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Tour Turkey

TÜRKIYE

15 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…

15	Tour Turkey	Türkiye
DAYS	DESTINATION	REGION

THE ITINERARY

DAY 1

DAY 01

Istanbul - Arrival

01

Arrive in the vibrant city of Istanbul, where East meets West. Begin your journey by settling into your hotel and exploring the local area. Visit the bustling Grand Bazaar, where you can shop for unique handicrafts, spices, and souvenirs. Enjoy a traditional Turkish dinner at a local restaurant, savoring flavors like kebabs and baklava. As the sun sets, take a leisurely stroll along the Bosphorus waterfront, admiring the stunning views of the city illuminated at night.

DAY 2

DAY 02

Istanbul - Hagia Sophia & Blue Mosque

02

Start your day with a visit to the breathtaking Hagia Sophia, an architectural masterpiece that reflects the grandeur of both Byzantine and Ottoman empires. Marvel at its massive dome and stunning mosaics. Next, head to the nearby Blue Mosque, renowned for its exquisite blue tiles and impressive minarets. Explore the interior and learn about its significance in Islamic culture. Spend your afternoon wandering through the historic Sultanahmet district, soaking in the vibrant atmosphere, and enjoying local delicacies at a nearby café.

DAY 3

DAY 03

Istanbul - Topkapi Palace & Grand Bazaar

03

Visit the opulent Topkapi Palace, the former residence of Ottoman sultans. Explore its rich history, stunning architecture, and impressive collections of artifacts, including the famous Topkapi Dagger. Afterward, return to the Grand Bazaar for a deeper shopping experience, where you can haggle for beautiful carpets, jewelry, and spices. In the evening, enjoy a traditional Turkish night show featuring folk dances and music, immersing yourself in the country's rich cultural heritage.

DAY 4

DAY 04

Cappadocia - Arrival & Sunset

04

Travel to Cappadocia, a region famous for its unique rock formations and fairy chimneys. Arrive in the town of Göreme and check into your hotel. Spend your afternoon exploring the Göreme Open-Air Museum, a UNESCO World Heritage site filled with ancient cave churches and stunning frescoes. As the day winds down, head to a viewpoint to witness a spectacular sunset over the surreal landscape, where the hues of the setting sun paint the rocks in breathtaking colors.

DAY 5

DAY 05

Cappadocia - Hot Air Balloon Ride & Exploration

05

Experience the magic of Cappadocia with a hot air balloon ride at sunrise. Float above the fairy chimneys and valleys, taking in breathtaking views of the unique landscape. After the flight, enjoy a traditional Turkish breakfast. Spend the rest of the day exploring the region's underground cities and hiking through the Ihlara Valley, where you can discover hidden churches and enjoy the stunning natural beauty. In the evening, relax at a local restaurant, savoring regional dishes.

DAY 6

DAY 06

Cappadocia - Avanos & Uchisar

06

Visit the charming town of Avanos, known for its pottery and beautiful views of the Kızılırmak River. Participate in a pottery workshop, learning the traditional techniques used by local artisans. Afterward, head to Uchisar Castle, the highest point in Cappadocia, for panoramic views of the surrounding valleys and rock formations. Explore the castle and its fascinating history. Return to Göreme for a leisurely evening, enjoying the local ambiance and perhaps a traditional Turkish bath.

DAY 7

DAY 07

Pamukkale - Arrival & Thermal Springs

07

Travel to Pamukkale, famous for its stunning white travertine terraces formed by mineral-rich thermal waters. Upon arrival, check into your hotel and prepare for a relaxing afternoon. Visit the terraces and take a dip in the warm, turquoise waters, known for their therapeutic properties. Explore the ancient city of Hierapolis, where you can wander among the well-preserved ruins and visit the ancient theater. Enjoy the sunset over the travertines, creating a magical atmosphere.

DAY 8

DAY 08

Ephesus - Ancient Ruins

08

Depart for Ephesus, one of the best-preserved ancient cities in the world. Explore the impressive ruins, including the Library of Celsus, the Great Theatre, and the Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Walk along the marble streets, envisioning life in ancient Rome. Visit the nearby House of the Virgin Mary, a significant pilgrimage site. In the evening, return to Pamukkale for overnight stay, reflecting on the day's incredible history.

DAY 9

DAY 09

Antalya - Arrival & Old Town

09

Travel to Antalya, a beautiful coastal city that boasts stunning beaches and rich history. Upon arrival, check into your hotel and take a leisurely stroll through the historic Old Town, Kaleiçi. Wander through the narrow streets, admire the traditional Ottoman architecture, and visit landmarks like Hadrian's Gate and the ancient Roman harbor. Enjoy a seaside dinner at a local restaurant, savoring fresh seafood and Turkish specialties while watching the sunset over the Mediterranean Sea.

DAY 10

DAY 10

Antalya - Beaches & Ancient Sites

10

Spend a day relaxing on the beautiful beaches of Antalya. Choose from popular spots like Konyaaltı or Lara Beach, where you can soak up the sun and swim in the crystal-clear waters. In the afternoon, visit the ancient ruins of Perge, an ancient Roman city known for its impressive stadium and well-preserved structures. Explore the site and envision the grandeur of ancient times. Return to Antalya for dinner, enjoying the vibrant nightlife and local cuisine.

DAY 11

DAY 11

Mount Ararat - Hiking Adventure

11

Travel to Mount Ararat, the legendary resting place of Noah's Ark. Prepare for an adventurous day of hiking, where you can explore the stunning landscapes and enjoy breathtaking views from the mountain. Engage with local guides who share stories about the area's rich history and mythology. Pack a picnic lunch to enjoy amidst nature, surrounded by the beauty of the region. Return to your accommodations in the evening, reflecting on the day's adventures and the majestic surroundings.

DAY 12

DAY 12

Troy - Archaeological Site

12

Visit the ancient site of Troy, made famous by Homer's epic poem. Explore the archaeological ruins and learn about the legendary story of the Trojan War. Walk through the different layers of the ancient city, witnessing the remnants of various civilizations. Visit the reconstructed wooden Trojan Horse, a symbol of the legendary tale. After a day of history, enjoy a leisurely evening in the nearby town, reflecting on the myths and stories that shaped this iconic site.

DAY 13

DAY 13

Istanbul - Return

13

Return to Istanbul for your final days in Turkey. Spend time revisiting your favorite spots, perhaps indulging in last-minute shopping at the Grand Bazaar or enjoying a relaxing Turkish coffee in a local café. Take a leisurely walk along the Bosphorus, absorbing the beauty of the city one last time. In the evening, enjoy a farewell dinner at a rooftop restaurant with stunning views, celebrating the end of your Turkish adventure with delicious cuisine and great company.

DAY 14

Istanbul - Free Day

14

Enjoy a free day in Istanbul to explore at your own pace. Consider visiting the Spice Bazaar for an aromatic experience, or take a ferry to the Asian side of the city for a different perspective. You might want to visit the Chora Church, famous for its stunning mosaics, or relax in a traditional hammam. Take this opportunity to savor the flavors of Turkish cuisine at various eateries, trying dishes you may have missed earlier in your trip. Make the most of your last day in this enchanting city.

DAY 15

Istanbul - Departure

15

As your journey in Turkey comes to an end, enjoy a final breakfast in Istanbul. Spend your remaining time shopping for souvenirs or taking a last stroll along the Bosphorus. Reflect on the incredible experiences and memories made during your trip. Depending on your flight schedule, you may have time for one last visit to a favorite spot. Depart from Istanbul, taking with you the beautiful memories of your Turkish adventure.

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