

TURQUOISE ODYSSEY - 16 DAYS TOUR

Turquoise Odyssey tour package is a private guided or small group tour for 16 days and 15 nights. During the tour enjoy visiting Turkey's famous 12 UNESCO World Heritage sites. Istanbul (The old City), Troy, Pergamon, Ephesus, Aphrodisias, Pamukkale (Hierapolis), Bodrum, Fethiye, Antalya, Perge, Aspendos, and amazing Cappadocia are the highlights. The most known and visited sites of Turkey are included in the Turquoise Odyssey tour.

During the tour, visit spectacular sites and museums and all entrance fees are included. Stay in a cave hotel in Cappadocia, centrally located hotel in the old city Istanbul and 5 or 4-star quality hotels in all other places. All breakfasts, most lunches, and dinners are included. You will be guided by a private English speaking licensed tour guide with the latest model comfortable touring vehicle. There is no extra or hidden cost in our packages.

Unique Experiences

During the Turquoise Odyssey tour package. Firstly, you will visit Istanbul, which is one of the most inspiring cities in the world. Secondly, you will enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Mediterranean coastal towns. In addition, you will tour the amazing early Christian cave churches and underground cities carved into the volcanic rocks in Cappadocia. Going off the tourist track, so you will have wonderful strolls in old towns. You will enjoy the authentic Turkish cuisine.

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DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 Istanbul (World Heritage Site)

Arrival to Istanbul Airport and private transfer to your hotel. Distance to travel: 45 km.

Day 2 Istanbul (World Heritage Site)

Highlights and visit sites of the day: Visit the Hippodrome, venue of horse chariot races, the Blue Mosque, see beautiful blue tiles, Topkapi Palace and its Harem, home of Ottoman sultans, Hagia Sophia, the best Byzantine architect, and mosaics, explore the Grand Bazaar, which hosts over 3,000 shops. Distance to travel: 10 km.

Day 3 Istanbul (World Heritage Site)

Highlights and visit sites of the day: Visit the mosque of Suleyman the magnificent, the best view of Golden Horn, take a morning Bosphorus cruise, Taksim square, walk on the Istiklal Street, enjoy local cuisine for lunch, see the Galata Tower, cross the Bridge, visit the Spice market and Rustem Pasha Mosque. Distance to travel: 15 km.

Day 4 Gallipoli - Dardanelles - Canakkale

Highlights and visit sites of the day: Gallipoli including World War I memorial of ANZAC Cove, Chunuk Bair and Lone Pine Cemetery, crossing Dardanelles and brief visit to city of Canakkale. Distance to travel: 320 km.

Day 5 Troy – Pergamon – Kusadasi

Highlights and visit sites of the day: The legendary city of Troy, replica of the Trojan horse and ancient hospital complex of Asklepion in Pergamon. Distance to travel: 390 km.

Day 6 Ephesus (World Heritage Site) – Claros – Kusadasi

Highlights and visit sites of the day: The house of Virgin Mary, the incredible city of Ephesus and its colossal Greek Theatre, the Marble Road, the Celsus Library, the Temple of Diana, an ancient sanctuary and the temple of Apollo in Claros. Distance to travel: 150 km.

Day 7 Priene - Miletus - Didyma - Bodrum

Highlights and visit sites of the day: Drive to Priene, the first planned city in the ancient world, and visit to the Theatre, the Temple of Athena, Agora, the Bouleterion, the Zeus Altar. Then proceed to Miletus, the famous Ionian city that had also been visited by St. Paul during his missionary trip. Finally drive to Didyma to see the well preserved Apollo Temple that had been inhabited only by the priests and suppliants who came to consult the famous oracle there. Distance to travel: 200 km.

Day 8 Bodrum – Halicarnassus

Highlights and visit sites of the day: Visit the Bodrum Castle, which now houses the Underwater Archaeology Museum and Mausoleum of Mausolus. Distance to travel: 10 km.

