



## **Magic Carpet Tour of Turkey**

10 Days - Start and End in Istanbul

- Visit Istanbul's stunning Blue Mosque
- Tour the ancient city of Hierapolis
- Travel the ancient Silk Road to Konya
- Marvel at Cappadocia's lunar landscapes

**Itinerary Days 10**

- **Day 1** – Saturday, ISTANBUL

Welcome to Istanbul! You will be transferred to your hotel and the remainder of the day is yours, free to explore.

Overnight Istanbul - 4 star

- **Day 2** – Sunday, ISTANBUL Old City

After breakfast, you enjoy a fully guided tour of the only city to span two continents, visiting the Blue Mosque, St Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace (including Hagia Irene and the Harem) and the Hippodrome. Cruise between two continents on the stretch of water that separates Europe from Asia in the afternoon with an optional 'Half day Bosphorus cruise'.

Overnight Istanbul - 4 star – Breakfast

- **Day 3** – Monday, Gallipoli Battlefields

One of the most emotionally touching places in Turkey, today we visit the WWI Battlefields of Gallipoli including Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair Memorials, ANZAC Cove, The Nek, Johnston's Jolly, original trenches and tunnels.

Overnight Çanakkale - Special Class - Breakfast

- **Day 4** – Tuesday, Troy, Behramkale, Kusadasi

Depart from Çanakkale and head towards Troy, where we will explore the ancient city, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the new, award-winning Troy Museum. We continue on to the old village of Behramkale, a picturesque settlement with stone houses and narrow streets that offer a glimpse into traditional Turkish village life. You will have time to explore the village, take in the beautiful scenery, and perhaps enjoy a cup of Turkish tea or coffee at a local café. From Behramkale, we head south to Kuşadası.

Overnight Kuşadası - Boutique - Breakfast, Dinner

- **Day 5** - Wednesday - Ephesus, Kusadasi

Absorb yourself in history today with a guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the site of the Temple of Artemis. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the ancient city and theatre before exploring the Ephesus Archaeology Museum, which houses an impressive collection of artifacts from the region. Carpet weaving has long traditions in Turkey, and at the carpet village, we learn how the carpets are made by hand and what determines their value.

Overnight Kuşadası - Boutique - Breakfast, Dinner

- **Day 6** - Thursday - Pamukkale, Hierapolis

This morning we will enjoy a display of locally handcrafted leather goods before heading to the magnificent white calcium terraces, known as Travertines, in Pamukkale where we also tour the ancient city of Hierapolis. Take a dip, amongst ancient columns, in the hot springs that were used in Roman times for their therapeutic powers.

Overnight Pamukkale - 4 star - Breakfast, Dinner

- **Day 7** - Friday - Silk Road, Konya

Today we travel the ancient Silk Road visiting Sultanhanı Caravansary and the Mevlana museum in Konya along the way. Tonight, don't miss the optional traditional Turkish folklore evening!

Overnight Cappadocia - Boutique Cave - Breakfast, Dinner

- **Day 8** - Saturday - Cappadocia, Goreme, Underground City

Marvel at the lunar landscape of Cappadocia today as we visit the Goreme Valley Open Air Museum and the fairy chimneys, and explore the many levels of an underground city.

Overnight Cappadocia - Boutique Cave - Breakfast, Dinner.

- **Day 9** – Sunday, ANKARA

Early morning departure to the nation's capital, Ankara where we visit Anıtkabir, mausoleum of the famed Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, before returning to Istanbul.

Overnight Istanbul - 4 star – Breakfast

- **Day 10** – Monday, ISTANBUL

After breakfast our tour concludes and we say goodbye to our new friends and are transferred to the airport for your onward flight. - Breakfast

## **Includes:**

- **Accommodation**

- **Guide**

Professional English-speaking tour guide ensuring expert guidance and support throughout your entire journey.

- **Meals**

9 Breakfasts, 5 Dinners

This tour offers Vegetarian, Vegan and Halal food options on request. Simply let your Tour guide / Travel agent know the food option that you prefer. Jain and Kosher are not available for this tour.

- **Additional Services**

- Inbound Transfer - Istanbul Airport (IST) or Sabiha Gokcen Airport (SAW)
- Outbound Transfer - Istanbul Airport (IST) or Sabiha Gokcen Airport (SAW)
- Tips except Driver and Guide
- Entrance fees
- 9 nights accommodation
- 9 breakfasts, 5 dinners

### **Transport**

- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle

## **Excludes:**

### **Accommodation:**

- Total 9 nights in twin share accommodation.
- 3 nights - 4 star - Istanbul - Nidya Hotel Galataport
- 1 night - Special Class - Çanakkale - MD Barbaros Hotel
- 2 nights - Boutique - Kuşadası - İlayda Avantgarde Hotel
- 1 night - 4 star - Pamukkale - Adem Pira Hotel
- 2 nights - Boutique Cave - Cappadocia - Gamirasu Hotel

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