



TREASURES OF TURKEY

12 days / 11 nights

*Turkey is a land where history is not confined to museums—it lives in the streets, echoes through valleys, and rises from the earth itself. **Treasures of Turkey** is a carefully crafted journey for travelers who wish to go beyond the familiar highlights to uncover the deeper, richer layers of this extraordinary country. Over twelve inspiring days, you will explore ancient capitals, sacred landscapes, natural wonders, and vibrant cities, tracing the footsteps of civilizations that shaped the world.*

*Your adventure begins in **Istanbul**, the legendary city bridging two continents. Here, Byzantine domes, Ottoman minarets, and bustling bazaars create a timeless rhythm that sets the tone for what lies ahead. From the imperial splendor of the Blue Mosque and Hagia Sophia to the gentle glide along the Bosphorus, **Istanbul** offers a powerful introduction to **Turkey's** cultural depth and diversity.*

*The journey then leads you inland to **Tokat**, a destination rarely touched by mass tourism and rich with authenticity. Walking through centuries-old streets, historic baths, and museums, you experience Anatolia at its most genuine. Nature reveals another side of its magic in the **Ballica Caves**—an underground masterpiece believed to hold healing qualities—and at the serene **Gaz Lake**, where silence and beauty intertwine. Staying at the evocative **Silk Road Museum Hotel**, you feel the spirit of ancient trade routes that once connected East and West.*

*History grows even older as you visit **Hattusa**, the former capital of the mighty Hittite Empire and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Standing among its monumental gates and ruins, you witness the power of one of the world's earliest civilizations. At **Zile Castle**, stories of empires converge, including the moment when Julius Caesar declared his legendary "Veni, vidi, vici." These are not just places you see, they are stories you step into. **Cappadocia** then unfolds like a dream. Fairy chimneys, underground cities, and rock-carved churches reveal how humans adapted to nature in astonishing ways. Optional hot air ballooning at sunrise offers a moment few ever forget. Continue to **Konya**, the spiritual heart of Anatolia, where the philosophy of Mevlana still inspires peace and reflection, before reaching the Mediterranean charm of Antalya with its old harbor, Roman gates, and cascading waterfalls.*

*Natural wonder awaits again at **Pamukkale**, where white travertine terraces glow beneath the sun, followed by the classical grandeur of Ephesus and the timeless village life of **Şirince**. The journey comes full circle back in **Istanbul**, enriched by everything you have seen and felt.*

Treasures of Turkey is more than a tour—it is an exploration of soul, history, and nature. Designed for curious minds and open hearts, this journey invites you to discover Turkey not just as a destination, but as an unforgettable experience.

DAY 1 ISTANBUL – TOKAT Arrival in Turkey

Upon our arrival at Istanbul International Airport, your guide will meet, assist and transfer you to the hotel. Overnight in Istanbul.

DAY 2 TOKAT Ballica Cave – Gaz Lake Tour

Breakfast at the hotel. Today, we will have the opportunity to tour 900 years of history in 900 steps in Tokat. Departure at 08:30 for the 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. We will have lunch break and after lunch we will be visiting famous Ballica Caves that is known to have healing powers for Asthma patients and then we will visit the Magnificent Gaz Lake, which is intertwined with nature. Dinner and Overnight in Tokat at Silk Road Museum Hotel. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 3 TOKAT – CAPPADOCIA Hattusa and Zile Castle Tour

After breakfast, we will check out and depart from Tokat to Cappadocia. We will visit Hattusa Ancient City on the way. Hattusha is one of the country's biggest archaeological sites and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. During its pomp in the second millennium BC, Hattusha was the capital of the Hittite Empire, wielding power across Anatolia and beyond. Its ruins coat a large hillside and include temples, fortifications, gates, and statues. After the Hattusa tour, we will drive to Zile Castle for visit. Zile Castle,

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IN DOUBLE OCCUPATION
from EUR 1.625.-**

Surplus Single Room from EUR 725.-

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Bosphorus Dinner Cruise Show	€ 55.-
Turkish Night Show at Gar Restaurant	€ 55.-
Pamukkale Paragliding	€ 72.-
Pamukkale Hot Air Balloon Tour	€ 130.-
Turkish Night Show in Cappadocia	€ 72.-
Cappadocia Hot Air Balloon Tour	€ 280.-
ATV Safari in Cappadocia	€ 62.-

PRIVATE DEPARTURES 2026

ON REQUEST

MARCH THROUGH NOVEMBER

FULLY CUSTOMIZABLE!!

