

Istanbul, Magic Cappadocia and Amazing Pammukale

Trip Code: TP12MT

€ 10 Nights

→ Air Included

Small Group (26)

□ 4-5 Start Hotel

19 Meas

Escorted Tour

Daily sightseeing

Coach

WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

Get to the heart of Turkish culture and history on this Fabulous Turkey adventure. You'll marvel at Istanbul's Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace, and Grand Bazaar. Explore the hand-forged cave churches of Cappadocia in a landscape of towering wind-carved fairy chimneys. Discover the ancient Greek sites of Ephesus and Aphrodisias; and the azure water of the Mediterranean. You'll also experience legendary Turkish hospitality firsthand, from artisants to imams.



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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

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 Canakkale 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 desribed 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.

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 Virain Mary as you gaze upon them. Your guide explains how the formations were naturally carved. You may also see the remarkable mushroomshaped, 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

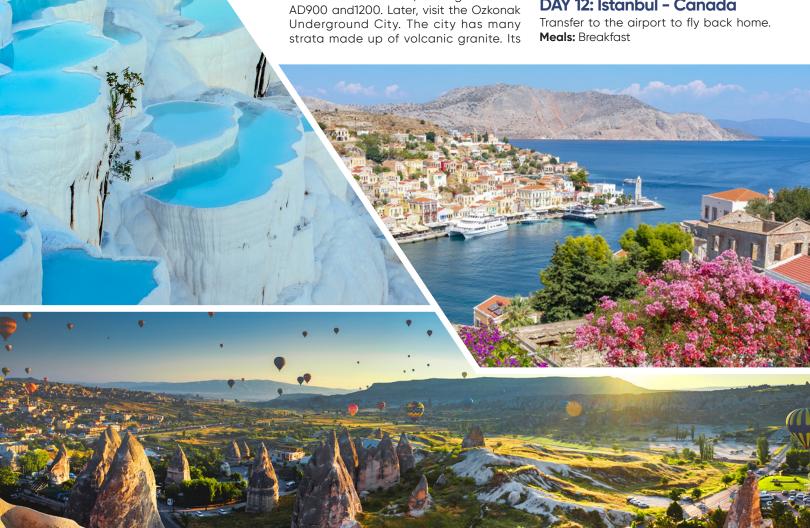
Begin the day very early on an optional hot air balloon ride(USD\$250) that takes you soaring over the magnificent Cappadocian landscape with its incredible fairy chimney rock formations. The otherworldly landscapes of Cappadocia take centre stage today as we explore its volcanic landscape dotted with 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 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 - Canada









Kolin Hotel Canakkale





Romada Plaza Hotel

Package Includes

- International Airfare from Toronto in economy class
- Airport taxes
- Flight from Cappadpnia to Istanbul
- 4-5 Star hotel accommodation
- Entrance fees to scenic attractions as indicated
- Services of English-speaking tour guides
- Tour escort throughout Turkey
- 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 12 days USD168/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: \$799/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.

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 ballon ride (USD\$250)
- Bosphorus cruise & Grand Bazaar with lunch (USD\$49)

2022				
Depart	Return	Land Only	Package	
10-Sep	21-Sep	CAD\$1999	CAD\$3299	
17-Sep	29-Sep	CAD\$1999	CAD\$3299	
24-Sep	04-Oct	CAD\$1999	CAD\$3299	
08-Oct	19-Oct	CAD\$1999	CAD\$3299	
22-Oct	02-Nov	CAD\$1999	CAD\$3299	
05-Nov	16-Nov	CAD\$1899	CAD\$3199	

2023				
Depart	Return	Land Only	Package	
25-Mar	29-Mar	CAD\$1999	CAD\$3199	
15-Apr	26-Apr	CAD\$1999	CAD\$3299	
06-May	17-May	CAD\$2099	CAD\$3399	
20-May	31-May	CAD\$2099	CAD\$3399	
08-Jul	19-Jul	CAD\$2199	CAD\$3699	
09-Sep	20-Sep	CAD\$2099	CAD\$3399	
16-Sep	27-Sep	CAD\$2099	CAD\$3399	
23-Sep	04-Oct	CAD\$2099	CAD\$3399	
07-Oct	18-Oct	CAD\$2099	CAD\$3399	
21-Oct	01-Nov	CAD\$2099	CAD\$3399	
04-Nov	15-Nov	CAD\$1999	CAD\$3299	