



Balkans, Greece & Turkey

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Experience breath-taking scenery and incredible history as you meander through incredible landscapes and culturally diverse towns of the Balkans, Greece and Turkey.

This adventure sets off from The Balkans, soaking in Adriatic sunsets, vibrant streets, UNESCO-listed fortresses and local culture. Journey onwards to awe-inspiring Turkey where old and new blends in a melting pot of culture, cuisines and traditions. Witness the white-cliff edge spas of Pamukkale's Cotton Castle, relive the legend of Troy and explore the famous bazaars of Istanbul.

Knowing that your accommodation may separate a great holiday from a perfect one, we have carefully selected 5-Star hotels of comfort and style. Luxury transportation, expert guides and loads of inclusions all make for an unforgettable journey!

Departs:

2020 – 15, 29 May; 12, 26 June; 18 September

What is included?

Flights from Australia

Return economy airfares from Brisbane to Sofia & Istanbul with Singapore Airlines or Emirates

Singapore Stopover

3 nights V Lavender Hotel Singapore stop on way home.

Balkans, Greece & Turkey inclusions:

5 Star Characteristic Hotels

Accommodation in authentic, comfortable and ideally located premium hotels.

Luxury Transportation

Deluxe air-conditioned coach with restroom and complimentary bottled water. Flights between Athens & Istanbul.

Exceptional Authentic Dining

26 Breakfasts, 25 Dinners

Travel Director

Expert Travel Director & Local Guides

[Journey Highlights](#)

Unique itineraries with all must-see sights, more inclusions. Find more details below and in the itinerary.

[All Entrance Fees To All Sights](#)

Entrance fees to all cultural, historical and natural sites on tour.

[Private Airport Transfer](#)

Complimentary private airport transfers on tour arrival & departure dates.

[Baggage Handling](#)

Seamless baggage handling, delivered to your room on Europe tour.

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Personal radio headsets on tours with 8 or more guests.

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Excludes:

- Single supplement
- Travel insurance (required)
- Meals & sightseeing not specified in the itinerary
- Optional tours
- Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, WiFi, laundry etc
- Any items or services not listed in the inclusions or in the itinerary

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Included Sightseeing:

Sofia: : National Library, Sofia University, The Parliament, the St. Alexander Nevsky Patriarchal Cathedral, the National Theatre and St. Sofia Church.

Belgrade: Kalemegdan Fortress, Republica Square and Knez Mihailova Street, Terazije, Parliament, St. Mark's Church, St. Sava Temple and the Royal Palace, Slavija Square, Saint Sava Temple

Sarajevo: City Hall, Spite House, Bascarsija Square, Sebilj Fountain, Gazi Husrev Bey's Mosque and Madresa

Mostar: Mostar City and Mostar Bridge

Dubrovnik: Dubrovnik Old Town

Kotor: Kotor Old Town

Tirana: Ethem Bey Mosque, Clock Tower, Skanderbeg Square

Ohrid: Ohrid City Tour, Ohrid Lake, St.Naum Monastery

Skopje: Skopje City Tour, Matka Canyon

Athens: Parthenon, Acropolis Museum, the Royal Palace, Temple of Zeus and Agora, Hadrian's Arch

Corinth: Corinth Canal, Ancient Corinth, Temple of Apollo

Mycenae: Lion Gate, Archaeological Museum, Atreus Treasury

Epidaurus: Ancient Theatre, Sanctuary Of Asklepios

Nafplion: Syntagma Square , Palamidi Fortress

Olympia: Ancient Stadium, Temple of Zeus, Temple of Hera, Philippeion

Patras: Medieval Castle, Roman Odeon

Kalambaka: Monasteries, Meteora

Istanbul: : Visit the Blue Mosque and explore Hagia Sophia. With your Local Expert, gain an insight into the lives of the Ottoman Sultans during a private tour of the fabulous Topkapi Palace. Later, enjoy a relaxing cruise past Ottoman palaces, old mansions and fortresses. Visit the Hippodrome, see the Bosphorous and the Golden Horn. Then you are given a complete guide on how to haggle in the Grand Bazaar.

Gallipoli: Pay your respects at Anzac Cove and Lone Pine Cemetery.

