

## Wonders of Antalya and Istanbul in 13 days

### Key information

Countries visited: Turkey

Duration: 13 days / 12 nights

Best season: April - June, August - October

Tour type: Small group / individual (starting from 2 persons)

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### What's included:

All airport and land border transfers, Accommodation in Antalya hotel for 5 nights, Accommodation in Istanbul hotel for 7 nights, Meals: breakfast, dinner, Meals: 5 dinners in Antalya hotels, Meals: 1 dinner cruise on the Bosphorus, English speaking guide service for all days, All transfers in air-conditioned vehicles, All admission fees

### What's not included:

International flight tickets, Medical insurance, Visa consular fees, Single supplement

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### Itinerary in brief

Day 1 - Arrival at Istanbul - Antalya

Day 2 - Antalya Old City Tour

Day 3 - Antalya - Perge - Aspendos

Day 4 - Pamukkale City Tour

Day 5 - Free Day

Day 6 - Antalya - Istanbul

Day 7 - Istanbul City Tour

Day 8 - Prince's Islands

Day 9 - Fener - Balat - Pera Loti Hill

Day 10 - Egyptian Market - Rustem Pasha Mosque - Beyoğlu - Galata Tower

Day 11 - Free Day

Day 12 - Free Day

Day 13 - Departure



## Detailed itinerary

### Day 1

After your arrival at Istanbul Airport, you will take connecting flight to Antalya. Your guide will meet you and accompany to your hotel.

**Overnight:** Hotel in Antalya

**Meals:** Dinner

### Day 2

After breakfast you will have a sighting tour in the historical part of Antalya – the Old Town, known as Kaleiçi. This area, nestled within the modern city, is a mosaic of civilizations. Once it was a Roman settlement and later became part of the Byzantine, Seljuk, and Ottoman empires. The tour will begin at the Marina and continue to the Clock Tower, the Hadrian's Gate – a Roman triumphal arch built in honor of Emperor Hadrian – and the Broken Minaret, a curious relic of the Korkut Mosque, which began its life as a Roman temple in the 2nd century AD. You will continue to Hıdırlık Tower, where the Old Town meets Karaalioglu Park. It is a beautiful urban park with flowers and lovely views of the sea and Toros Mountains. Lunch will be served at the hotel. Afterward, you will enjoy the stunning beauty of Düden Waterfalls. It is one of the most attractive natural sights of Antalya.

**Overnight:** Hotel in Antalya

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### Day 3

On your third day you will depart to historical cities Perge and Aspendos. Perge is one of the most important ancient cities of Pamphylia, located near modern Antalya, only 18 km from the city center. It is one of the largest and best-preserved archaeological sites in Turkey, especially valued for its rich historical heritage. With its Hellenistic and Roman ruins, it is known for its well-preserved city structures like the agora, theater, and stadium. It was first mentioned in 334 BC when Alexander the Great passed through here. Aspendos, is also one of the most famous ancient cities in Turkey, particularly famous for its superbly preserved Roman theatre, which is considered one of the best in the world for its acoustics and condition. It is also a must-see for its architectural grandeur and historical significance.

**Overnight:** Hotel in Antalya

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### Day 4

After breakfast you will visit one of the most amazing natural sights of Pamukkale – its travertine terraces. These terraces are formed by mineral-rich thermal waters that deposit calcium carbonate as they flow over the cliffs. This process has created an amazing landscape of white pools. You will have a chance to walk around this natural masterpiece and those who wish can lie in the waters of the natural springs. During the tour you will also see the ruins of Hierapolis located at the top of Pamukkale. It was once the ancient Greco-Roman city protected now by UNESCO.

**Overnight:** Hotel in Antalya

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### Day 5

This will be your free day in Antalya for your own exploration.

