



South East Tours 2025-2026

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2 DAYS NEMRUT SUNSET TOUR

Tour Start Date: **Every day from 15.11.2024 to 31.03.2026**

TOUR ROUTE: Istanbul – Nemrut – Gaziantep – Istanbul



2 DAYS NEMRUT TOUR ITINERARY:

Day 1: Istanbul to Gaziantep Arrival Day / Nemrut Tour

(Lunch and Dinner included)

Flight from Istanbul. You will be welcomed at the Gaziantep Airport by the hand-board with your name on it.

NEMRUT Firstly, you will go to Nemrut – Adiyaman

You will see the statues of Gods and grave of the King Antioch on a hill in the city of Adiyaman. The story of placing the statues at the head of the mountain will impress you very much.

Thousands of people come here to enjoy the sunset or sunrise. The same statues were built on both the west and the north of the mountain. Lion and eagle statues have been the guardians of the mountain. Overnight in Adiyaman.

Day 2: Gaziantep City Tour to Istanbul

(Breakfast and Lunch included)

In the morning we will have breakfast at the hotel and then visit the city of Gaziantep. In the center of the historical Silk Road, the crossing point of the eastern west trade. The modern city is famous for its delicious baklava and peanuts.

ZEUGMA MOSAIC MUSEUM

The most well known is the mosaic of the Zeugma mosaic museum and the "Gypsy Girl". In the museum you will find amazing embroideries with amazing stories.

GAZIANTEP CASTLE

Antep Castle is a small and charming place. You walk right up the street and you're on it.

COPPERSMITH BAZAAR "BAKIRCILAR CARSISI"

Check out the shops of craftsmen selling handcrafted products around. You will definitely find something to gift.

Another important place is "Bakircilar Carsisi". Here, trades both produce and sell. Follow the traces of local life.

KEBAP & BAKLAVA

When you're hungry, you should definitely eat lahmacun, kebabs and baklava dessert. In the afternoon we're going to the airport.

2 DAY NEMRUT SUNSET TOUR INCLUDES:

- All Airport transfer mention in site the Itinerary
- Domestic flight from Istanbul to Gaziantep
- Domestic flight from Gaziantep to Istanbul
- 1 nights hotel in Gaziantep 4 or 5 Star Hotel
- 1 open buffet breakfasts
- 2 local lunches at restaurants during to tours
- 1 local dinners at the hotels

- Guided Nemrut tour
- Guided Gaziantep City Tour
- All entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- Transportation in a fully air - conditioned, non - smoking coach
- Professional English - speaking tour guides
- Return airport transfer

TOUR NOT INCLUDE:

- Tips/gratuities to drivers and guides
- International flights
- Insurance: All types
- Turkey entry visa
- Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry
- Any others expenses which are not mentioned at the included section

Please Note: Domestic flight price for adult travelers is approximately Euros: 80,00 for one way and for under 2 years old, approximately Euros: 20,00 as an insurance policy.

| 2 DAYS NEMRUT TOUR | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|-------------------------------|----------|---------|
| Periods | Low Season | | | High Season | | |
| Room Type | Triple | Double | Single | Triple | Double | Single |
| 1 Pax | N/A | N/A | € 759,00 | N/A | N/A | €783,00 |
| 2 Pax | N/A | €418,00 | € 466,00 | N/A | € 436,00 | €490,00 |
| 3 - 4 Pax | € 315,00 | €321,00 | € 369,00 | €333,00 | € 339,00 | €393,00 |
| 5 - 7 Pax | € 237,00 | €243,00 | € 291,00 | €255,00 | € 261,00 | €315,00 |
| 8 - 10 Pax | € 193,00 | €199,00 | € 247,00 | €211,00 | € 217,00 | €271,00 |
| 11 - 14 Pax | € 190,00 | €196,00 | € 244,00 | €208,00 | € 215,00 | €268,00 |
| 15 - 19 Pax | € 171,00 | €177,00 | € 225,00 | €189,00 | €195,00 | €249,00 |
| 20 - 24 Pax | € 158,00 | €164,00 | € 212,00 | €176,00 | € 182,00 | €236,00 |
| 25 - 29 Pax | € 156,00 | €162,00 | € 210,00 | €174,00 | € 180,00 | €234,00 |
| 30 - 34 Pax | € 149,00 | €155,00 | € 203,00 | €167,00 | € 173,00 | €227,00 |
| 35 - 40 Pax | € 142,00 | €148,00 | € 196,00 | €160,00 | €166,00 | €220,00 |
| Periods | From 15.11.2024 to 31.03.2025 01.11.2025 to 31.03.2026 | | | From 01.04.2025 to 31.10.2025 | | |

| Destination | Hotel LIST |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| Adiyaman | Hilton Garden Inn Hotel &similar |

PS: If This hotel list not available at the time of your booking then we will arrange smilar other hotel for your group. If you prefer a Different category hotel, there might be an additional cost

5 DAY ANATOLIA TOUR PACKAGE

Tour Start Date: **Every day from 15.11.2024 to 31.03.2026**

TOUR ROUTE: Ankara – Konya - Cappadocia - Ankara



Day 1 - Ankara- Arrival Day Ankara City Tour

(Lunch and Dinner included)

Welcome to Turkey Ankara Esenboga Airport. Meet with TravelShop Turkey staff and transfer to your hotel, Transfer from airport & check in to your hotel. After the lunch, Visit Ataturk Museum at the Ataturk Mausoleum. (Ataturk is the founder of the modern Turkey). After tour come back to hotel and rest of day is yours. Overnight in Ankara.

Day 2 - Ankara - Konya – Cappadocia

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After breakfast early in the morning at 08:00 drive to Konya. Once you reach to Konya stop at a restaurant for lunch at 13:00pm. After the lunch visit the imposing green - tiled Mausoleum of Mevlana, the mystic founder of the Sufi sect (Whirling Dervishes). After the Konya Mevlana tour drive to Cappadocia. Arrival to Cappadocia around 18:30pm and check into your hotel. If you wish to join our optional activity of Ballooning for tomorrow, please contact with your guide and register because it will take place early the next morning. Overnight in Cappadocia.

Day 3 - Cappadocia – Red Tour

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

Today we will get to know the Cappadocia region, a volcanic area in which the geological formation started 10 million years ago. As a result of these formations phallic like pillars have come to life. The beautiful horse country Katpatuka, (as the Persians called her) is an unbelievable strip of land, enchanting and mysterious. Cappadocia region is also famous for its arts, including ceramic and carpets. You will be picked up approximately 09:30 from your hotel to join our regular tour. Tour starts with Uchisar Castle, the highest point of Cappadocia. After Uchisar, you visit Goreme Open Air Museum, the Heart of Cappadocia. Goreme Open Air Museum is famous for frescoes dating to 10th century describing the life of Jesus Christ and monks. Next stop is Cavusin, which is an abandoned village with old cave Greek houses. After Cavusin you go to the restaurant in Avanos to have lunch. After lunch, you visit a pottery workshop, to see how to make potteries. Then you go Pasabagi where you can see three - headed fairy chimneys. After Pasabagi you visit another workshop to see Cappadocian handwoven carpets and kilims. Next stop is Devrent Valley, which is also called Imagination Valley, where you can see natural rock formations looking like animals. Then you head to a winery in Urgup for wine tasting. Last stop is Three Beauties, three beautiful fairy chimneys with their

hats, which is the symbol of Cappadocia. This tour will end approximately 18:00 and you will be returned back to your hotel. Dinner and overnight Cappadocia.

Day 4 - Cappadocia – Green Tour

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

Breakfast at hotel, around 9:30am you will be picked up from your hotel. We will drive you to Derinkuyu underground city, one of the best preserved and deepest Underground cities in Cappadocia. Derinkuyu Underground city is 55 meters deep and 8 levels open to visitors. After that we will drive you to Ihlara valley which is a 16 km long canyon and both side are lined with rock carved churches. We will have 3 km hike and visit one of the churches in the valley. End of the hiking lunch be served at the Belisirma village beside river. After lunch we will visit Selime monastery, caved out of the rock by christian monks in the 13th centry On the way back to hotel we will stop at the pigeon valley.. Dinner and overnight Cappadocia.

Day 5 – Cappadocia to Ankara - End of Tour

(Breakfast included)

After breakfast you will have free time shoping in Cappadocia. Evening we depart for Kayseri airport for Ankara airport. We hope your tour was a memorable one and we look forward to seeing you in the future on another Travel Shop Turkey tour. Have a safe trip back home and thanks for choosing Travel Shop Turkey.

5 DAY ANATOLIA TOUR PACKAGE TOUR INCLUDED

- Arrival transfer from Ankara Airport
- 3 nights hotel in Cappadocia
- 1 nights hotel in Ankara + Early Check in Hotel in Ankara
- 4 open buffet breakfasts
- 4 local lunches during tours
- 4 local dinners at hotels
- English speaking professional guide
- Guided Ankara City Tour
- Guided Konya Tour
- Guided Cappadocia Red Tour
- Guided Cappadocia Green Tour
- All transfer services to and from bus service
- All entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking coach
- Return transfer to Ankara Airport

TOUR EXCLUDES:

- International flights
- Personal expenses: Lunches, extras at hotel or additional meals
- Tipping: Tips for guides and drivers
- Insurance: All types

| Destination | Hotel LIST |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Ankara | Radisson Blu Ankara or similar |
| Cappadocia | Antique Cave House Hotel & Suhan Hotel & similar |

Please Note: Domestic flight price for adult travelers is approximately Euros: 80,00 for one way and for under 2 years old, approximately Euros: 20,00 as an insurance policy.

| 5 DAY ANATOLIA TOUR PACKAGE | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|---------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Periods | Low Season | | | High Season | | |
| Room Type | Triple | Double | Single | Triple | Double | Single |
| 1 Pax | N/A | N/A | €1.830,00 | N/A | N/A | €1.830,00 |
| 2 Pax | N/A | €974,00 | €1.154,00 | N/A | €1.034,00 | €1.238,00 |
| 3 - 4 Pax | €737,00 | €749,00 | €929,00 | €779,00 | €809,00 | €1.013,00 |
| 5 - 7 Pax | €557,00 | €569,00 | €749,00 | €599,00 | €629,00 | €833,00 |
| 8 - 10 Pax | €455,00 | €467,00 | €647,00 | €497,00 | €527,00 | €731,00 |
| 11 - 14 Pax | €453,00 | €465,00 | €645,00 | €495,00 | €525,00 | €729,00 |
| 15 - 19 Pax | €408,00 | €420,00 | € 600,00 | €450,00 | € 480,00 | €684,00 |
| 20 - 24 Pax | €378,00 | €390,00 | €570,00 | €420,00 | €450,00 | € 654,00 |

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| 25 - 29 Pax | €373,00 | €385,00 | €565,00 | €415,00 | €445,00 | €649,00 |
| 30 - 34 Pax | €357,00 | €369,00 | € 549,00 | €399,00 | €429,00 | €633,00 |
| 35 - 40 Pax | €341,00 | €353,00 | €533,00 | €383,00 | €413,00 | €617,00 |
| Periods | From 15.11.2024 to 31.03.2025 01.11.2025 to 31.03.2026 | | | From 01.04.2025 to 31.10.2025 | | |

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8 DAY SOUTH ANATOLIA TOUR

Tour Start Date: **Every day from 15.11.2024 to 31.03.2026**

TOUR ROUTE: Cappadocia- Nemrut – Gaziantep - Sanliurfa - Göbeklitepe - Mardin and domestic flight back to Istanbul.



8 DAY CENTRAL ANATOLIA TOUR ITINERARY:

Day 1 - Cappadocia - Arrival Day

(Dinner included)

Meet at the airport Transfer to your hotel. You will be given your room key and the rest of the day is yours to explore Cappadocia.

Day 2 - Cappadocia Underground City & Goreme Open Air Museum

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After breakfast between 08:00 am and 09:30 am pick ups from hotel. Final timing one day before will be given you by your tour consultant.

We will drive you to Ozkonak Underground City, one of the best preserved Underground cities in Cappadocia. Then visit to **Uchisar Castle From Outside**, the highest point of Cappadocia. After Uchisar, you visit Goreme Open Air Museum, the Heart of Cappadocia. Goreme Open Air Museum is famous for frescoes dating to 10th century describing the life of Jesus Christ and monks. Next stop is Cavusin, which is an abandoned village with old cave Greek houses. After Cavusin you go to the restaurant in Avanos to have lunch. After lunch, you visit a pottery work shop, to see how to make potteries. Then you go to Love Valley . Love Valley Cappadocia is a hidden valley with scenic formations to say the least. Despite the resemblance to man hood, these amazing rock formations are far from man-made. After Love Valley you visit another workshop to see Cappadocian handwoven carpets and kilims. Next stop is Devrent Valley, which is also called Imagination Valley, where you can see natural rock formations looking like animals. Then you head to a wine shop in Urgup for wine tasting. Last stop is Three Beauties, three beautiful fairy chimneys with their hats, which is the symbol of Cappadocia. This tour will end approximately at 18.00 and you will be back to your hotel. Overnight in Cappadocia

Day 3 – Kayseri to Mount Nemrut

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

Depart Kayseri for Mount Nemrut in Adiyaman along the Silk Road via the 13th Century Karatay Han. We divert off the Silk Road route to visit the mountain top tomb of King Antiochus I. One of Turkey's most iconic sites the tomb of Antiochus was lost for nearly 2,000 years and was only rediscovered in the 1890's by a government railroad surveyor. Overnight Nemrut.

Day 4 - Nemrut to Gaziantep Tour

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After breakfast at the hotel in the morning, we'll go towards the direction of Gaziantep in Southeast Turkey. We will pass through many beautiful cities of Anatolia during the journey. Travel time will be very enjoyable as the mountains, natural landscapes are accompanied by chats. We will visit the Zeugma Mosaic Museum, Gaziantep Castle and the coppersmiths' bazaar. Then, we will go to a local restaurant serving delicious kebabs. Overnight in Gaziantep.

Day 5 –Gaziantep to Sanliurfa / Göbeklitepe Tour

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After breakfast, we depart and our first stop Halfeti. We reach Halfeti by passing through the peanut trees which are the most famous in the region because of nuts. Halfeti is left under the water of a dam and we will see the beautiful nature and sunken city via a boat trip. (Gaziantep>Halfeti 96 Km) After Halfeti, our stop will be Gobeklitepe which is considered as the recently discovered starting point of history. (Halfeti>Göbeklitepe 112 Km)

We will leave Göbeklitepe and arrive to hotel in Şanlıurfa. Our hotel is located in the city center. We'll walk to see symbolic significance the Fish Lake (Balıklıgöl) and explore the surrounding streets. Together we will walk by the local handicraft shops, walk through the narrow streets filled with spices, visit small shish kebab restaurants. (Göbeklitepe-Şanlıurfa 19 Km)

An **optional** activity "Sıra Gecesi" – a fun night and long dinner waiting us. Local traditional music group with a live performance. We strongly recommend you to participate. Overnight in Urfa

Day 6 – Sanliurfa Tour

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

We will leave the hotel, after breakfast. We will visit the Sanliurfa Archeology Museum and Haleplibahce Mosaic Complex with magnificent artifacts.

Last stop before Mardin is Harran. Here you will find famous conical houses and other traces of history and cross sections of old life. (Şanlıurfa-Harran 48 Km)

After Harran, we will reach Mardin by late afternoon. We will visit Ulucami (Grand Mosque), the Virgin Mary Church and walk the stone paved streets of Mardin. Then, we will make check-in hotel which is made of traditional stone walls. (Harran-Mardin 196 Km) Overnight in Mardin.

Day 7 - Mardin Tour

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

We will stay for two days in the city of Mardin, the beginning point of the Mesopotamia plain. The ancient city of Dara, Madrasahs, Deyrulzafaran Monastery seat of the Patriarch of Antioch will be places to see. Of course, we will feel the street culture and taste the delicious kebabs of the East. Overnight in Mardin.

Day 8 - Mardin to Istanbul - End of Tour

(Breakfast included)

After our last overnight, we are going to the airport to catch the flight determined by the date of the program. We hope you had a great time and expect to see you with us again on another adventure.

8 DAY SOUTH ANATOLIA TOUR INCLUDES:

- All airport transfer services mentioned inside the itinerary
- 2 nights hotel in Cappadocia
- 1 nights hotel in Nemrut
- 1 nights hotel in Gaziantep
- 1 nights hotel in Urfa
- 2 nights hotel in Mardin
- 7 open buffet breakfasts
- 6 lunches
- 7 dinners
- Guided Cappadocia Underground City & Goreme Open Air Museum
- Guided Gaziantep Tour
- Guided Sanliurfa / Göbeklitepe Tour

- Guided Sanliurfa Tour
- Guided Mardin Tour
- Guided Nemrut Tour
- All entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking coach
- Professional English-speaking tour guides

TOUR NOT INCLUDE:

- Tips/gratuities to drivers and guides
- Domestic flight from Mardin to Istanbul
- International flights
- Insurance: All types
- Turkey entry visa
- Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry
- Any others expenses which are not mentioned at the included section

| 8 DAY CENTRAL ANATOLIA TOUR | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Periods | Low Season | | | High Season | | |
| Room Type | Triple | Double | Single | Triple | Double | Single |
| 1 Pax | N/A | N/A | € 3.027,00 | N/A | N/A | € 3.090,00 |
| 2 Pax | N/A | € 1.621,00 | € 1.963,00 | N/A | € 1.705,00 | € 2.027,00 |
| 3 - 4 Pax | € 1.250,00 | € 1.267,00 | € 1.609,00 | € 1.316,00 | € 1.351,00 | € 1.673,00 |
| 5 - 7 Pax | € 967,00 | € 984,00 | € 1.326,00 | € 1.033,00 | € 1.068,00 | € 1.389,60 |
| 8 - 10 Pax | € 807,00 | € 824,00 | € 1.166,00 | € 873,00 | € 908,00 | € 1.230,00 |
| 11 - 14 Pax | € 805,00 | € 821,00 | € 1.163,00 | € 871,00 | € 905,00 | € 1.227,00 |
| 15 - 19 Pax | € 734,00 | € 751,00 | € 1.093,00 | € 800,00 | € 835,00 | € 1.157,00 |
| 20 - 24 Pax | € 686,00 | € 703,00 | € 1.045,00 | € 752,00 | € 787,00 | € 1.109,00 |
| 25 - 29 Pax | € 679,00 | € 695,00 | € 1.037,00 | € 745,00 | € 779,00 | € 1.101,00 |
| 30 - 34 Pax | € 653,00 | € 670,00 | € 1.012,00 | € 719,00 | € 754,00 | € 1.075,00 |
| 35 - 40 Pax | € 629,00 | € 645,00 | € 987,00 | € 695,00 | € 729,00 | € 1.051,00 |
| Periods | From 15.11.2024 to 31.03.2025 01.11.2025 to 31.03.2026 | | | From 01.04.2025 to 31.10.2025 | | |

| Destination | Hotel LIST |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Cappadocia | Antique House Cave Hotel & similar |
| Gaziantep | Park Dedeman Gaziantep Hotel & similar |
| Nemrut | White Star Hotel Kahta |
| Sanliurfa | Hilton Garden Inn Sanliurfa Hotel & similar |
| Mardin | Hilton Garden Inn Mardin Hotel & similar |

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9 Days Centre Anatolia Tour

Tour Start Date: Every day from 15.11.2024 to 31.03.2026

TOUR ROUTE: Antalya – Pamukkale – Konya – Cappadocia – Istanbul



Day 1 – Antalya - Arrival Day

(Dinner included)

Meet at the airport Transfer to your hotel. You will be given your room key and the rest of the day is yours to explore Antalya. Overnight in Antalya.

