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THE JOURNEY

Tour Turkey, Day by Day

Tour Turkey Discover the rich history and cultural diversity of Turkey on this fully-guided tour of some of the country’s most important sites. Your expert guide will take you on a journey through ancient ruins, beautiful landscapes, and vibrant cities. Depart the USA, Canada or other parts of the w…

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DAYS	DESTINATION	REGION

THE ITINERARY

DAY 1

DAY 01

Istanbul: Hagia Sophia and Blue Mosque

01

Begin your Turkish adventure in the vibrant city of Istanbul, where history and modernity intersect. Start your day by visiting the iconic Hagia Sophia, a stunning architectural marvel that has served as a cathedral and mosque. Marvel at its magnificent dome and intricate mosaics that reflect both Byzantine and Ottoman influences. Afterward, stroll over to the Blue Mosque, renowned for its breathtaking blue tiles and six minarets. Immerse yourself in the spiritual ambiance as you explore the intricacies of this mosque, which is a masterpiece of Ottoman architecture. Cap off your day with a leisurely walk around the Sultanahmet Square, soaking in the rich history that surrounds you.

DAY 2

DAY 02

Istanbul: Topkapi Palace and Grand Bazaar

02

Continue your exploration of Istanbul by visiting the opulent Topkapi Palace, the former residence of the Ottoman sultans. As you wander through its lavish courtyards and exquisite rooms, you'll discover a treasure trove of artifacts, including the famous Topkapi Dagger and the Spoonmaker's Diamond. The views of the Bosphorus from the palace grounds are simply breathtaking. After immersing yourself in the royal history, head to the Grand Bazaar, one of the largest and oldest covered markets in the world. Spend your afternoon browsing through thousands of shops selling everything from handcrafted textiles to intricate jewelry. Experience the vibrant atmosphere, haggle for unique souvenirs, and enjoy a cup of Turkish tea as you soak in the local culture.

DAY 3

DAY 03

Cappadocia: Hot Air Balloon Ride

03

Travel to Cappadocia, a region renowned for its otherworldly landscapes and unique rock formations. Begin your day early with a hot air balloon ride at sunrise, where you'll float high above the fairy chimneys and valleys, witnessing the stunning colors of dawn illuminating the landscape below. This breathtaking experience provides a unique perspective on Cappadocia's geological wonders. After your flight, explore the region's ancient cave dwellings and rock-cut churches, each telling a story of its own. Visit the Göreme Open-Air Museum, a UNESCO World Heritage site, to see well-preserved frescoes and learn about the area's rich Byzantine history. Conclude your day by enjoying a traditional Turkish dinner in a local cave restaurant.

DAY 4

DAY 04

Cappadocia: Valle de Ihlara y Uchisar

04

On your second day in Cappadocia, explore the stunning Ihlara Valley, a hidden gem known for its lush greenery and dramatic cliffs. Hike along the Melendiz River, stopping to admire the rock-cut churches and frescoes that line the valley walls. This serene environment is perfect for nature lovers and those looking to escape the hustle and bustle of city life. After your hike, visit the fortress of Uchisar, the highest point in Cappadocia, offering panoramic views of the surrounding landscapes. Ascend to the top and take in the breathtaking scenery. As the day winds down, enjoy a traditional Turkish dinner and perhaps a cultural show featuring local music and dance.

DAY 5

DAY 05

Pamukkale: Travertine Terraces and Hierapolis

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Next, head to Pamukkale, famous for its stunning white travertine terraces formed by mineral-rich thermal waters. Upon arrival, take a leisurely walk through the terraces, soaking your feet in the warm waters while marveling at the unique formations. After exploring the travertines, visit the ancient city of Hierapolis, which boasts well-preserved ruins, including a theatre, temples, and an impressive necropolis. The history of this ancient spa town dates back to the Roman Empire, making it a fascinating site for history enthusiasts. Don't miss the opportunity to take a dip in the Antique Pool, also known as Cleopatra's Pool, and enjoy the relaxing ambiance as you float amidst ancient columns.

DAY 6

DAY 06

Ephesus: Ancient Ruins

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Travel to Ephesus, one of the best-preserved ancient cities in the world, and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Begin your exploration at the iconic Library of Celsus, an architectural masterpiece that once housed thousands of scrolls. Walk along the marble-paved streets lined with ancient columns, and visit the impressive Great Theatre, which could accommodate thousands of spectators. Don’t miss the Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, and learn about its rich history. As you wander through the ruins, imagine the vibrant life that once thrived in this bustling city. Take your time to soak in the atmosphere and reflect on the incredible history that surrounds you.

DAY 7

DAY 07

Troy: Legendary City

07

Journey to the ancient city of Troy, famous for its legendary tales and historical significance. Explore the archaeological site where the remnants of this once-great city can still be seen. Walk through the ruins, including the famed Trojan Horse, and imagine the events that unfolded during the Trojan War. Visit the on-site museum to learn more about the artifacts unearthed from the site and the history of Troy. As you wander through the remnants of this ancient civilization, reflect on the myths and legends that have captivated audiences for centuries. The visit to Troy is a journey through time, connecting you to the stories of heroes and gods from Greek mythology.

DAY 8

DAY 08

Mount Ararat: Journey to the Summit

08

Embark on an adventurous journey to Mount Ararat, the highest peak in Turkey and a site of great historical and cultural significance. This majestic mountain is believed to be the resting place of Noah's Ark, making it a pilgrimage site for many. The trek to the summit offers breathtaking views of the surrounding landscapes, with opportunities to witness diverse wildlife and unique flora along the way. As you ascend, take in the serenity of the natural environment and the stunning vistas that unfold before you. At the top, you'll feel a sense of accomplishment and connection to the legends that surround this iconic mountain. Return to your base camp for a well-deserved rest after a day filled with adventure.

DAY 9

DAY 09

Istanbul: Bosphorus Cruise

09

On your final day in Turkey, return to Istanbul for a relaxing Bosphorus cruise. Experience the beauty of the city from the water as you sail along the Bosphorus Strait, admiring the stunning skyline and waterfront palaces. The cruise provides a unique perspective on Istanbul's rich history and architecture, passing by significant landmarks such as the Dolmabahçe Palace and the Maiden's Tower. Take the opportunity to capture beautiful photographs and enjoy the fresh sea breeze. As the day comes to an end, reflect on the incredible experiences you've had throughout your journey. Conclude your trip with a farewell dinner at a local restaurant, savoring delicious Turkish cuisine and reminiscing about your adventures.

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