# **Mediterranean Turkey Tour**

### **Tour Itinerary**

DAY 1 - Arrival in Istanbul

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

DAY 2 - Old City Tour - (B, L)

Pick up from your hotel & visit Haghia Sophia, Blue Mosque, the Hippodrome, Grand Bazaar and Topkapi Palace (Harem not included). Overnight stay in Istanbul.

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.

DAY 4 - Ephesus Tour by Flight - (B, L)

Pick up from your hotel & early morning airport transfer for your flight to Izmir. Then 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.

DAY 5 - 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.

DAY 6 - Pamukkale to Marmaris to Join Cruise - (B)

05:00 Optional Hot Air Balloon Flight Over Pamukkale (please ask us for pricing & availability) Hotel pickup, then a quick snack and safety briefing. Watching the balloon inflate, then you're off! Soaring over Cotton Castles of Pamukkale, and dipping low for a close view. 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.

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 Phyckos, 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. The ruins of the Antique times lie on Asar Hill; a small, low hill located on the northern side of the city. Being one of the best-known touristic places of Turkey, Marmaris has also a large marina.

DAY 7 - 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.

DAY 8 - 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.

DAY 9 - 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 3.5 hours to the gorgeous little harbour town of Kas. Overnight in Kas.

DAY 10 - 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.

DAY 11 - Kas to Istanbul - (B)

After breakfast, pick up from your hotel & private car transfer to Dalaman airport (2.5 hours) for your flight back to Istanbul. Transfer to cruise ship port or hotel.

#### Legend:

B: Breakfast D: Dinner L: Lunch

#### Price List

Start	Finish	Daily	Single	Double / Twin PP	Triple PP
01.05.2025	27.09.2025	-	6,922.50 AUD	4,707.30 AUD	4,338.10 AUD

### **Tour Details**

In Brief You can customize this trip with additional days! Slow the pace with rest days in locations of

your choice, or add additional sightseeing days along the route. Anything is possible!

Special Features Days in Istanbul may be in a different order from above, and some Istanbul days may be

moved from the beginning to the end of the itinerary in order to meet scheduled cruise

departures.

What's Included - All accommodation as per the itinerary

- 3 night gulet cruise

- Professional English speaking guide on tours

- All flight tickets mentioned in the itinerary

- Small group tours

- Airport and gulet transfers by private car

- All meals mentioned in the itinerary

- All museum and entrance fees where necessary

- All Local taxes

- Wifi available at all our hotels

What's Not Included - International airfares

- Drinks with meals

- Gulet cruise port fees (30 EUR pp)

- Travel Insurance, visas or passports

- Tips & Personal Expenses

### Hotels

Location	Kusadasi			
Hotel Name	La Vista Boutique Hotel or similar			
Location	Kas			
Hotel Name	Hideaway Hotel or similar			
Location	Pamukkale			
Hotel Name	Hierapark Thermal & Spa Hotel or similar			
Location	Istanbul			
Hotel Name	Dosso Dossi Old City Hotel or similar			

## **Departure Date**

Start Date	Finish Date	Day / Days
01.05.2025	27.09.2025	Every Day

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