Day 2 - Antalya Old City Tour and Waterfalls

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After breakfast between 08:00 am and 09:30 am pick ups from hotel. Final timing one day before will be given you by your tour consultant.

After breakfast drive to Antalya old City (Kaleiçi) Marina, Clock Tower, Hadrian's Gate, Broken Minaret, Hıdırlık Tower: Kaleiçi is a small historic part of Antalyas modern city, also known as the Old City of Antalya. In history it was once the sprawling modern Roman town, then the Byzantine Empire, then Seljuks, and finally the Ottoman Turkish town. The Hadrian's Gate (or Hadrianus Gate or The Three Gates is a triumphal arch which was built in the name of the Roman emperor Hadrian. Antalya's broken wonder is the Broken Minaret of the Korkut Mosque, which itself was built originally as a Roman temple in the 2nd century AD, and thus did not have a minaret at all. Hıdırlık Tower is a landmark tower of tawny stone in Antalya, Turkey, where Kaleiçi meets

Karaalioglu Park. It is believed to be built in Hellenistic era on a square plan and later turned into circular tower in 2nd century AD and was either used as a fortification or a lighthouse in the past. we have lunch than depart for Duden waterfalls. All the streams of the region aim at finding their way into the Mediterranean and they pour down the slopes of the Taurus, sometimes overland sometimes underground and reaching their destination, result in lovely waterfalls, of which there are more than twenty. Lunch at the Hotel. After tour come back to hotel and rest of day is yours..Overnight in Antalya

Day 3 - Antalya - Pamukkale

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After breakfast depart for Pamukkale. At 08:00 we depart for Pamukkale. We will check at the hotel around 12.00 and we have a lunch break until 13.30. Afterwards we shall visit the calcium terraces of Pamukkale (cotton castle) and the ruins of Hierapolis, then walk around this natural phenomenon and have the option of lying in the waters of the natural springs. Overnight in Pamukkale

Day 4 – Pamukkale - Konya – Cappadocia

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After breakfast early in the morning at 08:00 drive to Konya. 2.5 hour later we have break for coffee and after some rest drive to Konya for lunch at 13:00pm and after the lunch visit the imposing green - tiled Mausoleum of Mevlana, the mystic founder of the Sufi sect (Whirling Dervishes). After the Konya Mevlana tour drive to Cappadocia. Arrival to Cappadocia around 18:30pm and check into your hotel. If you wish to join our optional activity of Ballooning for tomorrow, please contact with your guide and register because it will take place early the next morning. Overnight in Cappadocia.

Day 5 - Cappadocia Tour with Underground City and Goreme Open Air Museum

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After breakfast between 08:00 am and 09:30 am pick ups from hotel. Final timing one day before will be given you by your tour consultant.

We will drive you to Ozkonak Underground City, one of the best preserved Underground cities in Cappadocia. Then visit to Uchisar Castle, the highest point of Cappadocia. After Uchisar, you visit Goreme Open Air Museum, the Heart of Cappadocia. Goreme Open Air Museum is famous for frescoes dating to 10th century describing the life of Jesus Christ and monks. Next stop is Cavusin, which is an abandoned village with old cave Greek houses. After Cavusin you go to the restaurant in Avanos to have lunch. After lunch, you visit a pottery work shop, to see how to make potteries. Then you go to Love Valley . Love Valley Cappadocia is a hidden valley with scenic formations to say the least. Despite the resemblance to man hood, these amazing rock formations are far from man-made. After Love Valley you visit another workshop to see Cappadocian handwoven carpets and kilims. Next stop is Devrent Valley, which is also called Imagination Valley, where you can see natural rock formations looking like animals. Then you head to a wine shop in Urgup for wine tasting. Last stop is Three Beauties, three beautiful fairy chimneys with their hats, which is the symbol of Cappadocia. This tour will end approximately at 18.00 and you will be returned back to your hotel. Overnight in Cappadocia.

Day 6 - Cappadocia to Ankara City Tour – Istanbul

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

We depart at 8:00am for Ankara during the trip (4 hours distance). On the way, we will stop at Salt Lake, which it is a natural salt lake and the second biggest lake in Turkey. Arrival to Ankara around 12:30 and we have lunch break. After the lunch, Visit Ataturk Museum at the Ataturk Mausoleum. (Ataturk is the founder of the modern Turkey). Evening we depart for Ankara Esenboga airport for our domestic flight to Istanbul. Transfer from Ataturk airport to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to explore Istanbul. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 7 - Istanbul City Tour

(Breakfast and Lunch included)

After breakfast between 08:00 am and 09:30 am pick ups from hotel. Final timing one day before will be given you by your tour consultant.

Today you will depart for the Istanbul City Tour. "TOPKAPI PALACE" The great palace of the Ottoman sultans from the 15th to the 19th centuries. The palace houses an exquisite collection of crystal, silver, and Chinese porcelain. Robes worn by the sultans and their families, the famous jewels of the Imperial Treasury, miniatures, and the Holy Mantle; enshrining relics of the Prophet Mohammed. Next on the list is the "SULTANAHMET IMPERIAL MOSQUE" Across from St. Sophia built in the 16th century by the architect Mehmet, is known as the "BLUE MOSQUE" because of its magnificent interior decoration of blue Iznik tiles. Outside the Blue Mosque we find the "HIPPODROME". The Ancient Hippodrome was the scene of chariot races and entertainment. The Hippodrome comprises of three monuments; the Obelisk of Theodosius, the bronze Serpentine Column and the Column of Constantine. After a short enjoyable lunch break we head to the Grand Spice Bazaar for shopping. After the shopping tour come back to Hotel. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 8 - Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise and Shopping Tour

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

Pick up at 08:30am from the hotel and depart for the Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise and Shopping Tour. Visit the GRAND SPICE BAZAAR. The air here is filled with the enticing aromas of cinnamon, caraway, saffron, mint, thyme and every other conceivable herb and spice.

BOSPHORUS BY BOAT a traditional excursion by boat along the waterway separating Europe and Asia. The shore is lined with old wooden villas, palaces of marble, fortresses, and small fishing villages. During the excursion you will see the magnificent sights of the following attractions from your boat. See Dolmabahce Palace, and further along, the parks and imperial pavilions of Yildiz Palace. On the coastal edge of this park, is Ciragan Palace, 300 meters of its marble facade faces the shore. At Ortakoy a great variety of artists gather every Sunday to display their work along the street. Ortakoy is a symbol of tolerance with a church, a mosque and a synagogue existing side by side for centuries.

RUMELI FORTRESS Built by Mehmet the Conqueror in 1452 prior to the conquest of Istanbul was completed in only

four months to control and protect the infamous Bosphorus passage. It is one of the most beautiful works of military architecture anywhere in the world. BEYLERBEYI PALAS (PALACE) The summer residence of Ottoman sultans exists in its original renovated glory featuring original antique furniture and magnificent gardens with the Harem on the Asian side of Istanbul.

BOSPHORUS BRIDGE enjoy a unique chance to step from one continent (Asia) to another (Europe)

CAMLICA HILL the highest point in Istanbul. At the top of it you can rest and admire the magnificent panorama of Istanbul and the Bosphorus from the beautiful gardens, landscaped in traditional Turkish Ottoman style. SHOPPING TOUR (after cruise) Experience the traditional silk weaving skills of Turkish women at the carpet weaving courses provided by The Ministry of National Education. You will get the opportunity to see jewellery, handcrafts centre and a modern leatherwear show. Enjoy the experience of shopping whilst gaining the knowledge of the ancient craftsmen, with Murti's Tour's local escort full of knowledge about how to haggle the streets of Istanbul. The rest of the evening is yours to explore Istanbul. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 9 - Istanbul - End of Tour

(Open buffet breakfast included)

After breakfast check out from the hotel. We hope your tour was a memorable one and we look forward to seeing you in the future on another TravelShop Turkey Tour. Have a safe trip back home and thanks for choosing Us

9 DAYS CENTRE ANATOLIA TOUR INCLUDES:

- All Airport transfer mention in site the Itinerary
- 3 nights hotel in Istanbul
- 1 night hotel in Pamukkale
- 2 nights hotel in Antalya
- 2 nights hotel in Cappadocia
- 8 open buffet breakfasts
- 7 local lunches at restaurants during to tours
- 8 local dinners at the hotels
- Guided Istanbul city tour
- Guided Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise
- Guided Ankara tour
- Guided Salk Lake Tour
- Guided Pamukkale tour
- Guided Antalya Old City tour with waterfalls
- Guided Konya tour
- Guided Cappadocia Tour with Underground City and Goreme Open Air Museum
- All entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- Transportation in a fully air - conditioned, non - smoking coach
- Professional English - speaking tour guides

| 9 Days Centre Anatolia Tour | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Periods | Low Season | | | High Season | | |
| Room Type | Triple | Double | Single | Triple | Double | Single |
| 1 Pax | N/A | N/A | €3.292,00 | N/A | N/A | €3.350,00 |
| 2 Pax | €1.712,00 | €1.735,00 | €2.065,00 | €1.779,00 | €1.800,00 | €2.122,00 |
| 3 - 4 Pax | €1.309,00 | €1.332,00 | €1.662,00 | €1.376,00 | €1.396,00 | €1.719,00 |
| 5 - 7 Pax | €995,00 | €1.017,00 | €1.347,00 | €1.062,00 | €1.082,00 | €1.405,00 |
| 8 - 10 Pax | €818,00 | €840,00 | €1.170,00 | € 885,00 | €905,00 | €1.228,00 |
| 11 - 14 Pax | €815,00 | €838,00 | €1.168,00 | €883,00 | €903,00 | €1.226,00 |
| 15 - 19 Pax | €737,00 | €760,00 | €1.090,00 | €804,00 | €824,00 | €1.147,00 |
| 20 - 24 Pax | €683,00 | €706,00 | €1.036,00 | €750,00 | €771,00 | €1.093,00 |
| 25 - 29 Pax | €675,00 | €698,00 | €1.028,00 | €742,00 | €762,00 | €1.085,00 |
| 30 - 34 Pax | €646,00 | €669,00 | €999,00 | €713,00 | €734,00 | €1.056,00 |
| 35 - 40 Pax | € 618,00 | € 641,00 | €971,00 | €685,00 | €706,00 | €1.029,00 |
| Periods | From 15.11.2024 to 31.03.2025 01.11.2025 to 31.03.2026 | | | From 01.04.2025 to 31.10.2025 | | |

| Destination | Hotel LIST |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Antalya | Best Western Khan Hotel & similar |
| Pamukkale | Pam Thermal Hotel & similar |
| Cappadocia | Antique House Cave Hotel & similar |
| Istanbul | The Central Palace Taksim Hotel & similar |

TOUR NOT INCLUDE:

- International flights
- Domestic flight from Ankara to Istanbul
- Insurance: All types
- Turkey entry visa
- Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry
- Any others expenses which are not mentioned at the included section

| Destination | Hotel LIST |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| Istanbul | Ramada Hotel & Suite Golden Horn |
| Pamukkale | 5 Star Pam Thermal Hotel |
| Antalya | 4 Star Best Western Khan Hotel |
| Cappadocia | Antique House Cave Hotel |

PS: If This hotel list not available at the time of your booking then we will arrange smilar other hotel for your group. If you prefer a Different category hotel, there might be an additional cost

10 DAY TURKEY SOUTH EASTERN TOUR

Tour Start Date: Every day from 15.11.2024 to 31.03.2026

TOUR ROUTE: Istanbul - Mardin – Sanliurfa Harran - Adiyaman – Kâhta - Adiyaman to ANTIOCH via Gaziantep - Antioch, TITUS Tunnel – Daphne - Antakya - Adana and domestic flight back to Istanbul



10 DAY TURKEY SOUTH EASTERN TOUR ITINERARY:

Day 1 - Arrival Istanbul

(Dinner included)

Meet at the airport, transfer to your hotel. You will be given your room key and the rest of the day is yours to explore Istanbul. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 2 - Istanbul City Tour

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After breakfast between 08:00 am and 09:30 am pick ups from hotel. Final timing one day before will be given you by your tour consultant.

Today you will depart for the Istanbul City Tour. "TOPKAPI PALACE" The great palace of the Ottoman sultans from the 15th to the 19th centuries. The palace houses an exquisite collection of crystal, silver, and Chinese porcelain. Robes worn by the sultans and their families, the famous jewels of the Imperial Treasury, miniatures, and the Holy Mantle; enshrining relics of the Prophet Mohammed. Next on the list is the "SULTANAHMET IMPERIAL MOSQUE" Across from St. Sophia built in the 16th century by the architect Mehmet, is known as the "BLUE MOSQUE" because of its magnificent interior decoration of blue Iznik tiles. Outside the Blue Mosque we find the "HIPPODROME". The Ancient Hippodrome was the scene of chariot races and entertainment. The Hippodrome comprises of three monuments; the Obelisk of Theodosius, the bronze Serpentine Column and the Column of Constantine. After a short enjoyable lunch break we head to the Grand Spice Bazaar for shopping. After the shopping tour come back to Hotel. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 3 – Istanbul Flight to Mardin & Full day Mardin Tour

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

We will take a morning flight to Mardin. Transfer to our hotel in Old town. The mysterious and rich culture of Southeast Anatolia, also called Upper Mesopotamia. Mardin has the important Syrian Orthodox Christians - sometimes called Jacobites. Visit their important Monastery of Deir - Al - Zafaran where worshipping is going on more than 1200 years here. It was the center of the Syrian Orthodoxies for over 600 years. There are also Yezidis around Mardin. They are neither Muslim nor Christian. Their beliefs include elements taken from Jewish, Nestorian, Christian, Islam and

Zoroastrian religions. They believe in one God whom they call KHUDA. We will stroll through Mardin streets. We will visit Kasimiye Madrasah, Sultan Isa (Jesus madrasah) 1385 AD, Ulu Mosque (Great mosque) 1176 AD, Kirkklar Church, historical Mardin Homes and interacting with the multi-religious locals who peacefully live together. Return to our hotel. Overnight in Mardin.

Day 4 - URFA Tour

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After breakfast, we will drive to Sanliurfa (2 - 2,5 hrs), known in ancient times as Edessa, the birth place of the Prophet Abraham with his birth-cave, mosques, beautiful gardens and the holly pool of Abraham in the center of the city. The citadel of the town is spectacular where the prophet was thrown to the fire by Nimrod. After lunch, explore the highlight of town; Sipahi (Cavalry) Covered Bazaar where we will see traditional handicrafts and small textile workshops are still surviving. Walking the old market streets will take you to ancient Middle East days. Return to our hotel. Overnight in Sanliurfa.

Day 5 - URFA & Harran Tour

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

Drive to Harran to see Beehive-Shaped houses, which are perfectly adapted to the hot climate. Harran's name is in the Old Testament with Prophet Abraham being sided here for some years on his way to Promised Land. We will visit the ancient city walls and gates along with the other places. Later, we will drive back to town and visit famous GOBEKLI TEPE. A site which is 6000 years older than PYRAMIDS, 8000 years older than STONE HENGE. It is believed that this is the place to see the earliest existing art forms and settlements of ancient days. Explore the shocking temple dwellings and around. Upon return to town, possible visit to some small places. Overnight in Sanliurfa.

Day 6 - URFA to Adiyaman – Kâhta

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After breakfast, we will drive to Adiyaman - Kâhta (1,5 hrs). Today's Adiyaman was founded by the Umayyad Arabs in the 7th C AD. Though, the records prove that the history of the city goes back as early as the time of Assyrian king Salmanassar III (858 - 824 BC.). During the reign of Persian Achaemenid empire, the Commagene General Aroandas made such a big reputation by then that he was married to the victorious Artaxerxes' daughter Rhogune. Following the Commagene kings as well as Seleucid kings, the city was also occupied by Seljuks, and then by Ottomans. After C/IN to our hotel and a traditional lunch in the town, we will explore the ancient ruins of the gigantic statues of king and gods, beautifully carved reliefs, castle rock, and some others. Then, drive back to Old town and have some free time in the town center for exploring the old streets. Overnight in Adiyaman.

Day 7 - Adiyaman to ANTIOCH via Gaziantep

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After breakfast, we will drive to Gaziantep (2,5 hrs) by the southeastern Mediterranean, a region known as the food basket of Turkey. Gaziantep, the center of pistachio nut production and a place known for its exquisite Ottoman-Turkish cuisine. We'll have a chance to sample some traditional Turkish dishes here, and they're all delicious, from pilafs and kebabs to baklava and the cheese - or meat filled dumplings known as borek. Afterwards we will stop at the museum of ruined city of Zeugma (Turkey's version of Pompeii), originally built in the third century B.C. by one of Alexander the Great's generals. The city was an ancient crossing point on the Euphrates and modern excavations have revealed dozens of frescoes and murals detailing historical and mythological scenes. Later drive to Antioch - 2.5 hrs. Overnight in Antakya (**ANTIOCH**)

Day 8 - Antioch, TITUS Tunnel – Daphne

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After breakfast, we will visit the aqueduct of TITUS, a huge canal up to 30 meters (100 ft) deep, gouged from the living rock during the reign of the Roman Emperors Vespasian and Titus. It is one of the marvels of Roman engineering from 2000 years ago. We will have lunch in a traditional regional food restaurants. Later, we'll drive to Harbiye (Daphne), where famous food of this area comes from. Silk weaving is still active. Visit to weaving workshops where you can buy plane natural color silk material. Famous sculpturers surviving here as thousands of years ago. Later we will stroll through in the old markets where you can find one of the best spices. You can still buy the cold-stone press olive oil here. Overnight in Antakya (**ANTIOCH**)

Day 9 – Antakya to Adana City Tour and and Flight to Istanbul

(Breakfast and Lunch included)

After breakfast, we will drive to Adana (2 hrs). It derives its wealth from the agricultural produce of the Cukurova plain and from its strategic position at the junction of the main E-W Highway and the route through the Cilician Gates to central Anatolia. Cilician myths ascribe its origin to the Luwian god Santas. During the time of Hittites (2nd millennium BC), Adaniya, as the town was known in the cuneiform texts of the time, was the center of the border province of Kizzuwatna. After Assyrians rule in the city in the 6th century BC, the city became a satrapy of Persian Achaemenids in the early 5th century BC, then Macedonian under Alexander the Great. Before the Islamic dynasties, the city lastly

became a part of Eastern Roman empire in 102 BC. It came under the rule of Seljuks by Suleiman Shah in the 11th century. Finally ruled by the Ottomans as of early 16th century.

We will have a great lunch in Adana, the famous "kebab" (Adana is the homeland of the Kebab where the late Hittite tablets gives the resippie from 600 B.C.E.) - Then we will catch afternoon flight to Istanbul. On arrival to Istanbul, private transfer to our hotel. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 10 - Istanbul - End of Tour

(Breakfast included)

After breakfast, we check out from the hotel. We hope your tour was a memorable one and we look forward to seeing you in the future on another TravelShop Turkey Tour. Have a safe trip back home and thanks for choosing TravelShop Turkey.

