

ESSENTIAL TURKEY

Featuring - Canakkale, Cappadocia, Ephesus, Gallipoli, Istanbul, Izmir, Pamukkale

DURATION	GROUP SIZE	AIRPORT	PRICE STARTING FROM
9 Nights / 11 Days	22 People	NEW YORK (JFK/EWR)	Twin Occupancy Price Per person - \$4,999.00 Single Supplement Price Per Person - \$2,999.00

OVERVIEW

The Turkey tour is a carefully crafted journey that reveals the extraordinary depth and diversity of **Türkiye**, a country shaped by thousands of years of civilization and culture. Traveling from vibrant metropolitan centers to remote ancient landscapes, this itinerary offers a seamless blend of **history, nature, and authentic local experiences**.

The journey begins in **Istanbul**, a city unlike any other, where **Europe and Asia meet across the Bosphorus**. Here, layers of **Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman heritage** coexist with modern life, creating a dynamic introduction to the country. From Istanbul, the route continues inland to **Ankara**, the nation's capital, before reaching **Cappadocia**, a region famed for its **surreal rock formations, fairy chimneys, and cave dwellings carved into volcanic stone**.

As the tour unfolds, travelers experience the contrasting beauty of **Anatolia**, from the dazzling **white travertine terraces of Pamukkale** and the sacred ruins of **Hierapolis** to the **Aegean coast's relaxed charm in Izmir**. The itinerary also explores some of the **ancient world's most significant archaeological sites**, including **Pergamum** and the legendary city of **Troy**, bringing classical history vividly to life.

The journey concludes with a powerful visit to the **Gallipoli Peninsula**, where poignant memorials and preserved battlefields commemorate the events of **World War I** and honor the sacrifices of soldiers from many nations. With a thoughtful balance of **guided sightseeing, scenic travel, and leisure time**, this tour offers a **comprehensive and enriching introduction to Türkiye's past and present**, ideal for travelers seeking both cultural depth and unforgettable experiences.

DEPARTURE

Start Date	End Date	Departure Gateway	Price Per Person
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INCLUSIONS

- ◆ **International return airfare ex-New York (Please check with us for pricing from other cities)**
- ◆ Airport taxes, fuel surcharge, and baggage fees
- ◆ 09 nights' accommodation in twin/double sharing basis at listed hotels or similar
- ◆ Daily breakfast at hotels
- ◆ 05 dinners at hotels as per itinerary
- ◆ Airport arrival and departure transfers
- ◆ All intercity transportation as outlined in the itinerary
- ◆ Transportation in a modern, air-conditioned deluxe tourist vehicle
- ◆ Guided sightseeing and visits as specified in the program
- ◆ Transportation in a Deluxe Tourist Vehicle
- ◆ All sightseeing with admissions
- ◆ Services of an English-speaking driver & guide
- ◆ Applicable taxes

EXCLUSIONS

- ◆ All other meals & other sightseeing or services
- ◆ Gratuities for meals, tourist guides, and drivers
- ◆ Visa fee & Travel Insurance
- ◆ Personal expenses such as alcohol and other beverages, telephone calls, and laundry
- ◆ Any other services or Items not mentioned above are not included

ITINERARY

DAY 1 DEPART FOR TURKEY

Prepare yourself! You are leaving today for Istanbul to start your unbelievable Highlights of Turkey Journey.

DAY 2 ISTANBUL ARRIVAL

Welcome to Turkey! Upon arrival at Istanbul International Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

The remainder of the day is at leisure, allowing you to recover from your flight or begin exploring the surrounding neighborhoods at your own pace. You may wish to take a casual stroll, enjoy a Turkish coffee, or simply soak in the atmosphere of this vibrant metropolis.

Overnight in Istanbul

DAY 3 ISTANBUL CITY TOUR [B/-/]

After breakfast, enjoy a full day to explore Istanbul independently and at your own pace. Once known as Byzantium and Constantinople, the city has served as the capital of the Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman Empires, each leaving behind extraordinary architectural and cultural treasures.

You may choose to wander through historic neighborhoods, explore bustling streets lined with cafés and shops, or admire the city's famous skyline dotted with domes and minarets. The contrasts between old and new, sacred and secular, are visible at every turn.

From lively markets to peaceful waterfronts along the Bosphorus, Istanbul offers endless opportunities for discovery. This day allows you to experience the city according to your own interests and rhythm.

Overnight in Istanbul

DAY 4 ISTANBUL - ANKARA - CAPPADOCIA [B/-/D]

Following breakfast, depart Istanbul and journey inland

to Ankara, the modern capital of Turkey. Here, you will visit Anıtkabir, the Mausoleum of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, an imposing and symbolic monument dedicated to the founder of the Turkish Republic.