Changes are possible, please let us know

INCLUSIONS

- ✚ Airport transfers from/to Istanbul airport
- ✚ 11 nights hotel in chosen hotels w. breakfast
- ✚ 9 lunches, 9 dinners
- ✚ Guided tours in Tokat, Hattusa & Zile Castle, Konya, Antalya with Waterfalls, Ephesus, Sirince Village, Pamukkale, & Istanbul
- ✚ Guided tour in Cappadocia with Underground City and Goreme Open Air Museum Gallipoli.
- ✚ Transportation in a fully air - conditioned, non - smoking coach
- ✚ Professional English - speaking tour guides. Upon request also other languages.
- ✚ All entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- ✚ City Tax.

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights
- Meals and drinks and other services not mentioned in the program.
- Turkey entry visa
- Tips for guides, conductors and porters.
- Personal expenses





located in the town of Zile in Tokat Province, Turkey, stands as a testament to the region's rich history. Built during the Byzantine era and later expanded by the Seljuks and Ottomans, the castle offers a glimpse into centuries of architectural evolution and cultural exchange. Its strategic location atop a hill provides commanding views of the surrounding landscape, making it not only a historical landmark but also a picturesque site for visitors. Today, Zile Castle serves as a museum, showcasing artifacts and exhibits that narrate the story of its past and the civilizations that once thrived within its walls. One of the most intriguing aspects of Zile Castle is its association with Julius Caesar, who famously declared "Veni, vidi, vici" after the Battle of Zela in 47 BC. This phrase, meaning "I came, I saw, I conquered" in Latin, encapsulates Caesar's swift victory and has become synonymous with triumph & achievement. Afterward, we will continue on our way to the hotel in Cappadocia. Dinner & overnight in Cappadocia.

Please Note: If you wish to join our optional activity of Cappadocia Hot Air Ballooning for tomorrow, please contact with your guide and register because it will take place early the next morning. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 4 CAPPADOCIA Cappadocia Tour with Underground City and Goreme Open Air Museum

Breakfast at the hotel. Today we'll drive you to Ozkonak Underground City, one of the best-preserved Underground cities in Cappadocia. After Underground City tour, 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 workshop, to see how to make potteries. Then you go to Love Valley. Love Valley Cappadocia is a hidden valley with scenic formations to say the least. Despite the resemblance to man hood, these amazing rock formations are far from man-made. Next stop is Devrent Valley, which is also called Imagination Valley, where you can see natural rock formations looking like animals. Last stop is Three Beauties, three beautiful fairy chimneys with their hats, which is the symbol of Cappadocia. After the tour return back to your hotel. Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 5 CAPPADOCIA – KONYA - ANTALYA

After breakfast early in the morning at 08:00 drive to Konya. Lunch at 13:30 pm at local restaurant. After the lunch visit the imposing, green-tiled Mausoleum of Mevlana, the mystic founder of the Sufi sect (Whirling Dervishes). After the Konya Mevlana tour drive to Antalya. Arrival to Antalya around 18:30 pm – 19:00 and check into your hotel. Dinner and overnight in Antalya.

Please Note: This tour will be done by domestic flight from Antalya to Cappadocia if we can not reach the minimum 6 guests per departure. Kindly note that in that case Antalya to Cappadocia domestic flight is included in given rate and lunch will be excluded. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 6 ANTALYA Old city tour and Waterfalls

After breakfast drive to Antalya Old City (Kaleiçi) Marina, Clock Tower, Hadrian's Gate, Broken Minaret, Hıdırlık Tower. In history it was once the sprawling modern Roman town, then the Byzantine Empire, then Seljuks, and finally Ottoman Turkish town. The Hadrian's Gate is a triumphal arch which was built in the name of the Roman emperor Hadrian. Antalya's broken wonder is the Broken Minaret of the Korkut Mosque, which itself was built originally as a Roman temple in the 2nd century AD, and thus did not have a minaret at all. After lunch at the hotel, depart for Duden Waterfalls. All the streams of the region aim at finding their way into the Mediterranean and they pour down the slopes of the Taurus, sometimes overland sometimes underground and reaching their destination, result in lovely waterfalls. Return to hotel and the rest of day is yours. Dinner & overnight in Antalya. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 7 ANTALYA - PAMUKKALE

Depart to Pamukkale after breakfast. The trip is going to take roughly 3 to 4 hours. Once you reach Pamukkale, check in to your hotel and rest of time is yours. Dinner and Overnight in Pamukkale. **(B) (D)**

