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Tour Turkey

TÜRKIYE

12 DAY ITINERARY

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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 - Arrival and Hagia Sophia

01

Arrive in Istanbul, the cultural heart of Turkey, where East meets West. Begin your adventure by visiting Hagia Sophia, a masterpiece of Byzantine architecture that has stood the test of time. Explore its grand dome, stunning mosaics, and the beautiful minarets that illustrate its transformation into a mosque. As you stroll through this historical marvel, take in the intricate details that narrate stories from both the Byzantine and Ottoman eras. Spend your evening savoring traditional Turkish cuisine at a local restaurant, soaking in the vibrant atmosphere of Istanbul.

DAY 2

DAY 02

Istanbul - Topkapi Palace and Blue Mosque

02

Dedicate your second day to exploring the opulent Topkapi Palace, the former residence of Ottoman sultans. Discover its lavish courtyards, exquisite collections of artifacts, and the stunning harem section. Take your time to admire the breathtaking views of the Bosphorus from the palace grounds. In the afternoon, visit the iconic Blue Mosque, famous for its stunning blue tiles and impressive architecture. Experience the tranquil ambiance as you wander through its vast prayer halls. End the day with a leisurely walk through the historic streets of Sultanahmet, experiencing the local culture.

DAY 3

DAY 03

Istanbul - Grand Bazaar and Troy

03

On your third day, immerse yourself in the bustling atmosphere of the Grand Bazaar, one of the largest and oldest covered markets in the world. Browse through countless stalls selling everything from spices and carpets to jewelry and textiles. Practice your bargaining skills while enjoying the vibrant colors and aromas. After lunch, embark on a journey to Troy, the legendary ancient city known for its historical significance and the famous Trojan Horse. Explore the archaeological site and learn about the rich history that has captivated storytellers for centuries. Return to Istanbul for an evening of relaxation.

DAY 4

DAY 04

Cappadocia - Arrival and Göreme Open-Air Museum

04

Travel to Cappadocia, a region renowned for its unique rock formations and fairy chimneys. Upon arrival, check into your accommodation and prepare for an afternoon visit to the Göreme Open-Air Museum, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Here, you will explore rock-cut churches adorned with stunning frescoes that showcase early Christian art. Wander through this ancient complex, marveling at the artistic heritage and the fascinating history of the region. Spend the evening enjoying local cuisine and watching the sunset over the surreal landscape.

DAY 5

DAY 05

Cappadocia - Hot Air Balloon Ride and Exploration

05

Experience the magic of Cappadocia with an early morning hot air balloon ride. Soar over the breathtaking landscape as the sun rises, illuminating the fairy chimneys and valleys below. This unforgettable experience offers panoramic views that will leave you in awe. After your descent, explore the charming towns of Ürgüp and Avanos, known for their pottery and handicrafts. Visit a local workshop to see artisans at work and perhaps purchase a unique souvenir. Spend your afternoon hiking in one of Cappadocia's scenic valleys, taking in the stunning natural beauty that surrounds you.

DAY 6

DAY 06

Cappadocia - Derinkuyu Underground City and Ihlara Valley

06

On this day, visit the Derinkuyu Underground City, an astonishing multi-level complex used as a refuge during times of conflict. Explore its narrow tunnels and rooms, gaining insight into the lives of its ancient inhabitants. After your underground adventure, head to Ihlara Valley for a scenic hike along the river. The valley is lined with rock-cut churches and beautiful natural scenery, making it a perfect spot for both exploration and relaxation. Enjoy a picnic lunch amidst nature before returning to your accommodation in Cappadocia for a well-deserved rest.

DAY 7

DAY 07

Pamukkale - Arrival and Thermal Springs

07

Travel to Pamukkale, famous for its stunning thermal mineral springs and travertine terraces. Upon arrival, check into your hotel and prepare for an afternoon of relaxation. Visit the travertine terraces, where you can walk barefoot on the warm, mineral-rich waters that have created a unique landscape over centuries. Experience the therapeutic benefits of the hot springs, known for their healing properties. Explore the ancient ruins of Hierapolis nearby, including the well-preserved theater and the ancient baths. Spend the night soaking in the beauty and tranquility of Pamukkale.

DAY 8

DAY 08

Pamukkale - Hierapolis and Relaxation

08

Spend your day exploring more of Pamukkale and its ancient city of Hierapolis. Visit the ancient theater, which offers stunning views of the surrounding landscape, and the well-preserved necropolis filled with ancient tombs. Take time to relax in the thermal pools, allowing the warm waters to rejuvenate your body and mind. Enjoy a leisurely lunch at a local restaurant with stunning views of the terraces. In the afternoon, take a stroll through the picturesque village of Pamukkale, exploring local shops and cafes before returning to your hotel for the night.

DAY 9

DAY 09

Ephesus - Ancient Ruins Exploration

09

Depart Pamukkale for Ephesus, one of the most well-preserved ancient cities in the world. Spend your day exploring the remarkable ruins, including the famous Library of Celsus, the grand amphitheater, and the Temple of Artemis. Walk along the marble streets, imagining the bustling life of this ancient city. Visit the Ephesus Archaeological Museum to learn more about the region's rich history. After a full day of exploration, enjoy a traditional Turkish dinner in a nearby town before settling in for the night.

DAY 10

DAY 10

Mount Nemrut - Sunrise and Exploration

10

Rise early to embark on a journey to Mount Nemrut, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Arrive in time to witness a breathtaking sunrise over the colossal stone heads that adorn the summit. This unforgettable experience is a perfect blend of natural beauty and historical significance. After soaking in the awe-inspiring views, explore the ancient tombs and ruins at the site, learning about the enigmatic King Antiochus and the history of this remarkable place. Return to your accommodation in the evening, reflecting on the day's incredible experiences.

DAY 11

DAY 11

Istanbul - Departure and Leisure

11

Return to Istanbul for your final day in Turkey. Spend your time leisurely exploring any sites you may have missed or revisiting your favorites. Consider a relaxing Bosphorus cruise to see the city from a different perspective. Experience the local markets for any last-minute shopping, or enjoy a Turkish bath for a rejuvenating experience. In the evening, savor a farewell dinner at a local restaurant, reflecting on the incredible journey through Turkey. Prepare for your departure the next day with beautiful memories to cherish.

DAY 12

DAY 12

Istanbul - Departure

12

On your final day in Istanbul, enjoy breakfast at your hotel before checking out. Depending on your flight schedule, take a last-minute stroll through the vibrant streets or visit a nearby café for a final taste of Turkish coffee. Reflect on the incredible experiences you've had throughout your journey across Turkey. Depart for the airport, carrying with you unforgettable memories of the historical marvels, stunning landscapes, and rich culture that Turkey has to offer.

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