



# ITINERARY

## **Day 1 : Istanbul - Arrival Day**

Dinner Included

Welcome to Turkey! Meet at the airport, transfer to your hotel. You will be given your room key and the rest of the day is yours to explore Istanbul. Dinner and Overnight in Istanbul. Please note that; Our arrival airport transfer services will be available between 07:00am to 22:00pm from Airport.

## **Day 2 : Istanbul Half day City Tour - Izmit**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

After breakfast, at 09:00 am depart for Istanbul City Tour at 10:00. Visit to 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. Lunch at restaurant After the lunch, we will visit the unique Leather Factory's leather fashion show. Murti's Tour will then take you to the GRAND SPICE BAZAAR The air here is filled with the enticing aromas of cinnamon, caraway, saffron, mint, thyme and every other conceivable herb and spice. Upon completion of our tour, we depart for Izmit that is 115 km away from Istanbul to have dinner and stay overnight at hotel Welborn Luxury Hotel.

## **Day 3 : Izmit SUV safari – Ankara**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

After breakfast we will check out and depart for Jeep Safari Tour in Yuvacik, Izmit. After checking out from the hotel and within 30 minutes, we will reach the safari area and at the city center with All Terrain Vehicles to go into the heart of the nature of the Izmit plateaus. Lunch at noon and then we depart for Ankara. Dinner and Overnight in Ankara.

## **Day 4 : Half day City Tour in Ankara - Hattusa Tour and Drive to Tokat**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

After breakfast we will depart for a visit to modern Turkey's founder's (Mustafa Kemal ATATURK) final resting place called Anitkabir, the mausoleum. We depart for Hattusa afterwards. Located in the region of Alacahoyuk. Hattusa, a true historical heaven, in UNESCO World Heritage List as well as World Memory List with the hieroglyphics archives found as of 2001, having housing all 4 civilization periods from bronze ages on. Being a Hittites' cultural and religious center, these grounds have witnessed 1500 years of humanity's development along with Anatolian Heritage that is also world famous with its roasted chickpeas, gourmet rice varieties. After visiting this historical marvel, we take our lunch at Corum and continue sightseeing with clock tower, the old mosque and other historical structures in the city then a short coach voyage to Tokat to have dinner and stay overnight in Tokat. You will have a chance to view some of the important cultural & war history remnants. Learn the

history of this vibrant and cosmopolitan city like a local, as you discover more about its culture and traditions of the locals Dinner and Overnight at Hotel in Tokat.

### **Day 5 : Tokat City Tour**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Today, we have a City Tour, visiting the historical places of Tokat such as historical lodging and dwelling points, forums and religious educational centers, Tokat Museum, Ethnography Museum, world renowned Turkish Baths as well as Clock Tower in downtown. While sightseeing in the city, you will notice the sincere hospitality and honest warmth of the local people. You will also get a chance to visit local shops with very affordable prices for shopping souvenirs. At noon, we will taste the most delicious Tokat Kebabs for lunch that of the reputation has exceeded its borders. Dinner and Overnight at the Hotel in Tokat.

### **Day 6 : Farm Visit and Gastronomical Activities**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Today we will take to farm to pick onions, lettuce and such greenery and then to make pancakes with a Turkish touch. We eat what we cooked with villagers and we will depart for cherry orchard and the fields. Picking fruits and eating them from their branch along with the local people that is surely not to be forgotten easily.

### **Day 7 : A traditional Village Visit & Peach Picking, Village Dinner and Turkish Bath**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Today, we will see Lake Almus that is one of the biggest lake of Turkey that we will witness the variety of fishes as walking by and visit a village to enjoy all natural & organic food along with villagers and take a part in Folkloric and traditional dances, depart for Peach and seasonal veggie-fruit Picking at its source. You will feel the nature at the palm of your hands and that empathize the sense of being part of the soil. Eating the peaches fresh off the branch appreciating the greatness and witness the earth truly. Afterwards, we will be having Turkish style pizza (“pide”) for dinner and you are cooking! Today, we will see the honored and hospitable villagers’ working conditions and cooking methods, witnessing their farm life. We will see the domestic animals such as donkey, cow and such all around us. Perfect finish with a SPA experience at a classical Turkish Bath.

