

## 13 Day Incredible Turkey Tour

Istanbul

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From **\$4,499** Typically \$5,999 ✈️ pp Twin Share

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Includes return international flights from Australia!

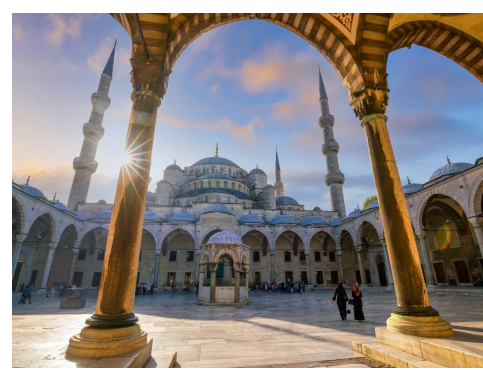
11 nights of hand-picked, premium accommodation (4 & 5-star)

Comfortable, air-conditioned transport with expert drivers & guides

Experience the wonder of Hagia Sophia, explore the ancient sites of Troy & Ephesus, barter at the Grand Bazaar, float above Cappadocia's fairy towers in a hot air balloon and much, much more!

## Description

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Discover the ancient wonders of Turkey on this 13 day Incredible Turkey tour.

Embrace the culture and history of Istanbul & Gallipoli, ride through the magnificent Aegean Coast and in-land wonders of Anatolia. Start your tour exploring the magnificent museums and mosques of Istanbul and then travel south along the Aegean Coast, capturing wonderful visions of ancient cities. After, we'll head inland to experience the incredible natural marvels of fairy chimney formations in Cappadocia, the iconic city of Troy (complete with giant wooden horse), the breath-taking terraces of Pammukale, the ruins of Ephesus and much, much more.

Turkey truly is a wonder; straddling two unique continents, it is a country of contrasts and a destination that will leave you with memories to last a lifetime. Don't miss out - limited spots remain!

## Itinerary

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### Day 1

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#### ✈ Depart Australia

Board your aircraft from your Australian Capital City to Istanbul.

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### Day 2

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#### Istanbul

Welcome to Turkey! At the Istanbul airport terminal keep your eyes peeled for the name sign for your transfer to the hotel. Meet in the hotel lobby at 7:00pm for an informal meeting with your group and guide. Until then, you can start to explore Istanbul: climb to the top of the Galata Tower for epic views or splash some cash at the Grand Bazaar. After the meeting, join in an optional group dinner at a local restaurant to get to know your new travel mates...

Accommodation: Ottoman Legacy Hotel – 5 Star

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### Day 3

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#### Istanbul

After breakfast, we begin to experience the magnificence of Istanbul. We will stroll through the historical heart of the old city, making stops along the way to the Blue Mosque, Hippodrome, majestic Topkapi Palace and the Hagia Sophia. In the afternoon, take an optional cruise down the Bosphorus river and see the epic skyline.

Accommodation: Ottoman Legacy Hotel – 5 Star

Meals Included: Breakfast

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### Day 4

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#### Istanbul 🚌 Gallipoli

Today we depart for the shores of Gallipoli. A place of important significance for Aussies and Kiwis, we will visit the beach and cemeteries at ANZAC Cove, before paying our respects at memorial sites Chunuk Bair and Lone Pine.

Accommodation: Kolin Hotel – 5 Star

Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner

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## Day 5

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### Gallipoli Troy & Kusadasi

You may have heard of Troy from Greek mythology or maybe just watched the Brad Pitt movie, but now you will visit the ruins and archaeological site of the city of Troy, and of course the famous wooden horse. Spend the afternoon in the seaside town of Kusadasi.

Accommodation: Ramada Hotel & Suites by Wyndham (4 Star)

Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner

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## Day 6

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### Kusadasi Ephesus & Fethiye

After breakfast, our first stop is the spectacular, well preserved ancient city of Ephesus.

Ephesus was cited in the book of Revelations, and historians believe the Gospel of John was written here. Famed for the Temple of Artemis which was completed around 550 BC and is one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. In the afternoon we depart for Fethiye where we can explore the buzzing resort town.

Accommodation: Hotel Greenland (4 Star)

Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner

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## Day 7

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### Fethiye, Saklikent & Oludeniz

After breakfast we make our way to Saklikent, one of the deepest canyons in the world. We will then continue our journey to Oludeniz. Besides its spectacular beaches, glittering waters and breathtaking natural scenery, Oludeniz is also popular for its water sport. Here you can relax on the exquisite beach or join one of the adventure activities including paragliding and microlighting. Late in the afternoon we depart for our overnight stay in Fethiye.

