



# Grand Turkey Tour

## *Tour Itinerary*

### DAY 1 - Arrival in Istanbul

Pick up from the airport (or port) and transfer to your hotel by private car. Overnight stay in Istanbul.

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### DAY 2 - Old City Tour - Whirling Dervish Ceremony - (B, L)

Pick up from your hotel & visit Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque, the Hippodrome, Grand Bazaar and Topkapi Palace (Harem not included). We will provide you with tickets to the Whirling Dervish ceremony tonight (the art centre is 5 minutes walking distance to your hotel). Overnight stay in Istanbul.

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### DAY 3 - Bosphorus & Two Continents Tour - (B, L)

Pick up from your hotel & enjoy the Bosphorus by Boat. Visit the Spice Bazaar, Beylerbeyi Palace, Bosphorus Bridge and Camlica Hill. Overnight stay in Istanbul.

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### DAY 4 - Gallipoli Tour - (B, L)

Pick up from your hotel & drive (4.5 hours) south to the Gallipoli Peninsula. Hear expert information from a local guide. Visit the Kabatepe War Museum, the intended landing place at Brighton Beach and Anzac Cove where the Dawn Service is held each year. Also visit the NZ Memorial at Chunuk Bair, the Australian Memorial at Lone Pine, and the Turkish Memorial as well. Overnight in Canakkale. Note: Enough time is spent in Gallipoli to visit all the sites mentioned above.

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### DAY 5 - Troy & Pergamon Tour - (B, L)

Pick up from your hotel & morning drive (1 hour) to the ruins of the ancient cities of Troy and visit. Lunch break. In the afternoon, drive to Kusadasi, stopping at the beautiful ruins of Pergamon (2 hours drive) on the way. These stunning ruins, beautifully located on a hill top, demonstrate that the architects and sculptors of Pergamon were among the most talented in the Hellenistic world. Final drive to Kusadasi will be 2.5 hours. Overnight in Kusadasi.

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### DAY 6 - Ephesus Tour - (B, L)

Pick up from your hotel & visit the ruins of the Temple of Artemis, one of the seven ancient wonders of the world. Then visit Ephesus Ancient City, the best-preserved Greco-Roman city in the world. Here you will explore the Agora, Odeon, Celsius Library, Hadrian Temple, Roman Baths, Grand Theatre & Marble Street. After a lunch break, visit the House of Virgin Mary, where she is thought to have spent her final years. Overnight stay in Kusadasi.

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### DAY 7 - Pamukkale Tour - (B, L, D)

Pick up from your hotel & morning drive (2.5 hours) to Pamukkale, then lunch. In the afternoon, tour the 'Cotton Castle.' Bring swimwear as you may have time to swim in the Antique Pool (extra fee applies.) Also visit the ancient ruins of the City of Hierapolis with its theatre and Necropolis. Overnight in Pamukkale.

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### DAY 8 - Pamukkale - Marmaris to Join Cruise - (B)

Pick up from your hotel & private car transfer for 3 hours to join your Blue Voyage mini cruise on a wooden gulet. Traditionally used for trawling and sponge fishing, the cruise boat has been refurbished for cruising. It has simple plumbing and small cabins, but ample deck space for sunbathing. Food is freshly prepared on board, and all you need to do is marvel at the blue of the Mediterranean, swim, snooze and snorkel. This is the BEST way to experience the Mediterranean. The boarding starts at 15:30 from Marmaris Harbour. Guests who arrive early may leave their luggage at our office. On the first day, the service starts on the boat and overnight stay in Marmaris Port. Marmaris which was built upon one of the antique Karian cities called Phycos, has been under the rule of many different civilizations. The most valuable work of art that you can see today is Marmaris Castle dating from 1577. There is also a mosque and an 8-room caravansary covered with arches from the Ottoman Period. Overnight

in Marmaris.

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DAY 9 - Marmaris to Fethiye Gulet Cruise - Ekincik Gulf & Dalyan - (B, L, D)

After your breakfast, you will be informed about the cruise itinerary and the boat. The cruise will move towards Ekincik Gulf. You may join our optional Dalyan Tour from here. You will be taken from your yacht by a small boat called piyade. You will arrive at Caretta-Caretta (turtle) Beach and take a swimming break here. You will enjoy the natural beauty of the delta as you cruise along the river. You will see the ancient Rock Tombs and finally arrive at mud baths to relax and be rejuvenated. A fishing village called Dalyan will be our final destination after we return to our yacht by piyade boat. Dinner and overnight stay will be in the Gulf of Ekincik.

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DAY 10 - Marmaris to Fethiye Gulet Cruise - Adali Bay - Manastir & Tersane - (B, L, D)

Because of the wavy seas of Disibilmez and Kurtoglu that we have to cross, we will cruise earlier than the other days and reach the world-famous Fethiye Gulf. We will anchor at Adali Bay for breakfast. For lunch and a swimming break, we will go to Manastir Bay. This place is known as Cleopatra Bay or Sunken Bath Bay due to the beautiful underwater ruins of an old bath. We will anchor at Tersane Island for dinner and overnight stay. This naturally protected harbour was used as the shipyard in Byzantine and Ottoman times.

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DAY 11 - Marmaris to Fethiye Gulet Cruise - Kizil Island & Fethiye - (B, L)

After breakfast, we will cruise to Kizil Island for lunch and a swimming break. Disembark from your cruise late afternoon and take a private car transfer for 2 hours to the gorgeous little harbour town of Kas. Overnight in Kas.

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DAY 12 - Free Day in Kas - (B)

Explore the local Roman amphitheatre and Lycian tombs. Perhaps even hike a short section of the Lycian Way? Overnight in Kas.