Dardanelles: Enjoy a short voyage between continents from Europe to Asia.

Troy: Visit this ancient sight fabled to have been destroyed over love and view the huge reconstructed Trojan Horse.

Pergamon: Led by your Local Expert, visit Asklepion, one of the most famous shrines and therapeutic centres of the ancient world.

Izmir: Explore this city with your Travel Director.

Selçuk: Visit the Archaeological museum housing many of the artefacts from Ephesus.

Ephesus: Discover one of the world's finest ancient sites. Led by your Local Expert, walk the Arcadian Way, see the Library of Celsus and Amphitheatre and visit the House of the Virgin Mary.

Pamukkale: See the cascading Cotton Castle of milky white travertine pools and the ancient ruin of Hierapolis.

Konya: Accompanied by your Local Expert, visit the beautiful Mevlana Tekke museum for an insight into the mystic Whirling Dervishes. See the Karatay Medrese and Ince Minaret.

Anatolia: Visit a well preserved Seljuk Caravanserai.

Cappadocia: Visit a Turkish Carpet centre.

Göreme: With your Local Expert, explore the underground cities, rock-cut churches, fairy-tale chimneys and the Pasabag Valley.

Avanos: Learn about pottery making.

Ankara: Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, Mausoleum of Ataturk.

Scenic Drives: Enjoy the passing scenery as you travel past the Sea of Marmara, Peninsula of Gelibolu, Maeander River Valley and Urgup.

ITINERARY:

Day 1 Depart Australia

Day 2: Sofia

Prepare for an intriguing adventure through the 'powder keg of Europe' over twelve days and seven countries. Upon arrival in Sofia, you will be transferred to your hotel by a Ciconia representative at the airport. In the afternoon, join the welcome meeting at the hotel lobby with your fellow travellers and Tour Director. Greet the delicious Balkan cuisine starting with a Bulgarian twist at a group dinner. Always allow some room for the myriad of tasty desserts available.

- **Hotel:** Hilton Sofia 5*
- **Optional Experiences:** Group Dinner
- **Meals:** -

Day 3: Sofia - Belgrade

Enjoy a filling breakfast at our hotel before embarking on an adventure through the streets of Sofia with our expert local guide visiting a myriad of impressive sights such as National Library, Sofia University, The Parliament, and continue on to The St. Alexander Nevsky Patriarchal Cathedral, the National Theatre and St. Sofia Church. Your guide will provide insightful commentary about the diverse history of Bulgaria and the communist era as you visit the houses of the Council of Ministers, presidency and the former communist party headquarters. Take a scenic drive passing hills and green forests, arrive in the Serbian capital, Belgrade. Presenting stunning views of the Sava and Danube rivers with the Belgrade Fortress in the background. After we check into our hotel, enjoy your personal leisure time to launch your own discovery. Sample the local cuisine in fine fashion at your hotel and roam the vibrant shopping streets.

- **Hotel:** Hotel Metropol Palace, Luxury Collection 5*
- **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **Key Highlights:** Sofia Guided Tour

Day 4: Belgrade

The day is yours to soak in all the beauty Belgrade offers. Launch your adventure with a comprehensive guided tour of the city at the bustling shopping street Knez Mihailova. Roam the Belgrade Fortress overlooking a merge of Danube and Sava Rivers with feudal cannons in display – declared a Monument of Culture of Great Importance. Uncover the marvellous blend of medieval and modern through a myriad of impressive sites at the heart of the city. You will have plentiful personal leisure time in the afternoon to shop around, continue your cultural discovery and sip delicious cocktails at a contemporary local bar. Your dinner seat is reserved at our hotel's impressive restaurant.

- **Hotel:** Hotel Metropol Palace, Luxury Collection 5*
- **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **Key Highlights:** Belgrade Guided Tour

Day 5: Belgrade - Sarajevo

Bidding farewell to the buzzing Belgrade, we embark on a journey through green forests to meet the multi-coloured fabric of Bosnia & Herzegovina at Sarajevo. Home to people of various religions, ethnic and cultural background, the diverse architectural and cultural landscape is reflected all around the town. Witnessing the start of World War 1, splitting of the Eastern and Western Roman Empire, and the devastating Yugoslav War in recent history; the marks of history are hidden around every corner. As your Travel Director and local expert guide you through the charming old town and the Bascarsija, learn all about the rich history of the country. Sarajevo is well known for its various delicious meat dishes and desserts. Make sure to try traditional Turkish coffee for the best finish to your dinner.

