



Package price starting from

**\$4,499** 16 Days CAD

**\$5,099** 19 Days CAD

with Air & Cruise

# 16/19 Days Fantasy of Turkey & Greece with Island Hopping Cruise

Istanbul, Magic Cappadocia, Ancient Athens and dreaming Santorini

Trip Code 16-Day Tour: TP16TC Trip Code 19-Day Tour: TP19TC

- 9/14 Nights 4-5 Star Hotel + 5/3 Nights Cruise
- 31/33 meals Small to Medium Group
- Coach, Cruise, Flight Airfare included Daily Sightseeing

## WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

Experience the tranquil allure of Turkey and Greece in a more laid-back manner. Following an immersive exploration of Turkey, embark on a leisurely island-hopping cruise spanning 4 or 5 days. Delight in the exploration of each island, savoring delectable local cuisine aboard a charming floating hotel, and relish moments of relaxation amidst the beauty of the Mediterranean.

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ With its boutique culture, gorgeous beaches, and thumping nightlife, the chic isle of Mykonos invites you to embrace your hedonistic side.
- ✓ The sight of a Santorini sunset can turn even the most hardened of souls into a romantic.
- ✓ Walk along the volcanic rim of the island, passing through picturesque white villages that cling to plunging cliffs.



- Day 1 Depart for Turkey
- Day 2 Istanbul
- Day 3 Istanbul
- Day 4 Istanbul-Safranbolu
- Day 5 Safranbolu-Cappadocia
- Day 6 Cappadocia
- Day 7 Cappadocia-Konya
- Day 8 Konya-Pamukkale
- Day 9 Pamukkale-Kusadasi
- Day 10 Kusadasi

### 16-Day with 4 Nights Cruise

- Day 11 Kusadasi (Embark) - Patmos
- Day 12 Athens - Mykonos
- Day 13 Santorini
- Day 14 Rhodes
- Day 15 Kusadasi (Disembark) - Istanbul
- Day 16 Istanbul - Canada

### 19-Day with 3 Nights Cruise

- Day 11 Kusadasi-Pergamum-Canakkale
- Day 12 Canakkale-Troy-Istanbul
- Day 13 Istanbul - Athens
- Day 14 Athens
- Day 15 Athens
- Day 16 Athens (Embark) - Mykonos
- Day 17 Santorini
- Day 18 Kusadasi - Patmos
- Day 19 Athens (Disembark) - Canada



## Day 1: Depart for Turkey

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## Day 2: Arrive 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. Today, you may join the Optional Half Day Istanbul with St. Sophia & Underground Cistern with Lunch (USD\$79). 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. Overnight in Istanbul.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 4: Istanbul-Safranbolu

After breakfast transfer to Safranbolu. visit Safranbolu Old Town, it is a UNESCO-protected site, where narrow cobblestone alleyways wind up the hillside, lined by squeezed-together Ottoman timber-framed mansions. Cinci Hammam Outside Photo Stop, this famed bathhouse (hammam) has been wonderfully restored. Koprulu Mehmet Pasa Mosque, there are several good examples of mosque architecture in Safranbolu, but this one is regarded as the most interesting. Cinci Han "Caravanserai" Outside Photo Stop, it is a reminder of the town's importance as a stop on the trade route to and from the Black Sea. Built in the 17th century, the han would have been used by merchants as their hotel while in town. Safranbolu Bazaars "Yemeniciler Arastasi", it has traditional leather and felt workshops, as well as stalls selling textiles and traditional lace work. Turkish Coffee Experience at Leyla Hanim Mansion, discover traditional techniques to making a perfect cup of Turkish coffee during this. Alongside your professional guide, enjoy learning the craft of coffee production at a shop, plus sip delicious coffee at local coffee shop. Dinner and overnight in Safranbolu.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 5: Safranbolu-Cappadocia

After breakfast 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. Overnight in Cappadocia.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 6: Cappadocia

This morning you may join the Hot Air Balloon Ride (USD\$380). Then begin the day very early on a 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. Its larger areas are connected to each other by tunnels. Underground city had a built-in communication system of pipes on each of its levels, 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. Today you may join the Optional Jeep Safari Tour (USD\$120) and Traditional Turkish Night Dance Show with unlimited drinks (USD\$75).

