



Package price starting from

\$3,799 CAD

38% OFF
original \$6,129

15 Days

Miracles of Turkey & Greece

Istanbul, Magic Cappadocia & Ancient Athens

Trip Code: TO15TG

-  13 Nights
-  Air Included
-  Small Group (26)
-  4-5 Start Hotel
-  24 Meals
-  Escorted Tour
-  Daily sightseeing
-  Coach, Air



WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

- Explore the continent-straddling metropolis of Istanbul, and step back in time to the Grand Bazaar, the majestic Blue Mosque, and in the taste of real Turkish Delight
- Get up close and personal with the fairy chimneys of Cappadocia
- Feast your eyes on Turkey's most spectacular sight, the 'Cotton Castle' and paddle through the magical healing hot springs at Pamukkale
- Option to explore thousands of years of history hidden in the remarkable ruins of Ephesus
- Uncover thousands of years of civilization in Athens with a visit to Acropolis

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DAY 1: Depart for Turkey

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DAY 2: Arrive in Istanbul

Arrive in Istanbul, at the crossroads of Europe and Asia and transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day is at leisure. Overnight in Istanbul.

DAY 3: Istanbul

Spend your day delving into Istanbul the only city that straddles two continents, where modern and ancient coexist. Your tour includes a short briefing and the picture stop at the courtyard of the Blue Mosque, a 17th century Ottoman Mosque famous for its six minarets and magnificent interior made of blue tiles. Continue to the Hippodrome, an ancient Grecian stadium for horse racing and chariot racing during the Roman period. Then, gain insights into the Ottoman Empire's power during your guided tour of the Topkapi Palace and see the 4th century Egyptian obelisk. Then you may join the optional tour Half Day Istanbul and St. Sophia with lunch (USD\$55). This tour's highlights include the Underground Cistern - water source of the Byzantine and Ottoman periods. Then visit St. Sophia, the great Byzantine Basilica built in the 6th century, which remained the largest cathedral in the world for almost a thousand years, it was later converted to a mosque and now serves as a museum. Overnight in Istanbul. **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 4: Istanbul-Troy-Canakkale

This morning, proceed to the classical city of Troy. Tour this 4000-year-old city and legendary center of the Trojan War, made immortal by Homer's epic poem The Iliad. See the symbolic replica of the famous Wooden Horse that the Greeks used to break their siege of this ancient city. We continue to Çanakkale where we dine at our hotel tonight. Overnight in Canakkale. **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5: Canakkale - Pergamum - Izmir

This morning, drive to Pergamum, a powerful kingdom during the ancient Hellenistic period. You will discover the ancient city of Pergamon, an important cultural centre and the east capital of the Roman Empire. Then visit Asklepion, the ancient Roman spa center. Then take a visit to the Leather factory where you can see the models wearing fashion popular leather walk show. Continue to seaside Izmir, a city believed to be the birthplace of Homer, where we'll dine at our hotel. Overnight in Izmir. **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 6: Izmir

Enjoy a full day at leisure in Izmir. Or, join the optional tour to Ancient Ephesus with lunch (USD\$79), considered one of the greatest ancient cities of the world. Here, you'll meander through the ruins of the ancient Greek city of Ephesus, visit

the House of the Virgin Mary, Basilica of St. John, the library of Celsus, temple of Hadrian, the theater and the Odeon. Overnight in Izmir. **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 7: Izmir - Pamukkale

Today, transfer to Pamukkale, and visit the Necropolis and the ancient city of Hierapolis ("Holy City"); a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The city's hot springs have drawn people since the 2nd century BCE as it is known for its healing and therapeutic properties. Next, you will visit Pamukkale, known as "The Cotton Castle" is best described as a calcium cascade of snowy white stalactites-reminiscent a frozen waterfall. It is recognized as the 8th wonder of the World by Turkish people. Then relax and enjoy the blissful thermal pools at your hotel before dinner. Overnight in Pamukkale. **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 8: Pamukkale - Konya

Enjoy a city tour of Ouarzazate, a desert. This morning, continue to Konya, a city renowned for its Seljuk architecture and also as the home of the "Whirling Dervishes." Here we will gain insights into the mystical Whirling Dervish sect whose remains lie in the Mevlana Museum and Mausoleum. Overnight in Konya. **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 9: Konya - Cappadocia

Today, depart in the early morning to travel to Cappadocia. En route, visit the 13th-century Caravanserai of Sultanhan, a large abandoned city and shelter in Cappadocia, built on the Silk Road, whose main portal gate is considered a fine example of Turkish Seljuk art. Continue to Cappadocia. A region of surreal rock formations and incredible cultural heritage, Cappadocia is home to rock-cut temples, ancient underground cities, and unparalleled landscapes. Visit "Fairy Chimney"-its iconic volcanic cones. The thick clusters of rosy rock take on peculiar shapes-look for a dolphin, Napoleon's hat, or the Virgin Mary as you gaze upon them. Your guide explains how the formations were naturally carved. You may also see the remarkable mushroom-shaped, chimney-like rock formations that monks used as shelters, and get the chance to climb inside one to visit the quarters within. Before you move on Tonight, be sure to attend the optional performance of the world-famous Whirling Dervishes Dance (USD\$45). Overnight in Cappadocia. **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 10: Cappadocia

Begin the day very early on an optional hot air balloon ride(USD\$250) that takes you soaring over the magnificent Cappadocian landscape with its incredible fairy chimney rock formations. The other-worldly landscapes of Cappadocia take centre stage today as we explore its volcanic landscape dotted with caves and troglodyte dwellings. Visit the Open Air Museum in Goreme. It's a monastic

complex composed of churches, rectories and dwellings, and one of the earliest centres for religious education.