10 DAY TURKEY SOUTH EASTERN TOUR INCLUDES:

- All airport transfer services mentioned inside the itinerary
- Arrival airport transfer to Mardin Airport
- 3 nights hotel in Istanbul
- 1 nights hotel in Mardin
- 2 nights hotel in Sanliurfa
- 1 nights hotel in Adiyaman
- 2 nights hotel in Antakya
- 9 open buffet breakfasts
- 8 lunches
- 9 dinners
- Guided Mardin Tour
- Guided URFA Tour
- Guided Harran Tour
- Guided Adiyaman – Kâhta
- ANTIOCH via Gaziantep
- TITUS Tunnel – Daphne
- Adana City Tour
- All entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- Transportation in a fully air - conditioned, non - smoking coach
- Professional English - speaking tour guides
- Return airport transfer
- Local taxes

TOUR NOT INCLUDE:

- International flights
- Domestic flight from Istanbul to Mardin
- Domestic flight from Adana to Istanbul
- Insurance: All types
- Turkey entry visa
- Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry
- Any others expenses which are not mentioned at the included section.

| 9 Days Centre Anatolia Tour | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Periods | Low Season | | | High Season | | |
| Room Type | Triple | Double | Single | Triple | Double | Single |
| 1 Pax | N/A | N/A | € 4.029,00 | N/A | N/A | € 4.221,00 |
| 2 Pax | N/A | € 2.091,00 | € 2.637,00 | N/A | N/A | € 2.829,00 |
| 3 - 4 Pax | € 1.618,00 | € 1.639,00 | € 2.185,00 | € 1.726,00 | € 1.747,00 | € 2.377,00 |
| 5 - 7 Pax | € 1.273,00 | € 1.294,00 | € 1.840,00 | € 1.381,00 | € 1.402,00 | € 2.032,00 |
| 8 - 10 Pax | € 1.078,00 | € 1.100,00 | € 1.646,00 | € 1.186,00 | € 1.208,00 | € 1.838,00 |
| 11 - 14 Pax | € 1.076,00 | € 1.098,00 | € 1.644,00 | € 1.184,00 | € 1.206,00 | € 1.836,00 |

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|--------------------|----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 15 - 19 Pax | € 990, | € 1.011,00 | € 1.557,00 | € 1.098,00 | € 1.119,00 | € 1.749,00 |
| 20 - 24 Pax | € 930,00 | € 952,00 | € 1.498,00 | € 1.038,00 | € 1.060,00 | € 1.690,00 |
| 25 - 29 Pax | € 921,00 | € 943,00 | € 1.489,00 | € 1.029,00 | € 1.051,00 | € 1.681,00 |
| 30 - 34 Pax | € 889,00 | € 911,00 | € 1.457,00 | € 997,00 | € 1.019,00 | € 1.649,00 |
| 35 - 40 Pax | € 858,00 | € 880,00 | € 1.426,00 | € 966,00 | € 988,00 | € 1.618,00 |

| Destination | Hotel LIST |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Istanbul | The Central Palace Taksim Hotel & similar |
| Mardin | Hilton Garden Inn Mardin Hotel & similar |
| Sanliurfa | Hilton Garden Inn Sanliurfa & similar |
| Adiyaman | Hilton Garden Inn Adiyaman &similar |
| Gaziantep | Hilton Garden Inn Adiyaman & similar |
| Antioch /Antakya | Anemon Antakya & similar |

PS: If This hotel list not available at the time of your booking then we will arrange smilar other hotel for your group. If you prefer a Different category hotel, there might be an additional cost

12 DAY EASTERN ANATOLIA TOUR

Tour Start Date: **Every day from 15.11.2024 to 31.03.2026**

TOUR ROUTE: Trabzon – Artvin - Erzurum – Kars - Van - Tatvan - Mardin - Diyarbakir - Nemrut - Sanliurfa - GobekliTepe - Gaziantep domestic flight back to Istanbul.



12 DAY EASTERN ANATOLIA TOUR ITINERARY:

Day 1 - Arrive Trabzon

(Lunch and Dinner included)

Arrive Trabzon. Visit to the 14th century Byzantine church of Hagia Sofia overlooking the Black Sea before proceeding to the cliff side monastery of the Virgin Mary at Sumela in the Altindere national park. From Sumela, we drive along the coast of the Black Sea to Hopa on the Georgian border where we will spend the night. Dinner and overnight Artvin.

Day 2 – Artvin to Erzurum

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

We depart Hopa for Erzurum via Artvin after the breakfast, Ishan and the spectacular Georgian Valleys. Dinner and overnight in Erzurum.

Day 3 – Erzurum to Kars

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

First the breakfast and then the sightseeing in Erzurum before departing for Kars via the Aras River valley and the First World War battlefield site of Sarakimis. After arriving at Kars, we will continue to visit the ancient Armenian city of Ani on the Arpacay River. Dinner and overnight in Kars.

Day 4 –Kars to Van

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

On to Dogubeyazit after the breakfast and passed the Biblical mountain of Ararat to visit the Ishak Pasha Saray and then on to the city of Van where we will spend the night. Overnight Van.

Day 5 – Van Tour

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

Sightseeing in the Van region upon breakfast including a visit to the 17th century fortress of Hosap, sitting astride the ancient Silk Road into Persia and the Orient. In the afternoon, we will visit the island of Akdamar in Lake Van to visit the 10th century Church of the Holy Cross. Dinner and overnight in Van.

Day 6 - Van to Tatvan

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After the breakfast, we depart Van along the southern shore of Lake Van for Tatvan and then to visit the great Volcano Crater of Nemrut and the Seljuk monuments of Ahlat. Dinner and overnight in Tatvan.

Day 7 – Tatvan to Mardin

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After the breakfast, we continue down the Bitlis Gorge, via the city of Batman, to the town Hasankeyf for lunch. In Hasankeyf (soon to be submerged under the lake of a new dam on the Tigris) we will visit some of the many caves and the ruins of the medieval Byzantine City. On our way west to Mardin, we will stop in Midyat to see the Silver Bazaar. Arrive to Mardin visit Kasimiye Medrese. Dinner and overnight in Mardin.

Day 8 – Diyarbakir Tour

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After breakfast, we visit Deir-Al-Zafaran (Saffron Monastery). The Saffron Monastery was once the ancient center of the Syriac Christian Patriarchy. This site has been the center of religious worship for many centuries, the monastery itself is built over an ancient temple, built in 1000 BC and dedicated to the worship of the sun and which now provides the foundations to the main part of the monastery buildings – it is a fascinating structure as the roof of the temple to the sun is, essentially, a flat arch! From Mardin, we will travel northwest to Diyarbakir to see the 10 Arches Bridge on the Tigris River. Dinner and overnight Diyarbakir.

Day 9 –Diyarbakir to Nemrut

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

Sightseeing in Diyarbakir after breakfast: the Ulu Cami (Mar Thoma)(Mosque and Church), then visit the Great wall. Leave for Nemrut via the ferry over the Eufratesy arriving in Narlice Village in Nemrut National Park. We will travel to the top of Mount Nemrut, Tombs of Commagene Kingdom and the Colossal Statues of Gods. Climbing up to Tumulus of Antiochos, the capital of Kommagene, we will watch the sun set from the summit of Nemrut. This ancient funerary monument at the peak of Mt Nemrut was forgotten and lost to memory for nearly 2000 years. Dinner and Overnight near Nemrut in Adiyaman.

Day 10 – Nemrut to Sanliurfa

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After breakfast, you will see Karakus Tumulus, a burial sanctuary and the Cendere Bridge, erected by the XVI Legion in the honour of Roman Emperor Septimus Severus, before proceeding to for Urfa. Via Urfa, we will visit Ataturk dam a part of the giant South East Anatolia Project. Arriving in Urfa, we will visit the Holy Pools of Abraham and the cave where, tradition tells us, the Prophet Abraham was born. Visit the Bazaar. Overnight Sanliurfa.

Day 11 - GobekliTepe to Gaziantep

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After breakfast, we will visit the on-going archaeological dig at GobekliTepe. The most important archaeological dig currently being undertaken anywhere in the world – this site represents a major shift in our understanding of man's early history. Here lie the remains of the earliest religious structures built by man yet to be discovered. At about 11000-13000 years old and pre-dating pottery, writing, Stonehenge and the Pyramids! We, then, depart for Gaziantep where we will visit the stunning mosaic museum which houses a priceless collection of mosaics from the now sunken city of Zeugma. We will visit the citadel and the Old Town of Gaziantep. Dinner and overnight in Gaziantep.

Day 12 - Gaziantep to Istanbul End of tour

(Breakfast included)

Today, we depart for Gaziantep airport for our domestic flight to Istanbul and then back to home after breakfast. We hope your tour was a memorable one and we would like to see you in the future in one of our tours again. Have a nice trip back home and thanks for choosing TravelShop Turkey.

12 DAY EASTERN ANATOLIA TOUR INCLUDES:

- Arrival Airport transfer from Trabzon airport
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Artvin
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Erzurum
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Kars
- 2 nights' hotel accommodation in Van
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Tatvan
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Mardin
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Diyarbakir
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Nemrut
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Sanliurfa
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Gaziantep

- 11 open buffet breakfasts
- 11 local dinners at hotels
- 11 local lunches during to tours
- Guided Trabzon tour
- Guided Arvin tour
- Guided Erzurum tour
- Guided Kars tour
- Guided Van tour
- Guided Diyarbakır tour
- Guided Tatvan tour
- Guided Mardin Tour
- Guided Numrut tour
- Guided Gobekli Tepe & Sanliurfa tour
- Guided Gaziantep Tour
- Guided Sirince village tour and wine tasting
- All entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- Transportation in a fully air - conditioned, non - smoking coach
- Professional English - speaking tour guides
- Return Airport transfer

TOUR NOT INCLUDE:

- International flights
- Domestic flight ticket from Gaziantep to Istanbul
- Insurance: All types
- Turkey entry visa
- Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry
- Any others expenses which are not mentioned at the included section

| 12 DAY EASTERN ANATOLIA TOUR | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Periods | Low Season | | | High Season | | |
| Room Type | Triple | Double | Single | Triple | Double | Single |
| 1 Pax | N/A | N/A | € 4.542,00 | N/A | N/A | € 4.734,00 |
| 2 Pax | N/A | N/A | € 2.850,00 | N/A | N/A | € 3.042,00 |
| 3 - 4 Pax | € 1.740,40 | € 1.762,00 | € 2.308,00 | € 1.848,40 | € 1.870,00 | € 2.500,00 |
| 5 - 7 Pax | € 1.337,60 | € 1.359,20 | € 1.905,20 | € 1.445,60 | € 1.467,20 | € 2.097,20 |
| 8 - 10 Pax | € 1.109,86 | € 1.131,46 | € 1.677,46 | € 1.217,86 | € 1.239,46 | € 1.869,46 |
| 11 - 14 Pax | € 1.110,06 | € 1.131,66 | € 1.677,66 | € 1.218,06 | € 1.239,66 | € 1.869,66 |
| 15 - 19 Pax | € 1.007,60 | € 1.029,20 | € 1.575,20 | € 1.115,60 | € 1.137,20 | € 1.767,20 |
| 20 - 24 Pax | € 937,47 | € 959,07 | € 1.505,07 | € 1.045,47 | € 1.067,07 | € 1.697,07 |
| 25 - 29 Pax | € 927,70 | € 949,30 | € 1.495,30 | € 1.035,70 | € 1.057,30 | € 1.687,30 |
| 30 - 34 Pax | € 889,57 | € 911,17 | € 1.457,17 | € 997,57 | € 1.019,17 | € 1.649,17 |
| 35 - 40 Pax | € 852,04 | € 873,64 | € 1.419,64 | € 960,04 | € 981,64 | € 1.611,64 |
| Periods | From 15.11.2024 to 31.03.2025 01.11.2025 to 31.03.2026 | | | From 01.04.2025 to 31.10.2025 | | |

| Destination | Hotel LIST |
|-------------|------------------------------------------|
| Artvin | Villa Da butik & Hotel & similar |
| Erzurum | Bora Park Hotel & similar |
| Kars | Katarina Sarayı & similar |
| Van | Moonlight Hotel Van & similar |
| Tatvan | Taşar Royal Hotel & similar |
| Mardin | Hilton Garden Inn Mardin Hotel & similar |
| Diyarbakir | Hilton Garden Inn Diyarbakır & similar |

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| Adiyaman | Hilton Garden Inn Adiyaman &similar |
| Sanliurfa | Hilton Garden Inn Sanliurfa & similar |
| Gaziantep | Hilton Garden Inn Gaziantep Hotel & similar |

PS: If This hotel list not available at the time of your booking then we will arrange smilar other hotel for your group. If you prefer a Different category hotel, there might be an additional cost

13 DAY CENTRAL SOUTH ANATOLIA TOUR

Tour Start Date: **Every day from 15.11.2024 to 31.03.2026**

TOUR ROUTE: Istanbul – Ankara – Kayseri - Nemrut - Sanliurfa – Diyarbakir – Mardin and domestic flight back to Istanbul .



13 DAY CENTRAL & SOUTH ANATOLIA TOUR ITINERARY:

Day 1 - Istanbul - Arrival Day

(Dinner included)

Welcome to Turkey Istanbul Airport. Meet with TravelShop Turkey staff and transfer to your hotel, Transfer from airport & check in to your hotel. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 2 - Istanbul City Tour

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

Pick up at 08:30am from your hotel for a day tour of old Istanbul city.

Visit to **TOPKAPI PALACE** The great palace of the Ottoman sultans from the 15th to the 19th centuries housing an exquisite collection of crystal, silver, and Chinese porcelain, robes worn by the sultans and their families, the famous jewels of the Imperial Treasury, miniatures, the Holy Mantle; enshrining relics of the Prophet Mohammed. Then proceed to **ST. SOPHIA** This ancient basilica, built by Constantine the Great in the 4th century and reconstructed by Justinian in the 6th century, is one of the architectural marvels of all time. **SULTANAHMET IMPERIAL MOSQUE**

Across from St. Sophia built in the 16th century by the architect Mehmet, is known as the **BLUE MOSQUE** because of its magnificent interior decoration of blue Iznik tiles. **HIPPODROME** Ancient Hippodrome, the scene of chariot races, with the three monuments; the Obelisk of Theodosius, the bronze Serpentine Column and the Column of Constantine.

Lunch break at 13:00pm. After the lunch we will then take you to the **GRAND COVERED BAZAAR** In this labyrinth of streets and passages are more than 4,000 shops with each trade having its own area: the goldsmiths' street, the carpet sellers, Turkish arts and crafts, such as hand painted ceramic plates, hand-honed copperware, brassware and trays, water ewers, onyx-ware and meerschaum pipes. After the tour transfer back to your hotel. Overnight in Istanbul.

Please Note : St. Sophia Museum Closed on Mondays , Topkapi Palace Closed on Tuesdays and The Grand Bazaar Closed on Sundays.

Day 3 - Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise and Shopping Tour

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

Pick up at 08:30am from the hotel and depart for the Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise and Shopping Tour. Visit the GRAND SPICE BAZAAR. The air here is filled with the enticing aromas of cinnamon, caraway, saffron, mint, thyme and every other conceivable herb and spice.

BOSPHORUS BY BOAT a traditional excursion by boat along the waterway separating Europe and Asia. The shore is lined with old wooden villas, palaces of marble, fortresses, and small fishing villages. During the excursion you will see the magnificent sights of the following attractions from your boat. See Dolmabahce Palace, and further along, the parks and imperial pavilions of Yildiz Palace. On the coastal edge of this park, is Ciragan Palace, 300 meters of its marble facade faces the shore. At Ortakoy a great variety of artists gather every Sunday to display their work along the street. Ortakoy is a symbol of tolerance with a church, a mosque and a synagogue existing side by side for centuries.

RUMELI FORTRESS Built by Mehmet the Conqueror in 1452 prior to the conquest of Istanbul was completed in only four months to control and protect the infamous Bosphorus passage. It is one of the most beautiful works of military architecture anywhere in the world. **BEYLERBEYI PALAS (PALACE)** The summer residence of Ottoman sultans exists in its original renovated glory featuring original antique furniture and magnificent gardens with the Harem on the Asian side of Istanbul.

BOSPHORUS BRIDGE enjoy a unique chance to step from one continent (Asia) to another (Europe)

CAMLICA HILL the highest point in Istanbul. At the top of it you can rest and admire the magnificent panorama of Istanbul and the Bosphorus from the beautiful gardens, landscaped in traditional Turkish Ottoman style. **SHOPPING TOUR (after cruise)** Experience the traditional silk weaving skills of Turkish women at the carpet weaving courses provided by The Ministry of National Education. You will get the opportunity to see jewellery, handcrafts centre and a modern leatherwear show. Enjoy the experience of shopping whilst gaining the knowledge of the ancient craftsmen, with Murti's Tour's local escort full of knowledge about how to haggle the streets of Istanbul. The rest of the evening is yours to explore Istanbul. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 4 - Istanbul to Ankara City Tour

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

Depart for Ankara and on arrival a visit to the tomb of Ataturk, Anitkabir, built on one of the hills overlooking Ankara. Completed in 1955, Anitkabir is a stunning architectural and political statement designed to encompass and represent the great Anatolian civilisations of the past. We will stay in a hotel on the Citadel of Ankara. The earliest parts of the Citadel dates back to the 7th Century, had has been variously controlled by Romans, Byzantines, Seljuks, Crusaders and Ottomans. Overnight in Ankara.

Day 5 – Ankara to Aksaray tour - Cappadocia

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

From the hotel, we will go to the Museum of Anatolian Civilisations which is housed in a beautifully renovated 15th Century market and Han. From here, we will depart for Cappadocia along the Silk Road via the Great Sultan Han, one of the best preserved 13th Century Seljuk caravanserais. Overnight Cappadocia.

Day 6 – Cappadocia Tour

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

In the morning, we will visit the Goreme Open Air Museum, a UNESCO site. Goreme was once a Christian community and has numerous rock cut churches and monasteries. From Goreme, we go to Derinkuyu Underground City which is one of many subterranean refuges in the region. Then, we will visit a Rock Caravanserai. Overnight Cappadocia.

Day 7 – Cappadocia Ihlara Valley Tour to Kayseri

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

Depart for Kayseri via the Ihlara Valley. Kayseri is an important junction of the Silk Road and a center of Islamic learning with a number of historic cultural buildings including the Cifte Madrasah which was the first Seljuk school of anatomy and is today the Gevhir Nesibe Medical History Museum. It served the entire population of Kayseri regardless of race, religion and free of charge. At the center of the city is the Hisar, or citadel, built by the Roman Emperor Justinian during the 6th Century AD. Overnight Kayseri.

Day 8 – Kayseri to Mount Nemrut

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

Depart Kayseri for Mount Nemrut in Adiyaman along the Silk Road via the 13th Century Karatay Han. We divert off the Silk Road route to visit the mountain top tomb of King Antiochus I. One of Turkey's most iconic sites the tomb of Antiochus was lost for nearly 2,000 years and was only rediscovered in the 1890's by a government railroad surveyor. Overnight Nemrut.

Day 9 – Nemrut to Sanliurfa Tour

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

Morning visit to the summit of Nemrut. At the very peak of the mountain is a tumulus of loose stones in which is believed lie the remains of Antiochus I. Flanking the monument to face the rising and the setting sun is a series of

statues representing ancient deities and the king. From the summit, we descend the mountain to visit Carakus, the burial monument of the Commagene royal women and then onto Sanliurfa via the Ataturk dam. Afternoon visit to Sanliurfa's 16th Century covered bazaar and Gumruk Han. Overnight in Sanliurfa

Day 10 - Gobekli Tepe Tour

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

We start the day with a visit to the extraordinary site of GobekliTepe, a neolithic ritual center dating back to 10,000 BC. In the afternoon ,we will visit Sanliurfa Archaeological Museum. Leisure time around the gardens and the Pools of Abraham. Overnight in Sanliurfa.