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 7: Cappadocia-Konya

Today, depart to Konya. 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 Konya, a city renowned for its Seljuk architecture 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 8: Konya-Pamukkale

After breakfast 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 9: Pamukkale-Kusadasi

After breakfast departure to Kusadasi. Upon check in to the hotel, free time at your leisure. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 10: Kusadasi

Today is free time at your leisure. You may join the Optional tour to Ancient Ephesus & House of Virgin Mary & Basilica of St John 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 Celsius, temple of Hadrian, the theater, and the Odeon. Overnight in Kusadasi.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## 16-Day Tour with 5 Days Cruise:

### Day 11: Kusadasi Embarkation - Patmos



After check-out, Transfer to port and board the aegan Sea Cruise MV Gemini. Enjoy the activity onboard while the cruise sailing on crystal blue aegan Sea. This afternoon, the cruise docks at Kusadasi, you may enjoy your free time in the morning. At noon, set sail to Patmos, a small, picturesque island on Aegean Sea, it has religious significance sites to see, such as Monastery of Saint John the Theologian and the Cave of the Apocalypse. The monastery is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and offers stunning views of the island. Overnight onboard.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 12: Athens - Mykonos



This morning, arrive in Athens, where offers a captivating blend of antiquity and modernity. Its iconic landmarks include the Acropolis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with the Parthenon temple, the Ancient Agora, and the Temple of Olympian Zeus. Enjoy your half-day self-exploration. At noon, set sail to Mykonos. Tonight, the cruise will dock a Mykonos, you may join the shore excursions onboard or self-explore the nightlife scene on the island. Town Chora is the epicenter of the island's nightlife, with numerous bars and pubs that stay open late into the night. You can explore the narrow streets of the town and discover cozy cocktail bars, wine bars, and traditional Greek tavernas that turn into lively spots after dark. Overnight onboard.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 13: Santorini



Breakfast onboard. This morning, the cruise arrive Santorini. This is the supermodel of the Greek islands, a head-turner whose face is instantly recognizable around the world: multi-colored cliffs soar out of a sea-drowned caldera, topped by drifts of whitewashed buildings. With its reputation for dazzling panoramas, romantic sunsets and volcanic-sand beaches, it's hardly surprising the island features on so many travelers' bucket lists. At leisure on this amazing island of Santorini (formed by the eruption of the volcano 1600 BC). The sight is the most breathtaking of all Greek islands and perhaps of the world. Explore and enjoy all that the island has to offer. History and nature combine to make Santorini unforgettable. Set sail at 17:00 for Rhodes. Overnight onboard.

**Meal:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



## Day 14: Rhodes



Breakfast onboard. This morning, the cruise arrive Rhodes, Key highlights of Rhodes include its well-preserved medieval Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which boasts impressive fortifications, ancient ruins, and charming cobblestone streets. The Palace of the Grand Master of the Knights of Rhodes is a standout attraction within the Old Town. The island is also famous for its beautiful beaches, with crystal-clear waters and a variety of water sports and recreational activities. You will have a whole day-time to enjoy the island. In the evening, set sail to Kusadasi. Overnight onboard.

**Meal:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 15: Kusadasi Disembarkation - Istanbul

Breakfast onboard. This morning, disembark at Kusadasi, then transfer to the airport to board the flight to Istanbul. Upon Arrival, you may join the Optional Half-day Tour to Bosphorus cruise & Spiced Bazaar & Grand Bazaar (USD\$60). Visit the SpiceMarket with its unforgettable aromas. Then 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 demonstrate the link between the East and West. Then continue to the Grand Bazaar, where you can shop for carpets, jewelry, leather and more.

**Meal:** Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 16: Istanbul - North America

After breakfast, transfer to the airport to board the flight back home.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## 19-Day Tour with 7 Days Athens & Cruise:

### Day 11: Kusadasi-Izmir-Pergamum-Canakkale

This morning take a visit to the Leather factory where you can see the popular leather fashion show. Next, drive to Pergamum, a powerful kingdom during the ancient Hellenistic period. You will discover the Ancient City of Pergamon, an important cultural center and the east capital of the Roman Empire. Then visit Asklepon, the ancient Roman spa center. Overnight in Canakkale.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### Day 12: Canakkale-Troy-Istanbul

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. Transfer to Istanbul "Crossroads of Europe and Asia" and transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day is at leisure. You may join the Optional Half-day Tour to Bosphorus cruise & Spiced Bazaar & Grand Bazaar (USD\$60).

