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Greece & Turkey Escorted Tour 19 days from \$4299



Departs Every Thursday in Nov 2018 and Feb & March 2019

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Per person twin share. Single Supplement \$1800. **Phone 1300 813391.**

Escorted Package Includes

- Return economy airfares from ALL Australian Capital Cities to Athens & Istanbul
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- **Greece Includes**
- 6 nights First Class accommodations
 - 4 nights Athens
 - 1 night Olympia
 - 1 night Delphi or Arachova
- Hotel portorage
- All transfers
- 8 meals: 6 breakfasts, 2 dinners
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Entrance fees per itinerary

Special Features

- Visit the Acropolis Museum, a modern museum housing ancient relics from the Acropolis
- Visit Olympia, birthplace of the first Olympic Games
- Tour the archaeological sites of Delphi and the Temple of Apollo

Note: Gratuities for tour manager and coach driver are included.

- **Turkey Includes**

- 11 nights First Class accommodations
 - 3 nights Istanbul
 - 1 night Canakkale
 - 2 nights Kusadasi
 - 1 night Pamukkale
 - 1 night Konya
 - 2 nights Cappadocia
 - 1 night Ankara
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Hotel portorage
- All transfers
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- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring

Special Features

- At Gallipoli, visit the Anzac Cemetery, a memorial to the casualties of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps
- Tour the classical 4000-year-old city of Troy immortalized in Homer's epic poem, *The Iliad*
- Visit Pergamum, a kingdom dating back to the 4th century, home to the Roman center of Asklepion
- View Hierapolis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, famed for its sacred hot springs
- Visit the Mausoleum of Kemal Ataturk, founder and first president of the Turkish Republic

TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 1, Depart for Greece

Depart for Greece

DAY 2, Arrive in Athens

Arrive in Athens, the classical capital of Greece; transfer to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to discover the ancient wonders of this city known as the cradle of Western Civilization and the birthplace of democracy. This evening, join your Tour Manager and fellow traveling companions for a welcome drink and orientation meeting at your hotel

Overnight: Athens

DAY 3, Athens Walking Tour

This morning is at leisure, or join the *optional* guided tour of the Acropolis. This architectural masterpiece was built during the Golden Age of Athens and today is designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Meet your Tour Manager and the rest of the group at the Acropolis Museum. Visit the museum, built at the base of the famous monument, housing many of the precious original statues from the Acropolis. After lunch on your own, join the tour manager for a walk through the lively Plaka area, the oldest section of Athens, a neighborhood of charming restaurants, shops and sidewalk cafes. Continue the tour with a metro ride to Syntagma Square. Upon arrival, you might catch a glimpse of the colorfully-costumed Evzone guards, outfitted in the traditional Greek style. The afternoon is at leisure to further discover Athens on your own

Optional: Acropolis Archaeological Site Walking Tour (AM)

Overnight: Athens

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4, Sightseeing en route to Olympia

Depart Athens via the scenic coastal road to the mighty Corinth Canal, dividing the Peloponnese from mainland Greece. Continue via Nauplion to Mycenae, the heartland of Greek mythology. Visit the Acropolis of Mycenae and the Tomb of Atreus, built around 1250 B.C. From here, drive through the Central Peloponnese Peninsula, whose major cities in classical times were Corinth and Sparta. Continue to Olympia, birthplace of the first Olympic Games

Overnight: Olympia

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5, Tour the Olympia Archaeological Site

Morning visit to the archaeological site of Olympia, including the Sanctuary of Olympian Zeus, and the ancient stadium where the Olympic Games were first held in 776 B.C. At the Archaeological Museum view astonishing Greek works of art such as the Nike of Paionios and terracotta statues dating back to the 5th century B.C. Then, drive north through the plains of Eliad and Achaia, crossing the Corinth Strait via a cabled bridge from Rion to Antirion. Pass the town of Nafpaktos en route to Delphi, home of the ruins of the Tholos Temple

Overnight: Delphi or Arachova

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 6, Archaeological Tour of Delphi

Tour the excavated site of Delphi and the archaeological Museum, perched on the slopes of Mount Parnassos, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Considered one of the most important places in Greek history, its stunning setting and ancient ruins are truly inspirational. Walk the Sacred Way to the imposing 4th century Temple of Apollo, site of the most important oracle in the classical world. Travel south this afternoon, arriving in Athens in the late afternoon. Tonight, consider joining the *optional* dinner in Athens. Begin the evening with a panoramic drive through illuminated Athens. Continue to the lively Plaka area under the Acropolis and enjoy a 3-course traditional Greek dinner, including wine and live music at a typical Greek taverna

Optional: Dinner in Athens (PM)

Overnight: Athens

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 7, Full Day in Athens

Today is at leisure to explore Athens independently. Perhaps join the *optional* full day cruise to Hydra Island. Travel by bus from Athens to the port for embarkation on a cruise to Hydra, Poros and Aegina islands. Enjoy time at leisure to explore Hydra on your own. Afterward, board your ship and sail to Poros, the smallest of the three islands, and historical Aegina, known for its delicious pistachios and the Temple of Afea. Explore Aegina independently, or opt for an excursion by coach to the temple. Finally, sail back and return to your hotel in Athens

Optional: Full Day Cruise to Hydra, Poros & Aegina with lunch

Overnight: Athens

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8, Depart Greece for Turkey

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight to Istanbul.