- **Hotel:** Swisshotel Sarajevo 5*
- **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **Key Highlights:** Sarajevo Guided Tour

Day 6: Sarajevo - Mostar - Trebinje

Drive through lush fields and valleys towards the adorable village of Mostar. Famously known for the gorgeous stone bridge in the old town, a prime example of Islamic architecture in the Balkans, designed by a student of the Great Ottoman architect, Sinan. Join your guide for a walking tour through the Stari Most and the old carsija (market), still

presenting the authentic style of 15th century in its splendid architecture. Sample the delicious cuisine over lunch at one of the lovely venues and complete your discovery. In the afternoon, we depart for Trebinje, located by the border with Croatia. We arrive just in time for dinner at our hotel, where we will spend two nights.

- **Hotel:** Central Park Hotel 4*
- **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **Key Highlights:** Mostar Guided Tour

Day 7: Trebinje - Dubrovnik - Trebinje

Ready your cameras and sunscreen as we head out to the 'Pearl of the Adriatic', Dubrovnik. Crossing into Croatia with a short ride, soak in the unique sight of terra-cotta tiled roofs encircled by might medieval walls, preserved in incredible condition. Stop for an amazing view of the old town from the overlooking hills, and meet your local expert at the gates to launch your guided tour of Dubrovnik. Learn about the intriguing history of the once-great city state, thriving through its maritime connections and protected by its gigantic ramparts. As we cover the must-see highlights, relax at a breezy restaurant over a delicious seafood lunch. You will have personal leisure time in the afternoon for your preferred activities, whether strolling on the walls, taking an optional boat trip, discovering the quaint streets and pedestrian avenues, or taking a refreshing dip in the Adriatic Sea. We drive back to Trebinje for dinner at our hotel.

- **Hotel:** Central Park Hotel 4*
- **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **Key Highlights:** Dubrovnik Guided Tour
- **Optional Experiences:** Dubrovnik Boat Trip

Day 8: Trebinje - Kotor - Shkodra

Our adventure continues to a less crowded, but just as impressive location. Driving along the skirts of mountains along the coast, we reach Kotor surrounded by monumental walls. Join a walking tour in the old town fortress with your expert local guide and Travel Director, wandering the labyrinthine narrow streets. Enjoy a refreshing lunch at a local restaurant and pace your adventure with personal leisure time in the afternoon. You can hike to the top of the incredible fortress for spectacular views over Kotor Bay or capture the prettiest pictures of the remarkable medieval village. Travel to one of the oldest cities in the

Balkans as we cross into Albania, Shkodra, for dinner and a relaxing stay at our hotel.

- **Hotel:** Grand Hotel Europa 5*
- **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **Key Highlights:** Kotor Guided Tour

Day 9: Shkodra - Tirana - Ohrid

Starting our journey into Albanian culture, we embark on a walking tour of Shkodra witnessing the influence of Romans, Byzantine, Greek and Ottomans reflected in the town's fabric. Continue towards the centre of culture, religion, arts and entertainment, the charming capital of Tirana. With a panoramic city tour, savour the finest samples of Albanian architecture portraying the influence of various cultures. After a sightseeing tour of the popular sights and the bustling Skenderbeg Square, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Our journey resumes into Macedoni, Ohrid. Enjoy your dinner and a relaxing rest at the hotel, or you can join the exciting optional experience Balkan Night over dinner and familiarise with the local culture.

