



## 2015 Best of Turkey

### **Day 1**                      **Saturday**                                      **Istanbul& Bosphorous**

Welcome to Istanbul. You will be transferred to your hotel and at 13:00, we will have a short visit to the Egyptian Spice Bazaar, cruise along the European and Asian shores of the Bosphorous. Overnight Istanbul.

### **Day2**                      **Sunday**                                      **Ankara, Cappadocia**

After breakfast we drive towards the nation's capital, Ankara to visit Anitkabir, the Mausoleum of the famed Mustafa Ataturk before continuing on to the surreal landscape of Cappadocia.

Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

### **Day3**                      **Monday**                                      **Goreme, Underground City**

Today we tour the Goreme open-air museum, Pasabag and Uchisar castle and Kaymakli underground city. Photo opportunities are everywhere so have your cameras ready! Carpet weaving has long traditions in Turkey and at the carpet village we learn how the carpets are made by hand what determines their value. Tonight, don't miss the optional Turkish folklore evening featuring folklore and belly dancers... a night you won't forget!

Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

### **Day 4**                      **Tuesday**                                      **Konya, Pamukkale**

Leaving Cappadocia we head south along the ancient Silk Road just as the ancient traders did. Along the way we visit Sultanhanı Caravansary, before stopping at Konya to tour the Mevlana Museum. Overnight Pamukkale (B,D)

### **Day5**                      **Wednesday**                                      **Pamukkale, Aphrodisias**

Visit the ruins of Hierapolis, the Temple of Apollo, Necropolis, and stroll over the magnificent white calcium terraces of Pamukkale. We then drive to Aphrodisias, the famous city of Aphrodite. Overnight Pamukkale (B,D)

### **Day6**                      **Thursday**                                      **Ephesus**

Absorb yourself in history today with a guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the Temple of Artemis. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the ancient city and theatre. This afternoon we will enjoy a display of locally handcrafted leather goods before driving to Kusadasi.

Overnight Kusadasi(B,D)

### **Day 7**                      **Friday**                                      **Izmir to Istanbul Old City**

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your morning flight to Istanbul. Upon arrival, tour the exotic city that spans both Europe and Asia visiting the Blue Mosque,

the Aya Sofya, Topkapi Palace and the Hippodrome. (Optional Bosphorous By Night Dinner Cruise)  
Overnight Istanbul (B)

**Day 8                      Saturday    Istanbul**

Your day is free until your return transfer to the airport where your tour concludes. (B)

**Tour includes**

- o Inbound Airport Transfer - Istanbul - Atatürk Airport (IST)  
OR Sabiha Gokcen Airport (SAW)
- o Outbound Airport Transfer - Istanbul - Atatürk Airport (IST)  
OR Sabiha Gokcen Airport (SAW)
- o Domestic flight from Izmir to Istanbul and transfers
- o Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- o Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking coach
- o Tips except driver and guide
- o Entrance fees
- o 7 nights - accommodation.
- o 7 Breakfasts, 5 Dinners

**Tour does not include**

- o Tips – driver and guide

<b>Hotels:</b>	
All Seasons Hotel	Istanbul
Blue Valley Hotel	Capadocia
	Kusadası
Ilayda Avantgarde Hotel	
Colossea Thermal Hotel	Pamukkale

**Departure dates**

- Mar 07 – 21
- Apr 11
- May 02 – 09 – 16 – 23 – 30
- Jun 06 – 13 – 20 – 27
- Jul 11 – 25
- Aug 08 – 22
- Sep 05 – 12 – 19 – 26
- Oct 03 – 10 – 17 – 24 – 31
- Nov 07 – 21



**2015 Magic Carpet  
Classic Tour - 10 days**

**Day 1                  Saturday                  Istanbul**

Welcome to Istanbul! You will be transferred to your hotel and the remainder of the day is yours, free to explore. Overnight Istanbul

**Day 2                  Sunday                  Istanbul Old City**

After breakfast, you enjoy a fully guided tour of the only city to span two continents, visiting the Blue Mosque, the Aya Sofya, Topkapi Palace and the Hippodrome. Overnight Istanbul (B)

**Day 3                  Monday                  Gallipoli Battlefields**

One of the most emotionally touching places in Turkey, today we visit the WWI Battlefields of Gallipoli including Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair Memorials, ANZAC Cove, The Nek, Johnston's Jolly, original trenches and tunnels. Overnight Canakkale (B, D)

**Day 4                  Tuesday                  Troy, Acropolis of Pergamum**

This morning, step back in time as we visit Troy, home of the famed Trojan Horse and then tour the magnificent acropolis of Pergamum. Its impressive temples and library made Pergamum a renowned cultural and political centre in its time. Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

**Day 5                  Wednesday                  Ephesus, Kusadasi**

Absorb 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 before continuing to the former Greek village of Sirince, famous for its fruit wines. Carpet weaving has long traditions in Turkey and at the carpet village we learn how the carpets are made by hand and what determines their value. Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