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8, Arrive in Istanbul

Arrive in Istanbul and transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day is at leisure. This evening, enjoy dinner and an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager

Overnight: Istanbul

Meals: Dinner

DAY 9, Istanbul City Tour

Enjoy a half day morning tour of Istanbul, the only city that straddles two continents. Your tour includes a short briefing and a picture stop at the courtyard of the Blue Mosque, a 17th century Ottoman Mosque famous with its six minarets and

magnificent interior with blue tiles. Continue to the Hippodrome, the place chariot races and competitive athletic events took place during the Roman period. You will also visit St. Sophia - the great Byzantine Basilica built in the 6th century, which remained the largest cathedral in the world for almost a thousand years, it was later converted to a mosque and now serves as a museum. Then onto the lively Spice Market with its unforgettable aromas. Spend the remainder of the day at leisure, exploring this city that blurs the line between East and West, with incredible architecture that is rivaled only by its spectacular natural setting on the Bosphorus Strait. Perhaps, embark on the *optional* cruise along the Bosphorus, the winding straits separating Europe and Asia. View humble fishing villages and suspension bridges set against the dramatic outline of the Strait

Optional: Half Day Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise (PM)

Overnight: Istanbul

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 10, Anzac Cemetery, Drive to Canakkale

This morning, drive to the town of Gallipoli, site of the famous Ottoman victory against the Allies during World War I. Visit the Anzac Cemetery, a memorial to the casualties of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, who's fame grew back home as word of their heroic efforts spread. Afterwards, cross the Dardanelles by ferry and continue to the Canakkale province, located in northwest Turkey, where you will arrive in the early evening

Overnight: Canakkale

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 11, Visit Troy, Pergamum, Drive to Kusadasi

This morning, proceed to the classical city of Troy. Tour this 4000-year-old city and legendary center of the Trojan War, made immortal by Homer's epic poem The Iliad. Then, drive to Pergamum, a powerful kingdom during the ancient Hellenistic period, and visit the Asclepion, the ancient Roman spa center. Continue to Kusadasi, a city believed to be the birthplace of Homer, where you will arrive in the early evening

Overnight: Kusadasi

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 12, Full Day in Kusadasi

Enjoy a full day at leisure in Kusadasi. Or, join the *optional* tour to Ancient Ephesus where the Temple of Artemis, one of the "Seven Wonders of the Ancient World" once stood. Walk along the 2000 year old marble streets; see the Great Theatre, the Odeon, the Fountain of Trajan, Temple of Hadrian, and the Library of Celsus. Visit the peaceful House of the Virgin Mary, believed to be her last residence and the Basilica of St. John. Following the tour, participate in an optional leather factory visit to shop or return to the hotel

Optional: Full Day Ephesus & House of Virgin Mary with Lunch

Overnight: Kusadasi

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 13, Pamukkale Hot Springs, Necropolis, and Hierapolis

Depart Kusadasi and drive to Pamukkale. Visit the Necropolis and the ancient city of Hierapolis "Holy City," a UNESCO a World Heritage Site situated atop the Pamukkale hot springs. The Pamukkale hot springs have served as a therapeutic thermal spa since the 2nd century B.C.

Overnight: Pamukkale
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 14, Travel to Konya

Today, travel from Pamukkale, the "Cotton Castle," to Konya, a city renowned for its Seljuk architecture and also as the home of the "Whirling Dervishes." Arrive in the afternoon and visit the Mausoleum of Mevlana before dinner this evening

Overnight: Konya
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 15, Visit Caravanserai of Sultanhan en route to Cappadocia

Depart for Cappadocia, visiting the magnificent Caravanserai of Sultanhan en route. Afterward, visit Guzelyurt, a fine example of cave dwellings and Greek influences in the Cappadocia region. Following a special home-hosted lunch, continue to Nevsehir in Cappadocia. Upon arrival in Cappadocia, visit a carpet atelier and have a demonstration of carpet weaving. Tonight, attend the *optional* Whirling Dervish performance; their captivating mystical ritual connects one in infinite spinning to perfect harmony

Optional: Whirling Dervishes Performance (PM)