Day 11 – Sanliurfa to Diyarbakir Tour

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

Depart for Diyarbakir , located at the highest navigable point on the River Tigris. It is a richly endowed city with more historic mosques, churches and other significant buildings than any city in Turkey except Istanbul. It is surrounded by a massive defensive wall, more than 5km in length. Overnight in Diyarbakir.

Day 12 – Mardin Tour

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

From Diyarbakir, we continue onto the ancient city of Mardin, overlooking the plains of Syria and the Silk Road routes to the south. Because of its exceptional architecture, the entire city has been classified as UNESCO Heritage Site. Overnight in Mardin

Day 13 - Mardin to Istanbul - End of Tour

(Breakfast included)

After breakfast you will have free time in Mardin. Today we Mardin Airport for our domestic flight to Istanbul and then back to home. We hope your tour was a memorable one and we would like to see you in the future in one of our tours again. Have a nice trip back home and thanks for choosing TravelShop Turkey.

13 DAY CENTRAL & SOUTH ANATOLIA TOUR INCLUDES:

- All airport transfer services mentioned inside the itinerary
- Arrival airport transfer to Mardin airport
- 3 nights hotel in Istanbul
- 2 nights hotel in Ankara
- 2 nights hotel in Cappadocia
- 1 nights hotel in Kayseri
- 1 nights hotel in Numrut
- 2 nights hotel in Sanliurfa
- 1 nights hotel in Diyarbakir
- Overnight in Mardin
- 11 Open buffet breakfasts
- 11 Lunches
- 11 Dinners
- Guided Istanbul city tour
- Guided Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise
- Guided Ankara City Tour
- Guided Aksaray tour
- Guided Cappadocia Tour
- Guided Cappadocia Ihlara Valley Tour
- Guided Mount Nemrut Tour
- Guided Sanliurfa Tour
- Guided Gobekli Tepe Tour
- Guided Diyarbakir Tour
- Guided Mardin Tour
- All entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- Transportation in a fully air - conditioned, non - smoking coach
- Professional English - speaking tour guides
- Return airport transfer
- Local taxes

TOUR NOT INCLUDE:

- International flights
- Domestic flight from Istanbul to Ankara

- Domestic flight from Mardin to Istanbul
- Insurance: All types
- Turkey entry visa
- Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry
- Any others expenses which are not mentioned at the included section.

| 13 DAY CENTRAL & SOUTH ANATOLIA TOUR | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Periods | Low Season | | | High Season | | |
| Room Type | Triple | Double | Single | Triple | Double | Single |
| 1 Pax | N/A | N/A | € 5.215,00 | N/A | N/A | € 5.335,00 |
| 2 Pax | N/A | € 2.646,00 | € 3.258,00 | N/A | € 2.748,00 | € 3.378,00 |
| 3 - 4 Pax | € 2.001,00 | € 2.030,00 | € 2.642,00 | € 2.085,00 | € 2.132,00 | € 2.762,00 |
| 5 - 7 Pax | € 1.558,00 | € 1.587,00 | € 2.199,00 | € 1.642,00 | € 1.689,00 | € 2.319,00 |
| 8 - 10 Pax | € 1.307,00 | € 1.336,00 | € 1.948,00 | € 1.391,00 | € 1.438,00 | € 2.068,00 |
| 11 - 14 Pax | € 1.305,00 | € 1.334,00 | € 1.946,00 | € 1.389,00 | € 1.436,00 | € 2.066,00 |
| 15 - 19 Pax | € 1.192,00 | € 1.221,00 | € 1.833,00 | € 1.276,00 | € 1.323,00 | € 1.953,00 |
| 20 - 24 Pax | € 1.115,00 | € 1.144,00 | € 1.756,00 | € 1.199,00 | € 1.246,00 | € 1.876,00 |
| 25 - 29 Pax | € 1.104,00 | € 1.133,00 | € 1.745,00 | € 1.188,00 | € 1.235,00 | € 1.865,00 |
| 30 - 34 Pax | € 1.062,00 | € 1.091,00 | € 1.703,00 | € 1.146,00 | € 1.193,00 | € 1.823,00 |
| 35 - 40 Pax | € 1.018,00 | € 1.047,00 | € 1.659,00 | € 1.102,00 | € 1.149,00 | € 1.779,00 |
| Periods | From 15.11.2024 to 31.03.2025 01.11.2025 to 31.03.2026 | | | From 01.04.2025 to 31.10.2025 | | |

| Destination | Hotel LIST |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Istanbul | The Central Palace Taksim Hotel & similar |
| Ankara | Radisson Blu Ankara & similar |
| Cappadocia | Antique House Cave Hotel & similar |
| Kayseri | Emin Koçak Hotel Erciyes & similar |
| Nemrut | White Star Hotel Kahta |
| Sanliurfa | Hilton Garden Inn Sanliurfa & similar |
| Diyarbakir | Hilton Garden Inn Diyarbakir & similar |
| Mardin | Hilton Garden Inn Mardin Hotel & similar |

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15 DAY BLACK SEA & EASTERN TURKEY TOUR

Tour Start Date: **Every day from 15.11.2024 to 31.03.2026**

TOUR ROUTE: Sumela Monastery ,Trabzon , Erzurum ,Kars ,Dogubeyazit ,Van , Akdamar Church,Hasankeyf , Midyat ,Mardin ,Harran – GobekliTepe , Mt. Nemrut,Cappadocia ,Ankara



15 DAY BLACK SEA & EASTERN TURKEY TOUR ITINERARY:

Day 1: Arrival Day, Trabzon – Sumela Monastery Tour

(Lunch & Dinner included)

We arrive at Trabzon Airport in the late morning, meet our guide and drive to the Sumela Monastery. As we park our vehicle on the skirts of the hill upon which the monastery is built, we first have lunch at a restaurant and then take a 30 minutes hike up to the monastery following a narrow hike path covered with pine trees. After our visit, we hike back and drive to Trabzon, spending the rest of the day at leisure. Dinner and overnight in Trabzon.

Day 2: Trabzon Tour

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

We check out, and visit St. Sophia Church before driving to the Ataturk Museum. As we are done with our visits in Trabzon, we drive to Rize, following a spectacular road with tea gardens on our right and the Black Sea on our left. After lunch at a local restaurant, we visit a tea factory around Rize and drive back to Trabzon. Dinner and overnight in Trabzon.

Day 3: Trabzon – Erzurum Tour

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

On our way to Erzurum, we leave the Black Sea Coast and start driving inland. We have lunch on arrival in Erzurum. This is Turkey's highest elevated city, built at 1853 m (6200 ft.). More important are the finest examples of Selcuk architecture that can be seen here. After visiting Lala Mustafa Pasha Mosque, Rustem Pasha Bedesten, Ulu Mosque and the Cifte Minareli Medrese, we check-in our hotel where we will spend the night. Dinner and overnight in Erzurum.

Day 4: Ani – Kars Tour

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

After breakfast, we drive to Ani, via Kars. Ani dates back as far as the 5th century AD and from 806 it served as the capital of Armenia. After our visits here, we drive to the center of Kars and visit Kars Castle. We will stay at the Kar's Hotel, in where, Orhan Pamuk, Nobel prized Turkish writer, wrote his book called "Snow". Dinner & overnight in Kars.

Day 5: Dogubeyazit Tour – Van

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

Today, we head on further south to Van via Dogubeyazit where we visit the legendary Ishak Pasa Palace built towards the end of the 18th century by a powerful local family who were the de facto rulers of the area. We, then drive further, past Mt. Ararat, which according to ancient tradition, is the mountain on which Noah's Ark rested. Ararat consists of 2 peaks: Buyuk Agri (5165 m) and Kucuk Agri (3925 m). We visit the Muradiye waterfalls en route. Dinner and overnight in Van.

Day 6: Van Tour

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

After a leisurely breakfast, today we visit the Fortress of Van and the museum. After lunch at a local restaurant, we head on to Hosap Castle and then to Cavustepe. Dinner and overnight in Van.

Day 7: Akdamar Church – Hasankeyf – Midyat Tour

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

Departing early, we first visit Akdamar Church before driving further southwest to Midyat. En route, we stop by Hasankeyf which was the capital of the Artuklu Seljuks in the period 1102-1232. It is well known for its structure and remains belonging to various Islamic reigns. Remains on both banks of the Tigris (Dicle) river will be submerged upon the completion of Ilusu Dam nearby. Salvation works were started in 1988. Though the original founders of the settlement are not known, scholars state that nearby caves were inhabited since prehistoric times. Dinner and overnight in Midyat.

Day 8: Mardin Tour – Sanliurfa

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

We leave Midyat and drive South to Mardin via the Tigris Bridge. On the outskirts of Mardin, we visit the still practicing Monastery of Mar Gabriel. As we drive back, we stop for lunch at Mardin, then drive further to Sanliurfa where we will spend the night. Dinner and overnight in Sanliurfa.

Day 9: Harran – GobekliTepe Tour

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

Genesis refers to Harran as Terha, the place to where Abraham took his wife and son, Lot. It is difficult to believe that this small settlement on the edge of the desert was once a major economic, religious, and cultural center. Harran means "crossroads" and has been occupied since at least 2000 BC. Finishing our visit to Harran, we drive back to Sanliurfa to see the pool and the birthplace of Abraham. After lunch at a local restaurant, we head on the the highlight of the all trip; GobekliTepe; The data which were obtained as a result of the excavations continued uninterrupted since 1995 show that GobekliTepe was a cult center, made by mankind and dated to approximately 12,000 years before present. It is composed of approximately 20 round and oval structures, reaching 30 m in diameter. 6 of them have been exposed in excavations and others were identified by surveys in geomagnetic and georadar methods. The results of excavations and surveys showed that GobekliTepe was a 12,000 years old major meeting center composed of monumental structures built for ceremonial purposes, instead of spaces of daily life. Dinner and overnight in Sanliurfa.

Day 10: Mt. Nemrut Tour

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

After breakfast, we leave Sanliurfa and drive to Kâhta along a spectacular road, having lunch at Adiyaman. We stop for refreshment on the skirts of Mt. Nemrut before our 500 meter hike to the sanctuary. This is the magnificent funerary monument of the Commagene Antiochus I Theos. We arrive to our hotel in the evening. Dinner and overnight in Kâhta.

Day 11: Drive to Cappadocia

(Breakfast and Local dinner included)

We take a long but pleasant drive today to Cappadocia; the land of the fairies. En route, we will stop by Kahramanmaras the city famous for its ice cream. We will walk on the streets of the city and visit the Archaeological Museum. We have lunch at a local restaurant and keep driving along the picturesque road which connects East to West along the silk road. Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia.

Day 12 - Cappadocia – Red Tour

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

Today we will get to know the Cappadocia region, a volcanic area in which the geological formation started 10 million years ago. As a result of these formations phallic like pillars have come to life. The beautiful horse country Katpatuka, (as the Persians called her) is an unbelievable strip of land, enchanting and mysterious. Cappadocia region is also famous for its arts, including ceramic and carpets. You will be picked up approximately 09:30 from your hotel to join our regular tour. Tour starts with Uchisar Castle, the highest point of Cappadocia. After Uchisar, you visit Goreme Open Air Museum, the Heart of Cappadocia. Goreme Open Air Museum is famous for frescoes dating to 10th century describing the life of Jesus Christ and monks. Next stop is Cavusin, which is an abandoned village with old cave

Greek houses. After Cavusin you go to the restaurant in Avanos to have lunch. After lunch, you visit a pottery work shop, to see how to make potteries. Then you go Pasabagi where you can see three - headed fairy chimneys. After Pasabagi you visit another workshop to see Cappadocian handwoven carpets and kilims. Next stop is Devrent Valley, which is also called Imagination Valley, where you can see natural rock formations looking like animals. Then you head to a wineshop in Urgup for wine tasting. Last stop is Three Beauties, three beautiful fairy chimneys with their hats, which is the symbol of Cappadocia. This tour will end approximately 18:00 and you will be returned back to your hotel. Dinner and overnight Cappadocia.

Day 14 - Cappadocia – Green Tour

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

Breakfast at hotel, around 9:30am you will be picked up from your hotel. We will drive you to Derinkuyu underground city, one of the best preserved and deepest Underground cities in Cappadocia. Derinkuyu Underground city is 55 meters deep and 8 levels open to visitors. After that we will drive you to Ihlara valley which is a 16 km long canyon and both side are lined with rock carved churches. We will have 3 km hike and visit one of the churches in the valley. End of the hiking lunch be served at the Belisirma village beside river. After lunch we will visit Selime monastery, caved out of the rock by christian monks in the 13th centry On the way back to hotel we will stop at the pigeon valley.. Dinner and overnight Cappadocia.

Day 14: Cappadocia – Ankara Tour

(Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included)

Leaving the land of fairies, we drive around the shores of Salt Lake to the capital of Turkey: Ankara. First we drive to the old district of the city to visit the Anatolian Civilizations Museum. Lunch will be served at the heart of the modern city before visiting Ataturk's Mausoleum where Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the founder of the modern Turkish Republic, is buried. Spend the rest of the day at leisure, strolling down the streets of Ankara. Our farewell dinner will be at an old mansion in the Ankara citadel. Overnight in Ankara.

Day 15: Ankara - End of Tour

(Breakfast included)

Transfer to Ankara Airport for the flight back home. We hope your tour was a memorable one and we look forward to seeing you in the future on another TravelShop Turkey Tour. Have a safe trip back home and thanks for choosing Us

15 DAY BLACK SEA & EASTERN TURKEY TOUR INCLUDES:

- Arrival airport transfer from Trabzon Airport
- 2 nights hotel in Trabzon
- 1 nights hotel in Erzurum
- 1 night hotel in Kars
- 2 nights hotel in Van
- 1 night hotel in Midyat
- 2 night hotel in Sanliurfa
- 1 night hotel in Kâhta
- 3 night hotel in Cappadocia
- 1 nights hotel in Ankara
- 15 open buffet breakfasts
- 13 local lunches during to tours
- 15 local dinners at hotels
- Guided Sumela Monastery Tour
- Guided Trabzon Tour
- Guided Erzurum Tour
- Guided Kars Tour
- Guided Dogubeyazit Tour
- Guided Van Tour
- Guided Akdamar Church – Hasankeyf – Midyat Tour
- Guided Mardin Tour
- Guided Harran – GobekliTepe Tour
- Guided Mt. Nemrut Tour
- Guided Guided Cappadocia Red tour
- Guided Cappadocia Green tour
- Guided Ankara Tour
- All entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- Transportation in a fully air - conditioned, non - smoking coach

- Professional English - speaking tour guides
- Return airport transfer

TOUR NOT INCLUDE:

- International flights
- Insurance: All types
- Turkey entry visa
- Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry
- Any others expenses which are not mentioned at the included section

| 15 DAY BLACK SEA & EASTERN TURKEY TOUR | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Periods | Low Season | | | High Season | | |
| Room Type | Triple | Double | Single | Triple | Double | Single |
| 1 Pax | N/A | N/A | € 6.251,00 | N/A | N/A | € 6.575,00 |
| 2 Pax | N/A | €2.958,00 | € 3.720,00 | N/A | € 3.102,00 | € 4.020,00 |
| 3 - 4 Pax | €2.250,00 | €2.283,00 | € 3.045,00 | € 2.398,00 | € 2.427,00 | € 3.345,00 |
| 5 - 7 Pax | €1.752,00 | €1.784,00 | € 2.546,00 | € 1.899,00 | € 1.928,00 | € 2.846,00 |
| 8 - 10 Pax | €1.470,00 | €1.502,00 | € 2.264,00 | € 1.617,00 | € 1.646,00 | € 2.564,00 |
| 11 - 14 Pax | €1.471,00 | €1.504,00 | € 2.266,00 | € 1.619,00 | € 1.648,00 | € 2.566,00 |
| 15 - 19 Pax | €1.344,00 | €1.376,00 | € 2.138,00 | € 1.491,00 | € 1.520,00 | € 2.438,00 |
| 25 - 29 Pax | €1.245,00 | €1.277,00 | € 2.039,00 | € 1.392,00 | € 1.421,00 | € 2.339,00 |
| 30 - 34 Pax | €1.197,00 | €1.230,00 | € 1.992,00 | € 1.345,00 | € 1.374,00 | € 2.292,00 |
| 35 - 40 Pax | € 151,00 | €1.183,00 | € 1.945,00 | € 1.298,00 | € 1.327,00 | € 2.245,00 |
| Periods | From 15.11.2024 to 31.03.2025 01.11.2025 to 31.03.2026 | | | From 01.04.2025 to 31.10.2025 | | |

| Destination | Hotel LIST |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Trabzon | Anemon Hotel Trabzon & similar |
| Erzurum | Hilton Garden Inn Erzurum Hotel & similar |
| Kars | Katarina Sarayı Kars & similar |
| Van | Elite World Hotel Van & similar |
| Midyat | Kaya ninova Hotel & similar |
| Sanliurfa | Hilton Garden Inn Sanliurfa Hotel & similar |
| Kâhta | White Star Hotel & similar |
| Cappadocia | Antique House Cave Hotel & similar |
| Ankara | Radisson Blu Ankara Hotel & similar |

PS: If This hotel list not available at the time of your booking then we will arrange smilar other hotel for your group. If you prefer a Different category hotel, there might be an additional cost

15 DAY TURKEY CULTURAL HISTORICAL HERITAGE TOUR

Tour Start Date: Every day from 15.11.2024 to 31.03.2026

TOUR ROUTE: Ankara-Hattusas - Amasya - Niksar-Ordu-Giresun - Trabzon-Macka-Gümüşhane-Bayburt-Erzurum – Ani – Kars – Dogubayazit - Van – Tatvan – Biltis – Silvan –Tigris – Hassuni – Diyarbakir – Mardin – Urfa – Harran – Kâhta - Nemrut Dagi – Antakya – Alexandrette – Tarse – Gülek – Tyana – Nigde – Cappadocia and domestic flight back to Istanbul



15 DAY TURKEY CULTURAL HISTORICAL HERITAGE TOUR ITINERARY:

Day 1 - Ankara - Arrival Day

(Dinner included)

Meet at the airport Transfer to your hotel. You will be given your room key and the rest of the day is yours to explore Ankara. Overnight in Ankara.

Day 2: Ankara-Hattusas (Hattusha)-Amasya

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After breakfast, visit to the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations where the 1995 World Fair took place. We continue with the visit in the old part of Ankara to the beautiful wooden palaces dated from the Ottoman period, to the Ethnographical Museum Zeger Pacha's Kanagi and to the Spices Market. We don't forget to take some pictures of the Ataturk Mausoleum.

Lunch will be taken in the Hacibey restaurant, the most famous Doner Kebab in Ankara, next to the Deputies Quarter. In the afternoon, we head towards Hattusas, the Hittite Capital with its city-walls, its Lion Gate, its underground Gate, its King Gate and its Hittite Pantheon. We finally reach Yazilikaya.

Let's admire the sunset on the city of the Amasis Amazons, place of birth of the famous architect-geographer Strabon: Amasya. Let's walk along the Green River, admiring the wooden houses and the graves cut in the rock and the castle. We end our day at our hotel with a welcome drink and a very delicious dinner Overnight in Amasya.

Day 3: Amasya-Niksar-Ordu-Giresun

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After breakfast, we leave our hotel for a new visit of Amasya where we can admire the Mosque of the Beyazit Sultan, the Burmalı Minare Mosque, Darussifa-Bimarhabe, the Mosque of the Blue Medrese Gok, the Archaeological Museum along with a few other museums, the Ethnographical Museum of Hazeranlar Konagi.

Why not taking a few pictures of the graves cut in the rock, of the historical bridges, of the fountains, of the wooden houses along the Green River and of the Torumtay Mausoleum, built in 1266. Lunch in Amasya.

