



# **TURKEY**

## **Escorted Tour**

### **11 days from \$2999**

Per person twin share, including flights from Australia



**Book by 30 November 2020, or before it's sold out!**

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Turkey is considered one of the lesser-known jewels of Europe and the world! It's where the east meets the west and Europe and Asia connect. Spend 10 days exploring Turkey's hidden gems & must-see highlights. Visit the ancient sites of Troy, Hierapolis and Ephesus. Step back in time and encounter the solemn battlefields of Gallipoli. Enjoy the hot springs of the terraces in Pamukkale. Jump in a hot-air balloon and see the beauty of Cappadocia. Or simply wander the modern bazaars in Istanbul. Turkey will move you & send you home with countless memories.

### Highlights

- Visit the ancient cities of Troy, Pergamom, Hierapolis and Ephesus
- Explore all the iconic sights in Istanbul (Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace and more)
- Visit resort-town of Kusadasi
- Marvel at the beauty of Pammukale's terraces and hot springs
- Enjoy the unique beauty of Cappadocia's fairy chimneys

### Departs Australia:

2021 - 07 May and 21 October

### Prices:

From \$2999 per person twin share

Single travellers have the option to pay a supplement of \$999 to ensure a private room.

### Tour Package Includes:

#### Flights

- Return economy airfares from Australian capital cities to Istanbul. Extra \$295 from Hobart.

#### Accommodation

- 9 nights' accommodation in twin rooms with private en-suite facilities

#### Meals

- 9 breakfasts, 6 dinners  
Vegetarian options available for all meals on request

#### Transport

- Modern air-conditioned coach with reclining seats
- Any public transport used as part of the tour (excludes free days)

*Subject to confirmation by the airlines, hotels & local operators.  
Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.*

**Excludes:**

- Turkey electronic tourist visa
- Travel insurance (essential)
- Airport transfers
- Local tour payment of \$130 per person
- Gratuities for guides & drivers
- 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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**Tour Itinerary:*****Day 1: Depart Australia******Day 2: Arrive in Istanbul***

Welcome to Istanbul and your first day of this magical trip around Turkey! Get settled at the hotel and then the day is yours to wander through this vibrant city. Catch a tram to the Grand Bazaar and get lost in the bustling market. In the Bazaar there is an “alley” for gold, leather, bowls and even tea. Want to escape the crowd? Sip on some black tea as you sit on a rooftop terrace in the busy city. Enjoy the views and the call to prayer from the mosques in the background.

***Day 3: Istanbul City Tour***

After breakfast, your local guide will take you on a guided tour of Istanbul. Turkey is the only country to span over two continents! One side lies in Europe and the other in Asia. On our tour, we will see famous landmarks like the Blue Mosque and Hagia Sophia (Aya Sofya). Topkapi Palace and the Hippodrome also provide a glimpse into the past. Choose to end your day off with a night of traditional Turkish food, music and dancing!



#### ***Day 4: Gallipoli Battlefields - Canakkale***

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Today we visit the WWI Battlefields of Gallipoli. This is one of the most emotionally-touching places in Turkey. The tour includes visits to the Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair Memorials, ANZAC Cove, The Nek and Johnston's Jolly. 25 April is commemorated in Turkey each year as ANZAC (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps) Day. After the battlefields tour, we travel onwards to Canakkale to spend the night and enjoy dinner which is included tonight!



#### ***Day 5: Troy - Pergamum - Kusadasi***

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Take a step back in time this morning when we visit the city of Troy. This is the home of the famed Trojan Horse and site of the Trojan War. After getting our fix of Trojan history, we make our way to the magnificent Acropolis of Pergamum. Here, we embark on a tour of its impressive temples and library that made Pergamum a renowned cultural and political centre in its time. Next, we travel to Kuşadası where we will stay overnight and enjoy an included dinner!



