

## TURKEY

### Customised Tours

8 Nights/9 Days



**Turkey** is on the Mediterranean, in the Anatolian region of West Asia, with a small section in Southeastern Europe separated by the Turkish Straits. With the Black Sea to the north and the Aegean Sea in the west and Mediterranean Sea to the southwest, Turkey is surrounded by Bulgaria and Greece to the west, Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia to the northeast, Syria, Iraq and Iran to the southeast.

### Itinerary

#### Day 1 Istanbul - Cappadocia

Arrive Istanbul Airport. Take Connecting flight to Kayseri. On arrival, transfer to your hotel in Cappadocia. Rest of the day is free at leisure. Dinner & Overnight at your hotel.

#### Day 2 Cappadocia

After breakfast start the sightseeing of the area including the Devrent Valley to see the unique fairy-chimneys. Drive to Pasabagi (Monk's Valley) to see the most interesting mushroom-shaped pinnacles. Drive to the city of Avanos for lunch. In the afternoon visit Open Air Museum at Goreme where the remains of rock-cut churches and Christian settlements date back hundreds of years. Lastly, before returning to your hotel, visit the natural castle at Uchisar. Overnight in Cappadocia.

#### Day 3 Cappadocia

After breakfast depart from the hotel for a tour with 4kms hike through the Rose Valley with visits to the churches. Afterwards visit to the old Christian village of Cavusin. Stop for lunch near Pigeons Valley and then continue on to see the Kaymakli Underground City. You will also visit the Ortahisar natural

rock castle. Transfer back to the hotel. Overnight in Cappadocia

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**Day 4** Cappadocia / Izmir / Kusadasi

After breakfast, transfer to Kayseri to board your flight to Izmir. Upon arrival transfer to Kusadasi, check in to your hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

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**Day 5** Kusadasi

After breakfast depart for the sightseeing of Ephesus, the cradle of early Christianity. Visit the House of Virgin Mary, where she spent her last days. Proceed to visit Ephesus, and see the spectacular ruins from the period of St. Paul. After lunch, visit the Archaeological Museum, Temple of Diana (one of the seven wonders of the ancient world). Return to Kusadasi. Overnight in Kusadasi.

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**Day 6** Kusadasi / Pamukkale

Drive to Pamukkale, "Cotton Castle", famous for its healing thermal / mineral Baths and beautiful snow-white "petrified" waterfalls. After lunch, visit the ancient city of Hierapolis, including the magnificently preserved Necropolis, the main Street and Gates, the thermal Baths, the devil's hole, and Masterpiece Theater. In the afternoon, free time for swimming or a therapeutic bath in the hot spring mineral waters. Overnight at your hotel in Pamukkale.

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**Day 7** Pamukkale / Istanbul

After breakfast, transfer to Denzili airport to board your flight to Istanbul. Arrive in Istanbul and transfer to your hotel. In the afternoon, depart for a half-day Bosphorus Cruise. After the cruise, visit the Spice Bazaar, a thrilling riot of colours, sounds, and the rich smells of exotic spices. Overnight in Istanbul.

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**Day 8** Full day City tour

After breakfast at the hotel, depart for full day city tour of Istanbul visiting - Blue Mosque, Hippodrome, Haghia Sophia, Topkapi Palace, and Grand Bazaar. Overnight in Istanbul.

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**Day 9** Departure

After breakfast, free time until checkout (Latest check – out time is 1100 hrs). Later transfer to the airport for onward flight.