

Uncover Turkey in 13 days

Key information

Countries visited: Turkey

Duration: 13 days / 12 nights

Best season: April - June, August - October

Tour type: Small group of 3-13 people

What's included:

Arrival airport transfer from Istanbul airport, Accommodation in hotels for 12 nights (3* European class hotels with free Wi-Fi), Meals: breakfast, dinner, English speaking guide service for all days, All transfers in air-conditioned vehicles, All admission fees, Return airport transfer

What's not included:

Flights (flight from Armenia to Turkey is available upon request), Visa fee, Medical insurance, Additional night, Single supplement

Itinerary in brief

Day 1 - Arrival at Istanbul
Day 2 - Istanbul City Tour
Day 3 - Istanbul - Gallipoli Tour
Day 4 - Troy Tour - Pergamon - Kusadasi
Day 5 - Kusadasi - Ephesus - Sirince
Day 6 - Kusadasi - Pamukkale Tour
Day 7 - Pamukkale - Antalya
Day 8 - Antalya City Tour
Day 9 - Antalya - Konya - Cappadocia
Day 10 - Cappadocia City Tour
Day 11 - Cappadocia - Salt Lake - Ankara
Day 12 - Ankara City Tour - Istanbul
Day 13 - Departure



Detailed itinerary

Day 1

After your arrival at Istanbul airport our company's representatives will meet you and arrange your transfer to the hotel. The most interesting fact about Istanbul is that it is located on two at once continents, Europe and Asia. Istanbul is a city of old mosques, minarets and lively bazaars. In the evening you will depart to Regular Dinner Cruise on the Bosphorus. There you will enjoy local dinner and the show.

Overnight: *Hotel in Istanbul*

Meals: *Dinner*

Day 2

This day you will explore Istanbul. The first stop will be at Hippodrome which is an ancient construction that once was a center Byzantine civic life. Built in 203 by Emperor Septimus Severus, it is estimated that the arena could accommodate up to 100,000 spectators. Your next sights to visit are Sultanhamet Imperial Mosque, Hagia Sophia Mosque and Topkapi Palace Museum. 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.

Overnight: *Hotel in Istanbul*

Meals: *Breakfast, Dinner*

Day 3

Early in the morning you will depart to visit Gallipoli which is a memorial to the horrors of war. Before arrival you will have some time to relax and have lunch. Here you will visit Ariburnu Cemetery and Anzac Cove as here the World War 1 started when the Australian and New Zealand forces first landed. You will also explore Beach Cemetery, the Lone Pine Memorial, and the Chunuk Bair, a key battlefield offering emotional insight and historical weight.

Overnight: *Hotel in Canakkale*

Meals: *Breakfast, Dinner*

Day 4

This day you will have a trip to the northwestern part of Istanbul to Troy – a legendary city where according to the myth the Trojan War took place. Here you will visit archeological remains and see the Trojan Horse. Your tour will continue to Pergamon an ancient Greek city located in Aeolis, now part of western Turkey. It was a rich and powerful city, particularly during the Hellenistic period, and is known for its impressive architecture, including the Great Altar of Pergamon, and its famous library. Here you will visit Bergama Museum and a jewellery center as the city is famous for its jewellery, stones and silver. Your overnight will be in Kusadasi.

Overnight: *Hotel in Kusadasi*

Meals: *Breakfast, Dinner*



Day 5

Your day will start with a departure to Ephesus - one of the most well-preserved Roman cities in the world. Here you will explore its highlights the Temple of Artemis, Curetes Street, the Roman Baths, Celsus Library, and the impressive Grand Theatre. After lunch you will visit a carpet-weaving centre and then continue your way to local Sirince village for a tour. It is a charming hillside village famous for its traditional Greek architecture and fruit wines. Here one can taste some of the wines, enjoy some Turkish foods and take in the views and stunning scenery in this magical little village. You will have some free time to stroll in the village. The day will end with a visit to leather production center where you will have the opportunity to get a good factory rate.

Overnight: Hotel in Kusadasi

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 6

This day you will visit one of the most amazing natural sights of Turkey – Pamukkale. It's known for its travertine terraces 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 also you will visit see the ruins of Hierapolis located at the top of Pamukkale. It was once the ancient Greco-Roman city protected now by UNESCO. During the tour you will also visit one of the famous textile factories of Pamukkale.

Overnight: Hotel in Pamukkale

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 7

After breakfast, you will depart for Antalya. The trip is going to take about 3 to 4 hours. Once you reach Antalya, check in to your hotel and rest of time is yours.

Overnight: Hotel in Antalya

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 8

After breakfast you will start your trip to Antalya. It is a biggest sea resort in Turkey located on the Mediterranean Sea. 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. One of its most known structures here is the Hadrian's Gate, also known as the Three Arches, it is a grand triumphal arch built to honor Emperor Hadrian's visit in 130 AD. You will also see the Broken Minaret, part of the Korkut Mosque, which began its life as a Roman temple in the 2nd century AD. Our next stop is Hıdırlık Tower, where the old town meets Karaalioğlu Park. It is a beautiful urban park with flowers and lovely views of the sea and Toros Mountains.

Overnight: Hotel in Antalya

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



Day 9

This day you will start your trip to Konya – one of the oldest cities in Turkey known for its iconic landmarks. After lunch you will visit the Mausoleum of Mevlana – it is the final resting place of Jalal adDin Rumi – a 13th-century Persian poet, and Islamic scholar. Your tour will continue to Cappadocia – a historical region in central Turkey famous for its “fairy chimneys”, underground cities, and hot air balloon rides, which makes it one of Turkey's most iconic travel destinations.

Overnight: *Hotel in Cappadocia*

Meals: *Breakfast, Dinner*

Day 10

This day you will have a tour around Cappadocia. First, you will drive to Okzonak Underground City. It is an ancient city with good preserved constructions and tunnels. After Underground City tour, you visit Goreme Open Air Museum, the Heart of Cappadocia. Goreme Open Air Museum is famous for frescoes dating to 10th century describing the life of Jesus Christ and monks. The next stop will be at Cavusin abandoned village with old cave Greek houses. Then you will have a chance to visit pottery work shop and watch a master making potteries. You will also stop to visit another local workshop showcasing the art of Cappadocian handwoven carpets and kilims. The journey will continue to Devrent Valley, also known as Imagination Valley, where you will marvel at the rock formations resembling animals. Our final stop is the fairy chimneys called “Three Beauties”, three unique rock formations with rock “hats”, often referred to the symbol of Cappadocia.

Overnight: *Hotel in Cappadocia*

Meals: *Breakfast, Dinner*

Day 11

After the breakfast, you will depart to Ankara - Turkey’s cosmopolitan capital (approximately 4 hours distance). On the way, you will stop at Salt Lake, which it is a natural second largest lake in Turkey.

Overnight: *Hotel in Ankara*

Meals: *Breakfast, Dinner*

Day 12

The day will start with a city tour around Ankara. First, you will visit Ataturk Museum dedicated to the founding father of the Republic of Turkey, serving as its first president from 1923. You will also visit the Citadel of Ankara. The earliest parts of the citadel dates back to the 7th Century, it had been variously controlled by Romans, Byzantines, Seljuks, Crusaders and Ottomans. After the tour, you will return to Istanbul.

Overnight: *Hotel in Istanbul*

Meals: *Breakfast*

Day 13

Transfer to the airport, departure.

Meals: *Breakfast*



Booking terms

Booking process

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