



## Highlights of Turkey - 10 Days 9 Nights

Day	Destination
2 Nights	Istanbul
1 Night	Canakkale
1 Night	Izmir
1 Night	Pamukkale
1 Night	Konya
2 Nights	Cappadocia
1 Night	Istanbul

### Day 1: Day 1 Welcome to Istanbul

Meet at the crossroads of East and West – the effervescent capital of Istanbul launches your journey of discovery through centuries of turmoil and triumph. Spend the day exploring after being transferred to your hotel. Later, you'll meet your Travel Director and travel companions for dinner.

### Day 2: Day 2 Discover Colourful Istanbul

Delve into the treasures of the Ottoman Empire, strolling through the exquisite Topkapi Palace with its spellbinding views of the Bosphorus. Visit Hagia Sophia, the Byzantine Hippodrome, to see where thundering chariots once raced to victory before viewing the Blue Mosque – its six minarets and beautiful blue Iznik tiles are a sight to behold. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the museum of Classical Turkish Music. The evening is yours to further explore the city.

## **Optional**

### **Traditional Bosphorus Cruise**

#### **Experience Info**

No stay would be complete without this unforgettable cruise along the Bosphorus, the winding strait separating Europe and Asia. Along the shores you'll see a beautiful mixture of modern hotels, ancient wooden villas, marble palaces, fortresses and small fishing villages, as you relax on board.

**Adults: From INR 5187\* /- (€57)**

### **Day 3: Day 3 Journey to Gallipoli and Çanakkale (Istanbul – Gallipoli – Eceabat – Canakkale)**

Remember the heroism of the many thousands of men who fought bravely at Gallipoli. You'll see Lone Pine Cemetery and the battlefields that today still hold special significance for the Turkish, Australian and New Zealand nations. Spend a quiet moment commemorating the lives lost at Anzac Cove and Chunuk Bair, where some of the fiercest fighting took place during World War I. This evening, stay in Çanakkale where tonight you'll dine at the hotel.

### **Day 4: Day 4 Off to Troy and Izmir (Canakkale – Troy – Demircidere – Izmir)**

Visit a land of Trojan legends, an ancient city immortalised by Homer in the stories of King Priamus, Hector, Paris and the beautiful Helen. Admire the archaeological excavations at Troy revealing nine separate periods of settlement and the symbolic replica wooden Trojan horse commemorating the epic war machine constructed by the Greeks to end a lengthy siege. This afternoon, Connect With Locals over lunch in the village of Demircidere at a Be My Guest experience. Travel to the broad boulevards of seaside Izmir later and dine in your hotel this evening.

## **Day 5: Day 5 Admire the Ruins of Ephesus and on to Pamukkale (Izmir – Ephesus – Pamukkale)**

Journey into antiquity and explore the ruins of the ancient Greek city of Ephesus admiring the well-preserved façade of the Library of Celsus and its famous Temple of Artemis. Visit the House of the Virgin Mary, the Temple of Hadrian guarded by Medusa's head, and the Great Theatre, built by the Romans in the 2nd-century and still in use today. You'll learn about the intricate heritage and art of carpet weaving during a visit to a Turkish carpet emporium. Relax and enjoy the blissful thermal pools at your hotel in Pamukkale.

## **Day 6: Day 6 Onwards to Hierapolis and Konya (Pamukkale – Hieraplois – Konya)**

This morning, enjoy a leisurely visit to the ancient ruins of the Holy City of Hierapolis, imagining ancient patrons seeking revival and rest within their limestone-laden thermal springs. Visit the Mevlana Museum and Mausoleum in Konya, a former dervish lodge of the Mevlevi order, which reveals the origins of Sufism. Your last stop today is Konya where tonight you'll dine at the hotel.

## **Day 7: Day 7 Continue to Cappadocia (Konya – Cappadocia)**

Continue your journey to Cappadocia, you'll see a 13th-century caravanserai and underground city of Saratli on the ancient Silk Road. Then Dive into Culture to learn about the art of pottery making in Avanos. Later, consider joining an Optional Experience to watch the Whirling Dervishes then enjoy a Regional Meal at a local restaurant. Tonight we stay in one of Trafalgar's Stays With Stories hewn out of the surrounding rock and houses.

