



HIGHLIGHTS OF TURKEY



Type of Tour:	Individually Tailored Tour
Operates:	Departs daily 1 April – 31 October
Duration:	6 Nights / 7 Days
Visit:	Istanbul – Izmir – Ephesus – Pergamum – Istanbul
Includes:	<p>Arrival and departure airport transfers from/to Istanbul’s Attaturk Airport</p> <p>6 nights’ accommodation</p> <p>Full day tour of Istanbul including visit to Topkapi Palace</p> <p>Half day Spice Bazaar tour and Bosphorus cruise</p> <p>Izmir city tour</p> <p>Full day tour of Ephesus</p> <p>Full day tour of Pergamum</p> <p>Meals as per itinerary (B = Breakfast / L = Lunch / D = Dinner)</p>
Excludes:	<p>Airfare and airport taxes</p> <p>Domestic flights: Istanbul – Izmir & Izmir – Istanbul</p> <p>Extras at hotels and meals not mentioned as well as any drinks</p> <p>Travel insurance, visa cost and tips</p>
Notes:	<p>The tour operates with minimum 2 persons.</p> <p>The Grand Bazaar is closed on Sundays.</p> <p>The afternoon visit to Topkapi Palace does not operate on Tuesdays.</p> <p>St. Sophia is closed on Mondays and will be replaced with a visit to St. Savior in Chora.</p> <p>The order of sites visited on the tour is subject to change.</p>
Accommodation:	<p>Istanbul: Kent Hotel (4*) or similar</p> <p>Izmir: Blanca Hotel (4*) or similar</p>

ITINERARY

DAY 1: ISTANBUL

After arrival at Istanbul's Attaturk Airport you will be transferred to your hotel. What remains of the day will be at your leisure to begin exploring this fascinating city.

Overnight: Istanbul



DAY 2: ISTANBUL

You will go on a tour this morning that will visit many of Istanbul's highlights. Visit St. Sophia, the magnificent Byzantine Church, which is now a Museum (St. Sophia is closed on Mondays from 2nd May and will be replaced with a visit to St. Saviour in Chora). Continue to the Blue Mosque, one of the biggest mosques in Istanbul, famous for its blue tiles and six minarets. Proceed to the Hippodrome, the former centre of sportive and political activities of Constantinople. Visit the Grand Bazaar (closed on Sundays) which will tempt even non-shoppers with its collection of handmade carpets, jewellery, leather and souvenirs. After lunch you will visit the Topkapi Palace (does not operate on Tuesdays), the former imperial residence from where the Great Ottoman Empire was once ruled. Today, it is a spectacular museum that has one of the largest collections of Chinese and Japanese porcelains and the famous treasury of the Royal Family.

Overnight: Istanbul (BL)



DAY 3: ISTANBUL

The day will begin with a visit to the famous Egyptian Spice Bazaar with mystical smells of different aromas of spices, and shops selling fruit, vegetables, flowers and fish. Later you will cruise along the Bosphorus, the strait that separates Europe from Asia, as it winds its way from the Aegean (Sea of Marmara) to the Black Sea. See modern hotels, old wooden villas, palaces of marble, fortresses and small fishing villages. You will then return to the hotel and have the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Istanbul (B)



DAY 4: ISTANBUL – IZMIR

This morning you will be transferred to Istanbul Airport for a flight to Izmir. On arrival in Izmir you will be transferred to the hotel. Then in the afternoon you will go on an orientation tour of the city. You will see the Agora, visit Mt. Pagus for a panoramic view of the bay of Izmir, and then browse the Old Bazaar before returning to the hotel.

Overnight: Izmir (B)



DAY 5: IZMIR – EPHESUS – IZMIR

Drive to Ephesus, the great Greco Roman City of Asia Minor and an important centre of Christianity. Here you will walk down the main streets and visit the Grand Theatre where St. Paul had an encounter with the jealous idol-makers. Visit the local museum and the famous statue of "Diana of the Ephesians". The day's final visit is to a site seen as the Last Home of the Virgin Mary.



Overnight: Izmir **(BL)**

DAY 6: IZMIR – PERGAMUM – IZMIR – ISTANBUL

Today's excursion takes you to Pergamum. The main ruins are the Acropolis and Asclepion. The Acropolis was the capital of the Pergamum Kingdom and later the capital of the Asian province of the Roman Empire. The oldest ruins date back to the 5th century BC. Famous ruins of the Acropolis are the Altar of Zeus, Athena Temple, Trajan Temple, the theatre and the Library. Located a short distance away is the Asclepion which was the famous healing centre of the ancient world. Thereafter the excursion ends and you will be transferred to Izmir Airport for your flight to Istanbul. On arrival in Istanbul you will be transferred to the hotel.



Overnight: Istanbul **(BL)**

DAY 7: ISTANBUL

After breakfast you will be transferred to Istanbul's Attaturk Airport. **(B)**

HIGHLIGHTS OF TURKEY (Individually Tailored Tour) – Min. 2 pass. – Up to 40 pass.	7 Days 6 Nights (flights excluded)	Currency	Per person sharing	Single room supplement
1 Apr – 31 Oct 2018 from:	Istanbul – Istanbul	USD	1010	580
Includes: Arrival and departures transfers from/to Istanbul's Attaturk Airport, 6 nights' accommodation; transportation in coach; half day spice bazaar tour and Bosphorus cruise, Izmir tour; full day Ephesus tour; full day Pergamum tour; meals as indicated. Excludes: Domestic flights Istanbul – Izmir – Istanbul				

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