Then we drive along the Green River up to Niksar, admiring this amazing landscape through a winding road across the Bridge Mountains. In Ordu, starts the region of the nuts cultivation and we can admire breathtaking views on the fields and the sea.

Overnight is planned in the hotel at Giresun where numerous cherry trees grow. Their sweet cherries are also named 'Birds Cherries'. Following the legend, the Roman General Lucullus taking over the city in 69 before JC, would have introduced the cherry trees cultivation in Europe. Overnight in Giresun.

Day 4: Giresun-Trabzon

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After breakfast, head towards Trabzon admiring on the way the coast of the Euxine Sea.

In Trabzon, we visit one of the main interesting parts of Trebizonde: the Church of Aya Sofia with its bright frescos. Aya Sofia was the first a church in a form of a cross transformed into a basilica with 3 naves built during the domination of the Manuel Commene I dynasty in the 13th century. Thereafter, it was enlarged and lifted several times. The Southern side of the church has a very beautiful portal embellished with wonderful sculptures, mainly friezes depicting Adam and Eve, mythological figures and flower patterns. The most beautiful frescos can be found in the narthex (entrance portal). Here are depicted miracles of the New Testament such as the Christ walking on the waters, the miracle of the loaves and fishes, and the healing of the Blinds. End of day we arrive at our hotel for dinner and overnight Trabzon.

Day 5: Trabzon-Macka-Gümüşhane-Bayburt-Erzurum

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After breakfast, we first visit the Sumela Monastery, cling to the hill and located next to the Altindere Park and to the Golden River with the same name. The name Sumela is a deformation with shortening of the Greek 'Panagia Theotokos tou melas', the very Holy Mother of God from the black mountain.

Macka Plataeu

That Monastery, now deserted and difficult of access, is located at 1,200 meters high. The last 250 meters have to be done by foot or with a van. It is remarkable by its impressive frescos of the Church built in the rocks and is part of the list of monuments of UNESCO.

We continue our trip through the Bridge Mountains, driving up via Torul towards Gümüşhane (1,250 m) and Bayburt (1,600 m) across the Kop-Gecidi (2,302 m) towards Erzurum, at 1,950 m.

Lunch in a typical restaurant in Bayburt, on the Coruh River.

In the late afternoon, in Erzurum-Karin named 'the Roman Country' by the Seldjoukide, we visit the Great Mosque with the three Kumbets, the School of Astronomy and Medicine of the Koran with its twin minarets. This one is representative of the oriental art: patterns and tiles made of turquoise earthenware. It was built by the daughter of the Seldjoukide Sultan Aladdin Kaykubat. We still are in Central Asia...

We finally arrive in our hotel, a wintersports resort on the Palandöken Mountain for our dinner and overnight Erzurum.

Day 6: Erzurum – Ani – Kars – Dogubayazit

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

In the morning, after breakfast, we head towards the Transcaucasian to Ani.

Between Pasinler and Horasan, we make a stop to admire the Cobandede Bridge, the most beautiful bridge in the world, built by Mimar Sinan, contemporary and friend of Michel-Angelo, and Master-Architect of Suleiman the Magnificent.

We follow the Aras River for about 140 km. Ani is located 45 km east from Kars and 248 km from Erzurum on the border between Turkey and the Armenian Republic. This city is located on an important commercial road and has expanded to finally become the capital of Armenia in 961.

At that time, there were more than 100,000 inhabitants and thousands of churches.

The earthquakes and wars against the Byzantine, the Turks and the Mongols put an end to this prosperity age. The earthquake of 1319 was the end of the city. The ruins of the deserted city were found back just after the end of the 19th century. We can still find many ruins of Armenian and Seldjoukide monuments gathered in a limited area: the big Cathedral, the Church of the Savior, the Church of St Gregory, the Mosque of Honentz, the Seldjoukide Palace with its harem and selam, the Turkish bath (hamam) and the Seldjoukide market.

After lunch, in the restaurant Ocakbasi in Kars, known for its oriental specialties, we have the possibility to take pictures of the Cathedral of the Apostles and the Castle of Kars.

We follow our trip towards Agri (or Dogubayazit) admiring on the way the impressive landscape of the Ararat Mountain (5,165 m) and of the small Ararat Mountain (3,896 m). This name 'Ararat' is mentioned several times in the Old Testament: the Book of Genesis (8,4) mentions the episode of the grounding of the Noah's Ark after the flood on the Ararat Mount.

In the Book of Kings, we can read how the murderers of the Assyrian King Sanherib, the administrator of Jerusalem, ran away towards the Ararat Mount. In addition, in the Book of Jeremiah, during the campaign against Babylon, the name 'Ararat' is mentioned as an ally of the Israelites.

Ararat is another form of the Acadian name 'Urtu'. Everything is impressive in this landscape: land tortoises, eagles, partridges, hawks, numerous species of flowers and plants, foxes and sheep add up an animal and floral richness on the hillsides of the Ararat Mount. End of day, we arrive at our hotel. Dinner and overnight Dogubayazit.

Day 7: Dogubayazit – Van

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After breakfast, visit to the spectacular Ishak Pacha Palace, located 7 km far from the city, at the foot of the Ararat Mount.

At that place, a monument Urtu already existed in 1,000 before JC which was restored in 1784 and embellished to become a palace fortified by the Ottoman Empire Ishak Pasha. This palace was built in different styles, the most important being Osman Baroque from the 17th century. Once built, Ishak Pacha made cut off the hands of the architect to prevent him from building such beautiful palace for another person, again. Without the terraces, this palace is 115 m long and 50 m wide, includes 336 rooms distributed on 2 floors and reminds you of the Tales from the Turkish Nights.

Lunch in Dogubayazit and start to Van (1,750 m) via the Tendurek Pass (2,644 m).

Before arriving in Van-Tuspan, we make a stop at the Muradiye waterfalls, a patch of paradise next to Van, located at 1,700 m high on the shore of the largest lake in the country, where we can admire many Armenian churches. The old city of Tuspa was founded by the Ourarit in the 9th century before JC. The Kingdom of Urtu included a large part of the Middle-East and that civilization reached its apogee between 900 and 600 before JC.

This period was followed by a decline, provoked by the war against the Assyrians and the invasion of the Scythians and the Medes. Alexander the Great ruled this area for some time. Then, after a Persian period, this territory was ruled by the Armenians. Van became a Byzantine city and was destroyed by the Mongols in 1387. Persians and Ottomans fought to get the domination on this territory. Finally, the Ottomans developed the town.

Arriving in Van, we visit the fortress, accessible via a stair with 1,000 steps from which we can admire the lake at sunset.

The founder of Urtu, Sardur I, built here in the 9th century, a fortress on a chalky crest of 1,000 m long and 100 m high, to protect himself from the Assyrians. A grave with several urns were found during excavations at the foot of the northern side. On the southern hillside of the fortress, we can discover funeral rooms cut in the rock for Ourart Kings. In those graves, we can find Rupestrian inscriptions engraved in cuneiform characters by the Ourart Kings and trilingual inscriptions (in Babylonian, in Persian, Achemenide and in Media) done in the 5th century by the Persian King Xerxes, who says: "Xerxes, the Great King of the Kings" We dine and overnight at our hotel in Van or Urfa depending upon the conditions at the time of concern. Dinner and overnight Van.

Day 8: Van Tour

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After breakfast, we make a stop in a leather cooperative to get to know the art of Eastern Turkey. The Kilims of Van are famous for the Turkish patterns and for the Armenian and Persian drawings.

We continue to the Citadel of Cavustepe located on a hill at 28 km south of Van which is a good example of the architectural art of the Ourart civilization. Two different fortresses can be distinguished: the upper fortress and the lower fortress. In the upper part, we can find the remains of a temple, while in the lower part are the ruins of a palace, a complex of temples, graves of and a stock of provisions with 30 barrels on which we can still see the measures in cuneiform characters. This, in whole, would have been the fortress 'Sardurihurda' of the King Sargon II in the 8th century before JC.

Lunch will be taken on the island of Akdamar, 4 km far from the shore. This now desolated island was a religious center 1,000 years ago and was the seat of the Armenian patriarchate for centuries. We can also admire the Church of the Holy Cross, one of the most beautiful Armenian churches we could see. This Church was founded by the King of Vaspourakan Gaguig Ardzrouni (904-937) and is particularly well-known for the sculptures of the outdoor walls, where we can find mostly representations of the Old and New Testament such as: Adam and Eve, the Noah history, the Sacrifice of Abraham, Samson, David against Goliath, the Hebrews in the blazing fire, Mary with Jesus and the Christ on his throne.

The reliefs of the abbassid Calif Muktadir show us an exceptional mix of Christian and Islamic art. That church was widened several times over the centuries with for example a chapel on the North, a large porch and a church tower. Today, the restaurant Deniz from Gevas has prepared us an unforgettable picnic for us.

At the end of the day, at sunset, we make a stop to visit the Seldjoukide necropolis and to admire the charms of a Turkish princess. Eventually we go back to our hotel in Dinner and overnight Van.

Day 9: Van – Tatvan – Bitlis – Silvan –Tigris – Hassuni – Diyarbakir – Mardin

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After breakfast, we leave Van for a diversified day and we drive to the south of the lake via the Kuskunkiran pass (2,234 m) towards Tatvan at about 145km far away. By going along the valley of the river watering Bitlis, capital of the Turkish tobacco located in the middle of a fresh oasis, we reach the famous Bridge of Malabadi built in 1146 by the Artukides on the Batman Suyu, one of the affluents of the Tigris, love of Euphrates.

Lunch is planned to be taken in Silvan-Tigranokerta, built during the Assyrian period and visited by Alexander the Great. This city was developed by the King Tigran the Great and is built on the old site of Martyropolis, founded by the Bishop Marutha in the late 4th century. This name was given in memory of the 40 Christian martyrs executed during the second period of the Persian Kingdom. Constantine the Great restored the Silvan Castle to use it as a military garrison.

Worth to note also that during World War I, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk was the commander against the war with the Russians and captured the cities of Mus and Bitlis back from the Russians.

After the lunch, taken with the burgomaster of Silvan, we visit the Mosque of Selhattin Eyyoubi, the destroyed minaret, the Church of Kildan, the Museum of Ataturk, the Caves of Temtemburg, Hamido, the numerous troglodyte houses (+/- 300), the Castle of Hassuni as well as fountains and watermills. The restoration of this site was paid by the EC included in the protection of monuments.

Arriving in Diyarbakir, we can admire the impressive walls built with black basalt which are one of the most beautiful types of military architecture of the Middle Age. The foundation of those walls, 5,5 km long having a fish shape, date back to the Roman period (349 after JC). We don't forget to take pictures of the Tigris Delta and of the bridge over it.

This bridge was built by the metropolite Jean Slara in 512. From there the Tigris was only navigable at that time with "keleks" (small boats made of pumped up animal skins). Overnight Mardin.

Day 10: Mesopotamia: Mardin – Urfa – Harran – Kâhta

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After breakfast, we walk around the town of Mardin which is a poetic city located at 1,300 m high on a hill topped by a citadel. It was known at first as Marida and built on the rocks. But it has since then lost its population of Catholic Armenians.

According to the English historian Arnold Toynbee, this would be the most beautiful town in the world thanks to its typical Arab architecture. The small streets of Mardin display highly decorated houses with chalky stones with a typical arab style. The medrese of the Sultan Isa Bey (1385) is one of the most important sites of Mardin. This medrese is a mosque with a school of astronomy, medicine and Coranics containing a door decorated with wonderful bas-relief.

From the Medrese roof, we have a beautiful view on the city and on the plains of Mesopotamia. After the visit to the Big Mosque, we head towards Deir-Az-Zafaran or Deyrulzaferan which is located in the middle of vines and gardens in an inhospitable landscape.

The majority of the Syrian-Orthodox patriarches is buried here. Until 1933, this monastery was also under the siege of the patriarchate, now transferred to Damas. It was founded at the time of the ancestors of Mary and Ananie in the 6th century.

Lunch in Urfa, the old Edesse, historical city of the bible where Abraham, Job, Jacob and even St Gregory lived. The most well-known restaurant of Edesse, named Göl, with its typical Mesopotamian dishes, is in the Abraham garden.

We visit the houses of Abraham in Urfa, named Ursu, Orkai and Edesse. It is said that the Assyrian King Nemrut had a dream in which it was mentioned that he would have to give his kingdom to a person born during the year. Therefore he ordered to kill all newborn children of the year as well as pregnant women.

Nona concealed her pregnancy and hid her son Abraham in a cave where he lived in until he was 7. Once grown up, Abraham fought against Nemrut but was trapped and condemned to be burnt at the stake. Then God intervened and transformed fire into water, sparks and ashes into carps. This water now flows in 2 ponds where Holy carps are swimming.

Edesse played also an important role during the first Christianism centuries as it was named the 'City of Apostle St Thomas' and was the centre of the Armenian Christendom as well as the home of the oriental Syrian Church.

We know also the legend of the King Abgar from Edesse and of 'Mandylion', a Jesus icon created miraculously when Abgar was suffering from leprosy, an ambassador was sent to Jesus to ask for healing. Jesus dried his forehead with a cloth (mandylion) which was given to the ambassador. This cloth, found back in 544, was hidden in a wall of the city and became the priceless possession of Edesse. In 944, this relic was transferred to Constantinople and was then

stolen by the Crusaders in 1204 to be brought back to the West, where it disappeared. For the orthodox Christians, this icon represents the real face of Jesus.

At the end of the day, we arrive in Harran, the warmest spot in Turkey but also one of the most picturesque villages in the region. This city, where Abraham lived during his trip towards Canaan, is also considered traditionally as the place where the old Testament was written. This village, located at the crossroads of the caravans, was an important trading place with a large international traffic and had also a significant religious activity.

The Mesopotamian, Greek and Roman divinities were venerated over there. This era ended in the 13th century when the Mongols razed the city. We can admire there the typical houses (Trulli) ant-hill shaped and built with clay, with a roof as a painted dome. They were barns permitting to keep foodstuffs in a cool place in the summer and in a hot place in the winter. Harran was surrounded by a wall, which is now in ruins but which is still recognizable with its 7 doors to get into the city.

After that visit, we head towards our final destination Kâhta at the foot of Nemrut Dagi and towards after drive back to hotel . Dinner and overnight Kahta

Day 11: Kâhta – Nemrut Dagi – Antioch

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

Today we leave early with the bus, warmly dressed to visit one of the most outstanding sites of our trip: Mount Nemrut. The sculptors of the Sovereign of Commagen, Antiochos, built an impressive sanctuary on this huge plateau. And as Antiochos was seeing himself as a god, he added his own effigy to the unity.

It is better to contemplate this place at sunrise, when the statues are well lighted up.

The funeral monument of Antiochos I (69-36 before JC), at the top of the mountain Nemrut (2,150m), was built by this King for himself and his close family.

Antiochos was descended by his father Mithridate from the King of Persia Darius and by his mother Laodike from Alexander the Great.

Commagene was a buffer region between the Greek, the Roman and the Persian properties which explains the multi-cultural character of religious expressions.

Excavations were carried out on this mountain by the German engineer Sester in 1881 which enabled to bring to light the huge statues.

This tumulus, 160 m high and 150 m diameter is made of 2 terraces:

The Eastern Terrace: we can find statues of gods, from 8 to 9 meters high, in a sitting position with the back turned towards the tumulus. They are very well preserved, except the majority of the heads, which are missing. However, 2 heads are still intact. The representation, from left to the right, is as follows: Apollo, Mithras, Helios, Hermes (light), Tychne (fertility), Zeus, Oromasdes (creator), Antiochus I, Heracles, Verathragna, Artagnes (power and courage), every statue with a lion and an eagle as protective animals.

The Western Terrace: the statues of the gods are placed in the same order as on the eastern terrace but their state of preservation is worse. Only heads lying down on the ground are still intact. This terrace has no altar. The two lions on the terraces are the oldest representations of the horoscope in the world: they wear a half-moon and 19 stars around their neck, including the 3 largest in conjunction symbolizing the planets Jupiter, Mars and Mercury.

Then, we leave towards Antioch where we will appreciate Arab specialties during lunch.

In 307 before JC, Antigone founded Antigononia which was supplanted seven years later by another city founded by order of Seleucus I Nicator, general of Alexander the Great. This city named Antioch expanded very rapidly, so as to become one of the most prosperous and powerful cities in Asia Minor. It was even the 3rd city in the Roman Empire and then became the centre of Christendom at the time of Apostles Peter and Paul.

In Antioch we visit the Caves of Peter, an old cult centers in the rocks used by the Christians as a prayer place. The Archaeological Museum displays interesting architectural achievements, exceptional Roman sculptures and mosaics famous throughout the world. Dinner and overnight Antakya.

Day 12: Antioch – Alexandrette – Tarse – Gülek – Tyana – Nigde – Cappadocia

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After breakfast, we leave Antioch towards Daphne where the nymph Daphne pursued by Apollon and was transformed into a bay tree. We finally arrive in Tarsus, birth place of St Paul, going through Issos where Alexander the Great and Darius III met.

We visit the Well and House of St Paul before having lunch, in the surroundings and walking to discover this Holy place.

Then, we head towards Cappadocia going through Gulek, Tyana and Nigde, garrison place of Alexander the Great. We visit the Tyana aqueduct, the Roman swimming pool, the Great Mosque of Nigde, a very delicate city dated from the Seljuks period with the Princess Mausoleum.

This tour will end approximately 18:00 and you will be returned back to your hotel. Dinner and overnight Cappadocia.

Day 13 - Cappadocia – Red Tour

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

Today we will get to know the Cappadocia region, a volcanic area in which the geological formation started 10 million years ago. As a result of these formations phallic like pillars have come to life. The beautiful horse country Katpatuka, (as the Persians called her) is an unbelievable strip of land, enchanting and mysterious. Cappadocia region is also famous for its arts, including ceramic and carpets. You will be picked up approximately 09:30 from your hotel to join our regular tour. Tour starts with Uchisar Castle, the highest point of Cappadocia. After Uchisar, you visit Goreme Open Air Museum, the Heart of Cappadocia. Goreme Open Air Museum is famous for frescoes dating to 10th century describing the life of Jesus Christ and monks. Next stop is Cavusin, which is an abandoned village with old cave Greek houses. After Cavusin you go to the restaurant in Avanos to have lunch. After lunch, you visit a pottery work shop, to see how to make potteries. Then you go Pasabagi where you can see three - headed fairy chimneys. After Pasabagi you visit another workshop to see Cappadocian handwoven carpets and kilims. Next stop is Devrent Valley, which is also called Imagination Valley, where you can see natural rock formations looking like animals. Then you head to a winery in Urgup for wine tasting. Last stop is Three Beauties, three beautiful fairy chimneys with their hats, which is the symbol of Cappadocia. This tour will end approximately 18:00 and you will be returned back to your hotel. Dinner and overnight Cappadocia.

Day 14 - Cappadocia – Green Tour

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

Breakfast at hotel, around 9:30am you will be picked up from your hotel. We will drive you to Derinkuyu underground city, one of the best preserved and deepest Underground cities in Cappadocia. Derinkuyu Underground city is 55 meters deep and 8 levels open to visitors. After that we will drive you to Ihlara valley which is a 16 km long canyon and both side are lined with rock carved churches. We will have 3 km hike and visit one of the churches in the valley. End of the hiking lunch be served at the Belisirma village beside river. After lunch we will visit Selime monastery, caved out of the rock by christian monks in the 13th century. On the way back to hotel we will stop at the pigeon valley.. Dinner and overnight Cappadocia.

