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TIMELESS TURKEY SMALL GROUP COACH TOURS 2021

All prices are in Australian Dollars unless otherwise stated

28/1/21

11 DAY AUTHENTIC ADVENTURE 'OPTION B' TOUR Istanbul – Istanbul

DEPARTS ISTANBUL THURSDAYS 01 APRIL – 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

Tour is guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 and a maximum 22 passengers.

Day 1 (Thursday) ARRIVE ISTANBUL

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

Day 2 (Friday) ISTANBUL

Enjoy a full day tour including a visit to Topkapi Palace; residence of the Ottoman Sultans 1453 – 1852 (excludes 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 1609 – 1616, famous for its blue ceramic tiles. Next see St. Sophia, a church built in the 6th century Byzantine capital, converted to a mosque by the Ottomans, and now a museum and one of the world's greatest architectural wonders. Your last stop will be the famous Grand Bazaar, the world's largest and oldest covered market with over 60 streets. Evening Optional: Dinner with belly dancing entertainment (B)

Day 3 (Saturday) ISTANBUL / GALLIPOLI / CANAKKALE

In the morning depart for Gallipoli. Visit Anzac Cove, Lone Pine Cemetery and Chunuk Bair then cross the Dardanelles to Canakkale for overnight. (B,D)

Day 4 (Sunday) CANAKKALE / TROY / PERGAMON / IZMIR

Visit Troy with its famous wooden horse, best known for being the setting of the Trojan War and many cities built on top of each other. Before arriving at the Asclepion enjoy lunch with locals in a traditional village. Then continue to Pergamum to visit the ancient Asclepion Medical Centre and continue to Izmir for overnight. (B,L) Evening Optional: Dinner at local restaurant.

Day 5 (Monday) IZMIR / EPHESUS & 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 Celsus, a gymnasium and Hadrian's Temple. Take a short drive to see the 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.

Day 6 (Tuesday) IZMIR / BODRUM

After breakfast drive to Bodrum to visit the castle of St. Peter and the renowned Underwater Museum that was awarded the best Underwater Museum of the World in 2000's. Overnight in Bodrum. (B,D)

Day 7 (Wednesday) BODRUM / KOS / BODRUM

After breakfast, free time for personal activities. Dinner and overnight Bodrum. Optional: Day tour to Kos. (B)

Day 8 (Thursday) BODRUM / CAPPADOCIA

After breakfast, enjoy a late morning departure to the airport for flight to Cappadocia. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)



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Day 9 (Friday) CAPPADOCIA

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

Day 10 (Saturday) CAPPADOCIA / ISTANBUL

After breakfast, depart to the airport for flight to Istanbul. Afternoon Optional: half day Bosphorus Cruise, enjoying 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 cafes. Finish your last minute shopping in the Spice Market filled with the fragrance of the exotic East. Tonight enjoy a farewell dinner. (B)

Day 11 (Sunday) DEPART ISTANBUL

After breakfast, transfer to the airport. (B) END OF TOUR.

(B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)

2021 Departure Dates Thursdays	Per Person in Double	Per Person in Single	Per Person in Triple
April: 1, 15, 29 May: 13, 27 June: 10, 24 July: 8, 22 August: 5, 19 September: 2, 30	AUD 3055	AUD 4485	AUD 2845

Tour Includes: Accommodation in listed hotels (or similar);
 Daily breakfast & 5 dinners;
 Arrival (day 1) & departure (day 11) transfers from and to Istanbul airport;
 Flight Bodrum – Cappadocia / Cappadocia – Istanbul;
 Licensed English speaking guides and entrance fees;
 Air-conditioned vehicles; Luggage handling; Local taxes and service charges

Historical and boutique first class hotels with private facilities used (or similar):
 Istanbul – Sofitel M Gallery, Canakkale – Assos Kervansaray, Izmir – Swissotel Grand Efes,
 Bodrum – Doria, Cappadocia – Gamirasu

THE OPERATOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ALTER HOTELS AND ITINERARY IF NECESSARY



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