- **Hotel:** Hotel Unique Resort and Spa 4+*
- **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **Key Highlights:** Shkodra and Tirana City Tours
- **Optional Experiences:** Balkan Night Show

Day 10: Ohrid - St. Naum - Ohrid

Ohrid is home to the dazzling Ohrid Lake at the backdrop of a charming village ascending towards the hills, up to the marvellous castle – an immense site of UNESCO World Heritage. Join the optional experience of a calming boat trip on the Lake Ohrid, one of the deepest and oldest lakes of Europe, presenting splendid views of the village and monasteries along the coast. Disembark at the old town to launch your guided tour. Join your expert guide as we discover the hidden chapels, ancient crafts and all the stunning sights scattered along the narrow cobble-stone streets. We then depart for the gorgeous St. Naum Monastery complex and natural wonderland. Perched on the hills with astounding views of the lake, the incredibly well-preserved Eastern Orthodox monastery stood for more than a thousand years. After discovering the charming monastery, savour a delicious lunch at a local restaurant, surrounded by astounding nature, floating above natural pools maintained by the lake. Blessed with lakes, waterfalls and a beach

to Lake Ohrid, we will enjoy our afternoon relaxing at St. Naum, never wanting to leave. We return to our hotel in Ohrid in time for dinner and a refreshing rest.

- **Hotel:** Hotel Unique Resort and Spa 4+*
- **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **Key Highlights:** Ohrid Guided Tour, St. Naum Monastery Visit

Day 11: Ohrid - Skopje

Following breakfast, we part with the marvellous Lake Ohrid and drive to the Macedonian capital. Personal leisure time in the afternoon, so you can dive deep into history and find every hidden landmark around town, and enjoy the vibrant main street hosting many local cafes, bars and restaurants. You may return to the hotel for dinner and a relaxing rest, or enjoy the town centre.

- **Hotel:** Holiday Inn Skopje 5*
- **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **Key Highlights:** Lake Ohrid

Day 12: Skopje, Thessaloniki

Prepare to discover the beautiful Skopje with a guided sightseeing tour filled with stunning architecture, grand monuments and unique history. Pose with the famous statue of Alexander the Great or walk through the Macedonian Arc de Triumph. The city has countless landmarks and a vibrant street life with many cafes and bars around. In the afternoon cross the border heading towards the second largest Greek city, Thessaloniki, for the night.

- **Hotel:** Holiday Inn Thessaloniki 5*
- **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **Key Highlights:** Guided City Tour in Skopje

Day 13: Thessaloniki

After breakfast, we discover important historic, cultural, and religious monuments, and see how the Byzantine, Roman, and Ottoman Empires have fused together to make the city what it is today. In the afternoon, you are free to enjoy this amazing city by your own.

- **Hotel:** Holiday Inn Thessaloniki 5*
- **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **Key Highlights:** Guided City Tour in Thessaloniki

Day 14: Thessaloniki, Meteora, Kalambaka

After breakfast we depart for Meteora, Meteora is famous for its breathtaking scenery and ageless monasteries, almost suspended between the earth and sky. The town hosts one of the largest and steepest complexes of Eastern Orthodox monasteries, literally named as “middle of the sky”. The World Heritage-listed site is out-of-this-world with its unique landscape of immense monolithic pillars and huge rounded boulders hosting monasteries on top, and one of the most visited locations in Greece. Each monastery has a central courtyard surrounded by chapels and living cells of monks, who have inhabited the region since the 11th century – for far less than the first inhabitants from 50,000 years ago, in the afternoon we hop on the bus for Kalambaka.

- **Hotel:** Divani Meteora Hotel 4*
- **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **Key Highlights:** Meteora Sightseeing.

Day 15: Kalambaka, Delphi

Eat up at breakfast, you will be discovering Delphi and all its wonders. Built high atop the cliffs with spectacular scenery, the town made its name in ancient Greek mythology. Chosen as the centre of the earth, here is where the famous powerful Oracles of Delphi resided. UNESCO World Heritage Site of Delphi had a tremendous influence in the ancient world, uniting many city-states under the Hellenic spirit as displayed in rich monuments and ancient stories.

- **Hotel:** Delphi Palace Hotel 4*
- **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **Key Highlights:** Delphi Sightseeing.

Day 16: Delphi, Olympia

Following a delicious Greek breakfast, join our local expert with your Travel Director as we delve into ancient history. Soak in the marvellous mythology and incredible sights as the original Olympic Site, Temple of Hera and Zeus. Drive along the charming coastline towards the vibrant city of Patras, the regional capital of Western Greece. Cross inland to meet the glory and timeless legends of Delphi, where we stay overnight.

