

# ISTANBUL, ANTALYA & CAPPADOCIA

7 days/6 nights

Imagine a place where empires rose and fell, where ancient stones whisper stories of faith, power, and passion. Imagine landscapes sculpted not by human hands but by time itself—valleys painted by the sunrise, waterfalls tumbling into turquoise seas, and cities where the past and present dance in harmony.

This 7-day journey through **Turkey** is more than a tour. It is an immersion into a land that has shaped civilizations, inspired poets, and captivated travelers for centuries. From the imperial splendors of Istanbul to the sun-kissed shores of Antalya, from the spiritual heart of Konya to the otherworldly beauty of Cappadocia, each day reveals another layer of this country's timeless soul. Your journey begins in Istanbul, the legendary city once known as Byzantium and Constantinople. Capital of the Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman empires, it offers magnificent mosques, glittering palaces, bustling bazaars, and vibrant neighborhoods straddling Europe and Asia. You'll explore icons such as the Hagia Sophia, the Blue Mosque, the Hippodrome, and the spice-filled markets that still echo with centuries of trade and tradition. Sail along the shimmering Bosphorus, past imperial palaces and waterfront districts, before flying to Antalya, jewel of the Mediterranean. In its charming Old Town, Roman gates, Ottoman houses, a picturesque marina, and dramatic waterfalls reveal layers of history framed by sea and mountains. Continue to Konya, one of Anatolia's oldest cities and home of the poet Rumi. The Mevlana Museum — a spiritual landmark — offers a peaceful glimpse into the world of Sufism and the Whirling Dervishes. Your final days unfold in **Cappadocia**, a dreamlike landscape of fairy chimneys, ancient cave dwellings, and rock-cut churches. From underground cities to UNESCO-listed monasteries — and optional hot air balloon rides — this region promises moments of wonder you'll treasure for a lifetime.

With expert guides, private transfers, curated hotels (including a memorable cave stay), and optional cultural experiences like a Bosphorus dinner cruise or Turkish night show, this itinerary blends comfort, discovery, and inspiration.

If you are ready for a journey that touches the mind, heart, and soul... Then Turkey is ready to welcome you.

#### DAY 1 ISTANBUL Arrival

Upon arrival at Istanbul International Airport, your private guide will greet you and assist with transfer to your hotel. Formerly known as Byzantium, later Constantinople, and today's Istanbul, this city has served as the capital of three empires: Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman. Few places on earth offer such a rich tapestry of civilizations — magnificent mosques, glittering palaces, bustling bazaars, and charming neighborhoods that straddle two continents: Europe and Asia. Spend the evening at leisure discovering Istanbul's warm hospitality, traditional cuisine, or simply relaxing at your hotel.

## DAY 2 ISTANBUL Historical Peninsula Tour

After breakfast, embark on a full-day guided exploration of Istanbul's most iconic monuments each telling a story spanning centuries. We will start with the **Hippodrome of Constantinople**, once the social and sporting center of ancient Byzantium, this vast arena hosted chariot races, political events, and imperial ceremonies. Today, you can admire its surviving monuments,

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#### **INCLUDED**

- All Airport transfer mention in site the Itinerary
- 2 nights hotel in Istanbul
- 2 nights hotel in Antalya
- 2 nights hotel in Cappadocia
- 6 open buffet breakfasts
- 5 lunches at restaurants during to tours
- 4 dinners
- Guided Istanbul City Tour
- Guided Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise Tour
- Guided Antalya Old City Tour with waterfalls
- Guided Konya Tour
- Guided Cappadocia Tour with Underground City and Goreme Open Air Museum
- All entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- Transportation in a fully air conditioned, non smoking coach
- Professional English speaking tour guides
- Hotel and city taxes

#### NOT INCLUDED

- O International flights
- O Domestic flight Istanbul Antalya
- O Domestic flight Kayseri Airport Istanbul
- O Insurance: All types
- O Turkey entry visa
- O Tips for guides, drivers and porters
- O Optional tours
- O Hotel room taxes
- O Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry
- O Any others expenses which are not mentioned at the included section







Mosque (Blue Mosque). Commissioned by Sultan Ahmed I in the 17th century, this mosque is an architectural marvel renowned for its thousands of blue İznik tiles, intricate calligraphy, and a perfect harmony of domes and six slender minarets. It remains one of the world's most photographed mosques. Next visit will be the Hagia Sophia Grand Mosque, a masterpiece of Byzantine architecture, constructed in 537 AD under Emperor Justinian I. For nearly a thousand years, it stood as the world's largest church. Its massive dome, golden mosaics, and blend of Christian and Islamic artistry make it one of humanity's greatest monuments.

After lunch, enjoy a shopping experience at Asil Efendi Bazaar, a fragrant market filled with exotic spices, Turkish delights, aromatic coffees, dried fruits, olive oils, soaps, and handmade ceramics — perfect for souvenirs. (B)

Optional Evening Activity: Bosphorus Dinner Cruise (19:30–23:30) — Dine under the stars as you sail between two continents. Enjoy an elegant dinner with live belly dance and folklore shows, a DJ performance, and stunning views of Istanbul's illuminated skyline.