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 13: 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. Overnight in Athens.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Day 14: 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.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Day 15: Athens

Breakfast in the hotel. Enjoy your free day.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Day 16: Athens Embarkation - Mykonos



After Breakfast. Transfer to Port and board the Aegean Sea Cruise MV Gemini and set sail to Mykonos at noon. Tonight, the cruise will dock a Mykonos, you may join the shore excursions onboard or self-explore the nightlife scene on the island. Town Chora is the epicenter of the island's nightlife, with numerous bars and pubs that stay open late into the night. You can explore the narrow streets of the town and discover cozy cocktail bars, wine bars, and traditional Greek tavernas that turn into lively spots after dark. Dinner and Overnight onboard.

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Overnight onboard.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 19: Athens Disembarkation - North America

After breakfast, disembark at Athens and transfer to the airport to board your flight back home.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Package Includes

- International Airfare from Toronto in economy class (Other departure cities available with add-on airfare.)
- Airport taxes
- Flight: Istanbul to Athens (19-day) / Kusadasi to Istanbul (16-day)
- 4-5 Star hotel accommodation
- 3/4 Nights Aegean Sea Cruise Standard Interior Cabin
- 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 Includes

- Visa fees
- Insurance of any kind
- Gratuities: Prepaid tipping  
16 Days: US\$224/person  
19 Days: US\$266/person  
(includes gratuities for tour guides, tour escort, drivers etc.)
- Personal expenditure such as laundry service, souvenirs and telephone calls

# MV Gemini



TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS	
Gross Tonnage	19,093.00 t.
Length	163 Meters
Passengers	1,074
Total Cabins	400
Service Speed	19 Knots



## Optional Tours

**Hot Air Balloon Ride** US \$380/p

over the charming landscape during sun rise time. One of the most exciting adventures in Cappadocia in exploring the region at sky. Our balloon will take you to the hard-to-find places.



**Jeep Ride Explore Tour** US \$120/p

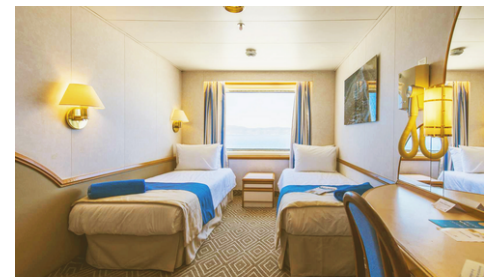
one of the most exciting adventures in Cappadocia in exploring the region in an off-road vehicle. Our jeeps will take you to the hard-to-find places and away from the crowds for spectacular views and excitement of traveling off-road in the unique landscapes of Cappadocia – all in one activity.



**Cruise Cabin Upgrade from**  
**\$199 /person**



**Exterior Cabin**



**Superior Cabin**

• Half Day Istanbul and St. Sophia with lunch	US \$79/p
• Traditional Turkish Night Dance Show with unlimited drinks	US \$75/p
• Full Day Ephesus & House of Virgin Mary with lunch	US \$79/p
• Bosphorus cruise & Grand Bazaar with lunch	US \$60/p
• Santorini 2 Hours Shore Excursion to Oia Village & Fira 	US \$70/p
• Mykonos Shuttle to City Center 	US \$12/p
• Rhodes 4 Hours Shore Excursion to Grand Master's Place & Old Town  (16-day tour only)	US \$70/p

## 2024 Departure Dates

12-Sep	26-Sep	03-Oct
10-Oct	/	/

## 2025 Departure Dates

17-Apr	08-May	22-May
11-Sep	25-Sep	02-Oct

## Price Notes

- Prices are per person based on twin share accommodation. Single room supplement fee: 16 Days: \$1,699, 19 Days: \$1,999
- Add on airfare from other cities: Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Victoria from \$500, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City from \$500, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Halifax, St. John and other cities from \$600
- Tour prices are subject to change without prior notice.

## Cruise Cabin Upgrade Fee:

	Exterior Cabin	Superior Cabin
<b>3 Nights</b>	\$ 199/p	\$ 259/p
<b>4 Nights</b>	\$ 249/p	\$ 339/p