- **Hotel:** Arty Grand Hotel 5*
- **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **Key Highlights:** Olympia and Patras Sightseeing

Day 17: Olympia, Epidaurus, Mycenae, Corinth, Athens

After a delicious Greek breakfast, we depart towards Corinth on a picturesque journey. Upon arrival, join our local expert as we explore an ancient city of immense historical value. Follow your Travel Director through the great Greek kingdom of Mycenae and its many wonders including the Beehive Tombs, the Lion Gate and famous Agamemnon's Royal Palace. The final highlight of the day will be Epidaurus, home to the ancient theatre and Sanctuary of Asclepius – whose snake-coiled staff has inspired the symbol of medicine to this day. On a long scenic drive across the Greek mainland back to Athens, we check into our hotel before dinner. Savour the delicious local cuisine, sample some premium ouzo and commemorate your favourite moments from an incredible adventure.

- **Hotel:** Divani Caravel Hotel 5*
- **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **Key Highlights:** Corinth, Mycenae, Epidaurus

Day 18: Athens City Tour, Istanbul (By Flight)

Journey to the depths of ancient Greece as we embark on a comprehensive city tour of the cradle of western civilization with our expert guide. Soak in unique sights such as the world-famous Parthenon, Acropolis Museum, the Royal Palace, Temple of Zeus and Agora, and follow the footsteps of Socrates and Plato. Visit historic sites as Hadrian's Arch and commemorate the first ever modern Olympics of 1896. Later in the evening we will depart for airport to catch our flight to Istanbul.

- **Hotel:** Hilton Bosphorus Hotel 5*
- **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **Key Highlights:** Athens City Tour

Day 19: Istanbul, Gallipoli, Canakkale

After a delicious breakfast, we leave for the famous shores of Gallipoli. As you drive through the scenic countryside, we recharge at the lovely village of Kesan over a delicious meal. Arriving in Gallipoli in the afternoon, we pay our respects to the fallen Turkish and Australian soldiers who bravely fought here during World War 1, still commemorated every year in April. Witness the now-green battlefields, visit the Anzac Cove, Lone Pine, Chunuk Bair and other important

historical sites. We continue towards Canakkale with a picturesque ferry ride just in time for dinner and a recharging stay at our hotel.

- **Hotel:** Kolin Hotel 5*
- **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **Key Highlights:** Gallipoli, Anzac Cove

Day 20: Canakkale, Troy, Pergamon, Izmir

A day filled with epic adventure awaits. In the morning, we visit the ancient city of Troy and witness the ruins of the once glorious city with a special place in mythology and history. Pose with the famous Trojan Horse before departing for Pergamon. Home to healing waters and ruins of the Asklepion medical centre, it is one of the most important centres of healing of the Roman world. Following the cultural overload, we rest at the seaside metropolitan Izmir - the perfect place to immerse yourself in the Turkish seafood culture and raki.

- **Hotel:** Swisshotel Büyük Efes İzmir 5*
- **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **Key Highlights:** Troy, Pergamon

Day 21: Izmir, Ephesus, Pamukkale

Drive along the coast to the amazing ruins of ancient Ephesus, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Stroll the incredibly well-preserved ancient city and the impressive library. With a short ride away from the marvellous wonders, you will visit Virgin Mary's house in the mountains – where she is believed to have lived her final days. Our next stop will be of culinary discovery at a lovely restaurant in the countryside famously known for delicious Gozleme. Heading further inland, we arrive in our hotel at the Cotton Castle of Turkey, Pamukkale. Rest up, relax or even savour the spa or massage services of your hotel. Your seat for dinner is already reserved at the hotel restaurant.

- **Hotel:** Spa Hotel Colossae Thermal 5*
- **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **Key Highlights:** Ephesus, Virgin Mary's House

Day 22: Pamukkale, Konya

Walk in the shallow pools of calcar with breath-taking scenery unfolding before you in terraces of snow-white travertines. Famously known for its mineral-rich waters and healing properties, Pamukkale region has

welcomed endless visitors over millennia. Delve into history at the ancient city Hierapolis and its majestic amphitheatre of 15,000 seats and ever-impressive acoustics. The journey continues towards Konya, home of the famous whirling dervishes - members of the Sufism order. You can relax at your hotel over dinner and replay cherished moments of discovery.

