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## TOURS & TRAVEL

FOR THE DISCERNING TRAVELLER

### TIMELESS TURKEY SMALL GROUP COACH TOURS 2025

All prices are in Australian Dollars unless otherwise stated

4/10/24

## 15 DAY GLORIES OF TURKEY SMALL GROUP TOUR Istanbul – Istanbul

DEPARTS ISTANBUL THURSDAYS 17 APRIL – 30 OCTOBER 2025

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

### **\*2025 COACH TOUR EARLY BIRD BOOKING SPECIAL\***

Book and pay in full\* by THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER 2024 to receive the following prices:

2025 Departure Dates Thursdays	Per Person in DOUBLE / TWIN <b>**2025 BOOKING SPECIAL**</b>
April: 17 May: 1, 15, 29	AUD 5445
June: 12, 26	AUD 5600
July: 17 August: 14	AUD 5445
September: 4, 18 October: 2, 16, 30	AUD 5680

\*Please note: Once early bird prices have been paid they are non-refundable.

#### Included Tour Highlights:

- Topkapi Palace
- Grand Bazaar, the world's largest and oldest covered market
- Anzac Cove at Gallipoli
- Ancient city of Troy
- Ephesus and House of Virgin Mary
- Pamukkale the Cotton Castle
- Open Air Museum of Goreme, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Saratli, a hidden underground city
- Hiking through the fairy chimneys of Cappadocia
- The Mausoleum of Ataturk in Ankara
- Lunch with locals



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### 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 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. *An optional visit to St. Sophia, a church built in the 6th century Byzantine capital, converted to a mosque by the Ottomans, still functioning as a mosque today 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. *Join an optional dinner with belly dancing entertainment.* B

### Day 3 (Saturday)

#### ISTANBUL / GALLIPOLI / CANAKKALE

Depart for Gallipoli, the site of many battles during WWI. 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 into Asclepion, enjoy lunch with locals in a traditional local village. Then continue to Pergamum to visit the ancient Medical Centre in Asclepion and continue to Izmir for overnight. B L

### 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 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. Overnight at the hotel. B

### 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 2000s. Overnight in Bodrum. B

### Day 7 (Wednesday)

#### BODRUM / (optional KOS) / BODRUM

After breakfast, free time. Dinner and overnight Bodrum. *Optional: Ferry ticket to explore Kos.* B

### Day 8 (Thursday)

#### BODRUM / PAMUKKALE

After breakfast, drive through lush valleys to Pamukkale, the Cotton Fortress, with white lime cascades formed by hot mineral springs. Visit ruins of the Roman health spa of Hierapolis and enjoy a swim in your hotel's thermal pool. B D

### Day 9 (Friday)

#### PAMUKKALE / ANTALYA

After breakfast depart for Antalya, for dinner and overnight. B D

### Day 10 (Saturday)

#### ANTALYA / (optional PERGE & ASPENDOS) / ANTALYA

Free day or *optional visit Perge and Aspendos.* Dinner at the hotel. B D

### Day 11 (Sunday)

#### ANTALYA / CAPPADOCIA

Early morning departure for Cappadocia, visiting a 13th century Caravansarai on the way. Later visit the underground city of Saratli. Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia. B D





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### Day 12 (Monday) 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 pottery. Also visit Devrent and Red Valley and attend a brief regional pottery workshop. Dinner and overnight. B D*  
*Evening optional: Join a Whirling Dervishes performance.*

### Day 13 (Tuesday) CAPPADOCIA / ANKARA

Early morning departure to the capital city of Ankara through the salt lake area. Visit the Mausoleum of Ataturk, the father of modern Turkey. Overnight in Ankara. B

### Day 14 (Wednesday) ANKARA / ISTANBUL

After breakfast depart on a scenic drive 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 D

### Day 15 (Thursday) DEPART ISTANBUL

After breakfast, transfer to the airport. B

2025 Departure Dates Thursdays	Per Person in Double	Per Person in Single	Per Person in Triple
<b>April:</b> 17 <b>May:</b> 1, 15, 29	AUD 5915	AUD 8895	AUD 5680
<b>June:</b> 12, 26	AUD 6070	AUD 9105	AUD 5680
<b>July:</b> 17 <b>August:</b> 14	AUD 5915	AUD 9215	AUD 5680
<b>September:</b> 4, 18 <b>October:</b> 2, 16, 30	AUD 6145	AUD 9445	AUD 5915

#### Tour Includes:

Deluxe Hotels in listed hotels (or similar);  
 Daily breakfast, 7 dinners & 1 lunch (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner);  
 Arrival (Day 1) & departure (Day 15) transfers from Istanbul airport;  
 Licensed English speaking guides and entrance fees;  
 Air-conditioned vehicles; Luggage handling;  
 Local taxes and service charges

#### Tour Excludes:

Personal expenses; Gratuities; Drinks; Optional Excursions/Activities

#### Deluxe Hotels with private facilities used (or similar):

Istanbul – Burdock Autograph Collection, Canakkale – Double Tree by Hilton,  
 Izmir – Swissotel Grand Ephesus, Bodrum – Ramada Bodrum, Pamukkale – Doga Thermal,  
 Antalya – The Marmara Antalya, Cappadocia – Gamirasu Cave Hotel, Ankara – JW Marriott

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