There are at least 10 churches and chapels in the museum area, dating between AD900 and1200. Later, visit the Ozkonak Underground City. The city has many strata made up of volcanic granite. Its larger areas are connected to each other by tunnels. Ozkonak had a built-in communication system of pipes on each of its levels, unlike Kaymakli and Derinkuyu, which have no such systems. Each carved out room had ventilation provided by holes when the city was closed against enemies. Lastly, visit the village of Avanos that is famous for its beautiful old houses, pottery and onyx. Overnight in Cappadocia.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 11: Cappadocia - Istanbul

Then we started our visit with a demonstration of how silk cocoons are formed and saw how silk is reeled from the cocoons to make silk threads. Then fly back to Istanbul. After arrival may join the optional Half day Tour to Bosphorus cruise & Grand Bazaar with lunch (USD\$49). Take the boat cruise along the Bosphorus, the winding straits separating Europe and Asia. The humble fishing villages and contrasting suspension bridges set against the dramatic outline of the Strait demonstrates the link between the East and West. Then continue to the Grand

Bazaar, where you can shop for carpets, jewelry, leather and more. Overnight in Istanbul. **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 12: Istanbul - Athens

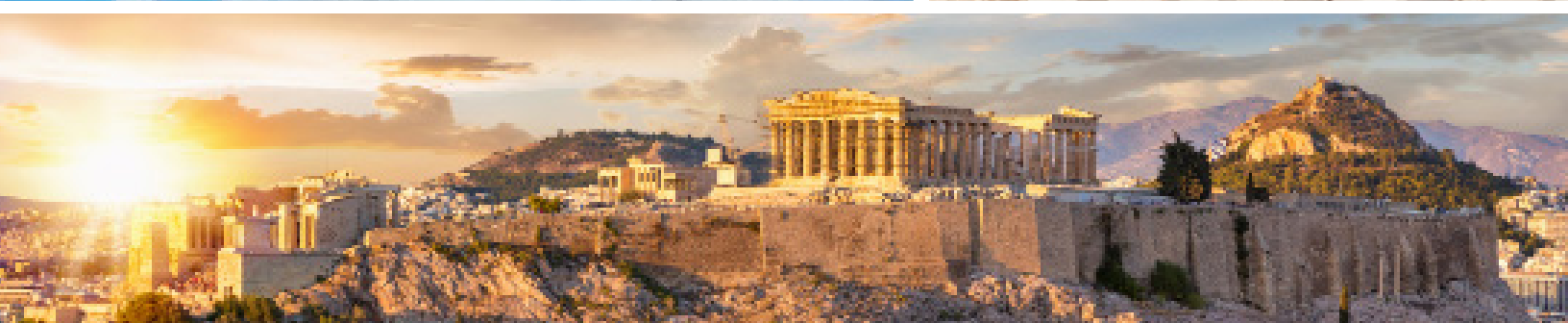
Transfer to the airport for your onward flight to Athens. Upon arrival, meet in the arrival hall at Athens airport & transfer to the city hotel. Time at leisure until dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Athens.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 13: Athens

Breakfast in the hotel. Pickup from the hotel for your half day morning tour. See Syntagma Square, the House of Parliament, the Memorial to the Unknown Soldier, the Athens Academy, the University, the National Library and the Hadrian's Arch. Pass by the Temple of Olympian Zeus and visit the Panathenaic Stadium where the first Olympic Games of the modern era were held in 1896. On the Acropolis visit the architectural masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens: the Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion and finally "the harmony between material and spirit", the Parthenon. Continue and visit the place where at last the statues found their home and admire the wonders of the classical era, the museum of Acropolis. At the end of the tour, drop off at the hotel or at the city centre. Remainder of the day at own leisure. Overnight in Athens. **Meals:** Breakfast