### **Optional**

#### **Performance of Whirling Dervishes Followed by Dinner at a Local Restaurant**

#### **Experience Info**

The 'dance' of the Whirling Dervishes is called Sema. It is part of Turkish custom, history, beliefs and culture and represents a man's spiritual journey, and will be a highlight of your trip to Turkey. Once the ceremony is over, we will head to a nearby local restaurant where you will have the chance of savoring varieties of real Turkish food, special for Cappadocia region. The performance of Whirling Dervishes is NOT a show but instead it is a mystic ceremony.

**Adults: From INR 5642\* /- (€62)**

## **Day 8: Day 8 A Day to Explore Spectacular Göreme (Cappadocia – Goreme – Saratli – Cappadocia)**

The whimsical landscapes of Cappadocia take centre stage today as you embark on a full-day excursion that will see you visit the Göreme Open-Air Museum, the Pa?aba?? and Kizil Vadi valleys. Join your fellow travellers for an included dinner this evening.

## **Day 9: Day 9 Return to Istanbul (Cappadocia – Istanbul)**

Take a short flight this morning to Istanbul, Dive into Culture as you shop for souvenirs at Istanbul's Grand Bazaar, one of the largest covered markets in the world with 60 streets and over 5,000 shops. The rest of the day is yours to explore the city your way. Enjoy a sensory explosion at the vibrant Spice Market, take a stroll through the historic Sultanahmet or find a quiet rooftop café and admire Istanbul's iconic skyline. Tonight, join your Travel Director and fellow companions for dinner.

## **Day 10: Day 10 Farewell Istanbul**

Say a fond farewell to Turkey and newfound friends as you prepare to depart to the airport for your flight home.

## **Highlights**

Travel along the age-old trading routes that linked East and West, where the Highlights of Turkey are revealed. Haggle in Istanbul's Grand Bazaar, daydream through the fairy-tale landscapes of Cappadocia and walk in the footsteps of the ancient Greeks in Ephesus.

## **Price**

INR 2,05,392 /- (USD 2334) (INR 88 ROE) PER PERSON ON TWIN BASIS

## **Included Sightseeings**

Explore Istanbul

View the Wooden Horse at Troy and the Blue Mosque

See the exquisite Blue Mosque

- An expert Travel Director and professional Driver
- Cherry-picked hotels, all tried and trusted
- All portering and restaurant gratuities
- All hotel tips, charges and local taxes
- Breakfast daily and up to half of your evening meals
- Must-see sightseeing and surprise extras
- Audio headsets for flexible sightseeing
- Luxury air-conditioned coach with Wi-Fi in most countries or alternative transportation (such as rail journeys)
- Ferry across the Dardanelles from Eceabat to Canakkale
- Flight from Cappadocia to Istanbul
- Optional Experiences and free time
- On occasion, hotels of similar standard and location may be utilised.
- Powered by Trafalgar.

## **Tour Excludes**

- Airfare / Visa / Insurance.
- GST 5%

- TCS at 5% (Tax Collected at Source)
- Any increase in Airfare, Visa fees, Airport taxes, Govt. Taxes, Fuel Surcharges and any applicability of new taxes from Govt.
- Any up gradation in Airline class or hotel room category
- Cost of Air ticket deviation charges
- Any Increase in the rate of exchange leading to an increase in all land arrangements which may come in to effect prior to departure
- Cost of pre or post tour hotel accommodation
- Any extra expense such as route change, Airline change, Date change, Accommodation facilities, etc. incurred due to the unforeseen, unavoidable forced majeure circumstances during the tour
- Cost of insurance for 61years and above
- Porterage, laundry, telephone charges, shopping, wines & alcoholic beverages, items of personal nature and food or drink which is not part of a set group menu
- Any extra cost incurred on behalf of an individual due to illness, accident, hospitalization, or any personal emergency
- Any services or activity charges other than those included in the group tour itinerary
- To and from Air fare, Airport transfers, insurance, visa fees to join/leave the group for joining and leaving guests
- Anything specifically not mentioned in the 'tour price includes' column
- Conversion Rate on the date of actual payment will be based on the Rate of Euro on XE.com + INR 1.50
- Airfare to be calculated at the time of booking as per actual.