

## **Full Itinerary & Trip Details**

# **14 Day Flying Carpet Deluxe Turkey Tour**

Welcome to Turkey! If you are looking for something special and extraordinary then look no further. The best tour in Turkey including 5 star deluxe hotels and quaint authentic deluxe boutique cave hotels in Cappadocia. Enjoy first class service and guided transportation through the historical and picturesque sites of Istanbul, the ancient ruins of Ephesus, the hot springs of Pamukkale, Perge, Aspendos and beautiful views of the Mediterranean coast in Antalya before seeing the underground cities of Cappadocia. If you have 2 weeks you can enjoy the sea, sun and experience the 7 Wonders of Turkey.

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**PRICE STARTING FROM**

€0 €0

**DURATION**

14 days

**TOUR ID**

138

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 : Istanbul - Arrival Day

Welcome to Turkey Istanbul Airport. Meet with our staff. Transfer from Airport & check in to your hotel. Overnight in Istanbul.

## **Day 2 : Istanbul City Tour**

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, we pick you up at 08.30 from your hotel for the daily tour of old Istanbul City. Visit to ST. SOPHIA This ancient basilica, built by Constantine the Great in the 4th century and reconstructed by Justinian in the 6th century, is one of the architectural marvels of all time. TOPKAPI PALACE The great palace of the Ottoman sultans from the 15th to the 19th centuries housing an exquisite collection of crystal, silver, and Chinese porcelain, robes worn by the sultans and their families, the famous jewels of the Imperial Treasury, miniatures, the Holy Mantle; enshrining relics of the Prophet Mohammed. SULTANAHMET IMPERIAL MOSQUE Across from St. Sophia built in the 16th century by the architect Mehmet, is known as the BLUE MOSQUE because of its magnificent interior decoration of blue Iznik tiles. HIPPODROME Ancient Hippodrome, the scene of chariot races, with the three monuments; the Obelisk of Theodosius, the bronze Serpentine Column and the Column of Constantine. Our Tour will then take you to the Grand Spice Bazaar which is a unique atmosphere with reasonable prices for your shopping on many Exotic Spices and Herbs, Turkish Baklava, Turkish Delights, Turkish Coffee, nuts and fruits, small souvenirs such as Ceramic Handicrafts, Evil Eyes totems, all naturel olive oil, soaps and many other goods in Souvenir Shops and stores. After the tour, transfer back to your hotel. Free Evening and optional Istanbul Evening Shows or Bosphorus Dinner Cruise including traditional Turkish entertainment and dinner. Overnight Istanbul.

## **Day 3 : Istanbul to Izmir and Kusadasi**

Breakfast and Dinner Included

After breakfast at 08.30, we depart for Bosphorus Cruise Tour.

BOSPHORUS BY BOAT is a traditional excursion by boat along the waterway separating Europe and Asia. You will enjoy your tour on a luxury private boat. After Tour we depart for Istanbul Ataturk airport for domestic flight to Izmir. Transfer from airport and check in to your hotel in Kusadasi. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi.

## **Day 4 : Kusadasi - Ephesus Tour - Turkish Village Sirince**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

After breakfast at 08.30, we depart from hotel for fully guided tour of Ephesus, one of the best preserved ancient sites in the world en-route, visiting the Temple of Artemis, Curetes street, famous Roman baths, Celsus Library, Grand theatre and House of the Virgin Mary. Lunch break around 13.00. After the lunch, we will visit a place which continues to perform one of the oldest arts of Turkey; a carpet weaving center. After lunch, we will have a Turkish Village Tour. Sirince's construction style today belongs to Anatolian Greeks. The houses on the slope are all original with their white paints. Sirince Village also has a fantastic reputation for making some of the best wines in Turkey - especially fruit wines. We will visit the vineyards and it is time to learn how to make fruit wine with Turkish wine makers. In the evening, you will be tested about your knowledge of making fruit wine. On the way, we will visit one of the famous leather production centers of the region, where you will have the opportunity to get a good factory rate. On this guided tour, you will avoid the constant nagging and sometimes bullying that is well known in the markets of Turkey. Enabling you to enjoy the shopping experience whilst gaining the knowledge of the ancient craftsmen. Dinner and overnight

in Kusadasi.

### **Day 5 : Kusadasi - Pamukkale Tour**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

At 08.30, after breakfast, we depart for Pamukkale. We have a lunch break until 13.30. Afterwards, we shall visit the calcium terraces of Pamukkale (cotton castle) and the ruins of Hierapolis, then walk around this natural phenomenon and have the option of lying in the waters of the natural springs. Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale.