Overnight: Cappadocia
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 16, Full Day in Cappadocia

Awake very early to participate in the optional hot air Balloon Ride* that takes you soaring over the magnificent Cappadocian landscape with its incredible fairy chimney rock formations -- the feeling is both serene and sublime. Then, enjoy a full day exploring Cappadocia independently. Famed for temples and houses cut directly into the region's spectacular rock formations, Cappadocia has captivated travelers for centuries. Or opt to join the full day tour of Cappadocia* that includes the Open Air Museum in Goreme Valley; see early Christian churches decorated with unique frescoes. Explore the fascinating Ozkonak Underground City, built on the northern slopes of Mt. Idis. The tour ends at the village of Avanos famous for its beautiful old houses, pottery and onyx (*sightseeing order is subject to change*)

**The Cappadocia Balloon Ride tour ends before the Full Day Cappadocia tour begins. Both tours can be done on the same day.*

Optional: Cappadocia Balloon Ride (AM)

Optional: Full Day Cappadocia (AM)

Overnight: Cappadocia
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 17, Ankara, Mausoleum of Kemal Ataturk

This morning depart for Ankara, the capital and the second largest city of Turkey. Upon arrival, visit the Mausoleum of Kemal Ataturk, founder and first president of the Turkish Republic. Leading up to the Mausoleum, also known as the Anitkabir, lies a vast brick courtyard and monumental avenue lined with NeoHittite stone statues and cenotaphs beneath its colonnades. The most noted cenotaphs within the complex are those of General Ismet Inonu, a close comrade of Ataturk's and his successor, and that of Ataturk himself, a large and highly decorative marble cenotaph, beneath which lies his tomb. Continue to the Anatolian Civilizations Museum - built in two Ottoman buildings located near Ankara Castle. The Museum, being among exceptional museums with its unique collection, exhibits Anatolian archaeological artifacts, as well as artifacts from the Paleolithic Age to the present

Overnight: Ankara

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 18, Full Day in Istanbul

Depart for Istanbul, arriving in the early afternoon. Leisure time to explore on your own on this last day in Turkey. In the afternoon, don't miss the *optional* tour to the Topkapi Palace residence of Ottoman Sultans and the Grand Bazaar, where bargaining is an art. Tonight, a festive Farewell Dinner with your newfound friends

Optional: Half Day Istanbul with Topkapi Palace & Grand Bazaar (PM)

Overnight: Istanbul

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 19, Depart Turkey

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast

Book your Optional Tours before you travel. See more, save time, save money.

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- Save your cash. Credit card processing may not be possible locally

- Travel insurance only covers services purchased prior to departure
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Acropolis Archaeological Site Walking Tour

Join a guided walking tour of the Acropolis, the architectural masterpiece built during the Golden Age of Athens and today is designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Walk through the gleaming white marble ruins and view the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion, and of course the Parthenon, the crowning jewel that rises above the city below.

Approximate tour duration is 2.5 hours.

Day #3

01 Oct 2018 - 30 Apr 2019

AUD\$39.00



Dinner in Athens

Begin the evening with a panoramic drive through illuminated Athens. Continue to the lively Plaka, the oldest section of Athens and the most picturesque, located under the slopes of the Acropolis. Here, enjoy a 3-course meal of traditional Greek food, including wine and live music at a typical Greek taverna.

Details to be advised locally.

Day #6

01 Oct 2017 - 30 Apr 2019

AUD\$76.00



Full Day Cruise to Hydra, Poros & Aegina with lunch

This morning, travel by bus from Athens to the port for embarkation on a cruise to Hydra, Poros and Aegina islands. Enjoy time at leisure to explore Hydra on your own. Afterwards, board your ship and sail to Poros, the smallest of the three islands, and historical Aegina, known for its delicious pistachios and the Temple of Afea. Explore Aegina independently, or opt for an excursion by coach to the temple. Finally, sail back and return to your hotel in Athens.

Departs at 8:00 am. Pick-up from hotel approximately 30-60 minutes prior to departure time. Drop-off at the hotel. Approximate tour duration is 11 hours.

Time at each port is subject to change based on local conditions and in some cases, a port stop may be omitted.

Due to inclement weather, this tour may be canceled and refunded.

Day #7

01 Oct 2018 - 30 Apr 2019

AUD\$145.00



- [Friday Departure](#)

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Half Day Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise

No stay in Istanbul would be complete without a traditional and unforgettable cruise along the Bosphorus, the winding straits separating Europe and Asia. The humble fishing villages and suspension bridges set against the dramatic outline of the Strait exemplify the newest link between the East and West.

Approximate tour duration is 2 hours.