### ***Day 6: Ephesus - Kusadasi***

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Immerse yourself in history today with a guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the site of the Temple of Artemis. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the ancient city and theatre. Next, we move on to the former Greek village of Şirince, meaning 'pleasant'. According to legend, it used to be called 'Çirkince' ('ugly') by freed Greek slaves so that others wouldn't follow them there. Our final stop is at a carpet village. Carpet weaving has long traditions in Turkey and this afternoon you can experience the delicate craft first hand. This evening, spend some time relaxing at the hotel plus enjoy dinner which is included tonight.



### ***Day 7: Pamukkale hot springs - Hierapolis - Pamukkale***

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Start off the morning by enjoying a display of local handcrafted leather goods. Next, we travel on to one of the highlights of this tour - Pamukkale! This town is home to magnificent white calcium terraces, known as travertines. In Roman times, the natural hot spring waters that flow down the terraces here were used for their therapeutic powers. Opt to visit nearby Cleopatra's Pool complete with ancient columns and inviting thermal water! Choose to add on a hot air balloon trip over Pamukkale for unforgettable views! Wrap up the day with a tour of the ancient city of Hierapolis with an option to take in a traditional Whirling Dervish show in the evening. Enjoy an included dinner this evening.



### ***Day 8: Silk Road - Konya - Cappadocia***

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Today we travel along the ancient Silk Road! Visit Sultanhanı Caravanserai - a caravanserai is a roadside inn where traders used to stopover and rest on their travels. Follow in the footsteps of all the traders that came before you! We also make a stop in Konya at the Mevlana Museum along the way. This is home to the mausoleum of the famous poet, Rumi. Don't miss out on the optional traditional Turkish folklore evening tonight!



### ***Day 9: Goreme Valley - Cappadocia***

Marvel at the lunar landscape of Cappadocia through the Göreme Valley Open Air Museum a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The museum is the first place travellers visit when going to Cappadocia. This array of rock-cut churches are bound to leave you awestruck. Why not jump in a hot-air balloon and see the fairytale-like chimneys from above? Alternatively, you could explore the many levels of Kaymakli - an underground city in Cappadocia or even enjoy a Turkish bath! Spend the night in Cappadocia.



### ***Day 10: Ankara - Istanbul***

We leave for Ankara early this morning. When we arrive, we visit Anitkabir, the mausoleum of the famed President Mustafa Kemal Ataturk. In 1923, Ataturk declared Ankara as the capital city of modern Turkey. This bustling capital is famous for its performing arts with a variety of cultural sights to experience. After exploring our last stop on our Highlights of Turkey tour, we head back to Istanbul for our last night.



### ***Day 11: End of tour***

We enjoy our final Turkish breakfast together as our tour comes to an end. After an incredible 10 days on tour, it's time to say goodbye to your new travel friends. Enjoy a complimentary transfer to the airport once the tour is finished.



**Please note: The day by day descriptions published are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and a multitude of other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that ultimately are for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible and open minded in this regard.**

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#### **GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST)**

The Australian GST does not apply to international travel. Any service fees, courier, cancellation and amendment fees are subject to GST. You will be charged GST where applicable.

#### **DEPOSIT**

A deposit is required to confirm your booking (varies depending on package booked). Receipt of deposit will be taken as an understanding by Destination International Holidays that the customer has checked their confirmed travel arrangements and has read and agreed to the terms and conditions.

#### **FINAL PAYMENT**

Payment in full must be made no less than 120 days before travel, unless required earlier by any supplier.

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In addition, we charge

- \$50 per person for all airline seat reservations and baggage charges plus any airline fees.
- \$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.
- \$100 per person to process travel insurance claims and provide a statement for your insurance company.
- \$50 per person travel document printing fee

**CANCELLATIONS**

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

Cancellation fees will be levied relative to the amount of notice given as follows:

Days Notice	90 or more	75-90	65-75	65-1
	Loss of Deposit and 50% loss of fare	75%	85%	100%

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