- **Hotel:** Ramada Plaza Konya 5*
- **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **Key Highlights:** Pamukkale, Hierapolis

Day 23: Konya - Cappadocia

Meet the diverse Turkish culture and its various facades today. Starting with an 8-century-old center of education and architectural beauty, Karatay Madrasa, continue to the Museum and Mausoleum of Mevlana. Explore the ideas and works of the famous scholar, poet and theologian of the 13th century, which have lived in his teachings of understanding and acceptance to this day. From cultural to natural wonders, we travel inland towards the other-worldly Cappadocia. One of the most popular sites in Turkey, the famous region is decorated with stunning caves and fairy-chimneys: unique formations of eroded volcanic rocks and tuff. Starting the adventure at Avanos - famous for its top-quality clay, learn all about pottery-making at an interactive workshop. After a long day of cultural discovery, relax at your hotel and join your group over dinner at the hotel.

- **Hotel:** DoubleTree by Hilton Avanos 5*
- **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **Key Highlights:** Karatay Madrasa, Mevlana Museum, Pottery-Making Workshop

Day 24: Cappadocia

Rise early to watch the sunrise of a lifetime from a hot-air balloon, flying over the magical fairy-chimneys. A bucket-list item for all keen travellers, it is an experience not to be missed (please bear in mind that this optional experience is dependent on weather conditions). As you disembark your balloon, you will get the chance to explore the wondrous formations up close at Goreme Open-Air Museum, a UNESCO World Heritage site. The soft rock has allowed for both nature and people to carve incredible underground cities, chapels, cave houses and much more. These impressive millennia-old underground structures have

sheltered countless Christians escaping the Roman Empire in the 4th century and housed Orthodox monks in the 12th century. Here you'll witness the wonders of nature as well as each culture engraved in the fabric of this marvellous geography. Later on, delve into one of the finest and oldest crafts of Turkey at its home as we visit a carpet-weaving workshop. In the evening, you can relax at your hotel over dinner and replay cherished moments of cultural discovery. Alternatively, you may join a live show of whirling dervishes to witness the unique divine ritual, an unforgettable experience. You can also join an optional wine tasting session or Turkish Night show.

- **Hotel:** DoubleTree by Hilton Avanos 5*
- **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **Key Highlights:** Goreme Open-Air Museum, Carpet-Weaving Workshop
- **Optional Experiences:** Hot-air Balloon, Wine Testing, Turkish Night, Whirling Dervishes

Day 25: Cappadocia, Ankara

Start an unforgettable day by exploring the famous underground city of Kaymakli where ancient Christians took refuge to escape raids and wars for centuries. Here you will discover the complex network of underground tunnels, storerooms, burial chambers and chapels dating back to various eras. Together with the unique geology, each civilization and culture have shaped this marvellous heritage over thousands of years into a one-of-a-kind experience for all travellers. Taking a scenic ride to Ankara, the Turkish capital, our first stop is the impressive Museum of Anatolian Civilizations. Here you'll discover countless ancient civilizations that has dominated Asia Minor throughout history. After our dinner at the hotel, personal leisure time to spend the evening exploring the capital as you please.

- **Hotel:** Ankara, HiltonSA 5*
- **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **Key Highlights:** Kaymaklı Underground City, Museum of Anatolian Civilizations

Day 26: Ankara, Istanbul

Start the morning with a visit to Anitkabir, the Mausoleum of Ataturk – the final resting place of the founding father of Republic of Turkey. It is a location sacred to Turkish people, a glorious yet calming place of great

importance. With a scenic drive through the Anatolian countryside, we make our way to Istanbul on a comfortable ride. Stop along the way for a lunch break at the gorgeous mountains surrounded by sublime nature of Bolu. Arriving at your Istanbul hotel in the afternoon, enjoy your personal leisure time. If you're up for a final cultural adventure, why not join the optional Turkish Night with Dinner?

