

Classical Turkey Anatolian Tour

Price Starting From: \$0

8 Days - 7 Nights Istanbul, Cappadocia, Pamukkale, Ephesus Turkey Turkey Istanbul, Cappadocia, Pamukkale, Ephesus Everyday

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This tour from <u>Turkey Travel Packages</u> provides a fascinating experience that includes visiting the cultural, historical, and beautiful sites of this beautiful country. The tour will start in Istanbul, the capital city, where you will explore its beauty, sweetness, and souks and enjoy a wonderful experience in the markets.

Explore the beauty of Turkey through our <u>Destinations</u> section on our website. This trip travels over the Bosphorus, which separates Europe and Asia and offers stunning views of the city's cityscape and famous landmarks. The schedule includes excursions to several ancient sites, including Hagia Sophia and Topkapi Palace.

This trip includes the Hagia Sophia Mosque, the famed Blue Mosque, and the Hippodrome, where you will see the ancient civilization and wonderful sites. We will continue our trip to wonderful cities such as Love Valley and Pasabag Valley, in the last days of the trip we will visit some cities such as Pamukkale and Ephesus.

Overview Inclusion

- The price includes your domestic flight tickets.
- The itinerary indicates all accommodations.
- All transports are listed in the itinerary.
- All trips include travel, lunch, and admission costs.
- All excursions are led by professional tour guides who have been approved by the Ministry of Tourism.
- There are vegetarian options for all of the meals on the schedule.
- All domestic taxes apply.

Exclusion

- Beverages with meals.
- Guidelines for Hot Air Balloon Tour Guides, Drivers, and Hotel Employees.
- Private Items and Medical Services.

<u>Itinerary</u>

Day 1: Arrive to Istanbul

Upon your arrival at Istanbul Airport, our tour leader will meet you with the Cairo Top Tours sign. He will pick you up and transfer you to your hotel.

Overnight in Bolu.

Day 2: Anıtkabir tour

Start your day well with breakfast at your hotel or a nearby café in Ankara. To maximize your day, leave by 8:00 a.m.

Then visit Anitkabir to see the mausoleum of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, who was the founder of the Republic of Turkey. Spend around an hour or two here to learn more about the site's historical and cultural significance. Anitkabir opens at 9:00 AM, making you among the first visitors of the day.

You will continue your tour to Cappadocia around 12:30 PM. The journey takes approximately 4-5 hours, but you'll be stopping along the way. Plan to reach Salt Lake around 2:00 PM. This is a great place for photography and a brief walk. The visit can be short, about 30 minutes, as the mesmerizing landscape is guite vast but doesn't require extensive walking.

At the end of the trip, you will be transferred back to your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 3: Cappadocia Tour

Start the day early with breakfast at your hotel, Start your day in Avanos. This town is famous for its pottery and ceramics, thanks to the red clay from the Kızılırmak River. A workshop here not only allows you to observe master potters at work but also offers you a chance to try your hand at the wheel.

Next Stop, Kaymaklı or Derinkuyu, these are two of the most famous underground cities in Cappadocia, used by early Christians as hiding places. These cities are vast and intricate, with multiple levels to explore.

End your Day at Uçhisar Castle, this natural rock castle offers one of the highest vantage points in Cappadocia, with breathtaking views, especially at sunset. The castle is a labyrinth of rooms connected by stairs, tunnels, and passages that you can explore.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 4: From Cappadocia to Konya & Pamukkale

After breakfast, start your day from Cappadocia around 8:00 AM to make the most of the daylight hours. Sultanhani Caravanserai, located in the Aksaray province, is about a 1.5 to 2-hour drive from Cappadocia. Arrive around 10:00 AM. This is the largest Seljuk caravanserai in Turkey and represents a significant part of the Silk Road's history.

After lunch, head to the Mevlana Museum, which is the mausoleum of Jalal ad-Din Muhammad Rumi, a Sufi mystic, poet, and the founder of the Mevlevi order. Spend about 1.5 to 2 hours here.

Aim to leave Konya by 4:00 PM. The drive to Pamukkale is approximately 5 to 6 hours, depending on traffic and road conditions. Arrive in Pamukkale at 10:00 PM, book your accommodation in advance, and relax for the evening before embarking on the next day's adventures in Pamukkale.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 5: Pamukkale to Kusadasi

Have breakfast at your hotel. Start your tour early at 8:00 AM to avoid crowds and heat. Explore Hierapolis, an ancient Greco-Roman city above Pamukkale hot springs, with its necropolis, Roman theatre, and ancient baths.

Then, head over to the Cleopatra Pool, also known as the Antique Pool. It's said that these thermal waters have healing properties. Swimming among ancient columns and ruins, which fell during an earthquake, is a unique experience.

After lunch, visit the UNESCO World Heritage site Pamukkale travertines, a white calcium terrace filled with mineral-rich thermal waters. Walk barefoot to appreciate their natural beauty and dip into warm pools, a refreshing and photogenic experience.

After an eventful day, head to your hotel to check in and relax.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 6: Kusadasi to Bursa

Start your day with an early breakfast and get in Ephesus at 8:00 a.m. to escape the crowds and heat. Spend 2-3 hours visiting the old city, which is one of the greatest Roman archeological sites in the eastern Mediterranean and home to the Library of Celsus.

After Ephesus, make a quick stop at the Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Although only one column remains standing, the site holds significant historical value. Spend about 30 minutes here.

The journey from Ephesus to Bursa can take 3.5-4 hours, depending on traffic and starting location. Start after lunch, ideally by 2:00 PM, for a leisurely drive with picturesque views. Aim to arrive in Bursa by early evening. Check into your hotel, unwind, and perhaps enjoy the hotel amenities.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 7: Bursa to Istanbul

After your breakfast, and start your exploration with the Green Mosque (Yeşil Camii) is known for its exquisite tile work and architecture, a prime example of early Ottoman art. Right next to it, the Green Mausoleum (Yeşil Türbe) houses the tomb of Mehmed I.

Then visit the tombs of Orhan Gazi and Osman Gazi, founders of the Ottoman Empire. These sites are significant to Turkish history and culture.

Enjoy lunch in Bursa around noon. Try some local dishes, perhaps in the Old Town, offering a variety of traditional Turkish foods. And begin your drive to Istanbul around 1:00 PM. The journey typically takes about 2.5 to 3 hours, depending on traffic, especially as you approach Istanbul.

After your tour, proceed to your hotel to check in.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 8: Final departure

Breakfast buffet at the hotel, followed by free time to unwind. After that, you will be taken to the International Airport for your last departure.

Meals: Breakfast