Day 15 - Cappadocia to Istanbul - End of Tour

(Breakfast included)

After breakfast you will have free time in Cappadocia. Today we depart for Kayseri Airport for our domestic flight to Istanbul and then back to home. We hope your tour was a memorable one and we would like to see you in the future in one of our tours again. Have a nice trip back home and thanks for choosing TravelShop Turkey.

15 DAY TURKEY CULTURAL HISTORICAL HERITAGE TOUR INCLUDES:

- All airport transfer services mentioned inside the itinerary
- Arrival airport transfer to Kayseri / Nevsehir airport
- 1 nights hotel in Ankara
- 1 nights hotel in Amasya
- 1 nights hotel in Giresun
- 1 nights hotel in Trabzon
- 1 nights hotel in Erzurum
- 1 nights hotel in Dogubayazit
- 2 nights hotel in Van
- 1 nights hotel in Mardin
- 1 nights hotel in Kahta
- 1 nights hotel in Antakya.
- 3 nights hotel in Cappadocia
- 14 open buffet breakfasts
- 13 lunches
- 14 dinners
- Guided Ankara-Hattusas (Hattusha)-Amasya Tours
- Guided Niksar-Ordu-Giresun
- Guided Trabzon-Macka-Gümüşane-Bayburt-Erzurum Tours
- Guided Ani – Kars – Dogubayazit – Van Tours
- Guided Tatvan – Bilitis – Silvan –Tigris – Hassuni – Diyarbakir – Mardin Tours
- Guided Mesopotamia: Mardin – Urfa – Harran – Kâhta Tours
- Guided Nemrut Dagi – Antioch Tours
- Guided Alexandrette – Tarse – Gülek – Tyana – Nigde Tours
- Guided Cappadocia – Red Tour
- Guided Cappadocia – Green Tour
- All entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- Transportation in a fully air - conditioned, non - smoking coach
- Professional English - speaking tour guides
- Return airport transfer
- Local taxes

TOUR NOT INCLUDE:

- International flights
- Insurance: All types
- Turkey entry visa
- Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry
- Any others expenses which are not mentioned at the included section.

| 15 DAY TURKEY CULTURAL HISTORICAL HERITAGE TOUR | | | | | | |
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| Periods | Low Season | | | High Season | | |
| Room Type | Triple | Double | Single | Triple | Double | Single |
| 1 Pax | N/A | N/A | € 6.374,00 | N/A | N/A | € 6.710,00 |
| 2 Pax | N/A | € 2.884,00 | € 3.676,00 | N/A | € 3.046,00 | € 3.964,00 |
| 3 - 4 Pax | € 2.172,00 | € 2.208,00 | € 3.000,00 | € 2.341,00 | € 2.370,00 | € 3.288,40 |
| 5 - 7 Pax | € 1.681,00 | € 1.717,00 | € 2.509,00 | € 1.850,00 | € 1.879,00 | € 2.797,00 |
| 8 - 10 Pax | € 1.403,00 | € 1.439,00 | € 2.231,00 | € 1.572,00 | € 1.601,00 | € 2.519,00 |
| 11 - 14 Pax | € 1.406,00 | € 1.442,00 | € 2.234,00 | € 1.575,00 | € 1.604,00 | € 2.522,00 |
| 15 - 19 Pax | € 1.280,00 | € 1.316,00 | € 2.108,00 | € 1.449,00 | € 1.478,00 | € 2.396,00 |
| 20 - 24 Pax | € 1.194,00 | € 1.230,00 | € 2.022,00 | € 1.363,00 | € 1.392,00 | € 2.310,00 |
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| 25 - 29 Pax | € 1.182,00 | € 1.218,00 | € 2.010,00 | € 1.352,00 | € 1.380,00 | € 2.298,00 |
| 30 - 34 Pax | € 1.135,00 | € 1.171,00 | € 1.963,00 | € 1.304,00 | € 1.333,00 | € 2.251,00 |
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| Erzurum | Bora Park Hotel & similar |
| Dogubayazit | Butik Ertur Hotel& similar |
| Van | Moonlight Hotel Van & similar |
| Mardin | Kaya ninova Hotel & similar |
| Kahta | Zeus Hotel &similar |
| Antakya | The Shahut Hotel & similar |
| Cappadocia | Antique Cave House Hotel & Suhan Hotel & similar |

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16 DAY TURKEY EASTERN TOUR

Tour Start Date: **Every day from 15.11.2024 to 31.03.2026**

TOUR ROUTE: Istanbul-Cappadocia - Gaziantep – Sanliurfa - Mt. Nemrut - Mardin - Tatvan - Van - Dogubeyazit - Kars - Erzurum – Trabzon and domestic flight back to Istanbul.



16 DAY TURKEY EASTERN TOUR ITINERARY:

Day 1 - Istanbul - Arrival Day

(Dinner included)

Meet at the airport Transfer to your hotel. You will be given your room key and the rest of the day is yours to explore Istanbul. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 2 - Istanbul City Tour

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After breakfast between 08:00 am and 09:30 am pick ups from hotel. Final timing one day before will be given you by your tour consultant.

Today you will depart for the Istanbul City Tour. "TOPKAPI PALACE" The great palace of the Ottoman sultans from the 15th to the 19th centuries. The palace houses an exquisite collection of crystal, silver, and Chinese porcelain. Robes worn by the sultans and their families, the famous jewels of the Imperial Treasury, miniatures, and the Holy Mantle; enshrining relics of the Prophet Mohammed. Next on the list is the "SULTANAHMET IMPERIAL MOSQUE" Across from St. Sophia built in the 16th century by the architect Mehmet, is known as the "BLUE MOSQUE" because of its magnificent interior decoration of blue Iznik tiles. Outside the Blue Mosque we find the "HIPPODROME". The Ancient Hippodrome was the scene of chariot races and entertainment. The Hippodrome comprises of three monuments; the Obelisk of Theodosius, the bronze Serpentine Column and the Column of Constantine. After a short enjoyable lunch break we head to the Grand Spice Bazaar for shopping. After the shopping tour come back to Hotel. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 3 - Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise and Flight to Capadocia

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After breakfast between 08:00 am and 09:30 am pick ups from hotel. Final timing one day before will be given you by your tour consultant.

Enjoy the array of sites you can see from the boat including: GRAND SPICE BAZAAR. BOSPHORUS BY BOAT a traditional excursion by boat along the waterway separating Europe and Asia. Lunch break at the Turkish restaurant. After the lunch depart for Istanbul airport for domestic flight to Cappadocia. Transfer from airport and check in to your hotel in Cappadocia. Dinner and overnight in Cappadocai.

Day 4 - Cappadocia – Red Tour

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

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Day 5 - Cappadocia – Green Tour

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

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Day 6 – Cappadocia to Gaziantep Tour

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

After breakfast at hotel, departure from your hotel at 08:00. Stop at Kahramanmaraş for lunch and a taste of its famous ice cream. Continue onto visit the world famous Gaziantep Mosaic Museum. This museum exhibit superb mosaic discovered at the Roman site of Belkis-Zeugma before the Birecik Dam flooded most of the site. We will visit the old city castle which is located in the center of the city and copper bazaar. This bazaar is one of the most special and oldest bazaars in Turkey. You can find variety of copper handcrafts. We will also have the chance to taste famous baklava; a sweet pastry made of layers of filo filled with chopped nuts and sweetened and held together with syrup or honey (Baklava is originally from Gaziantep). After visiting the city, drive to hotel and check-in. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight stay in Gaziantep.

Day 7- Gaziantep to Sanliurfa Tour

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

After breakfast, check-out from our hotel and drive to Sanliurfa. Urfa has been occupied since the Babylonians followed by the Hurrites, Hittites, Assyrians, Greeks. Today we will visit Urfa Archaeological Museum. This museum exhibit a huge collection founded from Harran and Gobeklitepe Area. We will also visit the holy sites at the Ainzelha, a lake with millions of domesticated fish. While in Urfa, we will visit the cave where the prophet Abraham was born. Then, walk through the local covered bazaar of Sanliurfa. Walk through the town to discover the many hidden treasures. Evening at leisure. Overnight stay in Urfa.

Day 8 - Sanliurfa to Mt. Nemrut Tour

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

After breakfast at hotel, we will visit nearby Harran and see the incredible bee-hive houses. Harran- according to the Bible- was the site where prophet Abraham spent a few years with his family before moving on to Israel, the Promised Land. There are exceptional photo opportunities in this area. In the afternoon, drive to Kâhta Cty. On the way, you will see Gobeklitepe, a hilltop sanctuary erected on the highest point of an elongated mountain ridge some 15 km northeast of the town of Urfa. What makes Gobeklitepe unique in its class is the date it was built which is roughly twelve thousand years ago, circa 10,000 BC. In the afternoon, hike to the summit of the mount Nemrut (one of the most popular UNESCO world cultural heritage sites), watching the sunset, be amazed by the colossal heads and statues of ancient deities, as you step into mythology. This extraordinary landmark rests at an elevation of 8000 ft. The mountain top complex is composed of two flattened areas strewn with statues and separated by a false peak of crushed rock. Antiochus built the entire complex approximately 2000 years ago as a monument to his divine ancestry. Also, definitely take time to visit the old castle, Arsemia, cross over the still functioning Cendere Bridge (Septimius Severus bridge) dating all the way back to the 3rd century and Tumulus Tomb of Karakus. After visiting Nemrut, drive to hotel. Overnight stay in Adiyaman.

Day 9 - Adiyaman to Mardin Tour

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

After breakfast, departure to Mardin. We will reach Mardin around 11:00 and visit this old, historical city. Mardin is very unique with lovely old-Arabic style houses. The houses are often decorated with intricate carvings. This is a very lively trading center with people coming from surrounding villages to buy and sell. We will have a fantastic view of the Plain of Mesopotamia. It is a city that played an important role in the early development of Christianity. We will visit Forty Martyrs Church (Kirkklar Kilisesi). This church dates back to the 4th century and was renamed in the 15th century to commemorate Cappadocian martyrs, now remembered in the fine carvings above the entrance. Then, we will visit Zinciriye Madrasah (Zinciriye Medresesi). This theological school was built by Melik Necmeddin Isa in 1385. We will also visit the Monastery of Deyr-az-Zaferan just outside of town, founded in 762 A.D. It was the seat of the Syrian Orthodox Patriarch for almost 800 years. Walk in its busy streets and bazaars and admire the stonework all around the town. Overnight stay in Mardin.

Day 10 - Mardin to Tatvan Tour

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

Today, we drive to Hasankeyf, with stop at the beautiful little town of Midyat to see the Monastery and ancient houses on the way. Hasankeyf, with its history that spans nine civilizations, the archaeological and religious. The history of Hasankeyf goes back 10,000 years. This is three times longer than the Giza pyramids, 10 times longer than Stonehenge, and makes the glorious civilizations of the Maya and Inca seem as if they were flourishing just yesterday. Some of the city's historical treasures will be inundated if construction of the Ilisu Dam is completed. These include ornate mosques, Islamic tombs and cave churches. After lunch by the Tigris River, we depart to Tatvan, a small village on the edge of Lake Van and watch the sunset over the lake. Overnight stay in Tatvan.

Day 11 - Tatvan to Van Tour

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

Depart from Tatvan and a beautiful drive around the lake to reach Van city, established 13th century BC. From here, we will take a ferry across the lake to visit the finest Armenian architectural wonder of the Church of the Holy Cross on Akdamar Island. Step over to the huge Van Castle from the days of Urartu and see the hieroglyphs as you sense the spirit of the once Urartu capital Tushpa, feel the salty waters of the great Lake Van called as 'the Sea' by the locals. Overnight stay in Van.

Day 12 - Van - Dogubeyazit Tour

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

After breakfast, we depart and drive on the "Silk Road" to Dogubeyazit. On the way, we will visit Muradiye Waterfalls. A quite large waterfall, usually getting frozen in winter. It is north of Muradiye, which is about 80 km north of Van, off the highway to Dogubeyazit. On the way, we will also have the opportunity to see Mt. Ararat from all sides. It is believed by some to be the resting-place of Noah's Ark; but to date no one has found anything that has been verified as the Ark - yet the search is still on. We will stop and see the IshakPasa Palace. This complex is a combination of a mosque, a fortress, and a palace which originally had a room for every day of the year! Below you can also see the remains of EskiBeyazit and Urartian City which flourished in 1000 BC. Overnight stay in Kars.

Day 13 – Van to Kars Tour

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

An early morning departure for a 45-minute drive to the medieval Armenian City of Ani which lies mostly in ruins. Impressive fortified walls still encircle the ruins of numerous churches, mosques and caravansaries. Enjoy a walk around the ruins and see the beautiful view to the Armenian border imagining it as a city with one million people rivaling Bagdad in its time! This city has experienced the cultures of Urartian's, Armenians, Georgians, Mongols, Russians and finally the Turks. Also visit the impressive Kars Castle and historical sites surrounding the city. After visiting the castle, we will visit Holy Apostles Church (12 Havari Kilisesi) This church is a former Armenian church in Kars, eastern Turkey. Built in the mid-10th century by the Armenian Bagratid King Abas I (r. 928–953), it was converted into a mosque in 1579. In the 19th and early 20th century it was converted into a Russian Orthodox and later Armenian cathedral. In 1993, it was again converted into a mosque. After tour, return to hotel and overnight stay in Kars.

Day 14 - Kars to Erzurum Tour

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

Depart from Kars, after breakfast and drive southwest to Erzurum. Of great interest, will be at the villages of stone houses with black sheep on green meadows. Visit the 12th century Medrese (a Seljukian School). Talk with the imam at the 12th century Mosque and enjoy the ethnographic museum. Visit an old caravan stop where the local black stone is mounted in silver and gold by the local artists in the most aesthetic art form. Overnight stay in Erzurum.

Day 15 – Erzurum to Sumela Monastery Tour

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

We begin a beautiful 5 hour drive to Trabzon, winding along the rivers with many photo stops and Karaca Cave along the way. Visit the Sumela Monastery, also known as the Monastery of the Virgin Mary. It has been said that it is neither on earth nor in heaven. Carved on the slope of a mountain, it looks like a nine story high building hanging down from the clouds and sitting on the top of the forest. A short hike through the rain forest will leave no question in your mind about where you are in Turkey. Evening at leisure and overnight stay in Trabzon.

Day 16 – Trabzon Tour and Istanbul

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

Visit the city of Trabzon in the morning. After the crusaders invaded Constantinople in 1204, Trabzon became the capital of the Byzantine Empire for a short time. Longing for the grandeur of Constantinople, in Trabzon, they imitated the Churches of their beloved city in a smaller scale. St. Sophia of Trabzon, though much smaller in size, will leave with you the same sense of religious devotion as the original one in Istanbul. End of the tour we depart for Trabzon Airport for our domestic flight to Istanbul and then back to home. We hope your tour was a memorable one and we would like to see you in the future in one of our tours again. Have a nice trip back home and thanks for choosing TravelShop Turkey.

16 DAY TURKEY EASTERN TOUR INCLUDES:

- All airport transfer services mentioned inside the itinerary
- Arrival airport transfer to Kayseri / Nevsehir airport
- 2 nights hotel in Istanbul
- 3 nights hotel in Cappadocai
- 1 nights hotel in Gaziantep
- 1 nights hotel in Urfa
- 1 nights hotel in Adiyaman
- 1 nights hotel in Mardin
- 1 nights hotel in Tatvan
- 1 nights hotel in Van
- 2 nights hotel in Kars
- 1 nights hotel in Erzurum
- 1 nights hotel in Trabzon
- 15 open buffet breakfasts
- 15 lunches
- 15 dinners
- Guided Istanbul city tour
- Guided Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise
- Guided Cappadocia – Red Tour
- Guided Cappadocia – GreenTour
- Guided Gaziantep Tour
- Guided Sanliurfa Tour
- Guided Mt. Nemrut Tour
- Guided Mardin Tour
- Guided Tatvan Tour
- Guided Van Tour
- Guided Dogubeyazit Tour
- Guided Kars Tour
- Guided Erzurum Tour
- Guided Sumela Monastery Tour
- Guided Trabzon Tour
- All entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- Transportation in a fully air - conditioned, non - smoking coach
- Professional English - speaking tour guides
- Return airport transfer
- Local taxes

TOUR NOT INCLUDE:

- International flights
- Domestic flight from Istanbul to Cappadocia
- Domestic flight from Trabzon to Istanbul

- Insurance: All types
- Turkey entry visa
- Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry
- Any others expenses which are not mentioned at the included section

| 16 DAY TURKEY EASTERN TOUR | | | | | | |
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| Periods | March to May / October 2023 | | | June July, Aug, September 2023 | | |
| Room Type | Triple | Double | Single | Triple | Double | Single |
| 1 Pax | € 5.919,00 | € 5.958,00 | € 6.876,00 | € 6.831,00 | € 6.150,00 | € 7.200,00 |
| 2 Pax | € 3.040,00 | € 3.072,00 | € 3.792,00 | € 3.916,00 | € 3.228,00 | € 4.044,00 |
| 3 - 4 Pax | € 2.316,00 | € 2.347,00 | € 3.067,00 | € 3.192,00 | € 2.503,00 | € 3.319,00 |
| 5 - 7 Pax | € 1.795,00 | € 1.826,00 | € 2.546,00 | € 2.671,00 | € 1.982,00 | € 2.798,00 |
| 8 - 10 Pax | € 1.500,00 | € 1.531,00 | € 2.251,00 | € 2.376,00 | € 1.687,00 | € 2.503,00 |
| 11 - 14 Pax | € 1.504,00 | € 1.535,00 | € 2.255,00 | € 2.380,00 | € 1.691,00 | € 2.507,00 |
| 15 - 19 Pax | € 1.369,00 | € 1.400,00 | € 2.120,00 | € 2.245,00 | € 1.556,00 | € 2.372,00 |
| 20 - 24 Pax | € 1.277,00 | € 1.309,00 | € 2.029,00 | € 2.153,00 | € 1.465,00 | € 2.281,00 |
| 25 - 29 Pax | € 1.266,00 | € 1.297,00 | € 2.017,00 | € 2.142,00 | € 1.453,00 | € 2.269,00 |
| 30 - 34 Pax | € 1.215,00 | € 1.246,00 | € 1.966,00 | € 2.091,00 | € 1.402,00 | € 2.218,00 |
| 35 - 40 Pax | € 1.165,00 | € 1.196,00 | € 1.916,00 | € 2.041,00 | € 1.352,00 | € 2.168,00 |
| Periods | From 15.11.2024 to 31.03.2025 01.11.2025 to 31.03.2026 | | | From 01.04.2025 to 31.10.2025 | | |

| Destination | Hotel LIST |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Istanbul | The Central Palace Taksim Hotel & similar |
| Cappadocia | Antique House Cave Hotel & similar |
| Gaziantep | Hilton Garden Inn Gaziantep Hotel & similar |
| Sanliurfa | Hilton Garden Inn Sanliurfa Hotel & similar |
| Adiyaman | Hilton Garden Inn Hotel Adiyaman &similar |
| Mardin | Hilton Garden Inn Mardin & similar |
| Tatvan | Taşar Royal Hotel & similar |
| Van | Elite World Van Hotel & similar |
| Kars | Katarina Sarayı Kars & similar |
| Erzurum | Bora Park Hotel & similar |
| Trabzon | Anemon Hotel Trabzon & similar |

PS: If This hotel list not available at the time of your booking then we will arrange smilar other hotel for your group. If you prefer a Different category hotel, there might be an additional cost

17 DAY TURKEY CULTURAL HISTORICAL HERITAGE TOUR

Tour Start Date: Every day from 15.11.2024 to 31.03.2026

TOUR ROUTE: Ankara-Hattusas - Amasya - Niksar-Ordu-Giresun - Trabzon-Macka-Gümüşhane-Bayburt-Erzurum – Ani – Kars – Dogubayazit - Van – Tatvan – Biltis – Silvan –Tigris – Hassuni – Diyarbakir – Mardin – Urfa – Harran – Kâhta - Nemrut Dagi – Antakya – Alexandrette – Tarse – Gülek – Tyana – Nigde – Cappadocia and domestic flight back to Istanbul



17 DAY TURKEY CULTURAL HISTORICAL HERITAGE TOUR ITINERARY:

Day 1 - Ankara - Arrival Day

(Local dinner included)

Meet at the airport Transfer to your hotel. You will be given your room key and the rest of the day is yours to explore Ankara. Overnight in Ankara.