DAY 8 PAMUKKALE - KUSADASI

Breakfast at the hotel. Visit the calcium terraces of Pamukkale (cotton castle) and the ruins of Hierapolis, then walk around this natural phenomenon and have the option of lying in the waters of the natural springs. Denizli/Pamukkale means seaside in Turkish and is located on the Buyuk Menderes River. It is a growing industrial town, known for its textile industry and outlet shopping. You will visit one of the famous textile factories of Pamukkale. After the tour drive to Kusadasi and check in your hotel. Dinner and Overnight in Kusadasi. **(B) (L) (D)**





DAY 9 KUSADASI Ephesus and Turkish Village Sirince Tours

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure from hotel for a guided tour of Ephesus, one of the best-preserved ancient sites in the world, visiting the Temple of Artemis, Curetes street, famous Roman baths, Celsus Library and Grand theatre. After lunch, we will visit a carpet-weaving centre, which continues to perform one of the oldest arts of Turkey. After lunch, we will visit the Turkish Village of Sirince, with Anatolian Greek construction style. The houses on the slope are all original with their white paints. Sirince Village also has a fantastic reputation for making some of the best wines in Turkey- especially fruit wines. There will be some free time to explore around of the village. On the way, we will visit one of the famous leather production centers of the region, where you will have the opportunity to get a good factory rate. On this guided tour, you will avoid the constant nagging and sometimes bullying that is well known in the markets of Turkey, enabling you to enjoy the shopping experience whilst gaining the knowledge of the ancient craftsmen. Dinner and Overnight in Kusadasi. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 10 KUSADASI – ISTANBUL Domestic flight

After breakfast depart to the airport for your flight to Istanbul and transfer to your hotel. After a short break, you will participate in a Bosphorus Day Cruise Tour, a traditional excursion by boat along the waterway separating Europe and Asia. The shore lined with old wooden villas, palaces of marble, fortresses, and small fishing villages. During the excursion, you will see the 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. Ortakoy is a symbol of tolerance with a church, a mosque and a synagogue existing side by side for centuries. RUMELI FORTRESS (view from boat), Built by Mehmet the Conqueror in 1452 prior to the conquest of Istanbul was completed in only four months to control and protect the Bosphorus passage. It is one of the most beautiful works of military architecture anywhere in the world. BEYLERBEYI PALACE (view from boat), is the summer residence of Ottoman sultans exists in its original renovated glory featuring original antique furniture and magnificent gardens with the Harem on the Asian side of Istanbul. Lunch break at the Turkish restaurant. After the lunch we will then take you to the SPICE BAZAAR (EGYPTIAN BAZAAR), which is a unique atmosphere with reasonable prices for your shopping. Here you will find; Exotic Spices and Herbs, Turkish Baklava, Turkish Delights, Turkish Coffee, nuts and fruits, small souvenirs such as Ceramic Handicrafts, Evil Eyes totems, all naturel olive oil, soaps and many other goods in Souvenir Shops and stores. After the tour return your hotel. Overnight in Istanbul. **(B) (L)**

DAY 11 ISTANBUL City tour

After breakfast, we have a City Tour. Our first visit will be HIPPODROME. Ancient Hippodrome was the scene of chariot races, with the three monuments, the Obelisk of Theodosius, the bronze Serpentine Column and the Column of Constantine. Then we will visit SULTANAHMET IMPERIAL MOSQUE. Across from Hagia Sophia Grand Mosque, it was 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. Our next visit will be HAGIA SOPHIA GRAND MOSQUE. The Hagia Sophia Grand Mosque, previously known as the Church of Divine Wisdom, is simply the best of its kind! Hagia Sophia Grand Mosque is the greatest surviving example of Byzantine Architecture. For 1000 years, it was once the largest church in the world, decorated with stunning 6th century golden mosaics. Today it is a mosque. Lunch break at 13:00 pm. After lunch, TravelShop Group will take you to the MARKET, which is a unique atmosphere with reasonable prices for your shopping. Here you will find; Exotic Spices and Herbs, Turkish Baklava, Turkish Delights, Turkish Coffee, nuts and fruits, small souvenirs such as Ceramic Handicrafts, Evil Eyes totems, all naturel olive oil, soaps and many other goods in Souvenir Shops and stores. After the tour, transfer back to your hotel. **Please Note:** Please do not forget to carry headscarf with you for the visit of religious places as Blue Mosque & Haghia Sophia Mosque. **(B) (L)**

DAY 12 ISTANBUL End of the tour

Breakfast at the hotel and check out from your hotel and transfer to Airport for your flight back to home. We hope your tour was a memorable one and we would like to see you in the future in one of our tours again. Have a nice trip back home and thanks for choosing us. End of our services.

(B) Breakfast **(L)** Lunch **(D)** Dinner