Accommodation: Hotel Greenland (4 Star)

Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner

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## Day 8

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### Fethiye - Dalyan - Fethiye

Our next stop is Dalyan , a small town situated along the south-western coast popular for its natural and unspoiled beauty. We will join a boat trip to visit the most popular mud bath in Turkey, and we then continue to Iztuzu beach, homeland of world famous Caretta Caretta turtles. After a fantastic boat ride we will reach Iztuzu sandbar with fine sand and turquoise sea.

Accommodation: Hotel Greenland (4 Star)

Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner

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## Day 9

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### Fethiye Pamukkale

It's time to get your cameras out, because today is a photographers dream! Today we will visit Pamukkale, or 'cotton castle' in Turkish. Pamukkale is a natural site that contains hot springs and travertine, giving the appearance of terraces made by carbonate minerals left by the flowing water. Spend time bathing in its pools, or explore the natural and unusual landscape.

Accommodation: Hierapark Hotel (4 Star)

Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner

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## Day 10

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### Pamukkale Cappadocia

Today we sit back and relax on the coach, as we head to Cappadocia. Watch the amazing Turkish scenery unfold before us and see small towns and villages as we pass on by. In the afternoon, we will visit Derinkuyu Underground City, a city complete with a church, wells, food stores, and even stables which is all located 60m under the ground. End the day with an optional traditional Hamman (Turkish bath).

Accommodation: Avrasya Hotel (4 Star)

Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner

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## Day 11

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### Cappadocia

Rise and shine, it will be an early start for our optional sunrise hot air balloon ride over the stunning landscapes and fairy chimneys of Cappadocia. Or if preferred enjoy a leisurely start to the morning before we all fill up on breakfast. We will explore the UNESCO World Heritage listed Göreme, and tick off bucket list sights along the way including Göreme Museum, Pigeon Valley, Uchisar and Cavusin. In the afternoon we will visit local handicraft manufacturers and learn about traditional art. Tonight get your dancing shoes on for our optional Turkish night.

Accommodation: Avrasya Hotel (4 Star)

Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner

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## Day 12

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### Cappadocia 🚌 Ihlara 🚌 Istanbul

This morning we visit the dramatically beautiful Ihlara Valley before departing for Istanbul where we arrive late in the evening.

Accommodation: Legacy Ottoman Hotel (5 Star)

Meals Included: Breakfast

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## Day 13

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### Istanbul

Our trip will end after we say goodbye to our new friends over breakfast, bid you safe travels, and check-out of the hotel (11:00am).

Meals Included: Breakfast

*Want to extend your trip, stay longer in Istanbul or head somewhere else? Ask us how!*



## Inclusions & Exclusions

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### Inclusions

- Return economy airfares from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide & Perth to Istanbul
- 11 nights Accommodation in 4 and 5-star hotels
- Meals: 11 breakfasts, 8 dinners
- Transportation in Air-conditioned, modern coach or mini-bus.
- Airport Transfer(s) from Istanbul Airport and Sabiha Gokcen Airport (on day 1)
- Tour Guiding
- Services of experienced Travel Talk local guides licenced by the Ministry of Tourism
- Free Wi-Fi

### Sights visited include:

- Blue Mosque
- Hagia Sophia
- Topkapi Palace Museum
- Derinkuyu Underground City
- Goreme Open Air Museum
- Cavusin
- Pigeon Valley
- Uchisar
- Ihlara Valley
- Pamukkale White Terraces
- Ephesus Ancient City
- Asklepion Ancient City
- Troy Ancient City
- Anzac Cove
- Beach Cemetery
- Lone Pine
- Chunuk Bair
- War Trenches
- Saklikent
- Oludeniz & many more

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### Exclusions

- Any flights not mentioned above
- Travel Insurance
- Meals not stated above
- Items of a personal nature
- Tips and gestures
- Entrance fees to the sights and museums
- Optional activities
- Other services not stated in the itinerary

### Important Information:



**Visa information:** travellers on Australian passports will need to organise an e-Visa via the Turkish government website. It is travellers responsibility to ensure they have all the necessary paperwork to enter the country. For more information, [visit smartraveller here](#).

**Solo supplement:** Travelling solo? Get a room to yourself for only \$1500 - available at check out.

**Child policy:** Children over the age of 12 are welcome on this trip. Taking someone younger? Ask our friendly team for some great options.

**Travel Insurance:** We recommend Covermore travel insurance. To quote and book, please click [HERE](#).