



TIMELESS

TOURS & TRAVEL

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TIMELESS TURKEY COACH TOURS 2024

All prices are in Australian Dollars unless otherwise stated

8/5/24

8 DAY TURKISH EXPRESS TOUR **Istanbul – Izmir**

DEPARTS ISTANBUL SUNDAYS 21 JANUARY – 22 DECEMBER 2024

Tour is guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 and a maximum 35 passengers.

Day 1 (Sunday) ISTANBUL

Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to the hotel. A welcome briefing will be held this evening.

Day 2 (Monday) ISTANBUL

Enjoy a full day tour including a visit to Topkapi Palace Museum, residence of the Ottoman Sultans between 1453–1852 (excluding Harem). Visit the Hippodrome, which was once the centre of life where chariot racing and other public events took place. Tour the Blue Mosque built between 1609 and 1616, famous for its blue ceramic tiles. Your last stop St. Sophia, a church built in the 6th century Byzantine capital, converted to a mosque by the Ottomans, still inhabited as a mosque in the present day and one of the world's greatest architectural wonders. Join an optional dinner with belly dancing entertainment. (B)



Day 3 (Tuesday) ISTANBUL / ANKARA

This morning depart on an optional Bosphorus cruise and enjoy the strait that separates Asia and Europe. Its shores are lined with fine neighbourhoods, Ottoman palaces, fortresses, old wooden villas, hotels, parks and gardens, restaurants and cafés. The tour will be ended in Asian side and drive to the capital city Ankara for overnight. (B,D)

Day 4 (Wednesday) ANKARA / CAPPADOCIA

of Anatolian Civilizations, a historic caravanserai holding artifacts from up to 7500 years old including the most extensive and valuable collection of Hittite artifacts in the world. Visit the Mausoleum of Ataturk, the father of modern Turkey. Drive to Cappadocia, touring a 13th century caravanserai en route. Pay a visit to the underground city of Saratli, one of the many underground settlements built for protection and religious reasons. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant and join an optional Whirling Dervishes performance. Overnight in Cappadocia. (B,D)

Day 5 (Thursday) CAPPADOCIA

Early Morning Optional: Balloon Tour, experience floating through volcanic valleys, fairy chimneys and caves at sunrise. After breakfast visit Goreme, a historical region of Turkey, located among the rock formations, which was first settled back in the Roman period. Many rock churches can still be seen today, as Christianity was then the prevailing religion in that region. Continue to the town of Avanos renowned for its high quality earthenware. Also visit Pasabagi, Red Valley and attend a brief regional pottery workshop in a cave. (B,D)

Day 6 (Friday) CAPPADOCIA / PAMUKKALE

Drive to Pamukkale. Overnight in Pamukkale. (B,D)



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Day 7 (Saturday)

PAMUKKALE / IZMIR

Visit the unique cotton fortress of Pamukkale, with its white lime cascades formed by mineral springs, and the ruins of the Roman health spa of Hierapolis. Proceed to Izmir for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Day 8 (Sunday)

IZMIR / EPHEBUS & VIRGIN MARY'S HOUSE / IZMIR

Tour the famous ruins of Ephesus, an important cultural centre of the ancient world, and explore 2,000 year-old marble streets, a theatre, the Library of Celsius, a gymnasium and Hadrian's Temple. Take a short drive to see St. Mary's stone cottage where it is believed Virgin Mary spent her last years accompanied by St. John. Continue to a regional rug production centre to have a firsthand experience of this unique art form. Join an optional afternoon tour of Sirince. (B,D)

Day 9 (Monday)

DEPART IZMIR OR KUSADASI

Transfer to the Kusadasi pier or Izmir Airport (B) END OF TOUR.

2024 Departure Dates Sundays	Per Person in Double	Per Person in Single	Per Person in Triple
January: 21 February: 11, 25	AUD 1990	AUD 3155	AUD 1910
March: 10, 24, 31	AUD 2300	AUD 3570	AUD 2220
April: 14, 21, 28 May: 12, 19, 26 June: 2, 9, 23 July: 7, 21 August: 4, 18	AUD 2485	AUD 3820	AUD 2410
September: 1, 15, 22, 29	AUD 2640	AUD 3975	AUD 2565
October: 6, 13, 27	AUD 2955	AUD 4545	AUD 2875
November: 10, 24 December: 8, 22	AUD 2410	AUD 3680	AUD 2330

Tour Includes:

First Class Hotels in listed hotels (or similar);

Daily breakfast, 6 dinners (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner);

Arrival (Day 1) transfer from Istanbul airport; & departure (Day 9) transfer to Izmir airport or Kusadasi pier;

Licensed English speaking guides and entrance fees;

Air-conditioned vehicles; Luggage handling; Local taxes and service charges

Superior first class hotels with private facilities used (or similar):

Istanbul – Movenpick Bosphorus, Ankara – Divan Ankara, Cappadocia – Mustafa,

Pamukkale – Adempira, Izmir – Kara Thermal

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