The museum and ceremonial complex provide deep insight into Atatürk's reforms and the birth of modern Turkey. After your visit, continue through the vast Anatolian countryside, where rolling plains and distant mountains define the landscape.

By evening, arrive in Cappadocia, a region unlike anywhere else in the world. Check in to your cave-style hotel and enjoy dinner surrounded by Cappadocia's surreal rock formations.

Overnight in Cappadocia

DAY 5 CAPPADOCIA [B/-/]

After breakfast, enjoy a full day at leisure in Cappadocia. This extraordinary region is famous for its fairy chimneys, volcanic valleys, and cave dwellings carved into soft rock over thousands of years. Human history here stretches back to prehistoric times, with early communities using the landscape for shelter, worship, and defense. Rock-cut homes, hidden churches, and ancient pathways are scattered throughout the area.

Whether you choose to explore nearby villages, take in panoramic views, or simply relax and absorb the atmosphere, Cappadocia offers a sense of timelessness and wonder.

Overnight in Cappadocia

DAY 6 CAPPADOCIA - PAMUKKALE [B/-/D]

After breakfast, depart Cappadocia and travel southwest across Anatolia. Along the way, stop at the Sultanhan Caravanserai, a magnificent 13th-century Seljuk inn that once welcomed Silk Road merchants and their caravans.

This well-preserved structure reflects the importance of trade routes in shaping Anatolia's history. Continue

onward to Pamukkale, renowned for its brilliant white terraces formed by mineral-rich thermal waters.

Upon arrival, check in to your hotel and enjoy a relaxing evening. Dinner is served at the hotel.

Overnight in Pamukkale

DAY 7 PAMUKKALE - IZMIR [B/-/D]

After breakfast, explore the ancient city of Hierapolis, built directly above Pamukkale's thermal springs. Walk through its extensive ruins, including the necropolis, Roman theater, ancient baths, and sacred temples.

The site offers a fascinating glimpse into Greco-Roman life, wellness culture, and religious practices. Afterward, travel to Selçuk to view the remains of the Temple of Artemis, once one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

Later in the day, continue to Izmir, a dynamic coastal city on the Aegean Sea. Check in to your hotel and enjoy dinner.

Overnight in Izmir

DAY 8 IZMIR [B/-/D]

After breakfast, enjoy a full day at leisure in Izmir. Formerly known as Smyrna, the city is one of Turkey's oldest continuously inhabited settlements and today serves as a major commercial and cultural hub.

Set around a broad bay and surrounded by mountains, Izmir blends modern city life with a relaxed Mediterranean spirit. Elegant promenades, lively bazaars, and historic districts reflect its diverse heritage.

This day allows you to experience Izmir's rhythm, cuisine, and coastal charm at your own pace. Dinner is included at the hotel.

Overnight in Izmir

DAY 9 IZMIR - PERGAMUM - CANAKKALE [B/-/D]

After an early breakfast, depart Izmir for Bergama, ancient Pergamum, one of the most important cultural centers of the Hellenistic era. Visit the Asklepon, a

renowned ancient medical complex where healing combined science, faith, and psychology.

Continue north to Troy, the legendary city immortalized in Homer's Iliad. Walk among the archaeological remains and learn about the many layers of settlement uncovered at this iconic site.

Proceed to Çanakkale, a charming port city along the Dardanelles Strait. Check in to your hotel and enjoy dinner.

Overnight in Canakkale

DAY 10 CANAKKALE - GALLIPOLI - ISTANBUL [B/-/-]

After breakfast, cross the Dardanelles Strait by ferry and continue to the Gallipoli Peninsula, a site of profound historical significance. Visit key memorials and battlefields that honor the soldiers of the ANZAC and Turkish forces who fought here during World War I.

The landscape, combined with the stories of courage and sacrifice, creates a deeply moving experience. After the visit, return by road to Istanbul.

Arrive in the evening and enjoy your final night in the city at leisure.

Overnight in Istanbul

DAY 11 ISTANBUL - DEPARTURE (B/-/-)

Your unforgettable journey through Turkey comes to an end today. Depending on your flight schedule, you may have some free time after breakfast to enjoy Istanbul at your own pace. This is a great opportunity to revisit favorite spots, enjoy a leisurely stroll along the Bosphorus, or do some last-minute shopping for souvenirs and local specialties.

Later, you will be transferred to Istanbul International Airport for your onward journey home. We wish you a safe journey and hope to plan your future trips with Voyages Hub!

Note - The itinerary above may be modified without prior notice. The sequence of activities and scheduled day trips may vary due to operational factors, including weather and traffic conditions.

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