### **Day 6 : Istanbul - End of Tour**

Breakfast Included

### **Day 7 : Pamukkale to Antalya**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

### **Day 8 : Antalya Aspendos and Perge Tour**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

After breakfast, we will depart for Perge and Aspendos.

PERGE: According to the geographer Strabon, Perge has been founded by Akhas who came down here after the Trojan wars. Perge was first mentioned in 334 BC when Alexander the Great passed through here. In the following years, Perge went under the control of Pergamon when the Kingdom of Pergamon became a part of the Roman city. In the first and the second centuries BC, Perge became one of the richest towns in Pamphylia. Therefore it is not a surprise that St. Paul started his campaign in Anatolia from Perge in 46 AD. After Perge, we will depart for Aspendos. Lunch break on the way.

ASPENDOS: The eastern land of Antalya was called Pamphylia in ancient times. Aspendos (Belkis) lies 47 km east of Antalya in the Pamphylian plain. In 486 BC, Greeks and Persians had a great battle here (Greeks won, they didn't stay for long). During the reign of the Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius (161-80 AD) Aspendos got its theatre which is the best preserved of all. It was built by Romans and maintained by Byzantines and Seljuks. The ruins of the ancient city are extensive and include a stadium, an agora, and a basilica. Dinner and overnight in Antalya.

### **Day 9 : Antalya to Cappadocia by Flight**

Breakfast and Dinner Included

After breakfast and by 12:00 hours, we check out and free time till departure. Then, we depart for Antalya airport for our domestic flight to Cappadocia. Transfer from Kayseri airport to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to explore Cappadocia. Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia.

### **Day 10 : Cappadocia – Red Tour**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Today, we will get to know the Cappadocia region, a volcanic area in which the geological formation started 10 million years ago. As a result of these formations phallic like pillars have come to life. The beautiful horse country Katpatuka, (as the Persians called her) is an unbelievable strip of land, enchanting and mysterious. Cappadocia region is also famous for its arts, including ceramic and carpets. You will be picked up approximately 09.30 from your hotel to join our regular tour. Tour starts with Uchisar Castle, the highest point of Cappadocia. After Uchisar, you visit Goreme Open Air Museum, the Heart of Cappadocia. Goreme Open Air Museum is famous for frescoes dating to 10th century describing the life of Jesus Christ and monks. Next stop is Cavusin, which is an abandoned village with old cave Greek houses. After Cavusin, you go to the restaurant in Avanos to have lunch. After lunch, you visit a pottery work shop, to see how to make potteries. Then you go Pasabagi where you can see three - headed fairy chimneys. After Pasabagi, you visit another workshop to see Cappadocian handwoven carpets and kilims. Next stop is Devrent Valley which is also called Imagination Valley, where you can see natural rock formations looking like animals. Then, you head to a wine shop in Urgup for wine tasting. Last stop is Three Beauties, three beautiful fairy chimneys with their hats which are the symbol of Cappadocia. This tour will end approximately 18.00 and you will be returned back to your hotel. Dinner and overnight Cappadocia.

### **Day 11 : Cappadocia - Green Tour**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Breakfast at hotel, around 9:30 and then you will be picked up from your hotel. We will drive you to Derinkuyu underground city, one of the best preserved and deepest Underground cities in Cappadocia. Derinkuyu Underground city is 55 meters deep and 8 levels open to visitors. After that, we will drive you to Ihlara valley which is a 16 km long canyon and both side are lined with rock carved churches. We will have 3 km hike and visit one of the churches in the valley. At the end of the hiking, lunch be served at the Belisirma village beside river. After lunch, we will visit Selime monastery caved out of the rock by Christian monks in the 13th century. On the way back to hotel, we will stop at the pigeon valley. Dinner and overnight Cappadocia.

### **Day 12 : Cappadocia to Istanbul**

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, you will have free time shopping in Cappadocia. In the evening, we depart for Kayseri airport for our domestic flight to Istanbul. Transfer from Ataturk airport to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to explore Istanbul. Overnight in Istanbul.

### **Day 13 : Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise**

Breakfast Included

We pick you up at 08.30 from the hotel and depart for the Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise and Shopping Tour following the breakfast. BOSPHORUS BY BOAT a traditional excursion by boat along the waterway separating Europe and Asia. The shore is lined with old wooden villas, palaces of marble, fortresses, and small fishing villages. During the excursion you will see the magnificent sights of the following attractions from your boat. See Dolmabahce Palace, and further along, the parks and imperial pavilions of Yildiz Palace. On the coastal edge of this park, is Ciragan Palace, 300 meters of its marble facade faces the shore. At Ortakoy a great variety of artists gather every Sunday to display their work along the street. Ortakoy is a symbol of tolerance with a church, a mosque and a synagogue existing side by side for centuries.

