

Istanbul - Izmir - Kusadasi -ephesus - pamukkale - Kayseri - Cappadocia

9 Nights /10 Days

Day 1: Istanbul

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. Overnight in Istanbul

Day 2: Istanbul City Tour

(Breakfast included)

We depart at 08:30 for the Istanbul City Tour. **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. **SULTAN AHMET 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 break and then we head to the **SPICE BAZAAR** (Egyptian Bazaar) the air here is filled with the enticing aromas of cinnamon, caraway, saffron, mint, thyme and every other conceivable herb and spice.. The rest of the evening is you're to enjoy Istanbul. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 3: Istanbul to Izmir & Kusadasi

(Breakfast and dinner included)

Free Day until the afternoon for your domestic flight to Izmir. Transfer from airport & check in to your hotel in Kusadasi. Overnight in Kusadasi.

Day 4: Ephesus Tour

(Breakfast, lunch and dinner included)

A fully Guided Ephesus Tour starts at 08:30, one of the best preserved ancient ruins in the world. A visit to Ephesus - once the commercial center of the ancient world - is a highlight of any visit to Turkey. The city, whose wealth and patronage supported its splendid architectural program, was dedicated to the goddess Artemis. Her enormous temple, once considered one of the seven wonders of the Ancient World and rebuilt several times, dates in its latest form from the third century B.C. The tour of the ruins also includes a theatre, gymnasium, agora and baths, as well as the Library of Celsus. Overnight in Kusadasi /Ephesus.

Day 5: Pamukkale Tour

(Breakfast, lunch and dinner included)

Day trip to Pamukkale and we depart at 08:00 we depart on our tour of Pamukkale travertine's and the ancient city of Hierapolis. You will visit Domitian Gate, Colonnaded Gate, and Cathedral, Red waters of Karahayit, Lunch, Pamukkale Museum, and The Travertine's of Pamukkale. Overnight in Kusadasi / Ephesus.

Day 6: Izmir & Kayseri Airport & Cappadocia

(Breakfast and dinner included)

After breakfast, we depart for Izmir Airport for our domestic flight to Cappadocia. Transfer from Kayseri airport to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to explore Cappadocia. Overnight in in Cappadocia

Day 7: Cappadocia Tour

(Breakfast, lunch and dinner included)

After breakfast we shall start at 09:00am for Cappadocia tour including Goreme Open Air Museum, Derwent Valley, and Pasabag Valley. After lunch, we will make a shopping tour in which you will be aware of the ancient arts of Turkey like





carpet weaving, leather manufacturing and jewellery. As this will be a guided tour, you will avoid being hassled which will enable you to enjoy the shopping experience whilst gaining the knowledge of the ancient craftsmen. Free evening. Overnight in Cappadocia. Before the tour there is an option to go hot air ballooning: The Hot Air Balloon descends at sunrise and the ride lasts for approximately 45 minutes; in which we will float through valleys, between fairy chimneys and caves. The balloon will rise approximately 1000 feet in which you will experience the extraordinary views Cappadocia has to offer. On landing, champagne will be served to toast arrival. It is a fantastic journey made by the eccentric landscapes and the rising sun.

Day 8: Cappadocia Tour & Istanbul

(Breakfast and lunch included)

After breakfast at 09:00am we head to one of the most interesting sites of Cappadocia: Kaymakli Underground City. The Christians hid from the armies of Rome and the raids of hostile tribes in these self-sufficient cities in which there were halls for stocks of crop, barns, rooms, kitchens & ventilation channels. The second part of our Cappadocia Tour will include Uchisar Castle, Avclar, and Pigeon Valley. After the tour we will rest at the hotel and have a free afternoon until transfers to the airport for our flight back to Istanbul. After the Cappadocia depart for Kayseri Airport for our domestic flight to Istanbul. Transfer from airport & check in to your hotel. Enjoy the mystical atmosphere of Istanbul at night. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 9: Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise Tour

(Breakfast included)

After breakfast at 08:30am we depart for Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise. 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 pass the magnificent 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 Bosphorus. It is one of the most beautiful works of military architecture anywhere in the world.

BEYLERBEYI PALAS The summer residence of Ottoman sultans with its original furniture and magnificent gardens with the Harem on the Asian. **BOSPHORUS BRIDGE** unique change 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 style. **SHOPPING POSSIBILITY AT BEDESTEN.** Exhibition the traditional silk weaving girls at the carpet weaving courses authorised by The Ministry of National Education. Possibility to see jewellery, handicrafts center and leather ware show. Free time provided for shopping. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 10: Fly Back Home

After breakfast check out from the hotel and transfer to the airport