Day #3

11 Nov 2016 - 06 Nov 2019

AUD\$84.00



Full Day Ephesus & House of Virgin Mary with lunch

Tour the Ancient City of Ephesus where the Temple of Artemis, one of the "seven wonders of the ancient world" once stood. Once an important trade center as well as a religious center of early Christianity, the ruins at Ephesus are among the best preserved in the region. Walk along the 2000 year old marble and cobblestone streets. See the Great Theatre that once seated over 24,000 people, dating back to the 1st century AD. Now an open-air archaeological museum, Ephesus was once home to notable philosophers, gladiators, and rulers. The Odeon, the Fountain of Trajan, the steam baths of Scholastica, Temple of Hadrian, and the two-storied Library of Celsus are some the ancient sites you'll behold on the walking tour. Visit the Great Theatre, where St. Paul preached and one of the largest theaters in antiquity. Pass through the Arcadian Way, where Mark Antony and Cleopatra once rode in procession and visit the peaceful House of the Virgin Mary near a grove of olive trees, believed to be her last residence and the Basilica of St. John, who came here to write his gospel. Lunch at a local restaurant follows the tour.

Pickup details to be advised locally. Approximate tour duration is 8.5 hours, subject to hotel location.

Day #6

01 Nov 2018 - 06 Nov 2019

AUD\$122.00



Whirling Dervishes Performance

Also known as the "Sema Ritual", Whirling Dervish performances began with the inspiration of Mawlana Jaleddin Rumi, one of the greatest mystical poets of Islam. The Mevlevi Sufi order was founded to follow his teachings. The captivating dance of the Whirling Dervishes, which displays infinite spinning in perfect harmony, is part of Turkish custom, history, beliefs and culture. It is a rare opportunity to experience a seven-century old ritual, featuring beautiful costumes, live music with flutes, string and percussion, and the amazing sight of the Dervishes whirling on the stage.

Pickup details to be advised locally. Approximate tour duration is 3 hours.

Day #9

01 Apr 2012 - 06 Nov 2019

AUD\$62.00



Cappadocia Balloon Ride

Depart early in the morning for a fantastic hot air balloon tour that takes you soaring over the magnificent Cappadocian landscape with its incredible fairy chimney rock formations. A hot-air balloon flight is unique from all other methods of flying in that there is no sensation of motion, creating an experience of tranquility unlike any other. Traveling at heights of up to 1500 feet, the feeling is both serene and sublime. Within

moments of lifting off, drift over the treetops and discover the spectacular landscape from an unrivaled perspective. The deep canyons and lush, fertile valleys of Cappadocia provide an ideal setting for a memorable flight and it may even be possible to pick apricots from the trees when they are in season.

Departs at approximately 4:00am. Pick-up details to be advised locally. Approximate tour duration is 3.5 hours.

Please note: *The take-off time and the duration of the flight may vary due to weather conditions. Balloon rides will vary between 50 and 75 minutes according to the wind. If the weather conditions are determined to be less than optimal, the flight may be canceled.*

Day #10

01 Nov 2018 - 06 Nov 2019

AUD\$240.00



Full Day Cappadocia

Depart your hotel for a full day tour in Cappadocia. Visit the Open Air Museum in Goreme Valley to see the early Christian churches decorated with unique frescos depicting various scenes from the Bible. Afterwards, stop by a carpet factory and learn about the long process to create the beautiful Turkish carpets that once furnished the homes of the rulers of the Ottoman Empire. There is an opportunity to purchase a carpet. Later, visit the Ozkonak Underground City, an ancient city built on the northern slopes of Mt. Idis. The city has many strata made up of volcanic granite. Its larger areas are connected to each other by tunnels. Ozkonak had a built-in communication system of pipes on each of its levels, unlike Kaymakli and Derinkuyu, which have no such systems. Each carved out room had ventilation provided by holes when the city was closed against enemies. Lastly, visit the village of Avanos that is famous for its beautiful old houses, pottery and onyx.

Departs approximately 8:30 am. Approximate tour duration is 8.75 hours.

*Carpet store visit is during Apr-Oct departures. Nov- Mar departures visit carpet store upon arrival to Cappadocia.

Day #10

01 Dec 2017 - 06 Nov 2019

AUD\$100.00



Half Day Istanbul with Topkapi Palace & Grand Bazaar

This tour's highlights include the Underground Cistern - water source of the Byzantine and Ottoman periods, the largest of its kind in Istanbul, the structure's interior includes a few hundred marble columns. Your tour will also take you to the Topkapi Palace, residence of Ottoman Sultans housing the richness of 700 years, including the spectacular Harem section, which constituted the private living space of the Sultan's family. Finally, visit the Grand Bazaar, world famous shopping center where you can shop for carpets, jewelry, leather and more at your own leisure.

Approximate tour duration is 4.75 hours.