**Overnight:** Hotel in Antalya

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### Day 6



After breakfast, you will depart to Istanbul from Antalya. You will arrive in Istanbul after approximately 10 hours journey.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Istanbul*

**Meals:** *Breakfast*

### **Day 7**

This day your city tour around Istanbul will start. First you will visit the Hippodrome of Constantinople which is now a square but once was a sporting center. Next you will continue your tour to the Sultan Ahmed Mosque or the Blue Mosque. It is an iconic sight in Istanbul attracting lots of visitors daily. It was built in the 16th century and is under the protection of UNESCO. Your next sights to visit are Hagia Sophia Mosque – the greatest surviving example of Byzantine Architecture. After lunch you will go to the Grand Bazaar and plunge into the unique exotic atmosphere of bright colors, spices, delights and natural products. Here you can buy some souvenirs like ceramics or products like local natural olive oil, sweet lokum and many others. At the end of the tour you will return to your hotel. Please do not forget to carry headscarf with you for the visit of religious places as Blue Mosque & Hagia Sophia Mosque.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Istanbul*

**Meals:** *Breakfast*

### **Day 8**

In the morning you will have a nice cruise by the ferry along the Marmara Sea to Prince's Islands – a charming chain of nine car-free islands off the coast of Istanbul in the Sea of Marmara. They form both a municipality and district of Istanbul Province. You will stop to visit the largest of these islands, Buyukada, known for its Victorian-era wooden mansions and sandy beaches. Here you will have a nice time enjoying water-sporting activities. Then you will have an exquisite lunch at a fish restaurant and return to Istanbul by ferry.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Istanbul*

**Meals:** *Breakfast*

### **Day 9**

This day you will explore colorful historical districts of Istanbul – Fener and Balat. Here you will stroll along the streets, see wooden houses, mosques, churches, and synagogues. There are also many cafes, bakeries and souvenir shops where you can buy delicacies or gifts. Next you will proceed your tour to the Pera Loti Hill. It is a must-visit destination from where opens very beautiful view of the city and the Golden Horn a– a major urban waterway. You will reach the top of the hill by the cable car. After reaching the top you will see a cafe named after Pierre Loti – the famous visitor of this place.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Istanbul*

**Meals:** *Breakfast*

### **Day 10**

After breakfast, you will visit the Grand Spice Market, locally known as the Egyptian Market. It is an old market that was an important trading center since 1461. Here you will find aromatic spices, teas, dried fruits, Turkish delights, and handcrafted goods. Next you will see the Rustem Pasha Mosque, a gem of Ottoman architecture built in the 1560s. From there, you will head to the lively district of Beyoğlu and begin a stroll along Istiklal Street, one of Istanbul's most famous pedestrian avenues. You will also see the Galata Tower which is a medieval tower known mainly popular for the 360-degree view of Istanbul visible from its observation deck. Then you will return back to your hotel. In the evening at 19:30-20:00 you will depart to Regular Dinner Cruise on the Bosphorus.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Istanbul*



*Meals: Breakfast*

**Day 11**

This will be your free day in Istanbul for your own exploration.

*Overnight: Hotel in Istanbul*

*Meals: Breakfast*

**Day 12**

This will be your free day in Istanbul for your own exploration.

*Overnight: Hotel in Istanbul*

*Meals: Breakfast*

**Day 13**

Transfer to the airport, departure.

*Meals: Breakfast*



## **Booking terms**

### **Booking process**

Once you have chosen the tour and travel date, push Book now button at your chosen date, fill necessary fields and send us an inquiry. Alternatively use contact from contact us page in about us menu tab. Once we have received your inquiry, confirmed all tour details with you, we send deposit invoice. After the deposit is received (500 euro per person), we start your hotel, train, air tickets reservations and send your Tour Voucher with all the trip details.

### **Payment process**

Tour payment is divided into 2 parts: 1. Deposit, 2. Final payment.

1. Deposit amount is 500 euro per person. Once you prepaid the deposit, it is fully refundable for a month. After month deposit becomes nonrefundable. Deposit is paid via bank transfer, your tour manager provides deposit payment invoice with full bank details. We need deposit to start your hotel, guide, vehicle, domestic flights and train ticket booking.
2. Final payment is done via bank transfer (15 working days prior to tour start) or cash (upon arrival before tour start). Both cases your tour manager provides you electronic or paper invoice. We reserve the right to cancel your tour and apply the relevant cancellation charges (detailed below) if we do not receive all payments at the due time.

### **Tour Cancellation**

If you or your group member cancels the tour, please make sure to let us know in a month after deposit is paid. Note, the deposit is non-refundable; however, you can use it throughout the year and book another tour. In this case, train and domestic flight ticket fees only will be charged a cancellation fee.

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