

EXPERIENCE TURKEY



Type of Tour:	Semi-private coach tour
Operates:	Daily
Duration:	8 Nights / 9 Days
Visit:	Istanbul – Ankara – Cappadocia – Pamukkale – Izmir
Includes:	Arrival transfer from Istanbul airport and departure transfer to Izmir airport (complimentary) Transportation in an air-conditioned sprinter bus 8 Nights' accommodation English speaking guide All entrance and sightseeing fees as per itinerary Meals as indicated in itinerary (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)

Excludes:	Airfare and airport taxes Extras at hotels and meals not mentioned as well as any drinks Travel insurance, visa cost and tips
Notes:	The price of this tour changes depending on the number of people booked on it (no further reduction after 6 persons) The rates are based on persons sharing a double or triple room. For persons who wish to stay in a single room an additional supplement will apply, please contact us for rates. The tour operates with minimum 2 persons.
Accommodation:	Istanbul: Marriott Sisli Hotel (5*) or similar Ankara: HiltonSA Hotel (5*) or similar Cappadocia: Crystal Kaymakli Hotel & Spa (5*) or similar Pamukkale: Spa Hotel Colossae Thermal (5*) or similar Izmir: Hilton Hotel Izmir (5*) or similar

ITINERARY

Day 1: ISTANBUL

You will be met at Istanbul Ataturk Airport and transferred to your hotel.

Overnight: Istanbul

Day 2: ISTANBUL

First stop is to the Mosque of Soliman the Magnificent, one of the best works of Sinan, the famous Ottoman architect. After lunch explore the Spice Market with its exotic aromas and then wander along the bustling streets of the Beyoglu district, all the way from Tunnel Square to Taksim Square. During the walk discover the fish market, flower passage, catholic, Greek and Armenian churches, markets and coffeehouses. Return to the hotel.

Overnight: Istanbul (BL)



Day 3: ISTANBUL

Start the day's activities with a discovery of Istanbul's historical heart. Visit Topkapi palace, the court and the residence of Ottoman Sultans. Then see the Hagia Sophia 'The Church of Holy Wisdom', the marvellous basilica built in the 6th century and known as a masterpiece of Byzantine architecture. It was the largest church in the world for 1000 years. After lunch visit the Blue Mosque topped by six elegant minarets. Then take a stroll through the ancient Hippodrome, the centre for sports and entertainment in the old Constantinople.

Overnight: Istanbul (BL)



Day 4: ISTANBUL – ANKARA

Visit the Grand Bazaar this morning, the largest and most diverse covered bazaar in the world. Thereafter you will have time at leisure to simply have a chance to explore this fascinating city on your own. After lunch depart to Ankara, the modern capital of Turkey. The city became Turkey's capital in 1923 and, though it was just a small town then, has grown to become the second-largest city in Turkey.



Overnight: Ankara (BLD)

Day 5: ANKARA – CAPPADOCIA

Visit the Anatolian Civilizations Museum, home to numerous historical artifacts and remnants from the Stone Age, Neolithic Age; civilizations such as the Hittites and Phrygians, as well as many other interesting historical attractions. Continue to the Mausoleum of Ataturk, the burial place of the national hero who founded the modern Republic of Turkey. Travel to Cappadocia after lunch. Cappadocia has a very unique geology which sometimes almost makes it seem as if one has suddenly been transported to a different planet.

Overnight: Cappadocia (BLD)

Day 6: CAPPADOCIA

Today's first visit will be to Goreme Valley, home to numerous magnificent churches cut right out of the surrounding rocks, such as St. Barbara Church and St. Basil Church, to name just two. After lunch stop at Uchisar Village from where you'll be able to witness some of the most dramatic panoramas of Cappadocia's unique landscape. The last visit of the day will be to an underground city.

Overnight: Cappadocia (BLD)

Day 7: CAPPADOCIA – PAMUKKALE

After breakfast depart to Konya city, the capital of the Seljuk Turks. On the way visit Caravanserail Sultanhani. After lunch in Konya visit the Mevlana Museum, the burial place of the Persian Sufi, known as both Mevlana and Rumi, who founded the order of the Whirling Dervishes. He was a renowned poet and humanist who preached humility, wisdom and love. This museum which has been built over his tomb houses various relics that belonged to him and his disciples. Travel to Pamukkale, which translates to "cotton castle", named such due to the natural white rock formations surrounding the city.

Overnight: Pamukkale (BLD)

Day 8: PAMUKKALE – IZMIR

The day's first visit will be to the ruins Hierapolis; this ancient city built on hot springs is essentially an ancient Roman spa retreat which today is a protected UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue to ancient Ephesus, the Roman capital of Asia Minor and one of the most interesting archaeological sites in the world. See the Odoen, the Hadrian Temple, Celsius Library, Fountain of Trajan as well as numerous other ruins of buildings surrounded by marble streets. Sit in the same Theatre where St. Paul preached and the Romans performed their dramas. Then after lunch visit the House of St. Mary and following that depart to Izmir.

Overnight: Izmir (BLD)



Day 9: IZMIRAfter breakfast transfer to Izmir Airport. **(B)**

EXPERIENCE TURKEY (Semi-private tour, departs daily) – Min. 2 pass. – Up to 12 pass.	9 Days 8 Nights	Currency	2 pax in double room	3 pax in triple room	4 pax in double rooms	5 pax in double/triple rooms	6 pax in double/triple rooms	
Per person sharing price during 1 Jan 2018 – 15 Mar 2019 from:	Istanbul – Izmir	USD	1 645	1 232	1 004	883	750	
Supplement for a single room during 1 Jan 2018 – 15 Mar 2019 from:	Istanbul – Izmir	USD	305					
<p>Includes: 8 night’s accommodation (5* hotels), transport in air-conditioned vehicles, meals as indicated, sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary</p> <p>Note: These tours are semi-private. It can operate on as small a basis as 2 people and be private, or more people may be added and it may become a normal small escorted coach tour. If this happens a refund will be granted based on the number of the people now taking the tour (no further reduction after 6 persons).</p> <p>The rates are based on persons sharing a double or triple room. For persons who wish to stay in a single room an additional supplement will apply, please contact us for rates.</p> <p>Children are not counted as part of the passenger count for a tour and will be granted a small discount to be confirmed at time of booking.</p>								

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