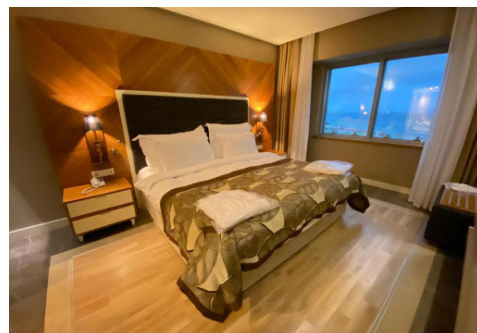
Day 14: Athens



Breakfast in the hotel. Full day free for leisure. Or join an optional saronic cruise tour with lunch(USD\$130). Transfer to the port and embark on the full day cruise to the 3 saronic islands of Aegina, Poros and Hydra. Lunch is included and served on board. At each island, get off the boat to discover each islands own individual character. Aegina: The largest of the saronic islands, famous for pistachio nuts. Poros: a pretty island with chance for shopping. Hydra – an artist’s delight, again with boutiques, shops and cafes dotted around the harbour. On the return journey back to the port of Athens, enjoy the on board entertainment program. Meet at the port and transfer to a restaurant for dinner. Transfer back to the hotel. Overnight in Athens. **Meals:** Breakfast



Kolin Hotel Canakkale ★★★★★

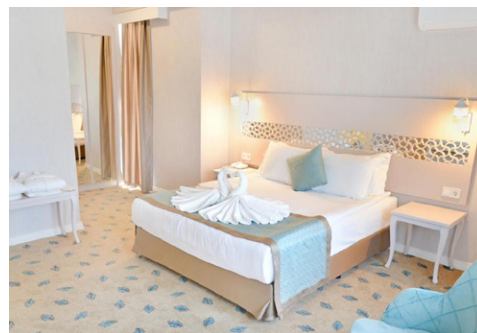


Day 15: Athens - Canada

At designated time, transfer to the airport for flight back home.

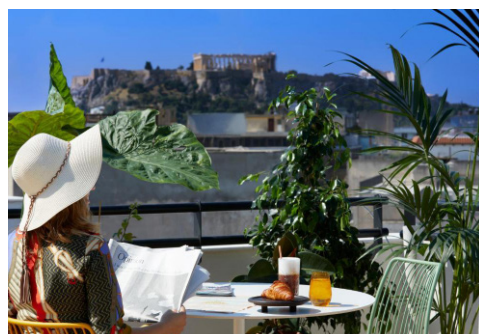


Adem Pira Thermal Hotel Pamukale ★★★★★

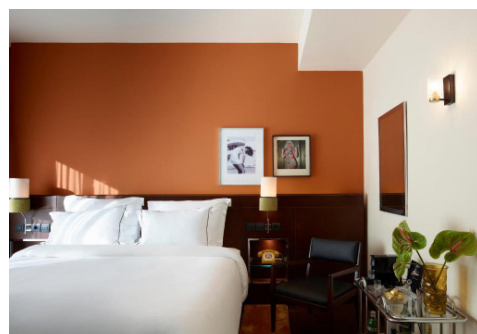


Optional Tours

- Half Day Istanbul and St. Sophia with lunch (USD\$55)
- Full Day Ephesus & House of Virgin Mary with lunch (USD\$79)
- Performance of the Whirling Dervishes Dance (USD\$45)
- Hot air balloon ride (USD\$250)
- Bosphorus cruise & Grand Bazaar with lunch (USD\$49)



Brown Acropol Athens ★★★★★



2022			
Depart	Return	Land Only	Package
10-Sep	24-Sep	\$2,799	\$3,899
17-Sep	01-Oct	\$2,799	\$3,899
24-Sep	08-Oct	\$2,799	\$3,899
08-Oct	22-Oct	\$2,799	\$3,899
22-Oct	05-Nov	\$2,799	\$3,899
05-Nov	19-Nov	\$2,699	\$3,799

2023			
Depart	Return	Land Only	Package
25-Mar	08-Apr	\$2,699	\$3,799
15-Apr	29-Apr	\$2,799	\$3,899
06-May	20-May	\$2,799	\$3,899
20-May	04-Jun	\$2,799	\$3,899
08-Jul	22-Jul	\$2,899	\$4,199
09-Sep	23-Sep	\$2,799	\$3,899
16-Sep	30-Sep	\$2,799	\$3,899
23-Sep	04-Oct	\$2,799	\$3,899
07-Oct	21-Oct	\$2,799	\$3,899
21-Oct	04-Nov	\$2,799	\$3,899
04-Nov	18-Nov	\$2,699	\$3,799

Package Includes

- International Airfare from Toronto in economy class
- Airport taxes
- Flight from Cappadpnia to Istanbul, Istanbul to Athens
- 4-5 Star hotel accommodation
- Entrance fees to scenic attractions as indicated
- Services of English-speaking tour guides
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- All transportation in the destination
- Meals as indicated in the program

Package Does Not Include

- Visa fees
- Insurance of any kind

- Gratuities: Prepaid tipping for 15 days USD210/person (includes gratuities for tour guides, tour escort, drivers etc.)
- Personal expenditure such as laundry service, souvenirs and telephone calls

Price Notes

- Single room supplement fee for standard hotel: \$1,199/p
- Add on airfare from other cities: Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Victoria from \$300, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Halifax, St.John from \$400, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City from \$300
- Tour prices are subject to change without prior notice. Please check with your travel agent or our website for the updated information.