Day #12

01 Oct 2017 - 30 Apr 2019

AUD\$90.00



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- Visit Pergamum, a kingdom dating back to the 4th century, home to the Roman center of Asklepion
- View the thermal pools at Pamukkale's "cotton castle" of cascading snow-falls
- View Hierapolis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Visit the Mausoleum of Kemal Ataturk, founder and first president of the Turkish Republic

Note: Gratuities for tour manager and coach driver are included.

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 - 1 night Delphi
 - 1 night Kalambaka
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- Visit the Acropolis, an ancient architectural masterpiece
- Tour the archaeological sites of Delphi and the Temple of Apollo
- Visit Olympia, birthplace of the first Olympic Games
- Ascend to Meteora with its mystical monasteries

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DAY 1, Tuesday - Depart for Turkey

Depart for Turkey

DAY 2, Wednesday - Arrive in Istanbul

Arrive in Istanbul, at the crossroads of Europe and Asia and transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day is at leisure. Tonight, enjoy a Welcome Dinner with your Tour Manager and fellow travelers

Overnight: Istanbul

Meals: Dinner

DAY 3, Thursday - Morning City Tour of Istanbul

Enjoy a half day morning tour of Istanbul, the only city that straddles two continents. Your tour includes a short briefing and the picture stop at the courtyard of the Blue Mosque, a 17th century Ottoman Mosque famous for its six minarets and magnificent interior made of blue tiles. Continue to the Hippodrome, the place chariot races and competitive athletic events took place during the Roman period. Then, head to the Topkapi Palace, residence of Ottoman Sultans housing the richness of 700 years. Afterwards, explore the Spice Market with its unforgettable aromas. Spend the remainder of the day at leisure, exploring this city that blurs the line between East and West, with incredible architecture that is rivaled only by its spectacular natural setting on the Bosphorus Strait. In the afternoon, join the fascinating *optional* tour to the St. Sophia, the great Byzantine Basilica built in the 6th century, which remained the largest cathedral in the world for almost a thousand years, it was later converted to a mosque and now serves as a museum. Then continue to the Grand Bazaar, where you can shop for carpets, jewelry, leather and more

Optional: Half Day Istanbul with St. Sophia & Grand Bazaar (PM)

Overnight: Istanbul

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4, Friday - Anzac Cemetery, Travel to Canakkale

This morning, drive to the town of Gallipoli, site of the famous Ottoman victory against the Allies during World War I. Visit the Anzac Cemetery, a memorial to the casualties of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, whose fame grew back home as word of their heroic efforts spread. April 25, 2015 marked the 100th Anniversary of the beginning of the Gallipoli Campaign. Afterwards, cross the Dardanelles by ferry and continue to the Canakkale province, located in northwest Turkey, where you will arrive in the early evening

Overnight: Canakkale

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5, Saturday - Visit Troy, Pergamum, Travel to Izmir

This morning, proceed to the classical city of Troy. Tour this 4000-year-old city and

legendary center of the Trojan War, made immortal by Homer's epic poem *The Iliad*. Then, drive to Pergamum, a powerful kingdom during the ancient Hellenistic period, and visit Asklepion, the ancient Roman spa center. Enjoy lunch in a local village before continuing to Izmir, a city believed to be the birthplace of Homer

Overnight: Izmir

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6, Sunday - Full Day in Izmir

Enjoy a full day at leisure in Izmir. With over 3500 years of history, the port city known historically as Smyrna offers a variety of impressive archaeological sites, not to mention easy access to ancient Ephesus. Perhaps, relax in the city and sip Türk kahvesi, authentic Turkish coffee, at a café set along the scenic Pasaport Quay. Don't miss the *optional* tour to Ephesus, considered one of the greatest ancient cities of the world. Here, you'll visit the House of the Virgin Mary, Basilica of St. John, the library of Celsus, temple of Hadrian, the theater and the Odeon. After lunch at a local restaurant return to Izmir

Optional: Full Day Ephesus & House of the Virgin Mary with Lunch

Overnight: Izmir

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 7, Monday - Necropolis & Hierapolis at Pamukkale

Today, depart in the early morning from Izmir and drive to Pamukkale en route to Antalya where you will arrive in the evening. Visit the Necropolis and the ancient city of Hierapolis ("Holy City"), situated atop the Pamukkale hot springs, which together constitute a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Pamukkale hot springs have served as a thermal bath since the 2nd century B.C., primarily for the ailing and elderly, many of whom have retired here

Overnight: Antalya

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 8, Tuesday - Full Day in Antalya

