, where Ottoman houses, flower-draped balconies, and cozy cafés invite you to linger. Each corner whispers tales from Roman, Byzantine, and Turkish eras.

Visit Hadrian's Gate:

Walk beneath this towering triumphal arch, built to honor Emperor Hadrian in 130 AD — an awe-inspiring welcome into Antalya's ancient core.

[Overnight in Antalya.](#) [Dinner is included.](#)

DAY 6. PAMUKKALE – HIERAPOLIS

Visit Textile Outlet:

Discover the art of Turkish craftsmanship as you browse vibrant textiles, stylish clothing, and unique local products—perfect for memorable souvenirs or a touch of authentic fashion.

Visit Hierapolis & Cotton Castle:

Step back in time as you wander through the ancient city of Hierapolis, then soak in the surreal beauty of Pamukkale’s gleaming white terraces and thermal pools—one of Turkey’s most iconic natural wonders.

Overnight in Pamukkale. Dinner is included.

DAY 7. SELCHUK + IZMIR

Today you travel to Selçuk.

Visit Leather Factory

Enjoy a live runway-style fashion show showcasing high-quality leatherwear, then browse a curated collection of finely crafted jackets, bags, and accessories—where timeless style meets Turkish tradition.

Visit Ephesus Ancient City

Wander through grand marble streets, awe-inspiring temples, and the iconic Library of Celsus in one of the world’s most remarkably preserved ancient cities—a true journey into the heart of classical antiquity.

Overnight in Izmir. Dinner is included.

DAY 8. ISTANBUL

Drive back to Istanbul with a cultural stop in Bursa.

Visit Green Mosque

Step into a masterpiece of early Ottoman architecture, where intricate tilework, elegant calligraphy, and serene courtyards reflect centuries of spiritual and artistic heritage.

Visit Koza Han Market

Wander through a charming 15th-century silk bazaar, once the heart of the ancient Silk Road—now a treasure trove of handmade scarves, textiles, and timeless Turkish charm.

Visit Turkish Delight Showroom

Indulge your senses with a tasting tour of Turkey’s most beloved sweet treats, from rose and pistachio delights to exotic flavors crafted using centuries-old recipes.

Overnight in Istanbul. Dinner is not included.

DAY 9 – DEPARTURE

Depending on your flight time, a comfortable bus will transfer you to the airport for your return home.

DAY TOUR	PROGRAM	ACCOMODATION
1	ARRIVAL IN ISTANBUL	ISTANBUL 4-5* RO
2	ISTANBUL - CAPITAL OF EMPERORS	ISTANBUL 4-5* BB
3	ANKARA- MYSTERIOUS CAPPADOCIA	CAPPADOCIA 4-5* HB
4	HOT AIR BALLOON RIDE IN CAPPADOCIA	CAPPADOCIA 4-5* HB
5	ANTALYA	ANTALYA 4-5* HB
6	PAMUKKALE – HIERAPOLIS	PAMUKKALE 4-5* HB
7	EPHESUS + IZMIR	IZMIR 4-5* HB
8	ISTANBUL	ISTANBUL 4-5* BB
9	DEPARTURE	BB

Included in the tour price:	Extra:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation in 4-5* hotels • Daily breakfasts and dinners in Cappadocia, Antalya, and Pamukkale. In Istanbul – breakfasts only. • Group transfers • Transfers between cities • Professional guide in English • Excursions as per the itinerary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All optional excursions at an additional cost • Lunches • Personal expenses

**Suggested hotels for the tour:*

Istanbul – Nova Plaza Prime Hotel, Ramada By Wyndham Istanbul Sultanahmet, Days by Wyndham, La Quinta Hotel, Clarion Golden Horn, Ramada Plaza Tekstilkent or similar

Cappadocia – Nox Cave Hotel, Atrium Cave Hottel, Avrasya Hotel, Crystal Kaymakli Hotel, Suhan Hotel, Emin Koçak Hotel or similar

Pamukkale – Lycus River Thermal Hotel, Colosae Thermal Hotel, Adem Pira Hotel, `Richmond Hotel, Tripolis Hotel or similar

Antalya – Ring Downtown Hotel, Lara Garden Hotel, Holyday Inn Lara Hotel, Ramada Plaza by Wyndham Antalya Hotel or similar

**These are the suggested hotels for the program, which are not selected in advance and may be replaced by other hotels of the same category.*

The hotels in the program are located away from the historical sites in the provinces of the specified cities.

For tourists who do not follow the program or who separate from the group, the tour operator will apply measures, including the cancellation of all included services in the program

The tour operator reserves the right to make changes to the program, modify the arrival dates, or cancel the program. Additionally, optional excursions may be canceled if the minimum number of participants is not reached.

According to international standards, check-in at the hotel is at 14:00, and room checkout is at 12:00.

Breakfast on the first day (arrival day) is not included.

Dinner on the last day (departure day) is not included.