Day 9 Kas – Xantos (World Heritage Site)

Visit Kaunos which was an important city and port on the Mediterranean from 400 B.C. until the harbor silted up and the sea retreated 5km to the south. The real highlight in Dalyan is to take a small craft through a maze of reeds in the Dalyan Delta. The delta, with a long, golden sandy beach at its mouth, is a nature-conversation area, and a refuge for large sea turtles (*Caretta caretta*) and blue crabs. Then continue on to Kas via Fethiye, Patara, and Xanthos. Distance to travel: 330 km.

Day 10 Antalya

Drive to Demre/Myra, to visit its splendidly carved Lycian Rock Tombs overlooking an amphitheatre, all dating back to 600 B.C., and the Church of St. Nicholas, the saint referred to as Santa Claus. Sail to Kekova Islands (on a public motorboat) where the sunken city Simena and a noteworthy Lycian necropolis at Teimiussa, located at the slopes of the village of Kale will be seen. Distance to travel: 200 km.

Day 11 Antalya

Highlights and visit sites of the day: Visit to Perge, the place where most of the statues that are on display in Antalya Museum were unearthed and then proceed to Aspendos that bears one of the best preserved Roman theatres in Anatolia. We will visit Antalya Archaeology Museum and the old city in the afternoon. Distance to travel: 60 km.

Day 12 Day 6 Aphrodisias – Laodiceia – Pamukkale (World Heritage Site)

Highlights and visit sites of the day: Aphrodisias, the city of art and beauty, dedicated to the Goddess Aphrodite, Laodicea, it is one of the Seven Churches of Revelation, Pamukkale or Cotton Castle in Turkish, it is worldwide famous for its white calcium travertine, Hierapolis, the ancient necropolis (city of the dead), Pluto's Gate or Door to Hell, stay in a spa hotel, where you can swim in the heated pools of enriched mineral water. Distance to travel: 290 km.

Day 13 Konya - Catalhoyuk (World Heritage Site)

Highlights and visit sites of the day: Visit Catalhöyük, the largest Neolithic and Chalcolithic proto-city settlement, the Whirling Dervish Museum, exhibition of Dervish costumes, instruments, illuminated manuscripts and various ethnographic artifacts, the Karatay Madrasa, a 13th century school, now a museum displaying historic ceramics and archaeological relics. Distance to travel: 390 km.

Day 14 Cappadocia (World Heritage Site)

Highlights and visit sites of the day: Hike in Ihlara Valley and visit the best preserved Selime Monastery, explore Derinkuyu or Kaymakli underground city, see Uchisar rock castle, Pigeon Valley, visit Red Valley and Love Valley. Distance to travel: 280 km.

Day 15 Cappadocia

Highlights and visit sites of the day: Optional hot air balloon ride over Cappadocia early in the morning. Cappadocia, unique landscape of volcanic rock formations, amazing underground churches and cities carved into the rocks by early Christians, going off the tourist track and visit small villages and discover the unknown parts of Cappadocia. Visit Magic Valley, Zelve Open Air Museum, Monk's Valley and Goreme Open Air Museum, enjoy local cuisine, lunch in Avanos, its also known as potter's town, visit local workshops to see handcrafts. Distance to travel: 60 km.

Day 16 Cappadocia - Istanbul

We will transfer you Cappadocia airport in the morning to fly Istanbul. Distance to travel: 45 km.



INCLUSION

Accommodation

We aim to provide you with comfortable accommodation so we arranged 4 and 5-star hotels in the city centers of the locations you are going to visit.

Domestic flight

The flight from Cappadocia to Istanbul airports is included.

Guide

Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour will be supporting you for your needs 24/7.

Entrance fees

The entrance fee to all museums is included in the price.

All taxes, fees and handling charges

Transport

All transfers and transportation.

Transportation in fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicles.

Meal

The meals mentioned in the tour program are all included. 15 breakfast, 7 lunch, and 10 dinner

EXCLUSION

International airfares

International flights are not included.

Gratuities

Gratuities for drivers and guides are not included.

Drinks

Drinks with alcohol are not included.

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