- **Hotel:** Hilton Istanbul Bosphorus 5*
- **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **Key Highlights:** Mausoleum of Ataturk
- **Optional Experiences:** Turkish Night

Day 27: Istanbul City Tour

Journey to the heart of Istanbul old town and witness the perfect blend of ancient and modern unfold before you. Stroll with your expert local guide through the Hippodrome, visit the charming Blue Mosque and the mysterious Cistern Basilica. Enjoy an exquisite meal worthy of Sultans next to the magnificent Hagia Sophia. Haggle your way through the famous Grand Bazaar, visit countless monuments and embrace the local culture. In the afternoon meet the breath-taking Bosphorus in all its charm as you cruise in-between Europe and Asia.

- **Hotel:** Hilton Istanbul Bosphorus 5*
- **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **Key Highlights:** Istanbul City Tour, Bosphorus Cruise

Day 28: Istanbul

Our marvellous tour comes to an end over breakfast with newfound friends. Make sure to bid farewells and exchange numbers before checking-out of the hotel (at 11:00). Complementary airport transfers are available all day, have a safe and smooth flight to Singapore!

- **Hotel:** Hilton Istanbul Bosphorus 5*
- **Meals:** Breakfast

Day 29: Arrive Singapore*

On arrival at Singapore airport, please make your own way via taxi to your hotel for your 3-night stay.

Days 30-31: Singapore

Your time is at leisure to explore this fantastic city.

Day 32: Fly to Australia

It's time for the amazing holiday to end and memories begin! Make your own way to the airport today for your return flight to Australia.

***Note:** *You may arrive in Singapore on Day 28 and depart Day 31, depending on flight schedules from Istanbul to Singapore.*

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- \$100 per person for all Tourist visa processing plus the cost for the visa fee.
- \$75 per person to reissue any travel documents lost in the mail.
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Days Notice	90 or more	75-90	65-75	65-1
	Loss of Deposit and 50% loss of fare	75%	85%	100%

The above are Destination International Holidays cancellation fees. Airlines and Tour Operators may have additional fees. Transfer of a confirmed booking to another tour or departure date is deemed a cancellation of the original booking. There will be no refund for cancellation of unused services on or after commencement date. Please note that employees of any overseas suppliers are not authorised by Destination International Holidays to make any undertakings to our clients in respect of refunds or other matters.

This office will charge a 15% cancellation fee on all refundable portions of a cancelled tour. All tour cancellations must be received in writing.

ACCOMMODATION

There will be variations in the size, standard and presentation of rooms and facilities within the one hotel. This is beyond the control of Destination International Holidays.

CLAIMS

If you encounter any problems on your holiday, you should try to solve it directly with the supplier whilst overseas. If it is not possible to do so please do so in writing within 30 days of completing your Destination International Holidays arrangements.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

You must be insured for the duration of your trip. You need comprehensive travel insurance to cover cancellation, health requirements, luggage and additional expenses. Insurance policies rarely cover for loss of cash.

PASSPORT, VISA & VACCINATIONS

You must familiarise yourself with any visa and health requirements that may be applicable in the countries you are visiting. You are responsible for all entry/exit health and any other documents required by laws, regulations, orders, demands or requirements of countries visited or transited. Please note that passport and visa requirements are not the responsibility of Destination International Holidays. We will not be held liable for any loss or expense due to the failure to comply with the above. We recommend that you be in possession of a passport valid for at least 6 months beyond your intended stay overseas.

CONSULAR ADVICE

Official travel advice issued by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is available by calling 1300 555 135 or visiting their web site www.dfat.gov.au. You must review this information both prior to making your booking and prior to departure.

TOUR CONDITIONS

Destination International Holidays does not itself provide carriage services, accommodation, transport or tours. Destination International Holidays acts as an agent for the "Service Providers"). All products and services provided by Service Providers are provided on those Service Providers own terms and conditions which may include limitations and exclusions of liability. All bookings with Destination International Holidays and all tickets, vouchers, receipts, coupons, exchange orders and other like documents issued to the client, are subject to each Service Providers terms and conditions governing the provision of products and services to be provided by that Service provider. Destination International Holidays shall not be liable for any acts, omissions or defaults whether negligent or otherwise, of any Service Providers. Destination International Holidays shall not be liable (whether in contract, tort or otherwise) for any injury, illness, death, loss, damage, expense, delay or inconvenience resulting directly or indirectly from circumstances outside of Destination International

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CONTRACT

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