### **Day 8 : Tokat to Sivas and Sivas City Tour**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

After the Breakfast in the Hotel, we will depart to Sivas. Situated at an altitude of 1275 m, Sivas is the highest city of the Central Anatolian Region, and the most mountainous one with the numerous peaks. This uneven land has been the shelter of many tribes, from the earliest ages to more recent periods from which remain many notable monuments. We start exploring respectively Archaeological Museum, Sifaiye Madrasah, The Double Minaret Madrasah, Buruciye Madrasah, Castle Mosque, Gendarme House, Government House, Great Mosque, Broken and Curved Bridge. Later, we will give a break for local lunch. After lunch we will go on with visiting Ottoman highlights; Meydan Mosque and ?ems-i Sivasî Tomb, ?hramc?zade Cultural and Art House, Suba?? Kervansaray?, Ta?han Kervansaray?.

Before Dinner we will visit Susam?slar Mansion for Whirling Derwish Ceremony with Sema. The sema ceremony is one of the most important heritage of Turkish Culture as a tradition of 800 years old. This unique traditional ritual had been proclaimed as Intangible Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO in 2005. We complete the day after dinner in Lover' s Coffee House with drinking our Turkish coffee and listening local music made by lovers who are famous with playing a stringed instrument called "SAZ". Overnight in Sivas.

### **Day 9 : Sivas - Cappadocia by drive**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

After breakfast, we depart for Cappadocia for a ride that is approxiametly 4 hours. We will stay in Cappadocia Cave Resort with world renowned luxury. We will get to view great scenery of Cappadocian Fairy Chimney off the terrace of Roof Bar in the hotel. A morning surprise of hundreds of Hot Air Balloons Decorating the Skies through your room. If you want to Experience this first hand, please contact us for Hot Air Balloon ride and reserve your spot in the sky. Overnight in Cappadocia..

### **Day 10 : Cappadocia Underground City & Goreme Open Air Museum**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

You will be picked up approximately 09:30 We will drive you to Ozkonak Underground City, one of the best preserved Underground cities in Cappadocia. Than visit to 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 tour 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 is the symbol of Cappadocia. This tour will end approximately at 18.00 and you will be returned back to your hotel. Overnight in Cappadocia.

### **Day 11 : Cappadocia Cooking Lesson Tour**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Cappadocia is the most popular tourist destination in the world. Cappadocia is also known for its gastronomic and environmental aspects. If you arrive in the harvest season, you will have time to go to the farm to get acquainted with nature. Vegetables and fruits are ready to be picked by you and cooked to turn them into food. At your service will also be a wine tour where you can taste the wines. Overnight in Cappadocia.

### **Day 12 : Cappadocia to Istanbul - End of Tour**

Breakfast Included

After breakfast you will have free time in Cappadocia. Today we depart for Kayseri Airport for our

domestic flight to Istanbul and then back to home. We hope you have enjoyed our Ecological & Gastronomical, Historical Tour of Tokat. We hope this was a memorable tour for you and looking forward to see you again on another tour of ours. Thank you for joining us.

## **Includes**

- 1 night hotel in Izmit
- 1 night hotel in Ankara
- Guided Istanbul city tour
- Guided Tokat City Tour
- Professional English - speaking tour guides
- Return airport transfer
- Arrival airport transfer from Istanbul airport
- 1 night hotel in Istanbul
- 3 nights hotel in Cappadocia
- 11 dinners
- 1 Cooking Lesson in Cappadocia
- 10 lunches
- Guided tour in Cappadocia
- 4 Nights hotel accommodation in Tokat
- 1 Night hotel accommodation in Sivas
- Guided Izmit Off Road tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking coach
- Hotel room taxes
- Guided Traditional Village Visit & Peach Picking Tour
- Guided Farm Visit and Gastronomical Activities Tour
- 11 breakfasts
- Guided Half Day Ankara City Tour & Hattusa Tour

## **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
- City tax
- Tipping: Tips for guides and drivers
- Domestic flights

## **Routes**

## **Available On Dates**

10 May, 2019 - 31 March, 2022 Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

## **Hotels**

SILVER PACKAGE Pullman Hotel or Ramada Hotel Golden Horn 4 Star Izmit Hotel 4 Star Ankara Hotel 4 Star Tokat Hotel Antique Cave House Hotel or 5 Star Suhan Hotel GOLD PACKAGE The Marmara Pera Hotel 5 Star Izmit Hotel 5 Star Ankara Hotel 5 Star Dedeman Tokat Hotel Cappadocia Cave Resort & Spa or Wyndham Hotel Kayseri or Gamirasu Cave Hotel