**RUMELI FORTRESS** Built by Mehmet the Conqueror in 1452 prior to the conquest of Istanbul was completed in only four months to control and protect the infamous Bosphorus passage. It is one of the most beautiful works of military architecture anywhere in the world.

**BEYLERBEYI PALAS (PALACE)** The summer residence of Ottoman sultans exists in its original renovated glory featuring original antique furniture and magnificent gardens with the Harem on the Asian side of Istanbul.

**BOSPHORUS BRIDGE** enjoy a unique chance to step from one continent (Asia) to another (Europe)

**CAMLICA HILL** the highest point in Istanbul. At the top of it you can rest and admire the magnificent panorama of Istanbul and the Bosphorus from the beautiful gardens, landscaped in traditional Turkish Ottoman style.

**SHOPPING TOUR** (after cruise) Experience the traditional silk weaving skills of Turkish women at the carpet weaving courses provided by The Ministry of National Education. You will get the opportunity to see jewelry, handcrafts centre and a modern leatherwear show. Enjoy the experience of shopping whilst gaining the knowledge of the ancient craftsmen, with our Tour's local escort full of knowledge about how to haggle the streets of Istanbul. The rest of the evening is yours to explore Istanbul. Overnight in Istanbul.

## **Day 14 : Istanbul - End of Tour**

Breakfast Included

We hope your tour was a memorable one and we would like to see you in the future in one of our tours again. After breakfast check out from the hotel. We make your return airport transfer services. Have a nice trip back home and thanks for choosing us.

## **Includes**

- Domestic flight from Cappadocia to Istanbul
- Guided Istanbul city tour
- Professional English - speaking tour guides
- All entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- Transportation in a fully air - conditioned, non - smoking coach
- Domestic flight from Istanbul to Izmir
- Guided Istanbul Bosphorus cruise
- Guided Pamukkale tour
- 1 nights hotel in Pamukkale
- Return airport transfer
- 2 nights hotel in Antalya
- 3 nights hotel in Kusadasi
- Arrival airport transfer from Istanbul airport
- 8 dinners
- 5 local lunches
- 3 nights hotel in Cappadocia
- 13 open buffet breakfasts
- 4 nights' accommodation hotel in Istanbul
- Domestic flight from Antalya to Cappadocia
- Guided Turkish Village Tour
- Guided Antalya tour

- Guided Cappadocia Red Tour
- Cappadocia Green Tour
- Hotel room taxes

## Excludes

- International flights
- Insurance: All types
- Turkey entry visa
- Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry
- Any others expenses which are not mentioned at the included section
- Tips and Personal expenses
- Domestic flight from Cappadocia to Istanbul
- Domestic flight price for adult travelers is approximately Euros: 50,00 for one way and for under 2 years old, approximately Euros: 20,00 as an insurance policy.
- Domestic flight from Istanbul to Izmir
- City tax
- Domestic flight from Antalya to Cappadocia

## Routes

## Conditions

### What are the discounts for children?

Under 2 years of age, your child will travel free of charge by land. Flight ticket insurance cost will be 20 Euro only.

Children under 6 years of age are charged at 50% of a full priced adult tour in Istanbul

Children 7-11 years of age are charged at 75% of a full priced adult tour in Istanbul.

Children above 11 years are full priced adult fares.

### OPTIONAL Per Person Price

Dinner € 16,00 Transfer included

Lunch € 12,00 Transfer included

1001 Nights Dinner Show Istanbul € 55,00 Transfer included

Bosphorus Dinner Cruise Istanbul € 60,00 Transfer included

Turkish Bath Kusadasi € 40,00 Transfer included

Ephesus Skydiving € 180,00 Transfer included

Hot Air Ballooning Cappadocia € 180,00 Transfer included

Daily Whirling Dervishes € 45,00 Transfer included

## Available On Dates

30 October, 2019 - 31 March, 2022 Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

## Hotels

GOLDTOUR PACKAGE CATEGORY HOTELS Grand Hyatt Hotel Suhan 360 Hotel or Charisma De Luxe Hotel Pam Thermal Hotel 5 Star Miracle Hotel & Resort or 5 Star Porto Bello Hotel Resort & Spa Blue Valley Cave or Hanedan Cave Hotel PLATINUM TOUR PACKAGE CATEGORY HOTELS Ciragan Palace Kempinski Suhan 360 Hotel or Charisma De Luxe Hotel Pam Thermal Hotel 5 Star Spice Hotel or 5 Star Gloria Golf Resort Hotel Cappadocia Cave Resort & Spa or Wyndham Hotel Kayseri or Gamirasu Cave Hotel