Enjoy a full day at leisure in Antalya. Founded by King Attalos of Pergamum as "Heaven on Earth," Antalya is an international resort city that has become a prime destination in Turkey. Long popular among yachters, the city also offers the liveliest nightlife on the southern coast, fantastic beaches, and world-class shopping, in addition to historic ruins in the surrounding region. A fascinating *optional* tour is offered to the Pamphylian city of Perge and to the ancient city of Aspendos. On the return trip, visit the Antalya Archaeological Museum with its artifacts dating back over 2500 years

Optional: Perge, Aspendos & Antalya Archaeological Museum

Overnight: Antalya

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 9, Wednesday - Cappadocia Caravanserai Sightseeing

Today, depart in the early morning to travel to Cappadocia. En route, visit the 13th-century Caravanserai of Sultanhan, a large abandoned city and shelter in Cappadocia, built on the Silk Road, whose main portal gate is considered a fine example of Turkish Seljuk art. During the Seljuk period, trade flourished, requiring roads for caravan transport and inns for the traveling traders. The Caravanserai provided these traders, both foreign and native, with heated rooms, food, medical attention, equipment repair and many other common conveniences. There was even a small mosque, known as "Kosk Mescid," in the courtyard's center where the travelers could conduct religious practices. Continue to Nevsehir in Cappadocia where you will arrive in the evening.

Tonight, be sure to attend the *optional* performance of the world-famous Whirling Dervishes

**If time permits there may be a visit to a local school en route to Cappadocia.*

Optional: Whirling Dervishes Performance (PM)

Overnight: Cappadocia

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 10, Thursday - Full Day in Cappadocia

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore the area independently. A region of surreal rock formations and incredible cultural heritage, Cappadocia is home to rock-cut temples, ancient underground cities, and unparalleled landscapes. Begin the day very early on an *optional* hot air balloon ride that takes you soaring over the magnificent Cappadocian landscape with its incredible fairy chimney rock formations. On the full day *optional* tour, visit the Open Air Museum in the Goreme Valley to see the early Christian churches and the Ozkonak Underground City

The Cappadocia Balloon Ride tour ends before the Full Day Cappadocia tour begins.

Both tours can be done on the same day.

Optional: Cappadocia Balloon Ride (AM)

Optional: Full Day Cappadocia (AM)

Overnight: Cappadocia

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 11, Friday - Travel to Ankara, Mausoleum of Kemal Ataturk

This morning depart for Ankara, the capital and the second largest city of Turkey. Upon arrival, visit the Mausoleum of Kemal Ataturk, founder and first president of the Turkish Republic. Leading up to the Mausoleum, view the vast brick courtyard and monumental avenue lined with Neo-Hittite stone statues and cenotaphs beneath its colonnades. The most noted cenotaphs within the complex are those of General Ismet Inonu, a close comrade of Ataturk's and that of Ataturk himself, beneath which lies his tomb. Continue to the Anatolian Civilizations Museum - built in two Ottoman buildings located near Ankara Castle. The Museum's unique exhibits feature Anatolian archaeological artifacts dating back to the Paleolithic Age

Overnight: Ankara

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 12, Saturday - Return to Istanbul

This morning return to Istanbul. Arrive in the afternoon and spend the remainder of the day at leisure or join the *optional* cruise along the Bosphorus, the winding straits separating Europe and Asia. The humble fishing villages and contrasting suspension bridges set against the dramatic outline of the Strait demonstrates the link between the East and West. This evening, enjoy a Farewell Dinner at your hotel with your traveling companions

Optional: Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise (PM)

Overnight: Istanbul

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 13 & 14, Sunday & Monday – Free days Istanbul

The next two days are free days to explore Istanbul at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 15, Tuesday - Depart Turkey

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight to Greece.

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 15, Tuesday - Arrive in Athens

Arrive in Athens, the classical capital of Greece; transfer to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to discover the ancient wonders of this city known as the cradle of Western Civilization and the birthplace of democracy. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Dinner and an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager and fellow travelers

Overnight: Athens

Meals: Dinner

DAY 16, Wednesday - Athens City Tour

The exploration of Athens begins with a panoramic drive through the city center. View the Panathenian Stadium and the ruins of the Temple of Zeus and Hadrian's Arch, built to celebrate the arrival of the Roman Emperor Hadrian. Continue on to visit the Acropolis, the ancient architectural masterpiece built during the Golden Age of Athens and the new Acropolis Museum, a striking modern building built at the base of the monument where many of the original statues from the Acropolis are now displayed.