Day 2: Ankara -Hattusas (Hattusha) Tour-Amasya

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

After breakfast, visit to the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations where the 1995 World Fair took place. We continue with the visit in the old part of Ankara to the beautiful wooden palaces dated from the Ottoman period, to the Ethnographical Museum Zeger Pacha's Kanagi and to the Spices Market. We don't forget to take some pictures of the Ataturk Mausoleum.

Lunch will be taken in the Hacibey restaurant, the most famous Doner Kebab in Ankara, next to the Deputies Quarter. In the afternoon, we head towards Hattusas, the Hittite Capital with its city-walls, its Lion Gate, its underground Gate, its King Gate and its Hittite Pantheon. We finally reach Yazilikaya.

Let's admire the sunset on the city of the Amesis Amazons, place of birth of the famous architect-geographer Strabon: Amasya. Let's walk along the Green River, admiring the wooden houses and the graves cut in the rock and the castle. We end our day at our hotel with a welcome drink and a very delicious dinner Overnight in Amasya.

Day 3: Amasya-Niksar-Ordu Tour -Giresun

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

After breakfast, we leave our hotel for a new visit of Amasya where we can admire the Mosque of the Beyazit Sultan, the Burmalı Minare Mosque, Darussifa-Bimarhabe, the Mosque of the Blue Medrese Gok, the Archaeological Museum along with a few other museums, the Ethnographical Museum of Hazeranlar Konagi.

Why not taking a few pictures of the graves cut in the rock, of the historical bridges, of the fountains, of the wooden

houses along the Green River and of the Torumtay Mausoleum, built in 1266. Lunch in Amasya.

Then we drive along the Green River up to Niksar, admiring this amazing landscape through a winding road across the Bridge Mountains. In Ordu, starts the region of the nuts cultivation and we can admire breathtaking views on the fields and the sea.

Overnight is planned in the hotel at Giresun where numerous cherry trees grow. Their sweet cherries are also named 'Birds Cherries'. Following the legend, the Roman General Lucullus taking over the city in 69 before JC, would have introduced the cherry trees cultivation in Europe. Overnight in Giresun.

Day 4: Giresun Tour -Trabzon

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

After breakfast, head towards Trabzon admiring on the way the coast of the Euxine Sea.

In Trabzon, we visit one of the main interesting parts of Trebizonde: the Church of Aya Sofia with its bright frescos. Aya Sofia was the first a church in a form of a cross transformed into a basilica with 3 naves built during the domination of the Manuel Commene I dynasty in the 13th century. Thereafter, it was enlarged and lifted several times. The Southern side of the church has a very beautiful portal embellished with wonderful sculptures, mainly friezes depicting Adam and Eve, mythological figures and flower patterns. The most beautiful frescos can be found in the narthex (entrance portal). Here are depicted miracles of the New Testament such as the Christ walking on the waters, the miracle of the loaves and fishes, and the healing of the Blinds. End of day we arrive at our hotel for dinner and overnight Trabzon.

Day 5: Trabzon-Macka-Gümüşhane-Bayburt Tour -Erzurum

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

After breakfast, we first visit the Sumela Monastery, cling to the hill and located next to the Altindere Park and to the Golden River with the same name. The name Sumela is a deformation with shortening of the Greek 'Panagia Theotokos tou melas', the very Holy Mother of God from the black mountain.

Macka Plataeu

That Monastery, now deserted and difficult of access, is located at 1,200 meters high. The last 250 meters have to be done by foot or with a van. It is remarkable by its impressive frescos of the Church built in the rocks and is part of the list of monuments of UNESCO.

We continue our trip through the Bridge Mountains, driving up via Torul towards Gümüşhane (1,250 m) and Bayburt (1,600 m) across the Kop-Gecidi (2,302 m) towards Erzurum, at 1,950 m.

Lunch in a typical restaurant in Bayburt, on the Coruh River.

In the late afternoon, in Erzurum-Karin named 'the Roman Country' by the Seldjoukide, we visit the Great Mosque with the three Kumbets, the School of Astronomy and Medicine of the Koran with its twin minarets. This one is representative of the oriental art: patterns and tiles made of turquoise earthenware. It was built by the daughter of the Seldjoukide Sultan Aladdin Kaykubat. We still are in Central Asia...

We finally arrive in our hotel, a wintersports resort on the Palandöken Mountain for our dinner and overnight Erzurum.

Day 6: Erzurum – Ani – Kars Tour – Dogubayazit

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

In the morning, after breakfast, we head towards the Transcaucasian to Ani.

Between Pasinler and Horasan, we make a stop to admire the Cobandede Bridge, the most beautiful bridge in the world, built by Mimar Sinan, contemporary and friend of Michel-Angelo, and Master-Architect of Suleiman the Magnificent.

We follow the Aras River for about 140 km. Ani is located 45 km east from Kars and 248 km from Erzurum on the border between Turkey and the Armenian Republic. This city is located on an important commercial road and has expanded to finally become the capital of Armenia in 961.

At that time, there were more than 100,000 inhabitants and thousands of churches.

The earthquakes and wars against the Byzantine, the Turks and the Mongols put an end to this prosperity age. The earthquake of 1319 was the end of the city. The ruins of the deserted city were found back just after the end of the 19th century. We can still find many ruins of Armenian and Seldjoukide monuments gathered in a limited area: the big Cathedral, the Church of the Savior, the Church of St Gregory, the Mosque of Honentz, the Seldjoukide Palace with its harem and selam, the Turkish bath (hamam) and the Seldjoukide market.

After lunch, in the restaurant Ocakbasi in Kars, known for its oriental specialties, we have the possibility to take pictures of the Cathedral of the Apostles and the Castle of Kars.

We follow our trip towards Agri (or Dogubayazit) admiring on the way the impressive landscape of the Ararat Mountain (5,165 m) and of the small Ararat Mountain (3,896 m). This name 'Ararat' is mentioned several times in the Old Testament: the Book of Genesis (8,4) mentions the episode of the grounding of the Noah's Ark after the flood on the Ararat Mount.

In the Book of Kings, we can read how the murderers of the Assyrian King Sanherib, the administrator of Jerusalem, ran away towards the Ararat Mount. In addition, in the Book of Jeremiah, during the campaign against Babylon, the name 'Ararat' is mentioned as an ally of the Israelites.

Ararat is another form of the Acadian name 'Urartu'. Everything is impressive in this landscape: land tortoises, eagles, partridges, hawks, numerous species of flowers and plants, foxes and sheep add up an animal and floral richness on the hillsides of the Ararat Mount. End of day, we arrive at our hotel. Dinner and overnight Dogubayazit.

Day 7: Dogubayazit Tour – Van

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

After breakfast, visit to the spectacular Ishak Pacha Palace, located 7 km far from the city, at the foot of the Ararat Mount.

At that place, a monument Urartu already existed in 1,000 before JC which was restored in 1784 and embellished to become a palace fortified by the Ottoman Empire Ishak Pasha. This palace was built in different styles, the most important being Osman Baroque from the 17th century. Once built, Ishak Pacha made cut off the hands of the architect to prevent him from building such beautiful palace for another person, again. Without the terraces, this palace is 115 m long and 50 m wide, includes 336 rooms distributed on 2 floors and reminds you of the Tales from the Turkish Nights.

Lunch in Dogubayazit and start to Van (1,750 m) via the Tendurek Pass (2,644 m).

Before arriving in Van-Tuspan, we make a stop at the Muradiye waterfalls, a patch of paradise next to Van, located at 1,700 m high on the shore of the largest lake in the country, where we can admire many Armenian churches. The old city of Tuspa was founded by the Ourarit in the 9th century before JC. The Kingdom of Urartu included a large part of the Middle-East and that civilization reached its apogee between 900 and 600 before JC.

This period was followed by a decline, provoked by the war against the Assyrians and the invasion of the Scythians and the Medes. Alexander the Great ruled this area for some time. Then, after a Persian period, this territory was ruled by the Armenians. Van became a Byzantine city and was destroyed by the Mongols in 1387. Persians and Ottomans fought to get the domination on this territory. Finally, the Ottomans developed the town.

Arriving in Van, we visit the fortress, accessible via a stair with 1,000 steps from which we can admire the lake at sunset.

The founder of Urartu, Sardur I, built here in the 9th century, a fortress on a chalky crest of 1,000 m long and 100 m high, to protect himself from the Assyrians. A grave with several urns were found during excavations at the foot of the northern side. On the southern hillside of the fortress, we can discover funeral rooms cut in the rock for Ourart Kings. In those graves, we can find Rupestrian inscriptions engraved in cuneiform characters by the Ourart Kings and trilingual inscriptions (in Babylonian, in Persian, Achemenide and in Media) done in the 5th century by the Persian King Xerxes, who says: "Xerxes, the Great King of the Kings" We dine and overnight at our hotel in Van or Urfa depending upon the conditions at the time of concern. Dinner and overnight Van.

Day 8: Van Tour

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

After breakfast, we make a stop in a leather cooperative to get to know the art of Eastern Turkey. The Kilims of Van are famous for the Turkish patterns and for the Armenian and Persian drawings.

We continue to the Citadel of Cavustepe located on a hill at 28 km south of Van which is a good example of the architectural art of the Ourart civilization. Two different fortresses can be distinguished: the upper fortress and the lower fortress. In the upper part, we can find the remains of a temple, while in the lower part are the ruins of a palace, a complex of temples, graves of and a stock of provisions with 30 barrels on which we can still see the measures in cuneiform characters. This, in whole, would have been the fortress 'Sardurihurda' of the King Sargon II in the 8th century before JC.

Lunch will be taken on the island of Akdamar, 4 km far from the shore. This now desolated island was a religious center 1,000 years ago and was the seat of the Armenian patriarchate for centuries. We can also admire the Church of the Holy Cross, one of the most beautiful Armenian churches we could see. This Church was founded by the King of Vaspourakan Gaguig Ardzrouni (904-937) and is particularly well-known for the sculptures of the outdoor walls, where we can find mostly representations of the Old and New Testament such as: Adam and Eve, the Noah history, the Sacrifice of Abraham, Samson, David against Goliath, the Hebrews in the blazing fire, Mary with Jesus and the Christ on his throne.

The reliefs of the abbassid Calif Muktadir show us an exceptional mix of Christian and Islamic art. That church was widened several times over the centuries with for example a chapel on the North, a large porch and a church tower. Today, the restaurant Deniz from Gevas has prepared us an unforgettable picnic for us.

At the end of the day, at sunset, we make a stop to visit the Seldjoukide necropolis and to admire the charms of a Turkish princess. Eventually we go back to our hotel in Dinner and overnight Van.

Day 9: Van – Tatvan – Bitlis – Silvan –Tigris – Hassuni – Diyarbakir Tour – Mardin

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

After breakfast, we leave Van for a diversified day and we drive to the south of the lake via the Kuskunkiran pass (2,234 m) towards Tatvan at about 145km far away. By going along the valley of the river watering Bitlis, capital of the Turkish tobacco located in the middle of a fresh oasis, we reach the famous Bridge of Malabadi built in 1146 by the Artukides on the Batman Suyu, one of the affluents of the Tigris, love of Euphrates.

Lunch is planned to be taken in Silvan-Tigranokerta, built during the Assyrian period and visited by Alexander the Great. This city was developed by the King Tigran the Great and is built on the old site of Martyropolis, founded by the Bishop Marutha in the late 4th century. This name was given in memory of the 40 Christian martyrs executed during the second period of the Persian Kingdom. Constantine the Great restored the Silvan Castle to use it as a military garrison.

Worth to note also that during World War I, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk was the commander against the war with the Russians and captured the cities of Mus and Bitlis back from the Russians.

After the lunch, taken with the burgomaster of Silvan, we visit the Mosque of Selhattin Eyyoubi, the destroyed minaret, the Church of Kildan, the Museum of Ataturk, the Caves of Temtemburg, Hamido, the numerous troglodyte houses (+/- 300), the Castle of Hassuni as well as fountains and watermills. The restoration of this site was paid by the EC included in the protection of monuments.

Arriving in Diyarbakir, we can admire the impressive walls built with black basalt which are one of the most beautiful types of military architecture of the Middle Age. The foundation of those walls, 5,5 km long having a fish shape, date back to the Roman period (349 after JC). We don't forget to take pictures of the Tigris Delta and of the bridge over it.

This bridge was built by the metropolite Jean Slara in 512. From there the Tigris was only navigable at that time with "keleks" (small boats made of pumped up animal skins). Overnight Mardin.

Day 10: Mesopotamia: Mardin – Urfa – Harran Tour – Kâhta

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

After breakfast, we walk around the town of Mardin which is a poetic city located at 1,300 m high on a hill topped by a citadel. It was known at first as Marida and built on the rocks. But it has since then lost its population of Catholic Armenians.

According to the English historian Arnold Toynbee, this would be the most beautiful town in the world thanks to its typical Arab architecture. The small streets of Mardin display highly decorated houses with chalky stones with a typical arab style. The medrese of the Sultan Isa Bey (1385) is one of the most important sites of Mardin. This medrese is a mosque with a school of astronomy, medicine and Coranics containing a door decorated with wonderful bas-relief.

From the Medrese roof, we have a beautiful view on the city and on the plains of Mesopotamia. After the visit to the Big Mosque, we head towards Deir-Az-Zafaran or Deyrulzaferan which is located in the middle of vines and gardens in an inhospitable landscape.

The majority of the Syrian-Orthodox patriarches is buried here. Until 1933, this monastery was also under the siege of the patriarchate, now transferred to Damas. It was founded at the time of the ancestors of Mary and Ananie in the 6th century.

Lunch in Urfa, the old Edesse, historical city of the bible where Abraham, Job, Jacob and even St Gregory lived. The most well-known restaurant of Edesse, named Göl, with its typical Mesopotamian dishes, is in the Abraham garden.

We visit the houses of Abraham in Urfa, named Ursu, Orkai and Edesse. It is said that the Assyrian King Nemrut had a dream in which it was mentioned that he would have to give his kingdom to a person born during the year. Therefore he ordered to kill all newborn children of the year as well as pregnant women.

Nona concealed her pregnancy and hid her son Abraham in a cave where he lived in until he was 7. Once grown up, Abraham fought against Nemrut but was trapped and condemned to be burnt at the stake. Then God intervened and transformed fire into water, sparks and ashes into carps. This water now flows in 2 ponds where Holy carps are swimming.

Edesse played also an important role during the first Christianity centuries as it was named the 'City of Apostle St Thomas' and was the centre of the Armenian Christendom as well as the home of the oriental Syrian Church.

We know also the legend of the King Abgar from Edesse and of 'Mandyllion', a Jesus icon created miraculously when Abgar was suffering from leprosy, an ambassador was sent to Jesus to ask for healing. Jesus dried his forehead with a cloth (mandyllion) which was given to the ambassador. This cloth, found back in 544, was hidden in a wall of the city and became the priceless possession of Edesse. In 944, this relic was transferred to Constantinople and was then stolen by the Crusaders in 1204 to be brought back to the West, where it disappeared. For the orthodox Christians, this icon represents the real face of Jesus.

At the end of the day, we arrive in Harran, the warmest spot in Turkey but also one of the most picturesque villages in the region. This city, where Abraham lived during his trip towards Canaan, is also considered traditionally as the place where the old Testament was written. This village, located at the crossroads of the caravans, was an important trading place with a large international traffic and had also a significant religious activity.

The Mesopotamian, Greek and Roman divinities were venerated over there. This era ended in the 13th century when the Mongols razed the city. We can admire there the typical houses (Trulli) ant-hill shaped and built with clay, with a roof as a painted dome. They were barns permitting to keep foodstuffs in a cool place in the summer and in a hot place in the winter. Harran was surrounded by a wall, which is now in ruins but which is still recognizable with its 7 doors to get into the city.

After that visit, we head towards our final destination Kâhta at the foot of Nemrut Dagi and towards after drive back to hotel . Dinner and overnight **Kâhta**

Day 11: Kâhta – Nemrut Dagi Tour – Antioch

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

Today we leave early with the bus, warmly dressed to visit one of the most outstanding sites of our trip: Mount Nemrut. The sculptors of the Sovereign of Commagen, Antiochos, built an impressive sanctuary on this huge plateau. And as Antiochos was seeing himself as a god, he added his own effigy to the unity.

It is better to contemplate this place at sunrise, when the statues are well lighted up.

The funeral monument of Antiochos I (69-36 before JC), at the top of the mountain Nemrut (2,150m), was built by this King for himself and his close family.

Antiochos was descended by his father Mithridate from the King of Persia Darius and by his mother Laodike from Alexander the Great.

Commagene was a buffer region between the Greek, the Roman and the Persian properties which explains the multicultural character of religious expressions.

Excavations were carried out on this mountain by the German engineer Sester in 1881 which enabled to bring to light the huge statues.

This tumulus, 160 m high and 150 m diameter is made of 2 terraces:

The Eastern Terrace: we can find statues of gods, from 8 to 9 meters high, in a sitting position with the back turned towards the tumulus. They are very well preserved, except the majority of the heads, which are missing. However, 2 heads are still intact. The representation, from left to the right, is as follows: Apollo, Mithras, Helios, Hermes (light), Tychne (fertility), Zeus, Oromasdes (creator), Antiochus I, Heracles, Verathragna, Artagnes (power and courage), every statue with a lion and an eagle as protective animals.

The Western Terrace: the statues of the gods are placed in the same order as on the eastern terrace but their state of preservation is worse. Only heads lying down on the ground are still intact. This terrace has no altar. The two lions on the terraces are the oldest representations of the horoscope in the world: they wear a half-moon and 19 stars around their neck, including the 3 largest in conjunction symbolizing the planets Jupiter, Mars and Mercury.

Then, we leave towards Antioch where we will appreciate Arab specialties during lunch.

In 307 before JC, Antigone founded Antigononia which was supplanted seven years later by another city founded by order of Seleucus I Nicator, general of Alexander the Great. This city named Antioch expanded very rapidly, so as to become one of the most prosperous and powerful cities in Asia Minor. It was even the 3rd city in the Roman Empire and then became the centre of Christendom at the time of Apostles Peter and Paul.

In Antioch we visit the Caves of Peter, an old cult centers in the rocks used by the Christians as a prayer place. The Archaeological Museum displays interesting architectural achievements, exceptional Roman sculptures and mosaics famous throughout the world. Dinner and overnight Antakya.

Day 12: Antioch – Alexandrette – Tarse – Gülek – Tyana – Nigde Tour – Nevsehir

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

After breakfast, we leave Antioch towards Daphne where the nymph Daphne pursued by Apollon and was transformed into a bay tree. We finally arrive in Tarsus, birth place of St Paul, going through Issos where Alexander the Great and Darius III met.

