



ISTANBULPRIVATE TOUR

Celebrate diversity in style



Turkey & Greece Tour

Duration: 2 weeks

Available: Spring&Summer

Highlights

- Highlights of Istanbul
- Hot Air Ballooning in Cappadoci
- Ephesus, Pamukkale
- Santorini
- Mykonos
- Acropolis of Athens
- Athens Day Tour

Included

- Entrance fees
- Breakfasts and Dinners
- Accomodation (4 starts of Special catogory)
- All airport transfers
- Private Mercedes Van
- Private profesional Toursit Gudide
- Hotel tips



DAY 1: ISTANBUL (Arrival Day)

You will be met at the airport by your guide and transferred to your hotel. Depending on your arrival time, you can do a short tour around the hotel today. Your guide will give you a quick tour briefing, and then with your guide, you will have a welcome dinner. (D)

DAY 2: ISTANBUL

After breakfast, we will check out and store our bags at the hotel before starting our guided day tour. Today's tour will cover the 600-year-old Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque, and the Hippodrome, the sporting and entertainment venue for thousands of people. You will also visit Grand Bazaar to see this different atmosphere. Then back to the hotel. (B, L, D)

DAY 3: ISTANBUL - CAPPADOCIA

You will fly to Cappadocia today. We will organize your airport transfers. When you get to Cappadocia, your driver will be waiting for you at the airport. You will directly drive to Cappadocia and start your tour. Visiting this 15 million years old volcanic region will be a wonderful experience for you. As it is a different landscape to visit, Cappadocia also has a strong history. Today, you will visit Derwent and Pasabag to see fairy chimneys. You will also visit Zelve Open Air Museum, a village from the Byzantine era until the 1950s. Overnight will be in Uchisar in Cappadocia. (B, L, D)



DAY 4: CAPPADOCIA

After a late breakfast, you will visit Goreme Open Air Museum. This museum was a monastery during the Byzantine and Ottoman era. Today, it is a beautiful museum with the best late Byzantine frescos telling you stories from the Bible. Then you will visit Uchisar Castle, which is the highest point of the region. Since Cappadocia is famous for potteries, they use it for cooking their dishes. For lunch, you will try pottery kebab. Then you will drive to Kaymakli Underground City, which was a run-away place from the enemies. So far, we have found around 40 underground cities, and Kaymakli is one of the largest ones, which can hold 6000 people for six months. From here, you will head back to the hotel. In between sites, you will also do panoramic view stops to see Cappadocia from different angles. (B, L, D)

OPTIONAL: Early in the morning, you can do hot air ballooning. Once you mention it, we can include this in the tour price, or we can make the reservation for you, and you can pay it to the ballooning company directly. The ballooning company will pick you early in the morning and drive you to the place where the balloons will take off. Here, you will have a chance to have coffee and some snacks to eat. You can also walk in between the balloons while inflating the balloons with hot air and taking beautiful photos on the ground. After the flight, the ballooning company will drive you back to the hotel.



DAY 5: CAPPADOCIA - SELCUK

You will fly to Izmir in the morning. Again, a different driver will be waiting for you. With your guide and drive, you will first drive to Sirince Village. Even though the village is built by Greeks, after the population exchange in the 1920s, the Turks moved into the village. You will have lunch here and wonder at the alleyways of the village. The next stop will be one of the wonders of the world, Artemis Temple. It was built with the donations of Alexander the Great and destroyed by Christian priests. You will also visit St. John's Basilica before heading back to the hotel. Commissioned by the same emperor who commissioned Hagia Sophia in Istanbul, Justinian I. (B, L, D)



DAY 6: SELCUK & AROUND

After breakfast, you will visit the House of Virgin Mary first. According to belief, Virgin Mary lived in this hut that you will visit for a while. As some believe she passed away here, some people believe she traveled towards France from here. But after the visits of Pope Paul VI, Pope John Paul II, and Pope Benedict XVI, this place became a pilgrimage destination. After spending enough time here, you will drive to Ephesus. Ephesus is one of the best-preserved Roman cities. You will have a chance to walk on the original roads and sidewalks, visit the Roman Villas, go into the Celsus library, and more. Lunch will be in Selcuk. Then you will visit the Museum of Ephesus, where you will find artifacts found around Ephesus after the excavations. Then back to the hotel. (B, L, D)

DAY 7: SELCUK - PAMUKKALE - SELCUK

Today you will have a day trip to Pamukkale. Pamukkale is naturally beautiful and mingled with an old Roman city called Hierapolis. You will visit Hierapolis, its Necropolis, and the white terraces of the Pamukkale. Hierapolis was always famous for its thermal water, and this underground spring water turned this place into a unique place on earth with white terraces. You will have a chance to walk on this white surface and also swim in the pools. After lunch, you will drive back to Selcuk. (B, L, D)



DAY 8: SELCUK - ATHENS - SANTORINI

Today you will first fly to Athens and then Santorini. We will arrange all airport transfers. You will have free time after checking in to your hotel in Santorini. (B)

DAY 9: SANTORINI

Today is your free day to enjoy this beautiful island. You can explore the villages, enjoy your frappes with a beautiful view of Aegean or spend all day in the water. (B)

DAY 10: SANTORINI - MYKONOS

You will catch a ferry to Mykonos. Again, we will arrange all your transfers. After checking in to your hotel in Mykonos, you can have some rest and then start discovering the island. (B)



DAY 11: MYKONOS

Free day to enjoy your time on this beautiful island. (B)

DAY 12: MYKONOS

Free day. Your last day on Aegean. Enjoy it (B)

DAY 13: MYKONOS - ATHENS

You will fly back to Athens today. We will arrange all your transfers. Your afternoon will be free in Athens. (B)

DAY 14: ATHENS DAY TOUR

Your guide will meet you at your hotel at 09:30 am for a full-day tour of Athens. After breakfast, you will first head to the Acropolis of Athens. Here you will visit the Parthenon, the Temple of Nike, the Propylaea and the sacred Erechtheion. Later on, you will also visit the Museum of Acropolis to see the beautiful artifacts from excavations and have a better understanding of Greece's history. After the museum, you will head towards Plaka by walking through in between the buildings, which have beautiful examples of Athens' neoclassical architecture.

After a lunch break, you will also visit the Temple of Olympian Zeus and the Library of Hadrian. Then you will continue to a beautiful district, Monastiraki. Here you will wonder at the alleyways of Monastiraki and visit the vivid flea market as well. You will drive through Syntagma Square and see Greek Parliament, National Garden, and Panathenaic Stadium, where the first Olympic Games were held. (B,L)



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DAY 15: ATHENS

Tour finishes today. We will arrange your transfer, depending on your departure flight. (B)



If you like to extend your stay to explore any of these two countries, please let us know

Please feel free to ask me if you have any questions

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HOTELS

The hotels will be as below or similar depending on availabilities.

Istanbul	Four Seasons Hotel	https://bit.ly/3u3j5UQ
Cappadocia	Argos Hotel	https://www.argosincappadocia.com/home-page
Selcuk	Nea Efessos Boutique Hotel	http://neaefessos.com/
Santorini	Perivolos Hotel	https://www.perivolos.gr/home-3/
Mykanos	Leto Hotel	https://www.letohotel.com/
Athens	Hotel Grande Bretagne	https://bit.ly/3vjuAaM



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