The rest of the day is at leisure. Be sure to walk to Constitution Square, where you might catch a glimpse of the colorfully-costumed Evzone guards, outfitted in the traditional Greek style. Tonight, perhaps walk through the lively Plaka area, the oldest section of Athens, a neighborhood of charming restaurants, shops and sidewalk cafes

Overnight: Athens

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 17, Thursday - Sightseeing en route to Olympia

Depart Athens via the scenic coastal road to the mighty Corinth Canal, dividing the Peloponnese from mainland Greece. Continue via Nauplion to Mycenae, the heartland of Greek mythology. Visit the Acropolis of Mycenae and the Tomb of Atreus, built around 1250 B.C. From here, drive through the Central Peloponnese Peninsula, whose major cities in classical times were Corinth and Sparta. Continue to Olympia, birthplace of the first Olympic Games

Overnight: Olympia

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 18, Friday - Tour the Olympia Archaeological Site

Morning visit to the archaeological site of Olympia, including the Sanctuary of Olympian Zeus, and the ancient stadium where the Olympic Games were first held in 776 B.C.

Then, drive north through the plains of Eliad and Achaia, crossing the Corinth Strait via a cabled bridge from Rion to Antirion. Pass the town of Nafpactos en route to Delphi, home of the ruins of the Tholos Temple

Overnight: Delphi

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 19, Saturday - Archaeological Tour of Delphi, Travel to Kalambaka

Tour the excavated site of Delphi and the archaeological Museum, perched on the slopes of Mount Parnassos, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Considered one of the most significant places in Greek history, its stunning setting and ancient ruins are truly inspirational. Walk the Sacred Way to the imposing 4th century Temple of Apollo, site of the most important oracle in the classical world. Then travel over the Pourmaraki Pass towards the small town of Kalambaka, situated amidst smooth sandstone cliffs in

the foothills of Meteora

Overnight: Kalambaka

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 20, Sunday - Meteora Sightseeing, Return to Athens

Visit Meteora, meaning "suspended in the air", with its mystical Eastern Orthodox monasteries incredibly nestled perilously close to the edge of bizarre rock formations. Admire the exquisite specimens of Byzantine art and the panoramic vistas over the Peneios Valley. Afterward, a scenic drive takes you along the coast, past Thermopylae. Arrive in Athens in the early evening

Overnight: Athens

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 21, Monday - Depart Greece

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast

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Half Day Istanbul with St. Sophia & Grand Bazaar

This tour's highlights include the Underground Cistern - water source of the Byzantine and Ottoman periods, the largest of its kind in Istanbul, the structure's interior includes a few hundred marble columns. Your tour will also take you to visit St. Sophia – the great Byzantine Basilica built in the 6th century, which remained the largest cathedral in the world for almost a thousand years, it was later converted to a mosque and now serves as a museum. Finally, visit the Grand Bazaar, world famous shopping center where you can shop for carpets, jewelry, leather and more at your own leisure.

Approximate tour duration is 4.75 hours.

Day #3

01 Nov 2018 - 06 Nov 2019

AUD\$93.00



Full Day Ephesus & House of Virgin Mary with lunch

Tour the Ancient City of Ephesus where the Temple of Artemis, one of the "seven wonders of the ancient world" once stood. Once an important trade center as well as a religious center of early Christianity, the ruins at Ephesus are among the best preserved in the region. Walk along the 2000 year old marble and cobblestone streets. See the Great Theatre that once seated over 24,000 people, dating back to the 1st century AD. Now an open-air archaeological museum, Ephesus was once home to notable philosophers, gladiators, and rulers. The Odeon, the Fountain of Trajan, the steam baths of Scholastica, Temple of Hadrian, and the two-storied Library of Celsus are some the ancient sites you'll behold on the walking tour. Visit the Great Theatre, where St. Paul preached and one of the largest theaters in antiquity. Pass through the Arcadian Way, where Mark Antony and Cleopatra once rode in procession and visit the peaceful House of the Virgin Mary near a grove of olive trees, believed to be her last residence and the Basilica of St. John, who came here to write his gospel. Lunch at a local restaurant follows the tour.

Pickup details to be advised locally. Approximate tour duration is 8.5 hours, subject to hotel location.

Day #6

01 Nov 2018 - 06 Nov 2019

AUD\$122.00



Perge, Aspendos & Antalya Archaeological Museum

Drive to Perge, a Pamphylian city. Perge was founded in 13th century B.C. It is the most attractive and well preserved Pamphylian city. The ancient theater, stadium, towers, Agora, Acropolis and the Palaestra which were given to Emperor Claudius are the highlights of the ancient city. Continue to Aspendos, founded in 1000 B.C. by the colonists from Argos. Though it is well-known for its theater with a capacity of 30,000 people, the city also boasts a stadium and a fountain. All the ruins in the city have remained from the Roman period and the theater is still being used for contemporary concerts. Later, return to Antalya and visit the Antalya Archaeological Museum which houses artifacts and antiques from 2500 years of Anatolian culture.

Departs approximately 8:30 am. Approximate tour duration is 6 hours.