We visit the Well and House of St Paul before having lunch, in the surroundings and walking to discover this Holy place.

Then, we head towards Cappadocia going through Gulek, Tyana and Nigde, garrison place of Alexander the Great. We visit the Tyana aqueduct, the Roman swimming pool, the Great Mosque of Nigde, a very delicate city dated from the Seljuks period with the Princess Mausoleum.

This tour will end approximately 18:00 and you will be returned back to your hotel. Dinner and overnight Cappadocia.

Day 13 - Cappadocia – Red Tour

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

Today we will get to know the Cappadocia region, a volcanic area in which the geological formation started 10 million years ago. As a result of these formations phallic like pillars have come to life. The beautiful horse country Katpatuka, (as the Persians called her) is an unbelievable strip of land, enchanting and mysterious. Cappadocia region is also famous for its arts, including ceramic and carpets. You will be picked up approximately 09:30 from your hotel to join our regular tour. Tour starts with Uchisar Castle, the highest point of Cappadocia. After Uchisar, you visit Goreme Open Air Museum, the Heart of Cappadocia. Goreme Open Air Museum is famous for frescoes dating to 10th century describing the life of Jesus Christ and monks. Next stop is Cavusin, which is an abandoned village with old cave Greek houses. After Cavusin you go to the restaurant in Avanos to have lunch. After lunch, you visit a pottery work shop, to see how to make potteries. Then you go Pasabagi where you can see three - headed fairy chimneys. After Pasabagi you visit another workshop to see Cappadocian handwoven carpets and kilims. Next stop is Devrent Valley, which is also called Imagination Valley, where you can see natural rock formations looking like animals. Then you head to a wineshop in Urgup for wine tasting. Last stop is Three Beauties, three beautiful fairy chimneys with their hats, which is the symbol of Cappadocia. This tour will end approximately 18:00 and you will be returned back to your hotel. Dinner and overnight Cappadocia.

Day 14 - Cappadocia – Green Tour

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

Breakfast at hotel, around 9:30am you will be picked up from your hotel. We will drive you to Derinkuyu underground city, one of the best preserved and deepest Underground cities in Cappadocia. Derinkuyu Underground city is 55 meters deep and 8 levels open to visitors. After that we will drive you to Ihlara valley which is a 16 km long canyon and both side are lined with rock carved churches. We will have 3 km hike and visit one of the churches in the valley. End of the hiking lunch be served at the Belisirma village beside river. After lunch we will visit Selime monastery, caved out of the rock by christian monks in the 13th century. On the way back to hotel we will stop at the pigeon valley.. Dinner and overnight Cappadocia..

Day 15 – Cappadocia to Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

we depart for Kayseri airport for our domestic flight to Istanbul. Transfer from Istanbul airport we depart for the Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise and Shopping Tour. Visit the GRAND SPICE BAZAAR. The air here is filled with the enticing aromas of cinnamon, caraway, saffron, mint, thyme and every other conceivable herb and spice. BOSPHORUS BY BOAT a traditional excursion by boat along the waterway separating Europe and Asia. The shore is lined with old wooden villas, palaces of marble, fortresses, and small fishing villages. During the excursion you will see the magnificent sights of the following attractions from your boat. See Dolmabahce Palace, and further along, the parks and imperial pavilions of Yildiz Palace. On the coastal edge of this park, is Ciragan Palace, 300 meters of its marble facade faces the shore. At Ortakoy a great variety of artists gather every Sunday to display their work along the street. Ortakoy is a symbol of tolerance with a church, a mosque and a synagogue existing side by side for centuries.

RUMELI FORTRESS Built by Mehmet the Conqueror in 1452 prior to the conquest of Istanbul was completed in only four months to control and protect the infamous Bosphorus passage. It is one of the most beautiful works of military architecture anywhere in the world. BEYLERBEYI PALAS (PALACE) The summer residence of Ottoman sultans exists in its original renovated glory featuring original antique furniture and magnificent gardens with the Harem on the Asian side of Istanbul.

BOSPHORUS BRIDGE enjoy a unique chance to step from one continent (Asia) to another (Europe)

CAMLICA HILL the highest point in Istanbul. At the top of it you can rest and admire the magnificent panorama of Istanbul and the Bosphorus from the beautiful gardens, landscaped in traditional Turkish Ottoman style. SHOPPING TOUR (after cruise) Experience the traditional silk weaving skills of Turkish women at the carpet weaving courses provided by The Ministry of National Education. You will get the opportunity to see jewellery, handcrafts centre and a modern leatherwear show. Enjoy the experience of shopping whilst gaining the knowledge of the ancient craftsmen, with Murti's Tour's local escort full of knowledge about how to haggle the streets of Istanbul. The rest of the evening is yours to explore Istanbul. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 16 - Istanbul City Tour

(Breakfast, Local Lunch and Local dinner included)

Pick up at 08:30am from your hotel for a day tour of old Istanbul city.

Visit to **TOPKAPI PALACE** The great palace of the Ottoman sultans from the 15th to the 19th centuries housing an exquisite collection of crystal, silver, and Chinese porcelain, robes worn by the sultans and their families, the famous jewels of the Imperial Treasury, miniatures, the Holy Mantle; enshrining relics of the Prophet Mohammed. Then proceed to **ST. SOPHIA** This ancient basilica, built by Constantine the Great in the 4th century and reconstructed by Justinian in the 6th century, is one of the architectural marvels of all time. **SULTANAHMET IMPERIAL MOSQUE** Across from St. Sophia built in the 16th century by the architect Mehmet, is known as the **BLUE MOSQUE** because of its magnificent interior decoration of blue Iznik tiles. **HIPPODROME** Ancient Hippodrome, the scene of chariot races, with the three monuments; the Obelisk of Theodosius, the bronze Serpentine Column and the Column of Constantine.

Lunch break at 13:00pm. After the lunch we will then take you to the **GRAND COVERED BAZAAR** In this labyrinth of streets and passages are more than 4,000 shops with each trade having its own area: the goldsmiths' street, the carpet sellers, Turkish arts and crafts, such as hand painted ceramic plates, hand-honed copperware, brassware and trays, water ewers, onyx-ware and meerschaum pipes. After the tour transfer back to your hotel. Overnight in Istanbul.

Please Note : St. Sophia Museum Closed on Mondays , Topkapi Palace Closed on Tuesdays and The Grand Bazaar Closed on Sundays.

Day 17 - Istanbul - End of Tour

(Breakfast included)

We hope your tour was a memorable one and we would like to see you in the future in one of our tours again. After breakfast check out from the hotel. We make your return airport transfer services. Have a nice trip back home and thanks for choosing TravelShop Turkey.

17 DAY TURKEY CULTURAL HISTORICAL HERITAGE TOUR INCLUDES:

- Arrival airport transfer from Ankara Esenboga airport
- 2 nights hotel in Istanbul
- 1 nights hotel in Ankara
- 1 night hotel in Amasya
- 1 night hotel in Giresun
- 1 night hotel in Trabzon
- 1 night hotel in Erzurum
- 1 nights hotel in Dogubayazit
- 2 nights hotel in Van
- 1 nights hotel in Mardin
- 1 nights hotel in Kâhta
- 1 nights hotel in Antioch /Antakya
- 3 nights hotel in Cappadocia
- 16 open buffet breakfasts
- 15 local lunches during to tours
- 16 local dinners at hotels
- Guided Bosphorus Cruise
- Guided Istanbul city tour
- Guided Ankara -Hattusas (Hattusha) Tour
- Guided Amasya-Niksar-Ordu Tour
- Guided Giresun Tour
- Guided Trabzon-Macka-Gümushane-Bayburt Tour
- Guided Erzurum – Ani – Kars Tour
- Guided Dogubayazit Tour
- Guided Van – Tatvan – Biltis – Silvan –Tigris – Hassuni – Diyarbakir Tour
- Guided Mesopotamia: Mardin – Urfa – Harran Tour
- Guided Kâhta – Nemrut Dagi Tour
- Guided Antioch – Alexandrette – Tarse – Gülek – Tyana – Nigde Tour
- Guided Cappadocia Red tour
- Guided Cappadocia Green tour
- All entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- Transportation in a fully air - conditioned, non - smoking coach
- Professional English - speaking tour guides
- Return airport transfer

TOUR NOT INCLUDE:

- International flights
- Domestic flight from Cappadocia to Istanbul
- Insurance: All types
- Optional visits, tips
- Turkey entry visa
- Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry
- Any others expenses which are not mentioned at the included section

| 17 DAY TURKEY CULTURAL HISTORICAL HERITAGE TOUR PRICES IN EURO | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Periods | Low Season | | | High Season | | |
| Room Type | Triple | Double | Single | Triple | Double | Single |
| 1 Pax | N/A | N/A | € 6.736,00 | N/A | N/A | € 7.072,00 |
| 2 Pax | € 2.982,00 | € 3.013,00 | € 3.757,00 | € 3.126,00 | € 3.157,00 | € 4.033,00 |
| 3 - 4 Pax | € 2.246,00 | € 2.277,00 | € 3.021,00 | € 2.390,00 | € 2.421,00 | € 3.297,00 |
| 5 - 7 Pax | € 1.708,00 | € 1.739,00 | € 2.483,00 | € 1.852,00 | € 1.88300 | € 2.759,00 |
| 8 - 10 Pax | € 1.403,00 | € 1.434,00 | € 2.178,00 | € 1.547,00 | € 1.578,00 | € 2.454,00 |
| 11 - 14 Pax | € 1.412,00 | € 1.443,00 | € 2.187,00 | € 1.556,00 | € 1.587,00 | € 2.463,00 |
| 15 - 19 Pax | € 1.272,00 | € 1.303,00 | € 2.047,00 | € 1.416,00 | € 1.447,00 | € 2.323,00 |
| 20 - 24 Pax | € 1.177,00 | € 1.208,00 | € 1.952,00 | € 1.321,00 | € 1.352,00 | € 2.228,00 |
| 25 - 29 Pax | € 1.165,00 | € 1.197,00 | € 1.941,00 | € 1.309,00 | € 1.341,00 | € 2.217,00 |
| 30 - 34 Pax | € 1.113,00 | € 1.144,00 | € 1.888,00 | € 1.257,00 | € 1.288,00 | € 2.164,00 |
| 35 - 40 Pax | € 1.063,00 | € 1.095,00 | € 1.839,00 | € 1.207,00 | € 1.239,00 | € 2.115,00 |
| Periods | From 15.11.2024 to 31.03.2025 01.11.2025 to 31.03.2026 | | | From 01.04.2025 to 31.10.2025 | | |

| Destination | Hotel LIST |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Istanbul | The Central Palace Taksim Hotel & similar |
| Ankara | Radisson Blu Hoteş & similar |
| Amasya | Gozlek Termal Hotel & similar |
| Giresun | Ramada Giresun Hotel & similar |
| Trabzon | Anemon Trabzon Hotel & similar |
| Erzurum | Hilton Garden Inn Hotel & similar |
| Dogubayazit | Butik Ertur Hotel& similar |
| Van | Elite World Hotel Van & similar |
| Mardin | Hilton Garden Inn Hotel & similar |
| Kâhta | Zeus Hotel &similar |
| Antioch /Antakya | The Shahut Hotel & similar |
| Cappadocia | Antique Cave House Hotel & Suhan Hotel & similar |

PS: If This hotel list not available at the time of your booking then we will arrange smilar other hotel for your group. If you prefer a Different category hotel, there might be an additional cost

What are the discounts for children?

Under 2 years of age, your child will travel free of charge by land. Flight ticket insurance cost will be 20 Euro only.
Children under 6 years of age are charged at 50% of a full priced adult tour in Istanbul
Children 7-11 years of age are charged at 75% of a full priced adult tour in Istanbul.
Children above 11 years are full priced adult fares.

| OPTIONAL TOURS SPECIAL | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Istanbul | | |
| 1001 Nights Dinner Show | Euro: 00.00 | Per Person |
| Bosphorus Dinner Cruise | Euro: 00.00 | Per Person |
| Cappadocia | | |
| Daily Turkish Night Show | Euro: 00.00 | Per Person |
| Daily Whirling Dervishes | Euro: 00.00 | Per Person |
| Hot Air Ballooning Cappadocia | Euro: 00.00 | Per Person |

OPTIONAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

Above optional tours are valid for our guests who booked our 10th Year Special Tours.If you book a different tour or at a different date, these prices will not be valid. We have limited space for these tours. The price may change if we get more Bookings than that.

TOUR INFORMATION FOR OUR SPECIAL OFFER:

- These programmes are only valid for the dates mentioned.
- If you request for different dates, our winter prices will be not valid.
- The programme may change If we have less than 6 passengers for given departure dates. So TravelShop Turkey is right to change some tracks by flight instead of by road on Day 8 in our itinerary.
- If you need any change on these programmes, we will arrange you a tailor made programme with necessary price changes.
- We have limited space for each tour. When we fill up our limit, the price may change.
- You need to make a 25% percent pre-payment to book one of these tours. Bookings are not valid if 25% payment is not done.
- For tour packages including domestic flights, you need to book at least 4 weeks before tour start date. If there is less than 4 weeks to tour start date, we will reflect the flight fare difference to the prices.
- The prices are only valid for packages, we cannot provide you any break-down prices or any sectors seperately

| DISTANCES | | | | | |
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| Distances | Kilometer | Miles | Hours | Tour Start Time | Tour End Time |
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| Kayseri Airport - Cappadocia | 75 | 47 | 1 | 8:30 AM | 17:00 PM |
| Cappadocia - Istanbul (By Plane) | 730 | 479 | 1:10 | 8:30 AM | 17:00 PM |

TRAVEL SHOP TURKEY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

We would like to provide some valuable information for you to have a hassle-free holiday and enjoy your time with us to the fullest. Please check below our FAQ information that you may need during your travel.

DOMESTIC FLIGHTS:

Many of our Tours include domestic flights. These flights have a limitation of 15 to 20 kg of luggage with 8 kg of in-cabin weight depending on the Airlines. Please abide by these in-flight regulations. You should be present at the Airport an hour prior to flight times. We reserve and book your flight Tickets a week before the travel dates with the names provided by yourselves. If there is a typo or a lettering mistake on the names, our company holds no responsibility of any inconvenience they may be experienced so it is best to have a copy of the passport provided to your representative.

COACH TRANSFER :

Our vehicles differ in line with group sizes. For 8 pax, we have Mercedes Vito, over 14 pax, we provide Sprinter, for over 29 pax, we have midibuses and finally for up to 45 pax, we have Coaches available. Taking into consideration of guests' luggages we make an arrangement as below:

- For 8 pax van: Maximum 5 persons.
- For 14 pax van: Maximum 10 persons
- For 29 pax van: Maximum 24 persons
- For 45 pax Coach: Maximum 40 persons

Our vehicles are fully equipped with A/C, refrigeration, clean, comfortable and brand new or latest models. For long bus rides, we will have regular breaks in rest points on highways for a quick coffee and food, rest room breaks and such necessities.

TOUR GUIDE :

All of our Tours include Professional and knowledgeable Professional Tour Guides. Our guides have all the information that may be requested by yourself whether historically, culturally or locally with very good English spoken. Although Regular Tours will have an English Speaking guide, for private Tour Options, we will have multi-lingual Professional Tour guides available as you may need.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

We use mostly 4 star, 5 star or boutique hotels for your convenience and comfort. For example, in Istanbul and other regions we have 4-5 star hotel where for Cappadocia and such areas, we use classy cave resorts. On guaranteed tours, we declare the accommodation venues but it may differ for private ones within the same category, with good reviews.

MEALS:

Dinners usually served in the hotels on half board category. Lunches will be served in restaurants on the destination route. Meals are mostly served as Set Menu or Open Buffet Style. If you have meal preferences or special diet requirements, please inform us beforehand for necessary arrangements during your tour confirmation.

MUSEUM:

On our Tour Routes, we include all the "must see" museums and sight-seeing venues in our itinerary. This service is included within the Tour price. Some museums have different operation days and times but we will have similar sites to fill in for them.

SHOPPING:

Turkey is a great destination for shopping opportunities especially Turkish rugs/carpets, jewelry, leather, textile, ceramics and many other hand made artifacts. During the tours, we recommend some of the reliable and reasonable shopping venues to be visited. Our shopping stops are consisted of trustworthy, guaranteed vendors. Our guide will direct you to such stores during the tours. You may get informed by our guide in regards to shopping matters while on the tour. Some of our shopping venues may apply group discount that you may want to take advantage of.

TIPPING:

It is not a -must- to tip on our tours. However, if you are satisfied with the services provided by driver and the guide, you may consider tipping them accordingly as 2 EUROS for the guide and 1 EURO for the driver. It is customary in Tourism industry in line with customer expectations and we inform our personnel to provide the best of our services whether or not tip is given.

OPTIONAL TOURS:

Most of major sight seeings, museums included within the tour prices. However, some of the activities and excursions that are not favoured everyone, are not included. Such as Hot-Air Ballooning, Paragliding, Dinner Cruise, Turkish Night Shows, Whirling Dervishes Ceremony and Turkish Bath visits may be extra upon requests.

The prices for such exclusions are available on our website. We recommend that you book before the booking of your tour to make sure the Availability. You may not find space for some of these activities on the last minute or once you have arrived.

AIRPORT TRANSFER SERVICES:

We provide your airport transfers for arrival and returns. Please, provide us the flight details when purchasing the tour for proper arrangements with flight code, destination, date and arrival timing. Our airport officer will be present to Welcome you after you pass the customs, luggage claim and greet you with a name board outside the gates.

SEASONS OF TURKEY

Winter Season: Between the months of December, January, February as the weather is around 10 degrees celsius

Spring: Between the months of March, April and May as the weather is around 22 degrees celsius

Summer: June, July and August are summer time with approx 30 degrees celsius.

Autumn: September through November is considered to be Autumn month with a National average of 20 degrees celsius.

Have your attire accordingly and dress with proper clothing as per the guidance above.

THINGS TO BE CARED FOR AND BROUGHT ON YOU

Turkey is a very modern Islamic country. You may just have fun and go around as in any European country when you

are in Turkey. Only a few things to pay attention for such as entering into a Mosque with an alcoholic beverage in hand. Women should be carefully head-covered when in a holy environment. Rest is Pretty much the same as in any western city. Bars, cafes and restaurants are open until late nights and People get entertained safely. We suggest for you have the items listed below.

- 1- Travel Insurance that covers Health as well. Globally recognized credit cards
- 2- Cash needed for small purchases where cards are not accepted. It is best to use an official Exchange office for Turkish currency transactions.
- 3- Clothing in line with seasonal standarts as indicated above.
- 4- Camera
- 5- Universal adaptor and charger equipments for electronical devices.
- 6- Comfortable trekking shoes for walking around as the tours most likely to have walking distances
- 7- International Telephone Communication checked
- 8- Have a copy of your flight ticket with you
- 9- Have a personal identification on you at all times

THINGS TO BE CHECKED PRIOR THE TOUR;

Please check the information below before your departure

- 1- International Flight Tickets
- 2- Tour itinenary
- 3- Confirmation received from us to include Hotel reservations etc.
- 4- Domestic Flight Tickets if any (Please check your title/name spelling printed correctly)
- 5- Passport Validation Terms
- 6- Visa if needed (check before your trip for the dates on your visa)
- 7- If visa needed, please ask us for invitation letter to ease the visa application process
- 8- Flight details for on time Airport transfer services
- 9- Observe the luggage limitation by Airlines for domestic flights ifa ny
- 10- Obtain emergency contact details from our office

If you have any further information that is not listed above please contact us by the details below:

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