**Day 6                  Thursday                  Pamukkale, Hierapolis**

This morning we will enjoy a display of locally handcrafted leather goods before heading to the the magnificent white calcium terraces, known as Travertines, in Pamukkale where we also tour the ancient city of Hierapolis. Take a dip, amongst ancient columns, in the hot springs that were used in Roman times for their therapeutic powers. Overnight Pamukkale (B, D)

**Day 7                  Friday                  Silk Road, Konya**

Today we travel the ancient Silk Road visiting Sultanhanı Caravansary and the Mevlana museum in Konya along the way. Tonight, don't miss the optional traditional Turkish folklore evening! Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

**Day 8                  Saturday                                  Cappadocia, Goreme, Underground City**

Marvel at the lunar landscape of Cappadocia through the Goreme Valley Open Air Museum, the fairy chimneys and explore the many levels of an underground city. Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

**Day 9                  Sunday    Ankara**

Early morning departure to the nation's capital, Ankara where we visit Anitkabir, mausoleum of the famed Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, before returning to Istanbul. Overnight Istanbul (B)

(Optional morning flight to Istanbul from Kayseri, Cappadocia)

**Day 10                  Monday    Istanbul**

After breakfast our tour concludes and we say goodbye to our new friends and are transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

(B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner)

**Tour includes**

- o Inbound airport transfer – Istanbul
- o Outbound airport transfer - Istanbul
- o Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking coach
- o Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- o Entrance fees
- o 9 breakfasts, 6 dinners
- o 9 nights 4 star & 5 star accommodation
- o Tips except driver and guide

**Tour does not include**

- o Tips – driver and guide

**Hotels:**

Nidya Hotel Galataport	Istanbul
Iris Hotel	Canakkale
Tatlises Hotel	Kusadası
Colossea Thermal Hotel	Pamukkale
Stone Concept Hotel	Capadocia

## **Departure Dates**

Jan 10 – 24

Feb 7 – 21

Mar 7 – 14 – 21 – 28

Apr 4 – 11- 25

May 2- 9- 16- 23- 30

Jun 6- 13- 20- 27

Jul 4- 11- 18- 25

Aug 1-8-15-22-29

Sep 5-12-19-26

Oct 3-10-17-24-31

Nov 7-14-21-28



**2015 Colours of Mediterranean  
Greece/Turkey 14 day**

**Day 1            Wednesday            Athens**

Welcome to Greece! You will be transferred to your hotel and the rest of the day is yours, free to explore this ancient city. Tonight you meet your tour leader and fellow travelling companions. Overnight Athens

**Day 2            Thursday            Athens Acropolis**

This morning you will have half day tour and visit Acropolis, stop at the stadium where the first Olympic Games of the modern era were held. Admire the Olympian Zeus and Hadrians Arch. At the Acropolis visit the museum, the towering entrance of Propylaia, the Temple of Nike and the most famous of Greek relics, the Parthenon. Overnight Athens (B)

**Day 3            Friday            Athens to Santorini**

Early morning departure today for the breathtaking Island of Santorini, where you can soak up the sun and relax on the beach or perhaps explore the picturesque capital, Fira. Overnight Santorini (B)

**Day 4            Saturday            Santorini**

Take an optional boat trip in the world's biggest volcanic crater above sea level. Visit the active volcano, swim in the warm thermal waters and take a therapeutic mud bath. Overnight Santorini (B)

**Day 5            Sunday            Santorini to Mykonos**

Arrive in Mykonos and explore the white-washed town or head for the beach before experiencing the completely outrageous Mykonian nightlife. Overnight Mykonos (B)

**Day 6            Monday            Mykonos**

Free day today. Spend the day on the beach, stroll around the town or take a trip to one of the small villages. This Mecca of Ancient Greece is today an island wide, open-air museum. Overnight Mykonos (B)

**Day 7            Tuesday            Mykonos, Samos**

You will catch next mid-night ferry heading towards the island of Samos and make our way to Turkey with free time to explore Samos town or Kusadasi (depending on ferry schedules). Overnight Kusadasi (D)

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**Day 12                      Sunday    Ankara**

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(Optional morning flight to Istanbul from Kayseri, Cappadocia)

**Day 13                      Monday    Istanbul Old City**

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**Day 14                      Tuesday    Istanbul**

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(B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner)

**Tour Includes**

- o Inbound airport transfers – Athens
- o Outbound airport transfer – Istanbul
- o Transportation by ferries between the Greek islands and a fully air-conditioned non-smoking bus in Turkey
- o Transfers between ports and hotels in Greece
- o Services of an English-speaking professional tour guide in Turkey and English speaking tour leader throughout the Greek Islands
- o Entrance fees – Turkey
- o 12 breakfasts, 5 dinners

- o 13 nights 4 star and 5 star accommodation

**Tour does not Include**

- o Entrance fees – Greece
- o Any visas, border or port taxes
- o Tips

<b>Hotels:</b>	
Momento Hotel	Istanbul
Hotel to be advised	Cappadocia
Hotel to be advised	Kusadasi
Hotel to be advised	Pamukkale
Titania Hotel	Athens
Hotel to be advised	Mykonos
Hotel to be advised	Santorini

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Aug 5-19

Sep 2-16