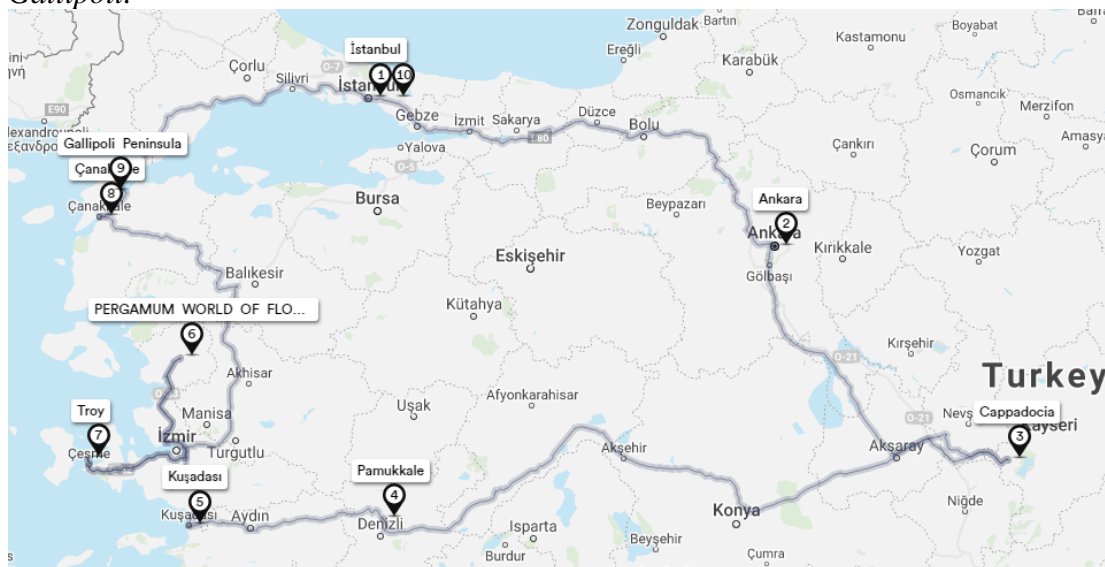


## 14-Day Classic of Turkey (Tour Code: TCT)

*This is a tour aimed at providing comfortable travel with private transfers, and quality hotels. On the itinerary are visits to Turkey's main attractions including the Topkapi Palace and Grand Bazaar of Istanbul, the Museum of Anatolian Civilization in Ankara, the lunar landscape and cave churches of Cappadocia, the stunning Pamukkale, nicknamed white Cotton Castle, the ancient Roman ruins of Ephesus, the house of the virgin Mary, the Troy with its famous wooden horse and the historical Gallipoli.*



**Day 01, 09 Sep. 2022: SYDNEY/MELBOURNE – SINGAPORE**

**SQ 242, 09 Sep. Sydney – Singapore 18:05/12:20 (10 Sep.)**

**SQ 208, 09 Sep. Melbourne – Singapore 18:25/12:15 (10 Sep.)**

Depart to Istanbul in the evening on Singapore Airlines to Istanbul via Singapore and fly overnight.

## Day 02, 10 Sep: SINGAPORE – ISTANBUL

**SQ 392, 10 Sep. Singapore – Istanbul 01:45/07:45**

Arrive in Istanbul in the morning. Upon arrival, you are met and transferred to hotel. You are free at leisure for the rest of the day. Stay overnight in Istanbul.

(PS: As the hotel check-in time is after 1:00 p.m., after arrival, you can leave your luggage at the concierge and while away your time by strolling around or sipping a cup of coffee in the café in the hotel.)

### Day 03, 11 Sep: ISTANBUL (B)

Enjoy a full day tour including a visit to Topkapi Palace Museum, residence of the Ottoman Sultans between 1453–1852 (excluding Harem). Visit the Hippodrome, which was once the center of life where chariot racing and other public events took place. Tour the Blue Mosque built between 1609 and 1616, famous for its blue ceramic tiles. Your last stop is St. Sophia, a church built in the 6th century Byzantine capital, converted to a mosque by the Ottomans, and now a museum and one of the

world's greatest architectural wonders. Join an optional dinner with belly dancing entertainment. Stay overnight in Istanbul.

**Day 04, 12 Sep: ISTANBUL – ANKARA (B.D)**

This morning you can choose an optional tour of cruise along Bosphorus enjoying the strait that separates Asia and Europe. Its shores are lined with fine neighbourhoods, Ottoman palaces, fortresses, old wooden villas, hotels, parks and gardens, restaurants and cafés. The tour will be ended in Asia side and drive for the capital city of Ankara for overnight. Stay overnight in Ankara.