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DAY 13 - Kas to Antalya - (B)

Free morning in Kas. Explore the local Roman amphitheatre and Lycian tombs. Perhaps even hike another short section of the Lycian Way. Pick up from your hotel & afternoon transfer to Antalya by private car. Overnight in Antalya.

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DAY 14 - Aspendos, Perge & Side Tour - (B, L)

Pick up from your hotel & tour the ancient cities around Antalya. In Perge, See the Stadium (seating 12,000), Bath and Colonnaded Street. In Aspendos, you can see the 2nd century AD Roman theatre, seating capacity 15,000. At the pretty site of Side, see the Apollo Temple, ancient ruins and two sandy beaches. Later, visit Kursunlu waterfall. Overnight in Antalya.

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DAY 15 - Antalya to Cappadocia - (B)

Pick up from your hotel & transfer to the airport for your flight to Cappadocia (according to your travel date, this maybe via Istanbul as there are direct flights only 5 times a week) and onward transfer to your cave hotel. Overnight in Cappadocia.

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DAY 16 - Cappadocia North Tour with Balloon Flight - (B, L)

05:00 Hot air balloon flight over Cappadocia

Hotel pickup, then a quick snack and safety briefing. Watching the balloon inflate, then you're off! Soaring over fairy chimneys, and dipping low to skim cave dwellings. This may be your favourite part of your Turkey trip - it will certainly be unforgettable. Celebrate a soft landing with a quick drink, and return to your hotel for breakfast around 8.30am.

Full Day Cappadocia Tour - (North).

Pick up from your hotel & tour Start from Devrent Valley (Imagination Valley), spectacular fairy chimneys and beautiful and scapes. After Devrent valley, we will visit Pasabag (known as Monk valley) where we will see double and triple headed rock formations. Lunch at Avanos, famous for pottery and Redriver (Kızılırmak). After lunch, you will visit Goreme open air museum which is in the heart of Cappadocia. Open air museum famous for wall painting, dates back to 10th century describing the life of Jesus Christ and monks. The last stop will be the Uchisar castle, natural and one of the biggest mass fairy chimney of the region. Overnight stay in Cappadocia.

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DAY 17 - Cappadocia South Tour - Istanbul - (B, L)

Full Day Cappadocia Tour - (South)

Pick up from your hotel & tour starts with Red valley. Explore the famous rock-cut churches and hike through the colourful and breath taking fairy chimneys. After 4 kms hiking, you will visit Cavusin (Greek village), famous for

rock cut churches. After lunch, you will visit the one of the magical places of the region, the largest underground city of Cappadocia. After the underground city, you will visit the pigeon valley famous for doves. The last stop is Ortahisar castle, one of the biggest mass fairy chimneys of Cappadocia. After the tour, transfer to airport for your flight back to Istanbul. Overnight stay in Istanbul.

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**DAY 18 - Free day - (B)**

Free day for wandering the streets of the Old City, getting lost in the Grand Bazaar or taking a leisurely Turkish bath in an historic hamam. Play backgammon and drink tea, or travel into the New City around Istiklal Street to experience Istanbul the way the locals do. Overnight in Istanbul.

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**DAY 19 - Istanbul - End - (B)**

Pick up from the hotel according to your flight schedule and transfer to the airport.

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**Legend:**

B : Breakfast    D : Dinner    L : Lunch

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## Price List

Start	Finish	Daily	Single	Double / Twin PP	Triple PP
17.05.2025	08.10.2025	-	11,012.33 AUD	8,268.27 AUD	7,943.32 AUD

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## Tour Details

**In Brief**

This tour is for discerning travelers with some time. The tour hits the highlights, including 3 night Med cruise on wooden sailboat, a stay in the gorgeous town of Kas and plenty of time in Cappadocia. This is one of our own, tailored itineraries - so you get all the convenience of a small group tour.

Daily Guaranteed Departure! (Available between 26 April & 30 October). You can amend this itinerary as you wish.

Small Group Tour (8 to 12 with a maximum of 16). Note that we mainly use Mercedes Sprinter or similar tour buses with our tours in Turkey, we never use public buses.

**Special Features**

- High quality, boutique hotels
- Domestic flights to save time and avoid long bus trips
- Plenty of time in Cappadocia so you're not rushed
- This tour is also available on private basis

**What's Included**

- All accommodation as per itinerary
- Professional English speaking guide on day tours
- Full day guided tours
- Cappadocia Hot Air Balloon Flight (time and availability to be confirmed at the time of booking)
- All flight tickets mentioned in the itinerary
- All transportation & transfers
- All meals mentioned in the itinerary
- Whirling Dervish ceremony
- All museum and entrance fees
- Gulet cruise as per the itinerary
- Wifi available at all our hotels

**What's Not Included**

- International airfares & taxes
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses
- Gulet cruise port fees (30 EUR pp)
- Optional gratuities to guide and driver
- Visa fee

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## ***Hotels***

<b>Location</b>	Canakkale
<b>Hotel Name</b>	Buyuk Truva Hotel or similar
<b>Location</b>	Kusadasi
<b>Hotel Name</b>	La Vista Boutique Hotel or similar
<b>Location</b>	Cappadocia
<b>Hotel Name</b>	MDC Cave Hotel or similar
<b>Location</b>	Kas
<b>Hotel Name</b>	Hideaway Hotel or similar
<b>Location</b>	Pamukkale
<b>Hotel Name</b>	Hierapark Thermal & Spa Hotel or similar
<b>Location</b>	Antalya
<b>Hotel Name</b>	Puding Marina Hotel or similar
<b>Location</b>	Istanbul
<b>Hotel Name</b>	Dosso Dossi Old City Hotel or similar

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## ***Departure Date***

<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Finish Date</b>	<b>Day / Days</b>
17.05.2025	08.10.2025	Every Day

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