Day #8

01 Apr 2019 - 06 Nov 2019

AUD\$100.00



Whirling Dervishes Performance

Also known as the "Sema Ritual", Whirling Dervish performances began with the inspiration of Mawlana Jalaeddin Rumi, one of the greatest mystical poets of Islam. The Mevlevi Sufi order was founded to follow his teachings. The captivating dance of the

Whirling Dervishes, which displays infinite spinning in perfect harmony, is part of Turkish custom, history, beliefs and culture. It is a rare opportunity to experience a seven-century old ritual, featuring beautiful costumes, live music with flutes, string and percussion, and the amazing sight of the Dervishes whirling on the stage.

Pickup details to be advised locally. Approximate tour duration is 3 hours.

Day #9

01 Apr 2012 - 06 Nov 2019

AUD\$62.00



Cappadocia Balloon Ride

Depart early in the morning for a fantastic hot air balloon tour that takes you soaring over the magnificent Cappadocian landscape with its incredible fairy chimney rock formations. A hot-air balloon flight is unique from all other methods of flying in that there is no sensation of motion, creating an experience of tranquility unlike any other. Traveling at heights of up to 1500 feet, the feeling is both serene and sublime. Within moments of lifting off, drift over the treetops and discover the spectacular landscape from an unrivaled perspective. The deep canyons and lush, fertile valleys of Cappadocia provide an ideal setting for a memorable flight and it may even be possible to pick apricots from the trees when they are in season.

Departs at approximately 4:00am. Pick-up details to be advised locally. Approximate tour duration is 3.5 hours.

Please note: *The take-off time and the duration of the flight may vary due to weather conditions. Balloon rides will vary between 50 and 75 minutes according to the wind. If the weather conditions are determined to be less than optimal, the flight may be canceled.*

Day #10

01 Nov 2018 - 06 Nov 2019

AUD\$240.00



Full Day Cappadocia

Depart your hotel for a full day tour in Cappadocia. Visit the Open Air Museum in Goreme Valley to see the early Christian churches decorated with unique frescos depicting various scenes from the Bible. Afterwards, stop by a carpet factory and learn about the long process to create the beautiful Turkish carpets that once furnished the homes of the rulers of the Ottoman Empire. There is an opportunity to purchase a carpet. Later, visit the Ozkonak Underground City, an ancient city built on the northern slopes of Mt. Idis. The city has many strata made up of volcanic granite. Its larger areas are connected to each other by tunnels. Ozkonak had a built-in communication system of pipes on each of its levels, unlike Kaymakli and Derinkuyu, which have no such systems. Each carved out room had ventilation provided by holes when the city was closed against enemies. Lastly, visit the village of Avanos that is famous for its beautiful old houses, pottery and onyx.

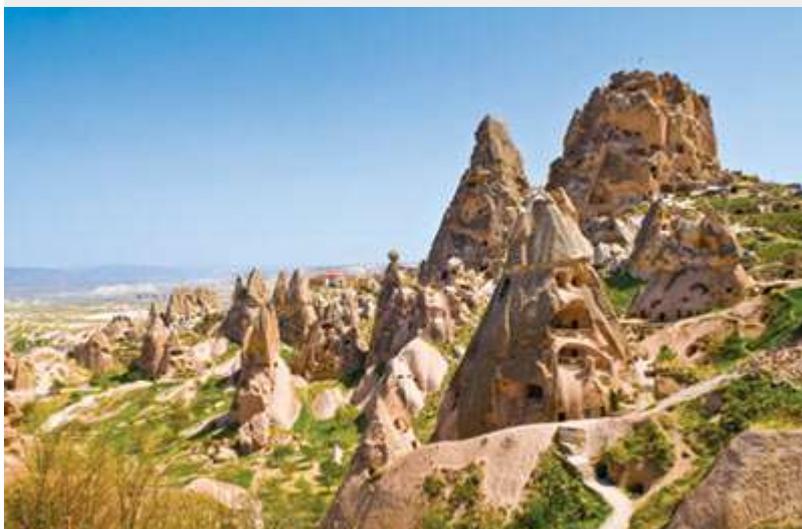
Departs approximately 8:30 am. Approximate tour duration is 8.75 hours.

*Carpet store visit is during Apr-Oct departures. Nov- Mar departures visit carpet store upon arrival to Cappadocia.

Day #10

01 Dec 2017 - 06 Nov 2019

AUD\$100.00



Half Day Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise

No stay in Istanbul would be complete without a traditional and unforgettable cruise along the Bosphorus, the winding straits separating Europe and Asia. The humble fishing villages and suspension bridges set against the dramatic outline of the Strait exemplify the newest link between the East and West.

Approximate tour duration is 2 hours.

Day #12

11 Nov 2016 - 06 Nov 2019

AUD\$84.00



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