#### DAY 3 ISTANBUL - ANTALYA Bosphorus Cruise & domestic flight

This morning, embark on a scenic Bosphorus Cruise, one of Istanbul's most enchanting experiences. The Bosphorus Strait connects the Black Sea and the Sea of Marmara, dividing Europe and Asia. Along its shores lie imperial palaces, Ottoman mansions, and ancient fortresses. Marvel at Dolmabahçe Palac, the last residence of the Ottoman sultans, showcasing opulent European-style architecture; the Çırağan Palace, a marble masterpiece now serving as a luxury hotel; the Yıldız Palace, a royal complex surrounded by gardens and pavilions; the Rumeli Fortress, built by Sultan Mehmet the Conqueror in just four months before the 1453 conquest of Constantinople; The Beylerbeyi Palace, the elegant summer residence of Ottoman sultans, visible on the Asian side; Ortaköy, a lively district known for its waterfront mosque, cafés, and artisans' market, where a mosque, church, and synagogue have coexisted peacefully for centuries. After lunch, visit the Grand Spice Bazaar, a labyrinth of colors and scents, perfect for tasting and shopping. Later, transfer to the airport for your domestic flight to Antalya, the jewel of the Mediterranean coast. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel for dinner. (B) (D)

#### DAY 4 ANTALYA Old Town & Waterfalls Tour

After breakfast, begin exploring Antalya's Old City (Kaleiçi), a charming maze of narrow streets lined with Ottoman houses, boutique cafés, and historical landmarks. The highlights include the Hadrian's Gate, a triumphal arch built in 130 AD to honor Emperor Hadrian's visit. Its marble columns and ornate carvings mark the entrance to the ancient city walls; the Broken Minaret (Kesik Minare), originally a 2nd-century Roman temple turned Byzantine church, later converted into a mosque — symbolizing Antalya's layered history; the Hıdırlık Tower, a circular Roman watchtower from the 2nd century AD, standing guard over the Mediterranean with panoramic views; the Kaleiçi Marina, once the lifeline of the city, now a picturesque harbor filled with yachts and fishing boats. After lunch, head to the spectacular Düden Waterfalls, where crystal waters plunge into the sea after cascading down limestone cliffs. These falls formed by the streams of the Taurus Mountains — are among the region's most photogenic natural sites. Return to the hotel for dinner and rest. (B) (D)

### DAY 5 ANTALYA - KONYA - CAPPADOCIA

Breakfast at the hotel. Early departure for Konya, one of the oldest cities in Anatolia and the spiritual heart of Turkey. After a coffee stop, enjoy lunch upon arrival, followed by a visit to the Mevlana Museum, dedicated to Jalaluddin Rumi, the 13th-century Persian poet, philosopher, and founder of the Whirling Dervish order. His green-tiled mausoleum is a pilgrimage site symbolizing love, peace, and unity. Continue across the Anatolian plains to Cappadocia, arriving in the evening to check into your cave hotel - a unique experience. Optional Evening Activity: Turkish Night Show in Cappadocia's Cave Venue — Enjoy traditional dances, live music, local dishes, and unlimited drinks in an authentic rock-carved setting. Overnight in Cappadocia.





(If fewer than 6 travelers, this route will be completed by domestic flight from Antalya to Cappadocia — included in the package price.)

DAY 6 CAPPADOCIA Underground City & Göreme Open-Air Museum Optional Early Morning: Hot Air Balloon Ride. At dawn (around 05:30), take an optional Hot Air Balloon flight over Cappadocia's breathtaking valleys and fairy chimneys. Witness the sunrise from above, then celebrate your flight with a champagne toast and receive your flight certificate before returning for breakfast. After breakfast, begin your full-day Cappadocia exploration:

- Özkonak Underground City one of the best-preserved subterranean settlements, once used by early Christians for protection.
- Göreme Open Air Museum home to rock-cut churches adorned with 10th-century frescoes depicting the life of Christ.
- Çavuşin Village an ancient Greek settlement with abandoned cave houses.
- Avanos enjoy lunch and visit a local pottery workshop to see artisans at work.
- Love Valley famous for its whimsical rock formations and panoramic views.
- **Devrent (Imagination) Valley** where unique rock shapes resemble animals and figures.
- Three Beauties Cappadocia's iconic fairy chimneys, symbolizing the region. Return to your hotel around 18:00. Overnight in Cappadocia. (B)

#### DAY 7 CAPPADOCIA – ISTANBUL Departure

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and some free time for last-minute shopping or photographs before your transfer to Cappadocia Airport for your flight to Istanbul. Your unforgettable day journey through Turkey's cultural and natural wonders concludes today. End of our services. (B)

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

