



# TIMELESS TOURS & TRAVEL

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## TIMELESS TURKEY COACH TOURS 2021

All prices are in Australian Dollars unless otherwise stated

28/1/21

### 8 DAY WESTERN TURKEY TOUR: Istanbul – Bodrum

**DEPARTS ISTANBUL THURSDAYS 15 APRIL – 28 OCTOBER 2021**

*Tour is guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 and a maximum 32 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 (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. 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. (B)

*Evening optional: Dinner with belly dancing entertainment*

**Day 3 (Saturday) ISTANBUL – GALLIPOLI – CANAKKALE**

In the morning depart for Gallipoli. Visit Anzac Cove, Lone Pine Cemetery and Chunuk Bair, and 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 – 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 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. (B,D)

**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**

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
<b>April:</b> 15, 29 <b>May:</b> 13, 27 <b>June:</b> 10, 24 <b>July:</b> 8, 22 <b>August:</b> 5, 19 <b>September:</b> 2, 30 <b>October:</b> 14, 28	AUD 1875	AUD 2775	AUD 1805

Tour Includes: Accommodation in listed hotels (or similar); Daily breakfast, 3 dinners & 1 lunch; Arrival (Day 1 – Istanbul Airport) & departure (Day 8) transfers from/to the airport; Licensed English speaking guides and entrance fees; Air-conditioned vehicles; Luggage handling; Local taxes and service charges

Deluxe and superior first class hotels with private facilities used (or similar):

Istanbul – W Istanbul, Canakkale – Kolin Hotel, Izmir – Swissotel Grand Efes, Bodrum – Doria Hotel

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



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