**Day 05, 13 Sep: ANKARA – CAPPADOCIA (B.D)**

Visit the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, a historic caravanserai holding artifacts from up to 7500 years old including the most extensive and valuable collection of Hittite artifacts in the world. Visit the Mausoleum of Ataturk, the father of modern Turkey. Drive to Cappadocia, touring a 13th century caravanserai en-route. Pay a visit to the underground city of Saratli, one of the many underground settlements built for protection and religious reasons. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant and join an optional Whirling Dervishes performance. Stay overnight in Cappadocia.



**Day 06, 14 Sep: CAPPADOCIA (B.D)**

You can take an optional early morning hot air balloon tour and experience floating through volcanic valleys, fairy chimneys and caves at sunrise. After breakfast visit Goreme, a historical region of Turkey, located among the rock formations, which was first settled back in the Roman period. Many rock churches can still be seen

today, as Christianity was then the prevailing religion in that region. Continue to the town of Avanos renowned for its high-quality earthenware. Also visit Pasabagi, Red Valley and attend a brief regional pottery workshop in a cave. Have dinner and stay overnight in Cappadocia.

**Day 07, 15 Sep: CAPPADOCIA – PAMUKKALE (B.D)**

Drive to Pamukkale. Enroute, enjoy the beautiful sceneries along the highway. Have dinner and stay overnight in Pamukkale.

**Day 08, 16 Sep: PAMUKKALE – KUSADASI (B.D)**

Visit the unique cotton fortress of Pamukkale, with its white lime cascades formed by mineral springs, and the ruins of the Roman health spa of Hierapolis. Proceed to Kusadasi for dinner and overnight. Stay overnight in Kusadasi.

**Day 09, 17 Sep: EPHEBUS & ST. MARY'S HOUSE – KUSADASI (B.D)**

Tour the famous ruins of Ephesus, an important cultural center of the ancient world, and explore 2,000 year-old marble streets, a theatre, the Library of Celsius, a gymnasium and Hadrian's Temple. Take a short drive to see St. Mary's stone cottage where it is believed Virgin Mary spent her last years accompanied by St. John. Continue to a regional rug production center to have a firsthand experience of this unique art form. Join an optional afternoon tour of Sirince. Stay overnight at Kusadasi.

**Day 10, 18 Sep: PERGAMUM – TROY – CANAKKALE (B.D)**

Visit the ancient Medical Center Asclepion in Pergamum and then continue to Troy with its famous wooden horse, best known for being the setting of the Trojan War and many cities built on top of each other. Continue to Canakkale for overnight.



**Day 11, 19 Sep: DARDANELLES – GALLIPOLI – ISTANBUL (B.D)**

In the morning, drive to Gallipoli, the site of many battles WW1. Visit Anzac Cove, Lone Pine Cemetery and Chunuk Bair, and then drive to Istanbul, where you will visit the Grand Bazaar. Enjoy a Farewell Dinner and stay overnight in Istanbul.

**Day 12, 20 Sep: ISTANBUL (B)**

You are free today to explore Istanbul on your own.

**Day 13, 21 Sep: ISTANBUL – SINGAPORE (B)**

**SQ 391, 21 Sep. Istanbul – Singapore 13:30/05:00 (22 Sep)**

You will be at leisure until transfer to airport for your flight to Australia.

**Day 14, 22 Sep: SINGAPORE – SYDNEY/MELBOURNE**

**SQ 241, 22 Sep. Singapore – Sydney 07:15/16:55**

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**SQ 207, 22 Sep. Singapore – Melbourne 07:45/17:10**

Connect your flight from Singapore to Sydney or Melbourne. Arrive in the afternoon and your unforgettable Turkey tour ends.

**Departure Date: 09 September 2022**

**Tour Price: \$3,890 per person, twin or double share.**

**Single supplement: \$950**

**Inclusions:**

1. Singapore Airlines return economy class air-ticket to Turkey via Singapore as indicated, airport tax and fuel surcharge;
2. Twin or double shared accommodation at 4 star hotels as listed below or similar;
3. Meals as stated in the itinerary (Buffet breakfasts at hotels, Western dinners at local restaurants or in the hotel);
4. Sightseeing tours with admission fees included in the itinerary;

5. Transfers and transport throughout the trip by A/C vehicle and service of professional English-speaking local guide.

**Exclusions:**

1. Travel insurance;
2. Turkey visa fee;
3. Optional tours (which are organised by our ground operator in Turkey and you can enquire about the price and pay direct to the guide there);
4. Personal expenses;
5. Gratuities to guide and driver (\$8 per person per day to your guide and driver to share. Pay over to your guide in Turkey).

**Hotels for this tour:**

Istanbul: Avantgarde Levent or similar

Ankara: Holiday Inn Çukurambar or similar

Cappadocia: Mustafa or similar

Pamukkale: Colossae Hotel or similar

Kusadasi: Ramada Hotel or similar

Canakkale: Iris Hotel or similar

Istanbul: Avantgarde Levent or similar